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## Poynor hired as new PHS football coach



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare New PHS head football coach Greg Poynor wife his wife Leah at Thursday's school board meeting.

**By John Lee** jclee@thepampanews.com

After scouring more than 100 applications and having a 12-person committee interview the 12 finalists, the Pampa Independent School District selected the next head coach for Pampa High School's football program. Greg Poynor, formerly of Roosevelt Independent School District near Lubbock, was named the next football head coach for Pampa High School Thursday night at the PISD Board of Trustees meeting.

"We took a look at this town and we knew this is something we might want to do. I've talked to a ton of people that have lived here and everybody has great things to say about Pampa," Poynor said. "Our plan is to win a lot of football games and have a lot of success for members of this community."

Poynor, a native to Portales, N.M., comes to Pampa with experience calling plays on both sides of the ball. He started his coaching career as the offensive coordinator in Portales, then went to Muleshoe where he was a defensive coordinator. His heart is on offense, however, calling offensive plays for Roosevelt High School, where he ran the spread/air-raid offense that he will

be bringing to Pampa.

"I think we run a great offense, and I think we got a great plan on defense," Poynor said.
"We plan to win and we plan to win a

lot. We had a quarterback who threw for 2,600 yards and at the same time we had a running back who ran for 1,500 yards in a 10-game schedule. We really feel good about out offense."

Poynor will be taking over a program that want 1.10 lest year making that

Poynor will be taking over a program that went 1-10 last year, making the playoffs despite of their one-win season. Walking into the athletic department across Randy Matson Avenue, it

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# Primary elections on March 4

Everything you need to know to vote in election.

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Primary elections for both the Republican and Democratic parties in will be held in Gray County on Tuesday, March 4.

Though voters in Texas do not have to declare a party affiliation when they register, they can only vote in one party's primary.

Early voting for both parties will be held Feb. 18-28 in the non-jury courtroom at the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If voters enter the courthouse through the north door, the courtroom is the second door on the right. Voters need to tell the poll workers which primary they are voting in, and the proper ballot will come up on the voting equipment. Voters must present a Texas driver's license, an ID card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety or another form of acceptable photo ID. For a complete list, visit http://votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/need-id/. Also in Texas, a resident is required to register to vote 30 days prior to an election.

The last day to request a ballot for the March 4 primary by mail is Feb. 21. You must submit a written application that must be signed and received by the Gray County Elections Office

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## Cornerstone Baptist Church to show 'Unstoppable'

SUBMITTED

Cornerstone Baptist Church will be showing a new Kirk Cameron film, called "Unstoppable," at 7 p.m. today and tomorrow,

Jan. 24-25 at the church, located at 2410 W. 23rd Ave. "Unstoppable" seeks to answer the question, "Where is God in the midst of tragedy and suffering?"

The movie is free and

The movie is free and everyone is invited.
The Cornerstone youth

will have a concession booth to raise money for summer camp and other activities.

To reserve space for a group, call 806-669-509.

## **AFTER-SCHOOL CRASH**



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Not long after school got out Wednesday, a red 1984 Corvette crashed into the metal fence at the Fairview Cemetery across the street from Pampa High School. The two boys in the car, ages 16 and 15, were uninjured. Around 3:40 p.m., the Corvette turned left from Randy Matson Avenue to head north on North Duncan Street, according to the Pampa Police Department. The 16-year-old driver failed to control his speed and crashed into the fence, the report stated. The Pampa Fire Department also responded to the scene and waited until a tow truck arrived to remove the vehicle.

## Texas school finance trial enters phase two

## PISD among plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

By Morgan Smith The Texas Tribune

After a trial that lasted more than three months, Judge John Dietz ruled

in February that the state's school finance system is unconstitutional. Back in the courtroom after a 2013 legislative session in which lawmakers

legislative session in which lawmakers added money back to the state public education budget, lawyers representing nearly two-thirds of Texas school districts argued on Tuesday that the funding boost was short term, and that other changes had increased costs for schools.

The Pampa Independent School Dis-

trict is among the districts involved in the lawsuit.

"I think nearly every district in the state is involved," said Superintendent David Young.

The lawsuit arose nearly two years ago after lawmakers slashed a historic \$5.4 billion from public schools amid a state budget crunch while simultaneously raising accountability and assessment standards. Austin District Court Judge John Dietz ruled in favor of the school districts last February.

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But shortly after Dietz issued his oral ruling, the Legislature put \$3.4 billion back into public education during the 2013 legislative session. Lawmakers also approved significant changes to charter school policy, high school curriculum and graduation and testing requirements, all of which were covered in testimony during the three-month trial. After a June hearing on the mat-

ter, Dietz decided to reopen evidence

in the case, which is expected to makes

"I think nearly every district in the its way to the Texas Supreme Court.

On Tuesday, school districts rejected any suggestion that legislative changes had weakened their argument.

"The state can't dumb down its constitutional obligations and say that perhaps students aren't held to same college-ready standards as they were previously," said attorney David Hinojosa, referring to the new high school graduation standards.

But state lawyer Shelley Dahlberg said that all but a handful of districts met the state's accountability standards and that student performance remained constant even in the face of budget cuts.

The new laws passed in 2013, she said, only improved an already constitutional system.

"School districts asked for and re-

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#### Coach

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is no secret that the Pampa Harvesters have a long a storied history. Poynor knows this, and he plans to bring Pampa back to their winning way.

"It's a great job, it really is. When you talk to people to this day around the state, everybody has a lot of respect for Pampa,' Poynor said. "We like the area and the Panhandle, it's an area where we can win and have a lot of success and we are just excited to get started.

Roosevelt's 2013 campaign is not a fair representation of his team's ef-

Roosevelt went 4-6 last year, and five of the six losses were within five points or less.

to meet the students that he will be working with.



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kids is the great thing about somebody new coming in is everybody starts at zero," Poynor said. "If you



**Joynor** 

me. I am going to start evaluating them from day one and everybody gets a fresh start."

Poynor comes from a 2A (3A in 2014) school at Roosevelt, and said there is very little difference between 2A and 3A.

"I think coaching is coaching and kids are kids," he said. "We are going to have maybe a little better kids than what I had there, but the people Poynor said he is excited we're playing are going to have a little better kids than what I was playing

Poynor believes the best way to run an offseason is to get started immediately. He plans to start work on Monday.

As for his previous school, he will miss them.

"We love the people at Lubbock-Roosevelt," he said. "That was the hardest thing, to leave them."

## FOOTBALL TEAM RECOGNIZED



Photo by Charla Shults

The 2013 All District 1-3A players were recognized last night at the annual Harvesters football banquet. They are, in no particular order, Brycen McClendon, Joseph Radke, Colton Thompson, Omar Tovar, Cager Osborne, Daymon Flores, Adrian Elam, Larry Ragan, Aaron Hernandez, Tyler Hooper, Anthony Villanueva and Isidro Estrada. For more on the football banquet, turn to page 10.

#### **School**

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ceived more discretion and flexibility on every level," she said.

The hearing also provided an opportunity for the two parties that lost under Dietz's initial ruling — the Texas Charter School Association and Texans for Real Efficiency and Equity in Education, a are on beer 93," he said. taxpayer advocacy group to re-air their arguments.

money without evaluating the true costs of the system.

"We're on the sixth verse of the same song. It's the same thing repeating over and over again — 99 bottles of beer on the wall and we

Despite updates to charter policy, said Leonard During the last legislative Schwartz, a lawyer for the session, TREEE attorney charter school association, Chris Diamond said the state the state has still not adhad returned to the same dressed the inequities in failed solution of adding funding between charters and traditional districts. And though lawmakers increased the cap on the number of charter contracts the state can award, they still just "substituted one arbitrary number for another.'

Dietz made few comments from the bench on Tuesday morning, but he did shut down an attempt by the state to exclude 2013 standardized testing results from consideration in the second phase of the trial.

Dahlberg argued that it was outside the scope of the new hearing.

Pampa News editor Timothy P. Howsare contributed to this story.

#### **Elections**

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by Feb. 21. To request an Accounts application, call 806-669-8068.

On March 4, polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Election day precinct locations for both parties are below:

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Library 111 N. Houston St., Pam-

3. Grandview Hopkins

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(McLean branch) 302 N. Main St., McLean 5. First Christian

Church 1633 N. Nelson St., Pam-

6. Zion Lutheran Church

1200 N. Duncan St., Pampa 7. M.K. Brown Memo-

rial Auditorium 1000 N. Sumner, Pampa

Below are the Democratic candidates who will be on the primary ballot. The candidates are only for

state and national offices. U.S. senator

 Kesha Roger, Harry Kim, David M. Alameel, Maxey Marie Scherr and Michael "Fjet" Fjetland.

U.S. representative, District 13

• Mike Menter. Governor

Wendy Davis and Rey-

naldo "Ray" Madrigal.

Lieutenant governor

• Leticia Van de Putte. Attorney general

Sam Houston.

Comptroller of Public

• Mike Collier. Commissioner of the

**General Land Office** John Cook.

Commissioner of Agriculture

• Richard "Kinky" Fried-III and Jim Hogan.

Railroad commission Steve Brown and Dale

**Chief justice, Supreme** 

Court

 William Moody. Justice, Supreme Court,

 Lawrence Edward Mey-**Justice, Supreme** 

Court, Place 7 Gina Venavides.

Judge, Court of Crimi-

nal Appeals, Place 3 John Granberg.

Along with the above **District** 13 candidates, Democrats can for or against the following issues to be on the party's

platform.

**Immigration reform** • The U.S. Congress must pass immigration reform, including an earned path to citizenship for those individuals contributing to the economy and the depen-

dents of those individuals.

A living wage for all **Texans** Congress should pass leg-

islation raising the federal minimum wage to at least 110 percent of the federal poverty level for a family of four without exception. **Medicare expansion** 

•The governor and Texas P. Bush. Legislature should except federal funds as provided in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 for the expansion of Medicaid to provide coverage to millions of uninsured and underinsured Texans.

Non-discrimination legislation

•The Congress and the Texas Legislature should man, Hugh Asa Fitzsimons adopt legislation that expands protections against discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based upon sexual orientation or gender identity.

Below are the Republican Court, Place 8 Place 6 — unexpired term candidates who will be on the primary ballot.

U.S. senator

• Chris Mapp, Curt Cleaver, Dwayne Stovall, John Cornyn, Ken Cope, Linda Vega, Reid Reasor, Steve Stockman.

U.S. representative,

Mac Elaine Havs. vote on whether they are Thornberry and Pam Bar-

Governor Greg Abbott, Lisa Fritsch, Miriam Martinez and

SECEDE Kilgore.

Lieutenant governor Dan Patrick, David Dewhurst, Jerry Patterson and District 88

Attorney general

Todd Staples.

Branch and Ken Paxton. Comptroller of Public

Accounts • Debra Medina, Glenn Hegar, Harvey Hilderbran

and Raul Torres. Commissioner of General Land Office • David Watts and George

Commissioner of Agri-

culture · Eric Opiela, J Allen Carnes, Joe Cotten, Sid Miller and Tommy Merritt.

Railroad commissioner • Becky Berger, Malachi Boyuls, Ryan Sitton and Wayne Christian.

Chief justice, Supreme Court Nathan Hecht and Rob-

ert Talton. Justice, Supreme Court,

Place 6 — unexpired term • Jeff Bron and Joe Pool. Justice, Supreme Court, party's platform.

Place 7 · Jeff Boyd.

Justice, Supreme

• Phil Johnson and Sharon McCally.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3 · Barbara Walther and

Bert Richardson. • Judge, Court of Crimi-

nal Appeals, Place 4

• Jani Jo Wood, Kevin Patrick Yeary and Richard

Dean Davis. Judge, Court of Crimi-

nal Appeals, Place 9 David Newell and W.C. "Bud" Kirkendall

 Kel Seliger and Mike State representative,

State senate, District 31

· Ken King.

Chief justice, 7th Court • Barry Smitherman, Dan of Appeals District Brian Quinn.

Chief justice, 31st Judicial District · Steven R. Emmert.

District judge, 223rd Judicial District Phil N. Vanderpool.

• Richard D. Peet

County judge

District clerk Jo Mays.

**County clerk** 

• Susan Winborne. **County treasurer** 

· Scott B. Hahn. Justice of the peace,

Precincts 1 and 3 • Joe Patrick Martinez.

County chairman for **Republican Party** • Doug Ware.

Along with the above candidates, Republicans can vote on whether they are for or against the following issues to be on the

Religious freedom Texas should be free to

express their religious beliefs, including prayer, in public places. **Second Amendment** 

Texas should support

Second Amendment liberties by expanding locations where concealed handgun license holders may legally carry. Franchise tax

· Texas should abolish state franchise tax,

also known as the margins tax, to encourage business growth. Welfare reform Texas recipients of

taxpayer-funded public as-

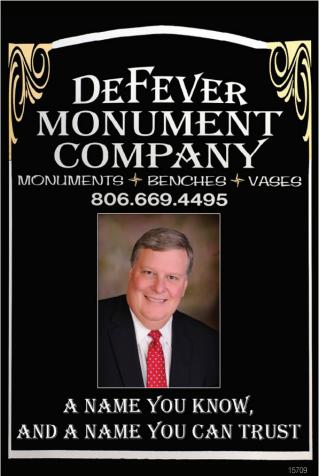
sistance should be subject to random drug testing as a condition of receiving benefits. No lawmaker exceptions

All elected officials and

their staff should be sub-

ject to the same laws, rules, regulations and ordinances as their constituents.

The Affordable Care Act · Also known as "Obamacare," should be repealed.







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Saturday: Sunny with a high of 62. Winds northwest at 9 mph. Sunrise at 7:49 a.m.

west at 8 mph. Sunset at 6:04 p.m. **Sunday:** Sunny and windy with a high of 61.

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## **Obituaries**

#### **Betty Zane Kitchens**

Betty Zane Kitchens, 70, died Jan. 22, 2014 in Pampa. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2014 at pa. Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Brian



**Betty Zane Kitchens** 

Thomas of Harvest Bible Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Kitchens was born June 21, a lifelong resident of Pampa. Betty was a sitter for the elderly for about 30 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She enjoyed gaming. Betty loved the Christmas holidays, and loved being with her family. She was preceded in death by a son, Darryl Doyle in 2002, her parents, Sam and

Floy Morgan, one brother and two sisters.

Survivors include three sons, Sammy Doyle, Mark Doyle and Tony Doyle, all of Pampa; four daughters, Veronica Kitchens, Shauna Epperson, Erika Doyle and Amber Floyd, all of Pampa; a sister, Katy Roe of Pampa, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-what-

#### Michael Leroy Thompson

Michael Leroy Thompson, 49, of Elk City, Okla. was born on March 20, 1964 in Memphis, Texas. He was the son of Luther Owen and Arlene Lorraine (Pullum) Thompson. Michael passed away on Jan. 21, 2014 in Amarillo. He graduated from Canadian High School class of 1982

and played football during his high school years. Michael enjoyed watching Oklahoma University football and Thunder basketball as well as going to the lake but, above all he loved spending time with his family, his BTI family, friends and his dog, Boomer. Funeral Services will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 25,

2014 at the Martin-Dugger Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. The Mike Martin will officiate and assisted by Bobby Cooper. Interment will be at 2 p.m. at Plymouth Cemetery in Samnorwood. Services are under the direction of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, Okla..

Family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. today at the Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City.

Michael is survived by his mother, Arlene Thompson of Shamrock; two daughters, Lacie Marie Franks and her husband, Joe of Shamrock, Michaela Shea Thompson of Leedey, Okla.; one son, Ty Thompson of Elk City, Okla.; two brothers, Larry Thompson and his wife, Marie of Pampa, Gary Lynn Thompson and his wife, Sue of Reydon, Okla.; special uncles, LeRoy Pullum and his wife, Mary, Sammy Pullum and his wife, Jeanne both of Amarillo; numerous other uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father, Luther Owen Thompson; one sister; Michelle Thompson; his maternal and paternal grandparents.

in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home, P.O. Box 707, Elk

#### Morris Andrew Morgan

Morris Andrew Morgan, 79, died Jan. 22, 2014 in Pam-

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 in Jericho Cemetery in Donley County, with Dr. J. Thomas Lapacka, Lutheran minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Morgan was born May 4, 1934 in Kelton. He was 1943 in Eunice, N.M. She had been a lifelong resident of the Pampa area, graduating from Pampa High School in 1952. He was employed by the Pampa News as a composition room foreman, retiring in 1993. Morris married Marlene Schaffer on March 5, 1961 in Groom. He was active in the upkeep of Jericho Cemetery. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving

Survivors include his wife Marlene Morgan of the home; a sister, Ada Jean of Huntsville, Mo.; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Jericho Cemetery Association, 1933 Lynn, Pampa, Texas 79065.

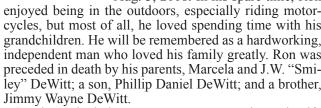
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#### Ron DeWitt, Sr.

Ron DeWitt, Sr., 63, died Jan. 22, 2014 in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Donald Hill of The River Ministries of Canadi-

> an, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. DeWitt was born Feb. 26, 1950 in Wheeler. As a young boy, his family moved to Pampa where he at-

> tended school, and graduated from Pampa High School in 1969. Shortly after graduation, he went to work for the family business, retiring in 2008. He married Rosie Velasquez, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 3, 2008. In his spare time, Ron



Survivors include two sons, Ron DeWitt and wife Jamie of Perryton, and Billy DeWitt and wife Kara of Amarillo; five brothers, Mike DeWitt and wife Shirlon of Whitesboro, Calvin DeWitt and wife Diane of Clovis, N.M., J.W. DeWitt and wife Beth of Perryton, and Tim DeWitt and Thom DeWitt, both of Paris; six sisters, Virginia DeWitt of Carrollton, Kathy Reyes of Lantana, Venita Morehead and husband Bill of Canadian, Dorothy Morgan and husband Dan of Fort Worth, Karen Rodgers and husband Brian of Cedar Park, and Vickie Lauer and husband Chris of Corinth; six grandchildren; Marcos, Camron, Erika, Austin, Mason and Jasper.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice or Olivia's Angels, c/o The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Foundation, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

### Michigan seeks visas to lure immigrants to Detroit

DeWitt, Sr.

DETROIT (AP) —



gan Gov. Rick Snyder an- ask the Obama administra- owned manufacturing and in bankrupt Detroit.

> The Republican governor said he is seeking 50,000 work visas solely for the city over five years. The type of visas involved are not currently allocated by region or state, but rather go to legal immigrants who have advanced degrees or show exceptional ability in certain fields.

Under the governor's unique proposal, one-quarter of the nation's 40,000 annual EB-2 visas would be designated for such immigrants willing to live and work for five years in Detroit — a city amid the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history whose neighborhoods have been hollowed out by a long population decline.

"Let's send a message to the entire world: Detroit, Michigan, is open to the world," Snyder said during his news conference, which came a day after he backed plans to commit as much as \$350 million in state funds to funds and prevent the sale of valuable city-owned art.

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tion to set aside thousands of construction company in work visas to entice talented Detroit whose founder is the immigrants to live and work grandson of Mexican immigrants. Mayor Mike Duggan, city council members and other community leaders at-

> In an interview Wednesday, the governor told The Associated Press that the proposal would require no federal financial bailout.

"This involves working with immigration rules and visa limits," he said. "Here's a non-cash way to significantly accelerate the comeback of Detroit. Why wouldn't this be a great thing?"

Snyder spokeswoman Sara Wurfel said his administration plans to submit the 'groundbreaking" request to the federal government this week if possible.

Snyder has routinely touted immigration as an economic driver, citing statistics that immigrant entrepreneurs start many small businesses and file patents at twice the rate of U.S.-born citizens. His office says immigrants created nearly one-third of the hightech businesses in Michigan help shore up Detroit pension in the last decade, third in the nation.

The governor specifically Snyder unveiled the immi- is trying to find flexibility in gration plan at the offices of a waiver that allows foreign

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nounced a plan Thursday to the IDEAL Group, a family- workers with a master's degree or higher — or who exceptional demonstrate skills in science, business or to come to the U.S. if it is in the "national interest." The waiver is available if an applicant does not have a job or if a prospective employer cannot show that there are no qualified U.S. citizens to fill

> the position. Snyder wants to broaden the definition of national interest to apply it to the geographic area of downtrodden Detroit, likening the concept to one already in place where foreign-born physicians can get a green card after working in an underserved area for

> Under the plan, Detroit would be allocated 5,000 visas in the first year, 10,000 each of the next three years and 15,000 in the fifth year.

Snyder is especially keen on keeping foreign students in Michigan who have advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering or

"A lot of those folks come get their degrees, we give them a world-class education and we tell them to get out," he said.

In his annual State of the State address last week, he announced a plan to join two other states in putting immigration services under a special office and a separate initiative to make Michigan the second state to run a regional EB-5 visa program to attract immigrant investors for development projects. Business leaders and others

applauded the effort despite some criticism from a leading Democrat who said Snyder should focus on educating in-state residents rather than importing degree holders.



## Viewpoints

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The Hill, the newspaper happens, we can adjust, that covers Congress, says this year there will

be a major

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**STOSSEL** 

Why? We already waste billions on pointless gestures that make

people think we're addressing global warming, but the earth doesn't notice or care.

What exactly is "global warming" anyway? That's really four questions:

1. Is the globe warming? Probably. Global temperatures have risen. Climate changes. Always has. Always will.

2. Is the warming caused by man? Maybe. There's decent evidence that at least some of it is.

3. But is global warming a crisis? Far from it. It's possible that it will become a crisis. Some computer models suggest big problems, but the models aren't very accurate. Some turned out to breathe. CO2 may prove be utterly wrong. Clueless to be a problem, but we scaremongers like Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Cal., seize on weather disasters to blame man's carbon output. After Oklahoma's tragic tornadoes last year, Boxer stood on the floor of the Senate and shrieked, "Carbon could cost us the planet!" But there were actually fewer tornadoes last summer.

4. If the globe is warming, can America do anything about it? No. What we do now is pointless. I feel righteous riding my bike to work. That's just shallow. Even if all Americans replaced cars with bicycles, switched to fluorescent light bulbs, got solar water heaters, etc., it would have no discernible effect on the climate. China builds a new coal-fueled power plant almost every week; each one obliterates any carbon reduction from all our windmills and solar

Weirdly, the only thing that's reduced America's carbon output has been our increased use of natural gas (it releases less greenhouse gas than oil and coal). But many environmentalists fight the fracking that produces

Someday, we'll probably invent technology that could reduce man's greenhouse gas creation, but we're nowhere close to it now. Rather than punish poor people with higher taxes on carbon and award ludicrous subsidies to Al Gore's "green" investments, we

should wait for the science to advance. If serious warming

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## Best solution for chronic poverty is to buy everyone a pair of boots

Over the past few weeks my Sunday school group has been exploring Rick Warren's series of videos



**BALTODANO** 

"What on Earth Am I Here For?" and I thought about it some more over the past few days since Martin Luther King's Day.

I promise that I am not going to play 'spoiler" here but I find that Warren's central message ("YOU were MADE

line with Dr. King's work; namely, that is the duty of anyone who calls him or herself a Christian to help the poor and the disposed. In other words, to know God is to

by God to serve on a mission!") is in

practice justice for the poor. Warren may not agree with me on

this but I think that, if we are to take

his thesis seriously, then what we are lost not only their jobs but their talking about is a Christian reformation. At least here in the United States.

One of our best-known national myths for Americans is that anyone can pull oneself by his one's own bootstraps and make something of oneself in this country of ours. This shapes not only our personal world view but also our collective opinions of the poor and of the political institutions built to help them out of poverty, like welfare programs. "It's all right to tell a man to lift

oneself by ones own bootstraps," Dr. King said, "but it is a cruel jest to say to a bootless man that he ought to lift himself by his own bootstraps."

Those words are particularly relevant today — in a country still reeling from the market crash of 2008, where record numbers of Americans

homes, where the U.S. fell into a double-dip recession and faced downward spiraling unemployment.

Many political figures go out of their ways claiming that the poor, in effect, deserve their fate. That the poor and unemployed are lazy and don't want to work and, therefore, they should be left to fend for themselves. This is, of course, hogwash.

Christians should be concerned about poverty. In fact, it's been part of our religious DNA.

In the Bible there is a story about a day when Jesus went to the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth and addressed the congregation. The scripture passage He read was not only a deliberate choice but also a deliberate message, one that outlined His ministry on earth and should

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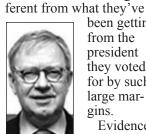
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approvingly.

Millennials unhappy with Obama's war on the young What do young Ameri-

cans want? Something dif-



**BARONE** 

been getting from the president they voted for by such large mar-

gins. Evidence comes in from various polls. Voters under

30, the millennial generation, produced numbers for Barack Obama 13 percentage points above the national average in 2008 and 9 points above in 2012.

But in recent polls, Obama approval among those under 30 has been higher than the national average by only 1 percentage point (Quinnipiac), 2 points (ABC/Washington Post) and 3 points (You-Gov/Economist).

Those differences are statistically significant. And that's politically significant, since a higher percentage of millennials than of the general population are Hispanic or black.

The reasons for Millennials' decreased approval of Obama become clear from a Harvard Institute of Politics poll of 18- to 29-year-olds conducted in November.

job approval dipping to 41 percent, down from 52 percent in April 2013 and the lowest rating in any

HIOP survey. One reason for the decline is Obamacare. Only 38 percent approved of Obamacare (39 percent approved of "the Affordable Care Act"). Only 29 percent of those who were uninsured said they would definitely or probably enroll in the health insurance

exchanges. Those results were registered five to nine weeks after the Oct. 1 healthcare. gov rollout. Tech-savvv millennials must have been astonished that government produced a website that didn't work.

They also perceived, accurately, that Obamacare health insurance would cost them a lot. The law passed by Democrats elected in large part with millennial votes was designed to have people under 30 subsidize the insurance premiums of those older, less healthy people

The old tend to have significant net worth, and the young — with credit card and student loan debt tend to owe more than they own. Evidently, the Obama Democrats think it's pro-

That poll shows Obama's gressive for the young to subsidize the working-age

> That, after all, is the essence of Social Security, whose benefits some left-wing Democrats want to increase.

But millennials, whose penchant for volunteering is admirably high, are not being simply selfish. The Harvard survey also finds that they tend to believe, by a 44- to 17-percent margin, that the quality of their Timothy Taylor notes health care will get worse under Obamacare.

That's speculation, of course. But it suggests a healthy skepticism about the ability of a government, a government that lied about whether you could keep your insurance and your doctor, and couldn't construct a workable website, to produce a system that will improve service delivery.

That skepticism may owe something to young Americans' experience with student loans. Some 57 percent of the Harvard study millennials say that student loan debt is a major problem for young people. The responses don't vary much by political party identification.

Once again, the millennials have a point. The Obama administration

did not initiate government student loans, but it continues to speak of them

Yet it's obvious that the vast sums governmentsubsidized student loans have pumped into higher education over the last three decades have been largely captured by colleges and universities and transformed into administrative bloat. Economics blogger

that if you count prices in 1982-84 as 100, the average cost of all items in the consumer price index increased to 231 in September 2012. Energy, housing and transportation all increased about that much.

But college and tuition fees increased to 706 seven times the level when the government started pumping money into higher ed. Medical care increased to more than 400.

Some things that young people buy increased much less — apparel (127), toys (53) and televisions (5, thanks to quality improvement).

But suddenly, in their early adult years, millennials find themselves socked with the inflated costs of higher education

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#### **Boots**

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serve as directions to Christians in America.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor." (Luke 4:18)

Our mission is to be there for those who have less than we do.

While the Civil Rights Movement was about

equal treatment and rights for all Americans, at the time of his assassination, Dr. King was in Memphis to organize a "Poor People's Campaign" to call attention to poverty and economic injustice in America, issues that were exacerbated by the market crash of 2007 and the recession that followed.

Following the recession, the number of homeless people in the United States increased, and the number of homeless families increased at an even greater

rate, according to a report by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. The recession, which has led to rising unemployment and declining social services, has slowed progress among the chronically poor and increased numbers of homeless, among them many families.

These facts are conveniently disregarded by the aforementioned political figures and talking heads but, as Christians, we cannot disregard them. That is, if we are willing to accept

that name. Today, we need to reded-

the consequences of using

icate ourselves to helping those who are "bootless' in our country. America, Martin Luther King once said, has "the tools to get rid of poverty. The real question is whether we have the will.'

For those of us who are Christians in America, the challenge becomes twofold:

First, we must stop projecting responsibility for poverty onto the poor.

I will be the first to admit that political scientists don't know a hell of a lot. But one of the few things we know is that there are multiple factors that make a person "bootless" and some, like a market crash, are outside of their control. Disregarding this is not only myopic but cruel.

Second, we must incorporate the transforming power of biblical faith into our worldview and become heralds of this new refor-

Rick Warren, in that

series of videos argues that we Christians were made for this. To paraphrase Martin Luther King, the big question for Christians in America today is, "Do we have the will?"

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### War

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and, thanks to Obamacare, those of older people's health care.

In the meantime, in the Obama new normal econ-

omy, they aren't finding jobs — and may be giving up on looking for them.

Labor force participation among those 55 and over has held steady since 2009. But labor force participation among those younger earnings of college gradu-

The combination of higher education and health care costs and the new normal economy amount to what analyst Walter Russell Mead calls "the war on the young."

No wonder they're has been declining, as have unhappy with the president who promised hope and change. Maybe they're in

the market for an alterna-

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## Texas executes man despite opposition from Mexico

government and the U.S. State Department to halt the punishment.

Edgar Tamayo, 46, received a lethal injection Wednesday night for the January 1994 fatal shooting of Officer Guy Gaddis, 24. Asked by a warden if he

had a final statement, he mumbled "no" and shook his head. As the lethal dose of pentobarbital began taking effect, he took a few breaths and then made one slightly audible snore before all movement stopped. He was pronounced dead 17 minutes after the drug was administered, at 9:32 p.m.

The execution, the first this year in the nation's most active death penalty state, was delayed more than three hours while the U.S. Supreme Court considered last-ditch appeals.

Tamayo never looked toward Gaddis' mother, two brothers and two other rela-

when he shot my brother in sular rights violation." the back of the head, and he died a coward," Glen Gaddis

Several dozen police officers and supporters of the slain patrolman revved their motorcycles outside the prison before witnesses were allowed into the death no witnesses of his own.

"A little bit of my shredded heart is feeling better," the officer's mother, Gayle,

the U.S. Supreme Court and

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A lower federal courts rejected cans abroad," Euclides Del earlier Wednesday but had Mexican national has been last-day appeals and Texas Moral Arbona, a director no immediate comment folexecuted in Texas for kill- officials spurned arguments in the Mexican Ministry of lowing the execution. ing a Houston police officer, that Tamayo's case was Foreign Affairs, told reportdespite pleas and diplomatic tainted because he wasn't ers outside the prison. pressure from the Mexican informed, under an intercould get legal help from the arrest in the officer's slaying.

Attorneys had also argued was mentally impaired, making him ineligible for execution, and that the state's clemency procedures were unfair.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rejected Tamayo's request for clemency on Tuesday.

"It doesn't matter where you're from," said Lucy Nashed, spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry. "If you commit a despicable crime like this in Texas, you are subject to our state laws, including a fair trial by jury and the ultimate penalty.'

Tamayo's lawyers, Sandra L. Babcock and Maurie Levin, issued a statement ruling, saying Perry and Attorney General Greg Ab- trial was to begin. bott "ignored promises they "He's a coward, just like view of Mr. Tamayo's con-

"The execution of Mr. Tamayo violates the United States' treaty commitments, threatens the nation's foreign policy interests, and undermines the safety of all Americans abroad," Babcock and Levin also said.

The Mexican governchamber. Tamayo selected ment earlier this week said it "strongly opposed" the execution.

"The issue of fundamental importance in this case is the respect for the right of ac-The execution came after cess to protection provided by our consulates to Mexi-

Gaddis, who had been national agreement, that he on the force for two years, was driving Tamayo and Mexican consulate after his another man from a robbery scene when the officer was shot three times in the unsuccessfully that Tamayo head and neck with a pistol Tamayo had concealed in his pants. The car crashed, and Tamayo fled on foot but was captured a few blocks away, still in handcuffs, carrying the robbery victim's watch and wearing the victim's necklace.

Mexican officials and Tamayo's attorneys contend he was protected under a provision of the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. Legal assistance guaranteed under that treaty could have uncovered evidence to contest the capital murder charge or provide evidence to keep Tamayo off death row, they said.

Records show the conafter the Supreme Court's sulate became involved or aware of the case just as his

tives who watched through a made to our nation's leaders Kerry previously asked Ab- by the international court in that they would ensure re- bott to delay Tamayo's pun- those inmates' cases could ishment, saying it "could be mandated only if Conimpact the way American gress implemented legislacitizens are treated in other tion to do so. That legislation countries." The State De- has not been passed. partment repeated that stance

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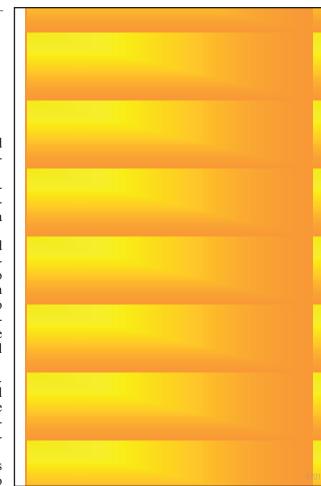
"But we're here to remind the public who the true victim is in this crime and to warn the public that John Kerry has no right to try to change the locks of the Supreme Court and turn the keys over to the international community," he said.

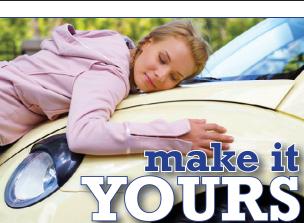
Tamayo was in the U.S. illegally and had a criminal record in California, where he had served time for robbery and was paroled, according to prison records.

At least two other inmates in circumstances similar to Tamayo's were executed in Texas in recent years.

He was among more than four dozen Mexican nationals awaiting execution in the U.S. in 2004 when the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands, ruled they hadn't been advised properly of their consular rights.

The Supreme Court subse-Secretary of State John quently said hearings urged





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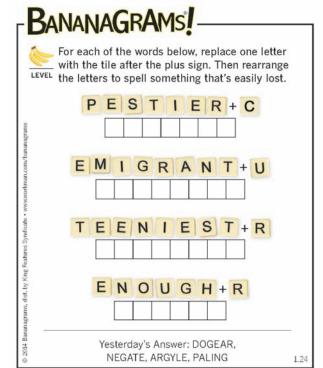
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ing what his father had first time I met her. How should we answer people when they and then speaking to the parents. But Chad still ask about how we met and fell in love? I know **CALIFORNIA** 

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question. In a case like tiny plastic bag.

yours, you could say that you met when you were both quite young without going into the specifics.

For a 21-year-old to SEE a 16-year-old girl is not against the law, as long as her parents approve and they are life together. I love her **not having sex.** The laws regarding statutory rape were enacted to prevent predators from preying on mi-

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Why do manufacturers insist on adding something to every article of clothing even if it is just a piece of thread? INQUISITIVE IN **ILLINOIS** 

**DEAR INQUISI-**TIVE: The thread is provided in case the garment needs to be rewoven in the event you get a hole in it or a tear. It's a courtesy to the customer, so stop looking a gift horse in the mouth.

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#### hasn't done it. In fact, he has yet to be around them at all. How do I get my boyfriend to speak to my parents? They are

no longer as angry as they were, but they still would like to talk to him. I spend lots of time with Chad's family, but I can't get him to even go to lunch with mine.

Dad said that if Chad doesn't clear the air with him, he may not bother showing up at our wedding! What do I do, Abby? — FIANCEE IN A FIX

**DEAR FIANCEE:** You appear to be quite young. If I were you, I would take a step backward and see this from your parents' point of view. It appears that Chad wasn't entirely honest with you when he gave his reason for not talking to them. Could he be intimi-

dated? When a daughter marries, most parents want to know something about the young man — not only where he has been, but also what are his plans for the future, including where the two of you will be living and whether he has a job. That Chad is hiding from them isn't a good sign.

When most couples become engaged, the parents of the bride and groom usually get together and start to form a relationship. If your father hasn't met your fiance, it makes it harder for your parents to reach out to his. When the in-laws are friendly, it makes for a more harmonious marriage.

As it stands, it appears Chad is not interested in having any relationship with your family. Frankly, I can't blame your father for being upset about it.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I disagree on whether to tell our kids

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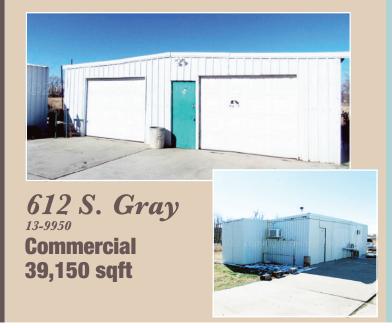
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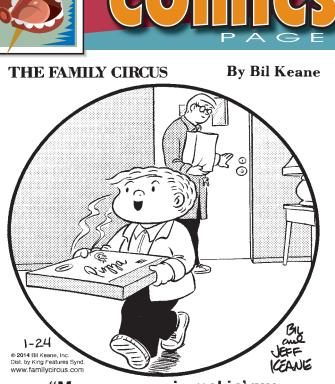


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work and/or within your community. You might even be surprised to see your leadership abilities emerge. Others enjoy the way you think. You often force them to reconsider their ideas. If you are single, a friendship will be instrumental in finding romance. This event will occur most likely after spring. If you are attached, you find your sweetie far more endearing than you have in years. Enjoy this phase -- it will last awhile. SAGITTARIUS makes a great friend.

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)

★★★ Dealing with a family member could be discouraging and/or difficult. This situation is not new; however, it does continue to cause you confusion. Let go of the issue at hand, and you might gain a new perspective as a result. Tonight: Follow the gang. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

by what occurs, but you need to stay on top of a problem. Understand that an associate closes down when he or she is upset. This person might come prised as to how the other party sees across as confusing, so ask for clarification. Tonight: Make dinner for two. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Pace yourself, and be aware of your objectives. You tend to believe that you are in total control of situations in your life. You might want to express a little more vulnerability, especially if you would like others to pitch in more often. Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

ring to someone else, as this person seems much more demanding and less willing to give in. You don't really care who does what -- you simply given a choice, go for fun. Tonight: Relax with a loved one. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

with an upset loved one, even if you change of pace will make you feel feel as if you've had enough. Take a much better and as if you have been break from your routine. Go off and on a mini-escape or holiday. Refuse enjoy a friend with whom you really to take someone's comments too sehave a great time. As a result, you will riously. Tonight: The spotlight shines feel recharged and happier. Tonight: on you. Enjoy being more childlike.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might feel as if a loved This year you take a bigger role at one has cut you off, or perhaps this person feels that way about you. Perhaps you would like to welcome some distance. You just might decide to cocoon at home and read a good book or take a nap. Tonight: Order in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be taken aback by a financial venture, and you might not be sure which way to proceed. You will need to use self-discipline once more. No one has the willpower you do when you decide to use it. Tonight: Hang out with a friend at a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might need to end a difficult situation or cut off communication with someone who has an adverse effect on you. This person likely means well, so perhaps you need thicker skin. Giving yourself some distance will help you gain perspective. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You might feel the need \*\*\* You might feel closed off to hold back. The less you discuss a problem that's on your mind, the larger it will become. If the issue is a misunderstanding, you might be surthe situation. Tonight: Ready to paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ A friend who is older or more serious might not be the best of company. In fact, you could feel as if this person is shutting down. You will notice his or her changed energy. Tonight: Be with a family member who is always upbeat.

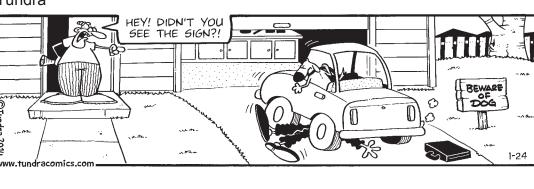
AQUARÎUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might be overserious \*\*\* You might consider defer- or too controlling. If you note others pulling away, take a personal assessment as to what is bothering you. Your smile draws many people toward you. Smile and bring back those are content to be with this person. If whom you enjoy. Tonight: Wherever you are, there is a celebration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ If you have an opportunity ★★★★ Remain stoic when dealing to go to a movie or a concert, do. The

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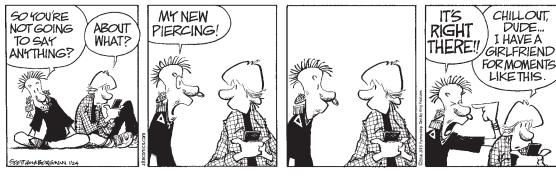
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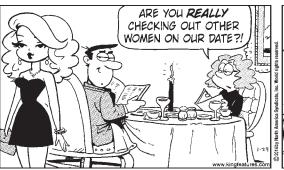
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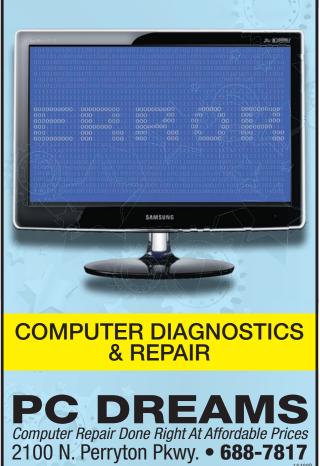
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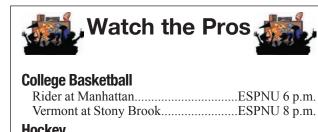
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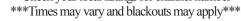
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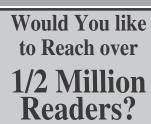
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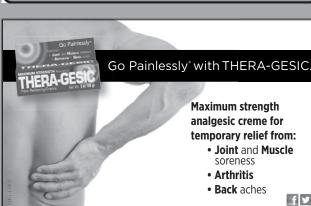
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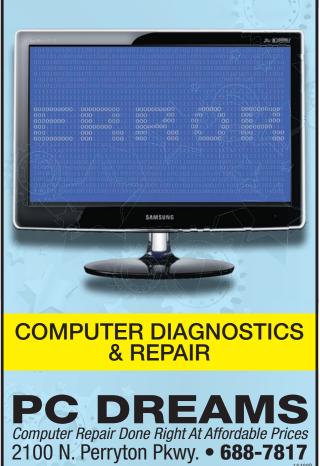
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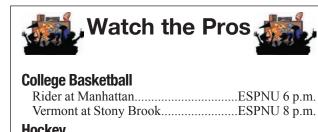
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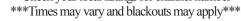
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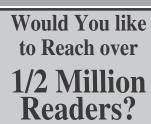
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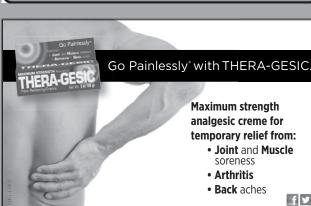
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