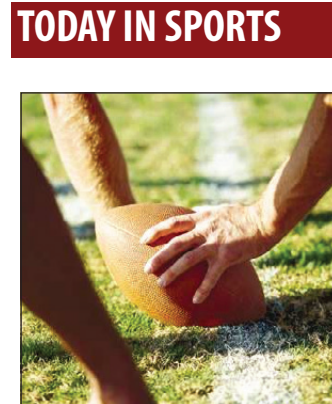


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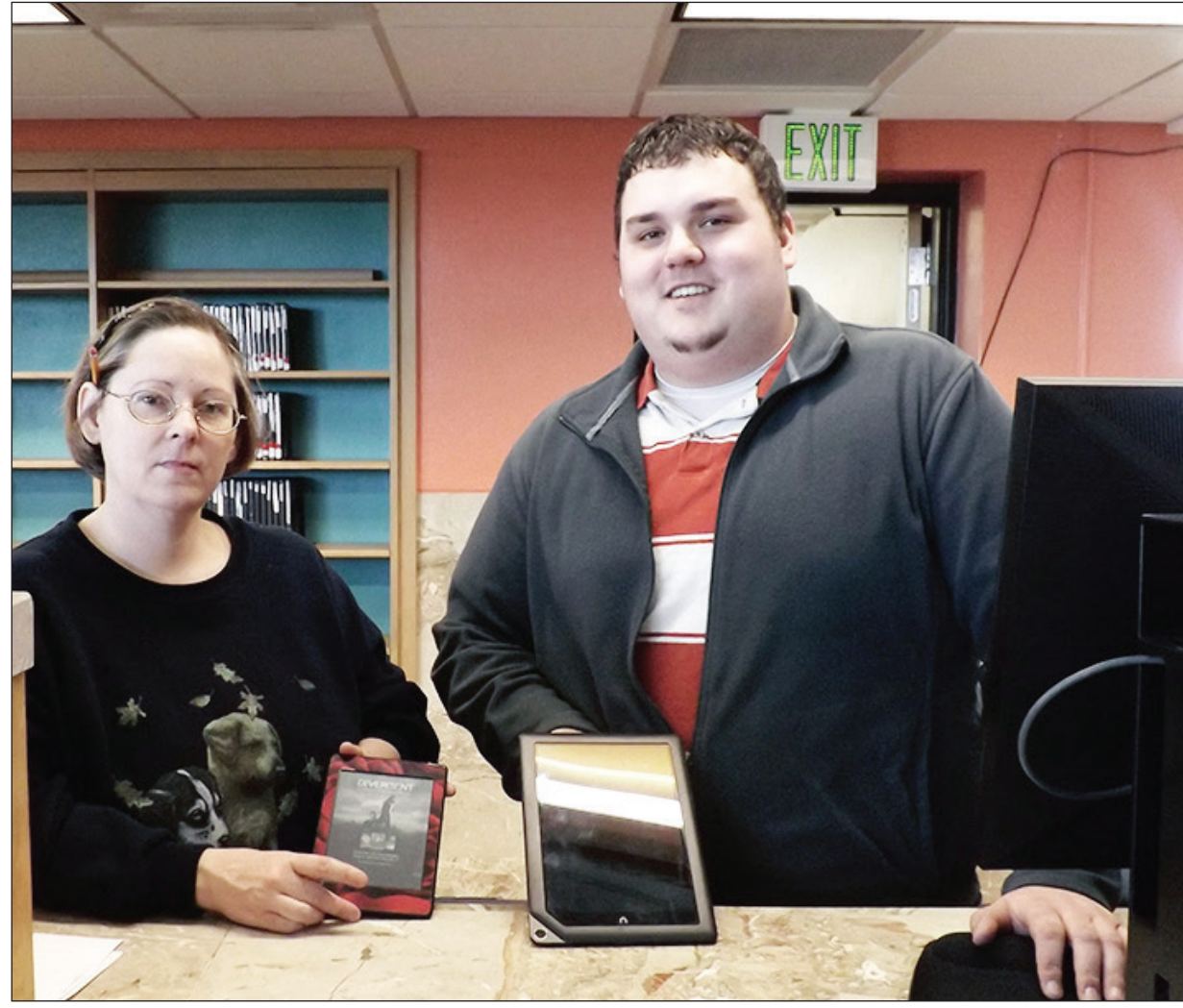


Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Library staffer Skyla Bryant and Computer Tech Tyler Hooper are teaming up for the library's digital device workshops. They are pictured with their personal Kindles.

### Library workshops will show patrons how to connect from their e-readers, tablets.

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In an effort to boost public awareness of some of the online services available through Pampa Lovett Memorial Library — primarily downloadable e-books and audiobooks — the library will hold

four workshops on digital services with an emphasis on check-outs, renewals and holds for such devices as Kindles, iPads and Nooks.

To allow for patrons' busy schedules, a morning workshop and an evening workshop are scheduled

per day. The library, located at 111 N. Houston St., will conduct Kindle workshops from 10-11 a.m. and from 6-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, in the auditorium of the library.

All other major devices will be covered in workshops scheduled from 10-11 a.m. and from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the auditorium. For more information or to RSVP, which is optional, call Lovett Memorial at 806-669-5780.

## Skinner attorneys: DNA points to uncle as the killer

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE  
 thowsare@thepampanews.com

An advisory submitted to the 31st District Court in Pampa and the Texas Attorney General's office by convicted murderer Hank Skinner's attorneys points to Robert Donnell, Twila Busby's deceased uncle, as the real killer in the triple homicide that occurred on New Year's Eve in 1993.



**Hank Skinner**

In the advisory, submitted in August, Skinner's attorneys, Douglas Robinson and Robert Owen, cite results of a third round of DNA tests performed by an independent laboratory in Lorton, Va.

Robinson and Owen have represented Skinner for more than a decade and have represented other death-row inmates.

The attorneys will be presenting evidence to support Skinner's innocence at an evidentiary hearing scheduled for Feb. 3 and 4 in Pampa. The court also will consider evidence presented by the state. Robinson and Owen could not say at this time if Skinner will be present at the hearing.

The state Attorney General's Office has taken over the case and will present the state's case at the hearing.

Now in his early 50s, Skinner has been on death row in Texas longer than any other inmate.

In 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court stayed his execution less than an hour before he was scheduled to die.

The first two rounds of DNA testing were performed by the Department of Public Safety's

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## An unwaivering faith in God

### Pampa News religion columnist fights lifelong battle with cerebral palsy.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE  
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Readers of the newspaper's "Faith" page have probably noticed the absence of Chris Ely's column in the past two or three weeks.

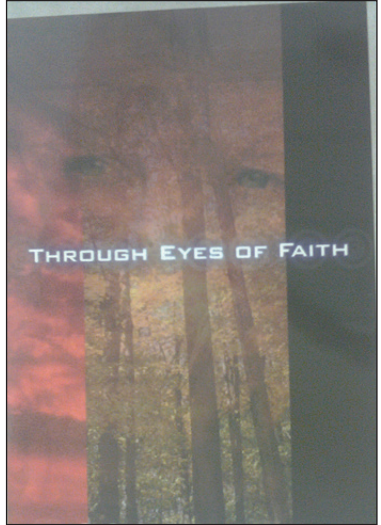
Ely had faithfully written a column on a spiritual topic every week for the past year.

Ely has had to take a hiatus from writing because he has recently developed spinal stenosis, which has caused a severe weakening of his muscles that has resulted in very limited use of his hands and limbs.

About two weeks ago, he took a spill on his motorized scooter and banged up his face a bit. He is now living at the Pampa Nursing Center, where he said he feels safer having others looking out

for him 24 hours a day. "I can't move my hands or type articles," he said.

When he was writing his articles, he typed them with one fin-



ger at near 100-percent accuracy.

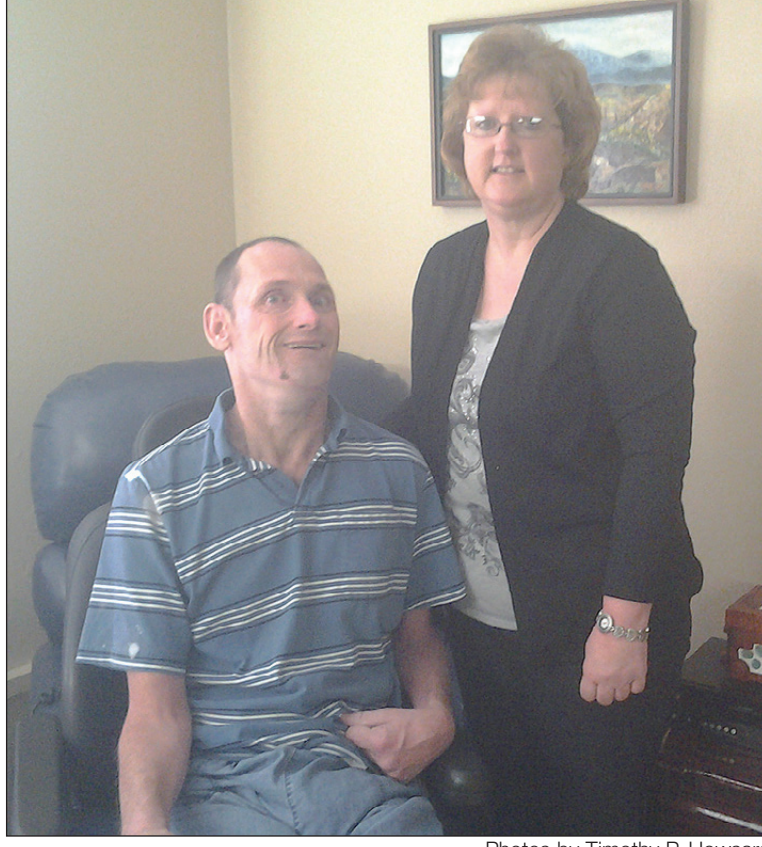
Developing spinal stenosis is a double whammy for Ely, because when he was just a year old he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Cerebral palsy (CP) is an umbrella term denoting a group of motor conditions that cause physical disability in human development, chiefly in the various areas of body movement.

His sister, Karen Lindler, said when Ely was born the umbilical cord was wrapped around his neck and that likely cut off oxygen to his brain.

"As a baby we suspected there were problems," said Lindler, who works in the administration office at the Pampa Independent School District.

Despite the challenges of being diagnosed with CP at such a young age, Ely has accomplished more than most people in his 45 years.

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Above, Chris Ely with his sister Karen Lindler. Left, the cover of Ely's book, "Through Eyes of Faith."

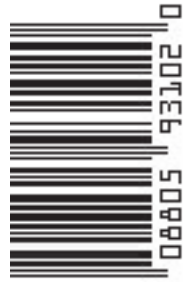
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# Ely

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He was born in Pampa in 1968 and graduated in the top 10 percent of his class at Pampa High School in 1987.

In 1992, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from West Texas State University with a bachelors degree in journalism.

From 1992 to 2009, he worked at the Amarillo-Globe News as a copy editor. He lived on his own in Amarillo and drove a pickup truck that had a lift for his scooter.

"He's actually a much better driver than I am," his sister quipped, adding that in the last few months he has had to stop driving.

In 1998 he wrote a book called "Through Eyes of Faith," which chronicles his fight against a crippling disease and his unwavering faith in God.

The book details his fight against his disability, his perseverance and his faith in God that helped him to reach his goals of living independently and having a vital career in journalism.

Ely quit working at the Globe-News in 2009 because of declining health and moved back to Pampa to be closer to family. His mother, Annette, is alive and well but his father died in 2006. Lindler is his only sibling.

Ely said moving into the nursing home has been a big change for him.

"I tell people it's like being in a resort — the last resort," he said.

Lindler commented that her brother has not lost his sense of humor.

Both said the staff at Pampa Nursing Center has been great.

Ely did bring an important piece of his home life with him to his room at the nursing center — his collection of models of classic American cars.

Ely attends Briarwood Church in Pampa and had attended First Assembly while living in Amarillo.

He said he was raised in a home where his parents taught him at a very early age to revere God. They took him to church every time the church door was open. From the time he was old enough to understand, his parents taught him not to be bitter about his disability, but to accept it as part of God's master plan for him, to have faith in God and to call upon God for help in overcoming obstacles in his life.

Ely learned to surrender his will to God. An when he did, his faith grew. Whenever he felt his troubles overcoming him, he said he learned to run toward God instead of away from him.

Ely knew that God had a plan for his life that he didn't understand, but knew that he needed to be content with God's plans for him. Through faith and a relationship with Jesus Christ, he said he overcame many adversities in life.

"God has used Chris, through his disabilities and through his writing, to share the Gospel with many, many people," Lindler said. "Chris desires to be a vessel that God can work through and use. He will never be the masterpiece God intends him to be unless he continues to let God work through him and change him.

"At the end of this life, he wants God to be able to look back over his life and see how He took him from a mess and made him into something beautiful. Chris does not know what his future will hold, but he knows it is part of God's plan, and Chris puts his complete trust in God."

Ely said he started writing stories when he was in fourth grade when his teacher found an old typewriter in the teacher work room for him to use to practice his spelling words.

"Mom and Dad bought him a used typewriter to keep at home to do his homework on, and there was no stopping him then," Linder said. "He began writing stories about family members, the dog and everything imaginable."

In high school, Ely worked on the Little Harvester newspaper staff and the yearbook staff. He competed and placed in the Regional Interscholastic newswriting contest.

While attending WT, he was the editor-in-chief of The Prairie, the college newspaper.

Ely said he has enjoyed writing the weekly articles for the Pampa News religion page for the past year, and hopes that his articles were an encouragement to those who read them. He hopes that his health condition will improve in the near future and he will be able to continue writing his weekly articles.

Ely will be seeing a specialist soon for his spinal stenosis.

"We are praying that a possible surgery and physical therapy will improve his current condition," Lindler said.

Even if he isn't a candidate for surgery, Ely said he will keep fighting and stay strong in his faith.

"I know that God has plans for my life," he said. "I feel like I have encouraged other people to do what God would have them do."

Anyone interested in purchasing Ely's book should email him at [elyfaith@aol.com](mailto:elyfaith@aol.com).

# PHS graduate completes medical residency

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Megan E. Shannon Belcher, D.O., recently completed residency training in family medicine at Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program in Houston.



Megan Belcher

and Beth Shannon and the granddaughter of George and Arlene Kirchoff, all of Pampa.

Belcher is a 2003 graduate of Pampa High School, a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University and a 2010 graduate of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

She now practices medicine at the Memorial Hermann Medical group in Houston where she and her husband Chris reside.

# Skinner

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Crime Lab in Lubbock.

In its advisory to the court, the Texas Attorney General's Office wrote the DNA tests overwhelmingly showed that Skinner murdered Busby, his live-in girlfriend, and her two sons.

The independent lab in Virginia performed mitochondrial DNA tests on four hairs found in Busby's hand. One of the hairs is consistent with Skinner, who lived in the house, and three of the hairs are consistent with the maternally related line of persons that included the three victims, but have been described by the state's expert analyst as "visually dissimilar" to the victim's hair.

Mitochondrial DNA is only passed on from the mother to her children, so people who are maternally related share the same mitochondrial DNA profile.

"As a consequence, the results of such testing can only identify a group of related persons in a matrilineal line, rather than a particular individual, as the possible source of a given sample," the attorneys wrote. "While it would therefore be most precise to say that this hair was identified as coming from someone in Mr. Skinner's maternal line, we do not hesitate to say that it almost certainly belonged to Mr. Skinner, who lived in the house and whose hair was likely everywhere."

The attorneys called the results from the other three hairs as "significant and exculpatory."

"The mitochondrial

DNA testing showed that those three hairs came from the maternally related line of persons that included the victims," the attorneys wrote. "However, microscopic visual examination by the DPS crime lab has already excluded the victims themselves as potential sources for these visually distinct hairs. Therefore, the hairs must have come from a maternal relative of the victims. And while such relatives might have visited the house from time to time, it is highly unlikely that three of their hairs would have found their way into Ms. Busby's hands by incidental contact.

"These mitochondrial DNA test results are exculpatory because they support the inference that Robert Donnell — a maternal relative of the victims and the man who stalked Ms. Busby and frightened her with crude sexual advances at a New Year's Eve party less than an hour before she was murdered — committed the crimes, rather than Mr. Skinner."

Owens and Robinson claim the inference from the DNA tests is reinforced by the following circumstances:

- Donnell regularly and violently threatened his own wife with bodily harm and death.

- Donnell showed absolutely no emotion when informed by the police that his niece and her two sons had been murdered.

- Donnell was seen frantically washing out his vehicle — scrubbing his old pickup truck down to the metal floorboards with an astringent cleaner — just

two days after the murders.

• Donnell has been identified by a witness as the owner of a blood-stained windbreaker jacket found next to Twila Busby's body, which police collected as evidence from the crime scene and submitted to the crime laboratory in 1994. At present, the state claims to have lost this jacket, so it cannot be subjected to DNA testing.

The attorneys conclude in their advisory that in light of these circumstances and others, it is apparent that the doubts about Skinner's guilt are far too weighty to allow his execution to proceed.

The state, however, has concluded that the DNA

tests conducted in Lubbock overwhelmingly show that evidence collected at the crime scene consistently indicates Skinner is guilty of strangling and bludgeoning Busby in the living room of her home, along with murdering both of her sons.

Further, Skinner admitted he was in the home during the murders but failed to call police or seek help for the victims. Skinner chose instead to flee to a friend's house wearing clothes soaked with the victims' blood. He was hiding in a closet still wearing the bloody clothing when police arrived and arrested him a few hours after the triple homicide.

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**Friday night:** Clear with a low of 31. Winds southwest at 17 mph. Sunset at 5:44 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Wanda Jean Salsman

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

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 2014, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



**Wanda Salsman**

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

Survivors include two daughters, Sue Killough and husband Nathan of Amarillo, and Kathie Clark and husband Jim of Kingston, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, JoAnn Nalley and husband Brad, Craig Roberts, and Bradley Killough, all of Amarillo, Troy Rhodes and wife Christina of Owasso, Okla., and Kevin Rhodes and wife Tonya of Piedmont, Okla., Michael Killough and wife Stacy of Malakoff, Rodney Killough of Amarillo, Andy Killough, Brann Wade of Alaska, and Taryn Wade of Oklahoma City; six great grandchildren, Taylor, Tanner, Spencer, Emily, and Carter Rhodes, and Grace Killough; two sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Elmon and Abe Music, and by two sisters, Katherine Jones and Margaret Hunt.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 415 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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## Lloyd "Chuck" Lake

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

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, at Hillcrest cemetery in McLean with Rev. Matthew McCurley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Canadian, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

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

Survivors include three adoptive daughters, Linda Mc-



**Lloyd Lake**

Mullen of Pampa, Connie Franks and husband Larry of Canadian and Sharon Taft and husband Del of Dumas; five brothers, Boyd Lake, Calvin Lake, Roger Lake, Justin Lake and Gary Lake all of Illinois.

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

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## Gerald Blake McCabe

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

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



**Gerald McCabe**

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

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

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## John T. Adair

John T. Adair, 66, died Monday, Dec. 30, 2013, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4 at the First Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Steve Pettit, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Adair was born Aug. 26, 1947 in Perryton. He married Jenny Ruth Bentley. He was a self-employed truck driver. John was a Christian and attended First Church of the Nazarene. He was preceded in death by his parents, Worley and Ester Pletcher Adair, and a grandson, Christopher Shankle.

Survivors include his wife, Jenny Adair, of the home; a son, John W. Adair of Amarillo; a daughter, Susan Shankle of Pleasant Grove, Calif.; and by 2 grandsons, Matthew and James Shankle of Pleasant Grove, Calif.

Memorials may be made to First Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.

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# For the record

## Pampa man arrested on assault charges

• Marvin Finney, 38, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for aggravated assault on a date, family member or household member with a weapon in violation of a protective order.

• Amanda Bennett, 21, Lubbock, was arrested Monday by the Gray

County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear or bail jumping, having a child passenger without a safety seat.

• Itavia Ballard, 21, Ama-

rillo, was arrested Monday by GCSO for capias pro fine — failure to appear, capias pro fine — theft under \$50.

# Radon gas is silent, in-home killer

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January is National Radon Action Month, according to The EPA. Health agencies throughout the United States have joined forces to promote action against the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. The American Lung Association, Centers for Disease Control, and National Cancer Institute all agree that radon is a National health problem and encourage ra-

don testing during the January call to action.

Radon is a naturally occurring, invisible and odorless radioactive gas. One in 15 American homes contains high levels of radon. Millions of Americans are unknowingly exposed to this dangerous gas.

In fact, a recent study by Harvard University ranks radon as Americas No. 1 in-home hazard. By taking simple steps to test your home for radon and fix if necessary, this health hazard can be avoided.

Radon gas is not isolated to certain geographical areas or home types. Radon problems have been detected in homes in every county of the U.S.

It caused more American fatalities last year than carbon monoxide, fires, and handguns combined. If a home hasn't been tested for radon in the past two years, EPA and the Surgeon General urge you to take action. Contact your state radon office for information on locating qualified test kits or qualified radon testers.

The federal commitment made by EPA, the General Services Administration,

and the departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, and Veterans Affairs will focus efforts on radon reduction and mitigation in homes, especially those of low-income families, many of whom do not have the resources to make the simple fixes necessary to protect their homes and loved ones.

In the recent years, the federal consortium has met with key leaders in the public health, environmental and private sectors to launch the federal action plan that includes both immediate and long-term steps to reduce radon exposure. In 2013, this effort to spread awareness and move forward protecting the nation from radon is moving along.

Your media group can participate in this Nationwide initiative simply by writing articles and broadcasting messages about this deadly gas and by promoting National Radon Action Month. Again, National Radon Action Month is here. For more information visit [www.RadonMonth.org](http://www.RadonMonth.org).

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## Museum Musings Cold, brisk weather often brings on warm fires, popcorn and movies

For the first movie theater in Pampa, W.R. Beydler, who came to Pampa in about 1912, was one of the committee backers that legally owned the theater. He acquired an engine for theater purposes from the Nunns of Amarillo and operated Pampa's first picture show at 123 North Cuyler in a building that seated 100. The first movies, powered by a dynamo on the back of the lot, were one-reelers that were shown once a week.



**COURTNEY OXLEY**

One night the screen went black for half an hour, after which Beydler announced, "No more show tonight, folks. She's busted her belt!" Beydler also ran a lumber yard and was the town's funeral director. He was not an undertaker, but he kept four caskets on hand and held services when there was a death. The hearse was the White Deer Land

Company's hack with the back seat removed. When Beydler found that his engine was capable of producing more "juice" than he had anticipated, he made a contract with town officials to furnish street lights. In 1914 and 1915 electric lights were distinct novelties in Pampa and curious residents used to watch Beydler turn on the lights. Dr. Walter Purviance, mayor of Pampa in 1915, told of a street light located near the home of Lee Ledrick. In the evenings Beydler would say to the group watching his engine generate "juice," "Now watch her go on!" He would push a lever and the light would shine before the spectators could run to the corner and watch the miracle.

After Beydler released his franchise, it was given to W.P. Davis in 1917 and a larger engine was purchased. But lights went off at midnight and participants in card or domino games usually could not induce the engineer to keep the engine

running for love or money. Until the first incandescent bulbs came to town, people used kerosene lamps and then gas lamps in their homes. A small hollow tube was used to connect a gasoline lamp to a gasoline tank somewhere back of the house. When air was pumped into the tank, the resulting gas supplied light when ignited at the mantle. Dr. Purviance reported that the mantles were always crumbling. Early movies had no soundtracks and accompanying sound effects (if there were any) were usually provided by local talent. Elsie Lard (Mrs. Roy Hall) and Eula Meadows (Mrs. Lewis F. Meers) were among those who provided background music for early movies in Pampa.

For more information about the museum, visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com. References: WDLM Archives.

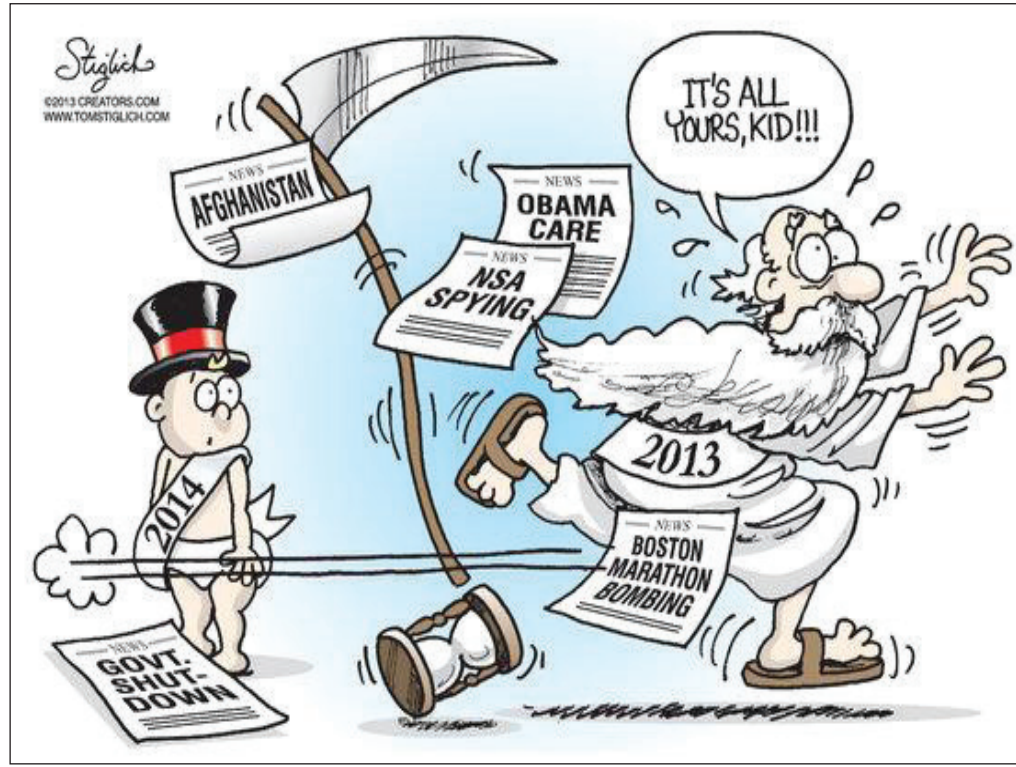
## Letters to the Editor Reader agrees Joe Boxer commercial in bad taste

I was so proud to see people other than myself who didn't care for the Kmart (Joe Boxer) commercial. First, people with a moral heart see this time of year as a celebration of the birth of Christ. How could any promoter of a store like Kmart use this type of commercial as a promotion? This was bad taste.

They have more clothes on than the freakin' Victoria's Secret ads and no one says a word about those." Amy Carter: Pssht. I bet nobody would be offended if a woman was in a bra and underwear playing "Jingle Bells. No, enjoyed the commercial, gave me a good laugh." Sylvia Rios: "It gave me a good laugh. It's NOT anymore offensive than all those half-naked women commercials." People are making a bigger deal than this needs to be. If you don't like it, close your eyes, change the channel. You're gonna tell me those Viagra commercials, condom commercials, lingerie commercials are OK and this isn't? LOL." April Lee: "I like the commercial, too!" Michelle Beggs Delgado: "I loved it!" Amy Carter: "I enjoyed the commercial." Melea Jouett Ray: "In an overly sexualized age, the fact that people find this commercial more offensive than the ads with females more than half-naked is ridiculous! This was a hilarious!" Regina James: "Offensive."

**Alvin Stokes Pampa**  
*Editor's note: After we posted a link to the story on Facebook, the tide shifted in the other direction and all but one commenter said they enjoyed the commercials. Here are their comments:*  
Jessie Young Shaw: "I enjoy the commercial. No worse than the Victoria's Secret ... commercials. This isn't the 1900s anymore, people."  
Burton and Melisa Jones: "Our whole family just had this same conversation and felt the Kmart commercial was funny! No one finds the Victoria's Secret commercials offensive!"  
Brenda Guess: "I love it!"

Reading one of our local columnists, Mike Sublett, share his love for his grandparents in recent weeks has inspired me to share about my grandparents, but more specifically, my grandmother.



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## Love your grandparents today, you never know when tomorrow won't come

While I did grow up with four grandparents, like most two-parent households, I really only knew the two on my paternal side that lived in Amarillo with me. My mother's parents, Ruby and Francis, both lived in western New York state south of Buffalo, so I didn't really know them.



**JOHN LEE**

But my grandma, Beverly, only cared about taking care of myself and my two younger sisters growing up. My grandpa, John Sr., worked two jobs my entire childhood so he usually came home in the wee hours of the morning, hung around in mid-afternoons for dinner and then went to work. Real quick about Grand-

pa, he was every definition of an obsessive-compulsive neat freak. All of his movies were in boxes, numbered and cataloged. I feel as though I inherited some of this, while I don't catalog my movies and video games, I do have them in a specific order. But my Grandpa, like many, has really only been there in a lesson-giving way. He comes around and visits, but it was Grandma Lee who really made an impact on my childhood. I don't have one story alone that fills my heart with joy; rather several from throughout my childhood. My early favorite memories are when she would babysit my sisters and me. She would pick us up at Wills Elementary and then take us to the closest little Mrs. Baird's store (remember those?) and would buy us a 27-pack of donettes. It worked out perfect for us because it had three of each flavor, chocolate, breaded and sugar, nine of each type. My sisters and I got three of each flavor. When we would get back to her house, she would give us milk and we would

watch our favorite cartoons: Timon & Pumbaa, Aladdin, Duck Tales and Tale Spin. My grandma always selflessly would give up time to watch them with us or find something to keep her busy. As we got older she would nap too, my grandma was an insomniac. Besides these days she would babysit us, I also loved spending the night at her house. That is where I get my video game "skills." Grandma and I would play Dr. Mario and Super Mario 3 a ton. Then over time more games came out that we loved to play together. They say it is the small things in life that makes people proud and filled with joy. One day my brother-in-law and I were playing Super Mario 3 with my sisters watching. While it was my turn, one of them said, "He looks like Grandma right now." It sounds silly, but I took pride in that my grandma played video games with us. My friends thought she was the coolest person. She really was. My only regret is not spending time with her

as I got older and she got sicker. My grandma was only 63 when she passed of heart troubles. One of the last times I saw her, I was working two jobs and going to school. Even when she was in the last days of her life, all she cared about was that I was getting my life underway. I apologized to her for not seeing her more in her later years, but she told me, "You don't need to apologize, you're getting your life going." That was almost four years ago, in April. I have gone to her grave multiple times alone and just talked to her. I know she is up in Heaven and can be proud of the man I have become and am going to be. My sisters lived at home a lot longer, and I envy that only because they got to see Grandma a lot more in her later years. So to wrap up, love your grandparents all your life. Not just when you're growing up. I love you Grandma Lee and will see you again one day.

John Lee is a reporter and sports editor for The Pampa News.

## New Final Fantasy titles also deserve praise

I have been following Tales From the Final Frontier's video game articles in The Pampa News for a while. After reading the most recent article (Final Fantasy needs a reboot, or to beautify older titles), I finally feel I should express my opinion about the Final Fantasy series. While I agree with you about the older games in the series being better, I cannot agree that the newer ones are as downgraded as you put them out to be. I know plenty of other fans who didn't even start playing the series until after FFXI came out. I personally have been playing FFXI for years, and have been playing FFXIV ever since the first version came out in 2010. Final Fantasy, to me, was amazing in its own way that each story line was NOT related to the game before. While the newer ones can't completely compare to the older ones (like any other

one could compare to FFI or FFVII), I fail to see how they should be regarded as anything less than masterpieces in their own ways. Having your favorite game in the series is fine, where mine has to be FFVII, I feel as a fan to the series we need to give credit to the newer games as well. FFXIII had been declared as the fastest selling title in the series, FFXI has been the most profitable game in the series, and FFXII was named the best Playstation 2's Game of the Year in 2006. The series has changed far from the black mages and moogles the older generation grew to love, but the series still has what it takes to define what an RPG game should be in the newer generation of consoles.

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# Pampa Faith

## A redneck Sublett reunion



**MIKE SUBLETT**

Back when I was a kid my dad's clan had fairly regular family reunions at Tucker Holler Campground on Bull Shoals Lake in Arkansas. Now back then I had never heard of the word "redneck", but the word did exist and most certainly applied to my relatives. The word hillbilly was also in proper use when referring to my kinfolks. When we gathered we were a "mixed lot" for sure.

Every single one of the women, and a few of the men, too, would hurry to the car before any kid had a chance to run for their life. Then the kissing and hugging began. I don't remember a single one of the grown women who didn't dip snuff or chew tobacco. That meant that every one of those kisses were of the high calorie variety. By the time it was over I always had snuff or tobacco drippings on my cheek, forehead, ear, hair and most certainly at least a drop or two on my lips. Some of my aunts and great aunts were as quick on their kissing trigger as Wyatt Earp was with his revolver. YUCK!

But once that initiation was over, us kids considered ourselves pretty safe from the nastiness until we headed home. That is, of course, unless you got stung by a yellow jacket or a bee. I remember once getting nailed hard by a big ole yellow jacket. Before I thought, I cried out and ran to my grandma Sublett. I was looking for a little understanding comfort from my very favorite person on the planet. She asked me what had happened and before I thought I told her I got stung by a yellow jacket. Then before I could blink, four or five of my great aunts spit out their chewing tobacco, grabbed me and slapped their combined backwoods remedy onto my sting and then used a rag and some twine to tie it into place. They did it faster than any EMT could do anything these days. Then they watched me like a hawk to make sure I didn't take it off until the next day. I even remember one of my great aunts checking on me during the night just to be sure.

One of my very favorite people at these reunions was my great uncle, John. It wasn't because of his stories, but because of the living room in his house. I loved to go visit Uncle John. The floor of his house was a dirt floor; swept hard so many times that it was almost like linoleum. While the adults visited I just stayed in the living room. On every wall near the ceiling, my Un-

cle John had stretched a piece of fishing line and tied it onto nails in each corner or the room. Then he hung fishing lures on the line. There were so many lures that they almost touched each other through out the whole room. Thanks Uncle John. Nobody else may have liked those wall decorations, but you and I certainly did.

The meals were the best. Every one of those backwoods women knew what a cast-iron skillet was for and how to use it. I'm quite sure that the best fried potatoes ever served in the history of mankind were surely from my Grandma Sublett's pan there in Arkansas. Crappie were the favorite of almost everyone in the clan. Almost everything was fried and so good that my mouth is still watering as I write this article. Fried taters, several varieties of fried fish, hush puppies, potato salad and some of the best pies I ever ate, ALL COOKED OVER AN OPEN FIRE.

There were guns of every variety in every vehicle and camp and yet no one ever got shot or even hurt with them. There were knives of every variety and size in every camp and yet no one ever got seriously cut, certainly not stabbed. School age kids were allowed to roam throughout the area with no adult supervision and yet no kid was ever significantly hurt. No kid was ever hurt by an outsider and even if that had happened, no law enforcement would have been called. The Sublett men would have seen to justice.

I've stared at some of the photos from those reunions. We were a scraggly lot, many sounded like backwoods hicks, many of the men wore nothing but overalls, the women mainly wore old women dresses with no stylishness, most of the cars weren't worth very much. But no kid ever had a better clan to hang out with than I did. They were my heritage on my dad's side. When I think of those relatives and those times, I am thankful that I am a Sublett.

I hope you have memories from your clan that make you thankful for the name you wear. One reminder: be sure and tell the stories to the grandkids and kids, too. They might not remember. And remembering is important. God bless. Mike

*Mike Sublett is a pastor at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks St., Pampa, Texas 79065. Email him at pawdad@nts-online.net.*

## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

# The end of year 2013

This is always a time to stop and look back over the year. A time to reflect and evaluate. To be quiet, still and walk back through the seasons, the months and the days. I love to read one of my favorite poems, "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost. The last part of the poem says:

"I shall be telling this with a sigh,  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a good, and I -

I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference."

These lines leave me full of gratitude for God's love, grace and guidance. I find myself thanking Him for people, events, and His watchful care through the past year.

I think of a verse that makes me sad with the passing of time. The prophet Jeremiah, known as the "Weeping Prophet" said, "Harvest is past, summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jeremiah 8:10). Our lives

like the seasons pass rapidly. I am always amazed at how fast the decades have gone before me. God's purpose for our lives is that we may be saved, gain eternal life and spend them with Him. Our only hope for eternal salvation is in Jesus Christ, our Creator, Lord and Savior.

God desires that no one perish but that each of us possess His loving gift of forgiveness, purpose in this life and eternal life to come.

I remember as a young man after getting out of the Marines and going to the University to prepare for my future. At that point He was not in my plans. My goal was engineering and a life of building things. One day He confronted my life, I realized that I was lost and I received Him as my Savior. I surrendered to His call to preach the gospel, which I have done for the past 46 years. I look back upon those years with joy.

"I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference."

*Dr. David Boulter is from Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tenn., who writes "God's Good News For Today." He can be reached at davidboulter@tntemple.edu.*

**David Boulter**

## Church Calendar

### McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church. The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade. The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean. For more information, call 806-779-0260.

### Southside Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa. The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.

Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

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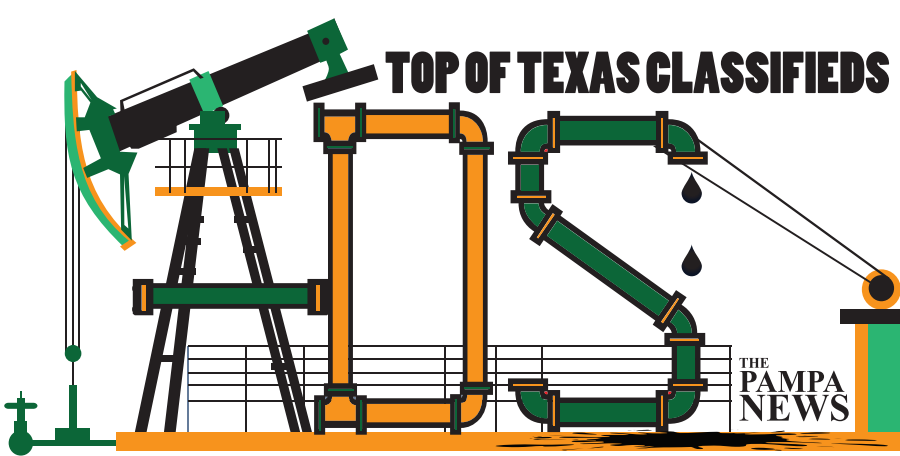
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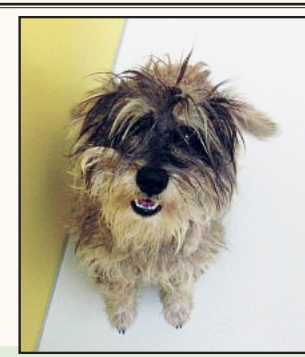
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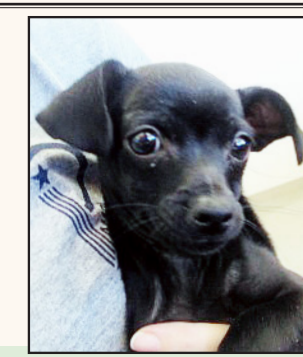
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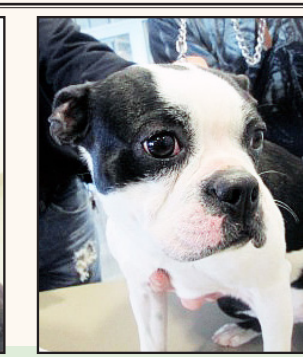
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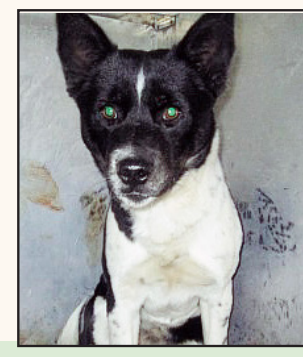
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Level: Intermediate

## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My sister "Nicole" faked several pregnancies to keep her boyfriends around until they wised up. She is now really pregnant by a married man.

Nicole has a long criminal history and has been in and out of jail for various offenses. She's now facing drug charges that could land her in jail for the next 10 or 15 years. If she's found guilty, my mother will get custody of the baby so it won't have to stay in foster care.

My parents are in their late 50s and financially capable, but they're not in the best of health. Mom plans to raise the child until Nicole gets out of prison because my sister "always wanted to be a mom." My husband and I have been discussing adopting a child and would love to adopt Nicole's baby. If we did, we'd get a child and could provide the love, safety and security my sister cannot. And the child would get a stable home. Mom feels Nicole "deserves" to be a mom, despite the fact that she's going to jail and flits from man to man searching for someone to love her.

How can I get my mother to see that the needs of this baby HAVE to come first? She should be more concerned with this innocent baby than her drugged-out daughter. Am I wrong to feel hurt and think my mother is choosing her over me? — HEARTBROKEN IN ALABAMA

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Stop personalizing this as a choice your mother is making between you and your sister. Try instead to make her understand how traumatic it will be to a child who could be as old as 10 or 15 to be handed over to a virtual stranger who has no job, no money and

a long uphill climb to try and build a future.

Your sister may have always dreamed of motherhood, but the most important part of being a parent — aside from loving a child — is being PRESENT. If your sister is found guilty, she will be absent long after her child's primary attachments will have formed. If this doesn't convince your mother to change her mind, you will have no choice but to accept her decision and consider adopting another child.

P.S. Perhaps your father will understand that what you're proposing makes sense and will speak on your behalf.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my late 20s, single and have no children. I have lived on my own since I was 18. I own my home, my car and have no credit card debt, but my mother refuses to acknowledge me as an adult.

When I do simple chores or cook meals, she acts surprised. She constantly pleads with me to move back home because she

insists I can't take care of myself and refuses to discuss it any further than belittling me.

My friends say what she's doing constitutes abuse. I'm not sure I agree, but I do think it is rude and manipulative. How can I deal with her condescending attitude when I'm with her? — AT MY WIT'S END

DEAR WIT'S END: Most parents strive to make their children independent. Your mother may want you home not because you can't take care of yourself but because she doesn't want to live alone. I wouldn't call that abuse but I do consider it to be selfish and self-serving.

You should not sacrifice your lifestyle to live with someone as manipulative as your mother. When she attacks, laugh and deflect her with humor. Assure her that as incompetent as she thinks you are, you're "muddling through." And if she persists, point out that if she doesn't ease up, she'll be seeing less of you.

## BANANAGRAMS!

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Yesterday's Answer: SYCAMORE, ASH; CEDAR, HOLLY; CYPRESS, POPLAR; MAGNOLIA, ASPEN

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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39 Peyton's bother  
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37 Chow  
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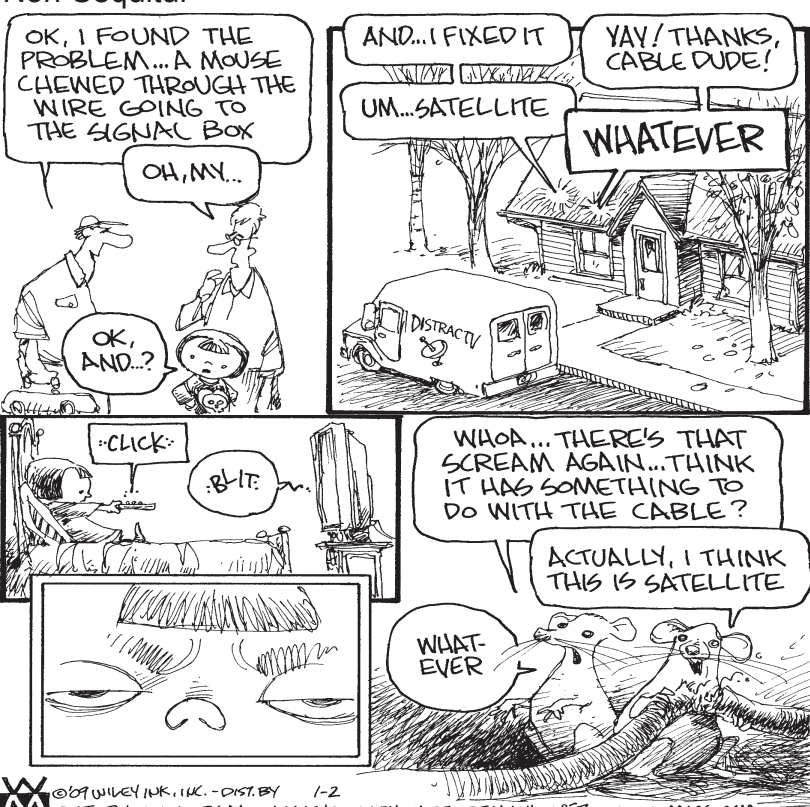
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### Non Sequitur



### Nest Heads



# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Jan. 3, 2014:  
This year you often get feedback about your ideas, opinions and direction. You frequently will be found in a brainstorming session. You mentally grow by leaps and bounds. You will be especially concerned with your finances. You also could experience a sudden change or an unexpected addition to your home life. If you are single, you might not realize how much someone cares about you. Be more observant of others. If you are attached, the two of you spend a lot of time together, and sometimes your energy together produces a lot of excitement. AQUARIUS knows how to spend your money well. Be careful!  
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)  
★★★★★ Your originality and drive will entice others to get involved in a personal project. If you have time, you might want to visit with a young person who might be facing tough choices in this or her life. A one-on-one chat might be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Hang with friends.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ You could feel pressured by a situation and might not be able to pull away. If it is work related, you might be overwhelmed by everything that you need to do. A discussion with someone involved could ease the burden. Tonight: Feel free to nix getting together with others.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You'll be raring to get into weekend mode, especially as you are likely to visit with a loved one at a distance. You might not be as sure of yourself as you might like with a financial matter. Seek advice from someone in the know. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★★ Remember, you are more sensitive to others' moods than many. You often pick up on someone's feelings when he or she isn't even conscious of them. If a discussion heads in this direction, back off. Make time for a friend. Tonight: With a favorite person.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★★ Others will come forward and engage you in conversation. What you think and what you say could be vastly different. You might be uncomfortable not revealing all of your thoughts, but do your best to explain where you are

coming from. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is occurring in your daily life. You might need to screen your calls, as they could be far more distracting than you realize. A meeting might prevent you from running some errands, but you still must attend. Tonight: Play it easy.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★★ You have a lot of suggestions that could help move a project along. A loved one will appreciate the feedback. Use your high energy to complete some work that has been holding you back. Be sure to return emails and calls. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by a situation and its demands. A brainstorming session provides a solution, if you are ready to take it. You might want to let others know your limits, as too many suggestions at once will be overwhelming. Tonight: Take a walk and squeeze in some exercise.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You are not one to hold back your thoughts. When someone makes assumptions about your financial situation, you won't hesitate to put this person in his or her place. A child or loved one continues to surprise you with his or her playful antics. Tonight: TGIF!  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★★ Someone will show appreciation for your feedback. There is an element of feeling overwhelmed by this person's gratitude. Know that you need to stop the exchange before your funds get dragged into it. Maintain your budget. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies and drinks.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★★ Claim your power. How someone reacts to you could trigger a lot of thinking. You will get a clear sense of what this person thinks of you. Make an additional effort to complete errands and to finish a project before you call it a day. Tonight: Do absolutely what you want.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★★ Someone close to you understands too well what is going on with you. This person might not choose to say anything unless you speak up first. He or she will be the right one with whom to have an important discussion about a choice in the near future. Tonight: Not to be found.

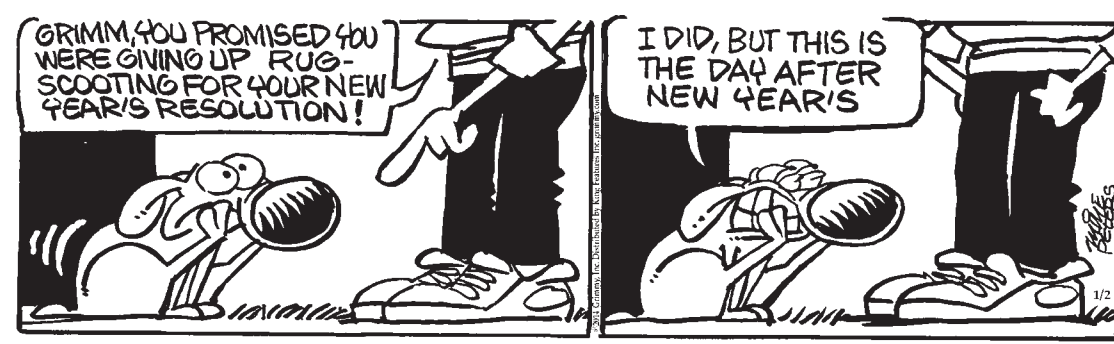
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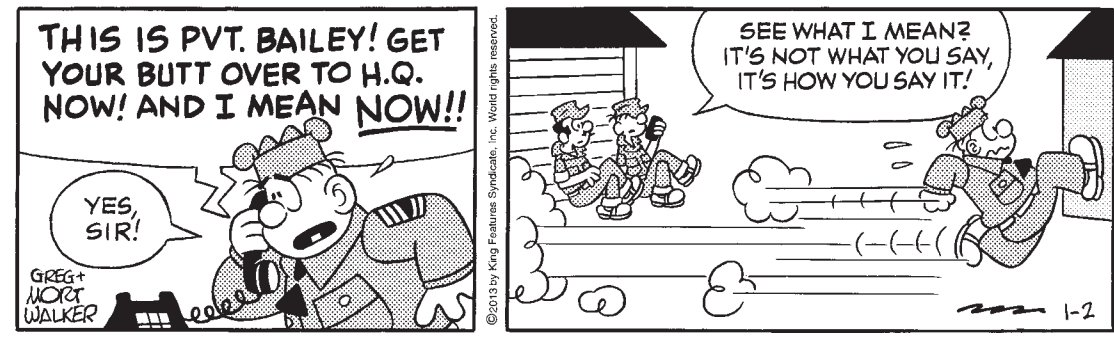
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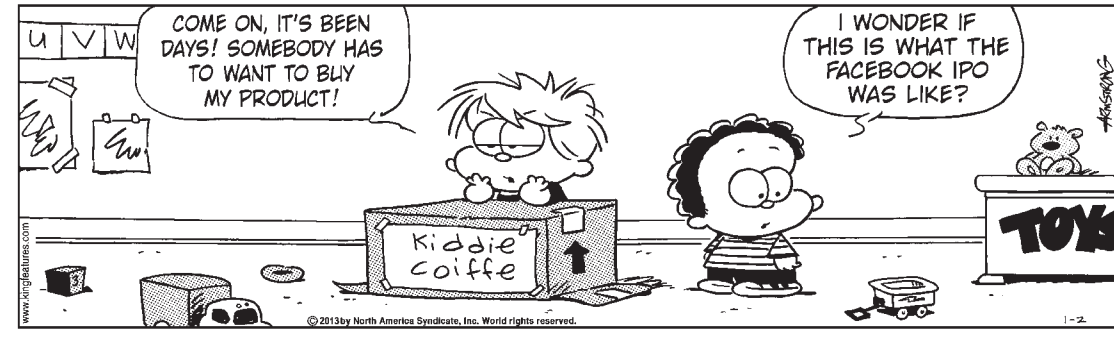
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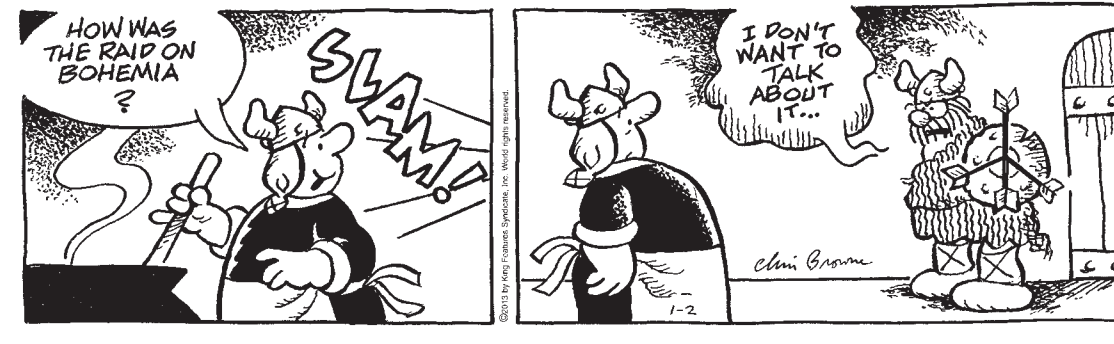
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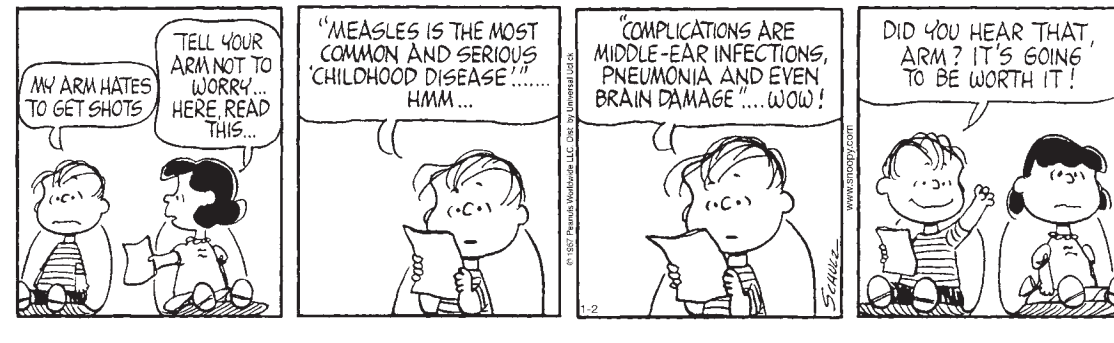
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# Simple ways to make resolutions stick this time

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A new year often begins with good intentions, as thousands resolve to make positive changes in their lives. Resolutions are easy to make when one is toasting at midnight and ready to take on the world. But resolutions can be harder to keep as the days turn into weeks and weeks become months.

Researchers at the University of Minnesota found that 80 percent of resolution-makers have given up by Valentine's Day. A January 2012 poll conducted in England found that, of the 3,000 respondents, roughly three-quarters of them admitted they were no longer confident they would stick to their resolutions

for the rest of the month. There are several different reasons why resolutions fail, and recognizing potential pitfalls can help people stick with their positive changes throughout the new year. The following are a few ways to ensure your resolutions last the year.

- Don't make an unrealistic resolution. Losing weight is a popular resolution. Some resolve to drop dozens of pounds in an effort to completely transform their bodies. However, when the weight doesn't magically come off, it can be easy to grow discouraged. Weight loss is not instantaneous, and healthy weight-loss plans advocate gradual weight loss, such as 1 to

2 pounds per week. It can take several months to see a considerable difference if you're aiming to lose 50 pounds. Instead of setting such a lofty weight-loss goal, establish incremental milestones with tangible dates. For example, your resolution may be to lose 10 pounds by March 1st. That is an attainable goal.

- Don't go it alone. You're more likely to have success with keeping a resolution if you have outside support. Enlist a buddy to go to the gym with you or provide support as you attempt to quit smoking. Having a support system in place can motivate and inspire, knowing someone will be keeping tabs on you may

instill enough anxiety to propel you through your resolutions.

- Make resolutions for the right reasons. Making resolutions for the wrong reasons can be counterproductive. If you want to lose weight for cosmetic reasons and not to improve your overall health, you may find your motivation waning as the weeks turn into months. Making resolutions for the right reasons often provides ample motivation.

- Avoid boring resolutions. Many people make boring resolutions that often focus on the mundane instead of more positive things. Resolutions need not be changes that profoundly alter your mental or physical well-being.

Making fun resolutions will probably help you stick to them. Perhaps you will resolve to spend more time with the kids or promise to try more adventurous activities. Maybe you decide it's time pursue a hidden passion, such as music or art. Enjoyable resolutions are much easier to keep.

- Avoid expensive resolutions. Before making a resolution, research how much a resolution might cost. Gym memberships or new hobbies may stretch your budget, and if you cannot afford a resolution, how can you keep it? If money is a concern, choose resolutions that are fiscally possible.

- Keep resolutions private if you so prefer. Many people are compelled to

share their resolutions with friends and family. However, that can lead to feelings of competition or animosity if someone is realizing goals before you. Feel free to keep your resolution private as you go through the process. Once you have met your goal, then you can share your success with others.

- Don't give up too easily. Some people are up for a challenge and others are not. Resolutions typically require a little extra effort, especially in the early stages. Resolutions will not necessarily be easy to keep, but the longer you stick to a resolution the easier it becomes to make it a reality, so resist the temptation to throw in the towel too early.

# Home electricity use in US falling to 2001 levels

NEW YORK (AP) — The average amount of electricity consumed in U.S. homes has fallen to levels last seen more than a decade ago, back when the smartest device in people's pockets was a Palm pilot and anyone talking about a tablet was probably an archaeologist or a preacher.

Because of more energy-efficient housing, appliances and gadgets, power usage is on track to decline in 2013 for the third year in a row, to 10,819 kilowatt-hours per household, according to the Energy Information Administration.

That's the lowest level since 2001, when households averaged 10,535 kwh. And the drop has occurred even though our lives are more electrified.

Here's a look at what has

changed since the last time consumption was so low.

## Better homes

In the early 2000s, as energy prices rose, more states adopted or toughened building codes to force builders to better seal homes so heat or air-conditioned air doesn't seep out so fast. That means newer homes waste less energy.

Also, insulated windows and other building technologies have dropped in price, making retrofits of existing homes more affordable. In the wake of the financial crisis, billions of dollars in Recovery Act funding was directed toward home-efficiency programs.

## Better gadgets

Big appliances such as refrigerators and air con-

ditioners have gotten more efficient thanks to federal energy standards that get stricter ever few years as technology evolves.

A typical room air conditioner — one of the biggest power hogs in the home — uses 20 percent less electricity per hour of full operation than it did in 2001, according to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.

Central air conditioners, refrigerators, dishwashers, water heaters, washing machines and dryers also have gotten more efficient.

Other devices are using less juice, too. Some 40-inch LED televisions bought today use 80 percent less power than the cathode ray tube televisions of the past. Some use just \$8 worth of electricity

over a year when used five hours a day — less than a 60-watt incandescent bulb would use.

Those incandescent light bulbs are being replaced with compact fluorescent bulbs and LEDs that use 70 to 80 percent less power. According to the Energy Department, widespread use of LED bulbs could save output equivalent to that of 44 large power plants by 2027.

The move to mobile also is helping. Desktop computers with big CRT monitors are being replaced with laptops, tablet computers and smart phones, and these mobile devices are specifically designed to sip power to prolong battery life.

It costs \$1.36 to power an iPad for a year, compared

with \$28.21 for a desktop computer, according to the Electric Power Research Institute.

## On the other hand

We are using more devices, and that is offsetting what would otherwise be a more dramatic reduction in power consumption.

DVRs spin at all hours of the day, often under more than one television in a home. Game consoles are getting more sophisticated to process better graphics and connect with other players, and therefore use more power.

More homes have central air conditioners instead of window units. They are more efficient, but people use them more often.

Still, Jennifer Amman, the buildings program di-

rector at the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, says she is encouraged.

"It's great to see this movement, to see the shift in the national numbers," she says.

"I expect we'll see greater improvement over time. There is so much more that can be done."

Back in 1990, before most homes had a personal computer and multiple other gadgets, average consumption totaled 9,447 kilowatt-hours per household. That slowly climbed to a peak of 11,504 in 2010. But since then, usage has been steadily dropping.

The Energy Department predicts average residential electricity use per customer will fall again in 2014, by 1 percent.

# Feds announce test sites for drone aircraft

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Six states were named Monday by federal officials to develop test sites for drones — a critical next step for the burgeoning industry that could one day produce thousands of unmanned aircraft for use by businesses, farmers and researchers.

Alaska, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Texas and Virginia will host the research sites, providing diverse climates, geography and air traffic environments as the Federal Aviation Administration seeks to safely introduce commercial drones into U.S. airspace.

Members of Congress and other politicians lobbied intensely to bring the work to their states.

Representatives were jubilant about the likelihood that the testing will draw companies interested in cashing in on the fledgling industry.

An industry-commissioned study has predicted more than 70,000 jobs would develop in the first three years after Congress loosens drone restrictions on U.S. skies.

The same study projects an average salary range for a drone pilot between \$85,000 and \$115,000.

"This is wonderful news for Nevada that creates a huge opportunity for our economy," said U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nevada. In New York, Sen. Charles Schumer, a Democrat, called the announcement a boon for his state.

Drones have been mainly used by the military, but governments, businesses, farmers and others are making plans to join the market.

Many universities are starting or expanding curriculum involving drones.

The FAA does not currently allow commercial use of drones, but it is

working to develop operational guidelines by the end of 2015, although officials concede the project may take longer than expected.

The FAA projects some 7,500 commercial drones could be aloft within five years of getting widespread access to the skies above America.

"Today was an important step," said attorney Ben Gielow of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, noting the announcement came after months of delays and data gathering.

"I think we're all anxious to get this moving."

The competition for a test site was robust, with 25 entities in 24 states submitting proposals, FAA Administrator Michael Huerta said during a conference call with reporters.

At least one of the six sites chosen by the FAA

will be up and running within 180 days, while the others are expected to come online in quick succession, he said.

However, the designation as a test site doesn't come with a financial award from the government.

In choosing Alaska, the FAA cited a diverse set of test site locations in seven climatic zones.

New York's site at Griffiss International Airport will look into integrating drones into the congested northeast airspace.

And Nevada offered proximity to military aircraft from several bases, Huerta said.

The extent that lobbying influenced the selection of the sites was unclear.

"Politics likely always plays a role in some level in this, but I couldn't tell you specifically what the politics were," said Bren-

dan M. Schulman, part of a New York City-based law group focused on drone issues.

"Part of the selection ... is an evaluation of the dedication and seriousness the sites were showing in pursuing this."

The testing will determine whether drones can detect and avoid aircraft and other obstacles, and if they can operate safely when contact is lost with operators.

The growing use of drones has sparked criticism among conservatives and liberals who fear the creation of a surveillance state in which authorities track and scrutinize every move of citizens.

"I just don't like the concept of drones flying over barbecues in New York to see whether you have a Big Gulp in your backyard or whether you are separating out your recyclables according to the

city mandates," said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., referring to a New York City ban on supersized soft drinks.

Paul has introduced a bill that would prohibit drones from checking for criminal or regulatory violations without a warrant.

Huerta said his agency is sensitive to privacy concerns involving drones.

Test sites must have a written plan for data use and retention, and will be required to conduct an annual review of privacy practices that involves public comment.

That policy provided little comfort for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"Someday drones will be commonplace in U.S. skies and, before that happens, it's imperative that Congress enact strong, nationwide privacy rules," ACLU attorney Catherine Crump said in a statement.



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# Ariz. woman accused of trying to poison children

PHOENIX (AP) — An Arizona woman tried to fatally stab her ex-husband and poison her four children with prescription narcotic drugs, including a teenage daughter who was found dead in her home on Christmas Day, police said Monday.

She lured the man to her apartment and stabbed him repeatedly before he was able to flee and drive himself to a hospital while calling 911.

Connie Villa, 35, was arrested Sunday after being released from a hospital on suspicion of one count of first-degree murder and four counts of

attempted murder in the Christmas Day attack in Casa Grande, about 50 miles south of Phoenix.

It was not immediately known whether she had an attorney.

A possible motive hasn't been disclosed, but investigators have found no history of mental illness or previous calls to the home during their initial probe. The investigation was ongoing.

According to authorities, the ex-husband, Adam Villa, called 911 after fleeing the apartment with multiple stab wounds. He remained hospitalized Monday in stable

condition. Responding officers found the body of Aniarael Macias, 13, lying on a bathroom floor, said Casa Grande police Officer Thomas Anderson.

The body had no visible signs of injury or trauma, and an autopsy report was inconclusive on the cause of death, Anderson said.

Authorities are awaiting toxicology results, which could take up to a month, but they believe she was likely poisoned.

The three other children, ages 3, 5 and 8, were in good condition. Anderson said initial tests show each child had trace amounts of opiates in their systems.

Authorities would only say the drugs found in the apartment were "prescription narcotics."

"Our investigation indicates Connie Villa forced her children to take prescription narcotic drugs in an attempt to kill them," police said in a statement.

Upon arriving at the home Wednesday, police were forced to break in and found Connie Villa standing in the apartment with what appeared to be self-inflicted stab wounds to her torso, a knife in her hand and the three young children at her side.

The 13-year-old was found dead during a

search of the home.

Connie Villa had apparently enticed her ex-husband to come by intending to kill him, too, Anderson said.

"He was lured to the apartment, under what pretense we don't know yet, but we don't have any indication he had any fear of going over there," Anderson added.

The three surviving children have been placed by Child Protective Service's with Adam Villa's family. He was not the father of the 13-year-old, police said.

"She was a gentle, kind and beautiful spirit who

was taken from us too soon," family members of Aniarael Macias said in a statement.

In 2006, happier times seemed apparent in the Villa household as Adam Villa returned from a one-year deployment to Iraq with the Arizona Army National Guard.

When he stepped off the plane upon his return, Connie Villa broke into tears.

"Just to know he's safe and in one piece, just to smell him," she told The Arizona Republic at the time. "I just want to be normal again and have a family."

# First flight from Key West to Cuba takes off

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — The first commercial passenger flight from Key West to Cuba in more than 50 years landed Monday in Havana, capping several years of efforts to reunite the two islands, though regular air service still appeared a distant prospect.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection gave the final approval for the flight Monday morning, and the nine-passenger aircraft departed 90 minutes later at 10 a.m., Key West In-

ternational Airport director Peter Horton said.

"This is just a test run," Horton said. "Whether this is going to come and be a regular service I don't believe has been determined yet."

Federal officials granted Key West the green light to resume flights to and from the island country in October 2011. It took more than two years, however, for the first flight to take off. Charter operators said they had trouble getting all of the required

approvals from U.S. and Cuban authorities. They have also struggled with capacity issues: Key West is currently only approved to process 10 passengers and crew from Cuba at a time.

Cuba and Key West have a long and interwoven history.

Before the 1959 revolution, there was regular flight and ferry service to the island. Residents could fly to Havana for lunch and be back in Key West in time for dinner.

The Cessna Conquest II aircraft departed the Florida island Monday carrying nine passengers, five of which planned to participate in a licensed "people-to-people" trip focusing on Cuba's culture and environment organized by the Florida Keys Tropical Research Ecological Exchange Institute.

The Obama administration reinstated the cultural exchange licenses in 2011, allowing organizations to take U.S. citizens to the island for educa-

tional activities that promote understanding and exchange with ordinary Cubans.

The Key West travelers are scheduled to meet with Cubans at botanical gardens, organic farms and cultural centers.

"We're doing some really meaningful things there, working with botanical gardens, scientists, researchers, all the people there to help preserve their environment and ecology," said Carolann Sharkey, the institute's

trip organizer.

Key West Mayor Craig Cates flew to Cuba with the group, but returned Monday without venturing beyond the Havana airport terminal.

"We're 90 miles away from Cuba," Cates said. "We're closer to Cuba than Miami. We haven't had flights over there in 50 years. It's going to be great for the city of Key West — cultural exchange, historic exchange, to be able to go back and forth directly from Key West."

# Partygoers shot, attacked in Brooklyn building

NEW YORK (AP) — Five men heading to a party were shot and a woman apparently was pistol-whipped, police and a community advocate said Tuesday, marking a year-end outburst of violence in a Brooklyn neighborhood that has struggled with crime even as it hit record lows.

Police were looking for a suspect or suspects in the gunfire, which erupted just after midnight at a building in the Howard Houses public housing complex in Browns-

ville.

Residents of a sixth-floor apartment had organized a party and spread the word on Facebook, said Tony Herbert, a community activist who said he had spoken to some of the guests and those injured. Some people who'd had previous conflicts with the party crowd showed up outside the building, and bullets flew in the lobby as the teenage victims tried to run back inside, Herbert said.

Some residents heard two

quick shots, then several more, he said.

The injured were taken to hospitals, the men with wounds to their legs and feet and the woman with cuts to her head, according to police and firefighters, who didn't release the patients' names. Police said all were expected to survive.

The woman was in "excruciating pain," said Herbert, who didn't have the full names of those injured. He planned to gather with other

community advocates Tuesday to call for calm.

"Our concern is that the attitude, with these young people, is that this may now be an occasion for retaliation," he said by phone. "We're going to try to keep the peace."

Brownsville has one of the city's highest concentrations of public housing developments. Groups of youths in one housing complex sometimes have ongoing feuds with their neighbors in another, Herbert said.

In Brownsville, major crime hasn't declined as steeply as it has in some other parts of the city in the last 12 years.

Serious crime dropped 30 percent citywide from 2002 to 2012, compared with 9 percent in Brownsville.

Killings citywide are down more than 20 percent, to a record-low 333 so far this year, compared with last year. Brownsville also has recorded a new low — 14, two fewer than in 2012.

The bloodshed in Brownsville this year has included a stray bullet hitting a baby in the head and killing him as he sat in his stroller in September, the February wounding of an armed 16-year-old by police officers responding to a report of shots fired on a rooftop; a drive-by shooting in July that left six people on the sidewalk wounded; and the unsolved killing in November of a man by a gunman driving near a public school.

# Police say 4 bodies found in California home

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — Four people, two of them children, were found killed in a Southern California home, police said.

A 16-year-old boy called police Monday night to say his family members were injured or killed in the house, Fontana police Sgt. Doug Imhof said.

Police arrived to find a bloody scene with the bodies of a boy about 10 years old, a girl about 12 years old and a man and woman each about 35 or 40 years old, Imhof told KNBC-TV and KABC-TV.

Fontana police Chief Rodney Jones told KNBC that the deaths were homi-

cides.

It appeared all four lived in the home, Imhof said, but police did not immediately say what their relationships were.

Detectives found the bodies and blood spread throughout the house, but had stopped the investigation while they sought a

search warrant, police Imhof said.

"There is some amounts of blood in different areas of the house," Imhof told KABC.

"There's a couple of weapons that have been seen by our detectives just looking, but they haven't been able to search the house because

they can't until they obtain a search warrant."

Beyond his mention of the weapons, Imhof gave no indication of how the people may have been killed or who the killer may have been, and it was not clear why a warrant was needed.

Neighbor Jessica Arauz told KABC there was argu-

ing coming from the house earlier in the evening.

Phone messages left with police by The Associated Press were not immediately returned.

The home is in Fontana, a city of about 200,000 people in San Bernardino County about 50 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

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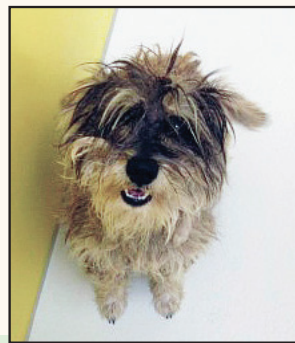
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## Brown out: Ducks rout Texas in Mack Brown's finale

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Mack Brown came to Texas in 1998 and told a frustrated fan base to "Come early, be loud and stay late." Sixteen years later, many obeyed him again one last time, sticking around even after another pummeling in an under-

achieving season. Now they'll find out what the post-Mack Brown era holds. The Longhorns don't want it to resemble this: Getting crushed by No. 10 Oregon 30-7 in the Alamo Bowl on Monday night in the worst postseason loss of Brown's run at Texas, which tacks on another dreary footnote to a season of constant tension and unmet expectations.

The blowout was a final reminder of why Brown is resigning after 16 seasons at Texas, which he led to a national championship in 2005 but couldn't pull out of mediocrity and disappointment in recent years. He led the Longhorns off the field for the last time with his arm slung around his wife, flashing the "Hook 'em Horns" sign before disappearing into a tunnel to a chorus of cheers.

## Russia bombings spark Olympic concerns

The suicide bombings in Russia serve as a chilling reminder of what the Winter Olympics represent to terrorists: A high-profile target with more than 2,500 athletes, some of them world-famous, waving the flags of nearly 90 nations. So, while many Olympic leaders offered reassurance on the day after two bombings 400 miles from Sochi killed at least 31 people, some of those getting ready to compete in the games spoke of a different reality. They know their security is never a sure thing.

## Webb's 4 TD passes tie Holiday Bowl record

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Davis Webb grabbed a piece of Holiday Bowl history while helping Texas Tech end its unsightly five-game losing streak.

The freshman threw for 403 yards and tied a Holiday Bowl record with four touchdown passes, and Texas Tech raced to a 37-23 victory over No. 16 Arizona State on Monday night.

Webb tied the record set by BYU's Jim McMahon in 1980 and matched by Kansas State's Brian Kavanagh in 1995 and Texas' Major Applewhite in 2001.

"It's pretty exhilarating right now. I'm so proud of this team," Webb said.

"When Coach told me I was going to start, there was nothing but joy," Webb said. "I told myself that I was going to make sure that I was going to send the seniors out right. We came prepared. We leaned on each other and we showed that today."

The Red Raiders (8-5)

won for the first time since beating West Virginia on Oct. 19. Arizona State (10-4) lost its second straight.

Webb completed 28 of 41 passes. He threw touchdown passes of 18 and 21 yards to Jakeem Grant, 1 yard to Rodney Hall and 23 yards to Bradley Marquez, all in the first half.

"He's really battled to separate himself all year," said first-year coach Kliff Kingsbury, a former Red Raiders quarterback.

"To play that young in this type of arena, D-1, that's very rare and I think he does a great job handling the pressure coming out here and making things happen," wide receiver Eric Ward said.

After losing their final five games by an average of 20.6 points, the Red Raiders scored on four of their first five drives to



Davis Webb

take a 27-6 lead 5 minutes into the second quarter.

Kingsbury said the Red Raiders had seen predictions that they'd lose by 22 points.

"We saw that all week. We knew what people thought and we knew the type of team we had," the coach said.

"We didn't get any respect all weekend long," Ward said.

"It was all about Arizona State and their record and this, that and the other. So we used that to fuel the fire."

Ward said the losing streak "preyed upon us pretty heavily. No one likes losing that much and lose that much on the road. It starts depressing the team a little bit. We just did all we could to prepare for this game. During the bowl practices, the time we had together helped us bond

together." Texas Tech All-America tight end Jace Amaro had eight catches for 112 yards. He set the FBS single-season record for yards receiving by a tight end with 1,352.

The Sun Devils, coming off a 38-14 loss to Stanford in the Pac-12 championship game, were held 18 points below their average. They dropped to 0-4 in the Holiday Bowl dating to 1985.

"I'm very embarrassed for our program," coach Todd Graham said. "As coaches we didn't have our guys prepared to play. They came to play. We didn't. Give them credit."

"I was embarrassed for the fans that showed up today. We didn't have our players prepared. Zero excuses, but we didn't have our players prepared to play. It was an ugly game offensively and defensively. We just didn't play very well. They were the more passionate

team today." While Texas Tech was finding the end zone early on, Arizona State had to settle for field goals of 44 and 31 yards by Zane Gonzalez.

The Sun Devils got their first touchdown when D.J. Foster scored on a 20-yard run with 7:52 left in the second quarter to close to 27-13. ASU quarterback Taylor Kelly scored on a 44-yard run early in the third, but Reginald Davis returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown to extend the Red Raiders' lead to 34-20.

Kelly gained 135 yards on 25 carries but threw for only 125 yards, going 16 of 29. He was sacked three times. Foster gained 132 yards on 20 carries.

Arizona State's Richard Smith couldn't hold onto a 50-yard pass from Kelly as he tripped and tumbled into the end zone with 9:50 left and the Sun Devils trailing by 14.

## Five NFL coaches already fired

(AP) — It didn't take long.

Barely 12 hours after the NFL's regular season ended, five head coaches were unemployed. Fired on Monday were Washington's Mike Shanahan, Detroit's Jim Schwartz, Minnesota's Leslie Frazier and Tampa Bay's Greg Schiano.

The Cleveland Browns didn't even wait that long,

dismissing Rob Chudzinski on Sunday night after just one season on the job.

Shanahan, who won two Super Bowls in Denver in the 1990s, spent four seasons with the Redskins and was 24-40. Frazier had a little more than three seasons with the Vikings to compile an 18-33-1 mark, and Schwartz coached the Lions for five seasons, finishing 29-52.

Schiano only got two years with the Buccaneers, going 11-21. He had three years and \$9 million left on his contract.

Tampa Bay also fired general manager Mark Dominik.

"It's tough for the players to see their coaches go. You never want to see anybody get fired," Pro Bowl de-

fensive tackle Gerald McCoy said. "Me personally, I haven't had any consistency, in my career. Third head coach, going on my fifth year and three head coaches. Add up everybody, it'll be six D-line coaches."

The Buccaneers, who also have fired the likes of Tony Dungy and Jon Gruden, hired Schiano out of Rutgers in 2012 and

went 6-4 before losing five of their last six games. They dropped their first eight games this season and finished 4-12.

One coach allegedly on the hot seat was retained: Rex Ryan, who has one more year on his contract, is staying with the New York Jets after a surprising 8-8 record in his fifth season at the helm.

### Here are my likes and gripes from this weekend in sports:

#### Likes:

• **Week 17** – What a crazy end to the NFL season. So many teams were still playing for something whether it was a playoff berth or playoff seeding. All-in-all I think the San Diego Chargers were the only team that got in that truly didn't deserve it. They couldn't even beat the Kansas City Chiefs with 19 of 22 starters warming the bench. San Diego will be one-and-done because of this.

• **Bowl Season** – No, I am not talking about the sport where you roll a ball and knock down pins (while that is fun in itself). All these college bowls have been fun to watch and have had a couple of surprises. I am looking at you, Texas Tech.

• **Mack Brown** – The Texas Longhorns were playing a clearly superior team Monday night. But how hard Texas played Oregon for a good portion of the game shows the heart and desire these players had and that they wanted longtime head coach Mack Brown to go out with a bang. I wish Mack Brown luck in whatever he does from this point on.

#### Gripes:

• **Teams in bowl games** – I understand that after all the BCS bowls and higher ranked non-BCS bowls it is kind of hard to find good teams to put in the Pinstripe Bowl. But surely you can find better teams than barely .500 (or one win better) to play these games.

• **Cowboys fans who dislike Tony Romo and Tony Romo haters** – Don't consider this an attack, just an observation. I have friends who are Cowboys' fans and ride both sides of the Romo debate, as well as non-Cowboys' fans on both sides of the Romo debate.

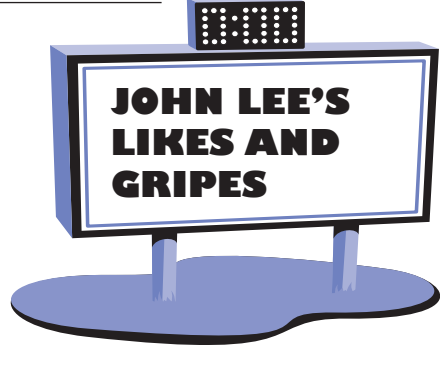
With that in mind, when back-up quarterback Kyle Orton threw that interception and ended the Dallas Cowboys' season, I still had people on my Facebook trashing Tony Romo with things like, "Kyle

Orton says 'Romo taught me everything I know'" or "Tony Romo is playing after-all." Cowboys' fans have been calling for Romo's head on a platter for years, I guarantee should he ever get cut in the next two to three years, he will be unemployed for about a day, which will be the 24-hour period for a contract to be activated.

Everyone, however, is entitled to their own opinion, that's the beauty of sports.

• **Texas Tech** – I don't get it. Texas Tech starts well playing cupcake opponents, besides TCU. Then plays real competition and most of the time they get beat pretty handily.

Then they beat the 17-point favorite Arizona State Monday night, stunning the Sun Devils. Where was this team during the regular season?



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# Lung cancer scans urged for some smokers, not all

WASHINGTON (AP) — Certain current or former heavy smokers should start getting yearly scans for lung cancer to cut their risk of death from the nation's top cancer killer, government advisers said Monday — even as they stressed that the tests aren't for everyone.

The long-anticipated decision by the influential U.S. Preventive Services Task Force says these CT scans of the lungs should be offered only to people at especially high risk: those who smoked a pack of cigarettes a day for 30 years or an equivalent amount, such as two packs a day for 15 years — and who are between the ages of 55 and 80.

That's roughly 10 million people, but not all of them qualify for screening, said task force vice chairman Dr. Michael LeFevre, a University of Missouri family physician. Even those high-risk people shouldn't be scanned if they're not healthy enough to withstand cancer treatment, or if they kicked the habit more than 15 years ago.

Lung cancer kills nearly 160,000 Americans each year. Smoking is the biggest risk factor, and the more and longer people smoke, the higher their risk. Usually, lung cancer is diagnosed too late for treatment to succeed, but until now there hasn't been a good means of early detection.

The newly recommended screening could prevent as many as 20,000 deaths a year, LeFevre said — if it's used correctly.

That estimate assumes good candidates seek the scans. There's no way to know if people at the highest risk will, or if instead the overly anxious will flood testing centers.

Screen the wrong people, "and we could see more harm than good," LeFevre cautioned. "There's a lot of room for what I would call people exploiting the recommendation. I can imagine a street-corner imaging center advertising to invite people in."

Why not screen younger or lighter smokers? There's no data to tell whether they'd be helped. Lung cancer is rare before age 50, and the major study that showed screening could save lives enrolled only heavy smokers starting at age 55.

But screening isn't harm-free. A suspicious scan is far more likely to be a false alarm than a tumor, LeFevre noted. Yet patients may undergo invasive testing to find out, which in turn can cause complications.

Moreover, radiation accumulated from even low-dose CT scans can raise the risk of cancer. And occasionally, screening detects tumors so small and slow-growing that they never would have threatened the person's life.

While screening clearly can benefit some people, "the best way to avoid lung cancer death is to stop smoking," LeFevre added.

The task force proposed the screenings last summer but published its final recommendation Monday in the journal *Annals of Internal Medicine*. That clears the way for insurers to begin paying for the scans, which cost between \$300 and \$500, according to the American Lung Association.

Under the Obama administration's health care law, cancer screenings that are backed by the task force are supposed to be covered with no copays, although plans have a year to adopt new recommendations.

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