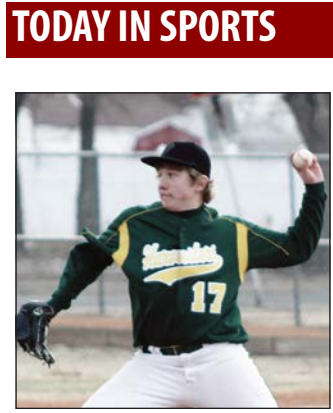


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Hit-and-run suspect still sought

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Authorities are continuing to seek Jesus Barrueta-Dominguez, who in October caused a major vehicle accident at South Cuyler Street and U.S. Highway 60 and then fled the scene before officers arrived.

A woman and two children were hospitalized for injuries they sustained in the crash. One of the children was transferred via LifeStar helicopter to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for critical injuries.

Brian Massey, Pampa Police Department officer and Gray County Crime Stoppers coordinator, said the boy survived and is reportedly doing fine.

However, Massey said he wants to bring attention to the public that Barrueta-Dominguez is still at-large and has been placed back on the "Fugitive of the Week" list.

"This guy needs to be held accountable for his actions and we are continuing to seek information about his whereabouts," Massey said.

"We are unsure of why he fled," Massey said in October. "There were no indications at the scene that alcohol was involved, no warrants for his arrest nor any signs of illegal activity were discovered at the crash scene."

Barrueta-Dominguez, 35, is a Hispanic male with black hair and brown eyes. He is wanted for failing to stop and render aid resulting in serious bodily injury.

Anyone with information regarding Barrueta-Dominguez's whereabouts should contact the PPD at 806-669-5700 or Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222.

A \$200 reward is being offered for information that leads to his arrest.



Jesus Barrueta-Dominguez

PPD LOOKING FOR TUMBLEWEED SWEEPSTAKES BANDITS



Submitted photos

Crime Stoppers needs your help in identifying the person or persons involved in the forced entry and burglary of Tumbleweed Sweepstakes located at 112 E. Brown Ave. On Feb. 22, at approximately 4:30 a.m., an unknown suspect forced entry into the business. The suspect stole the store's safe containing an undisclosed amount of cash. If you have any information regarding this crime, or know the identity of those responsible, call Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222, visit www.pgctips.com or text "pampa" along with your tip to 274637. A cash reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest or filing of criminal charges against the individual or individuals responsible for this offense.

Nelson murder case now in hands of DA

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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The Pampa Police Department on Jan. 9 completed its investigation of a fatal shooting on Dec. 28 and has forwarded its findings to the Gray County District Attorney.

The suspect, Eddie Graham, 28, of Pampa, was charged with murder.

At approximately 4:20 a.m., the Pampa Police Department received a 911 call on a subject who had been shot inside a residence in the 300 block of North Faulkner Street.

Officers arrived and found Nicholas Nelson, 28, of Pampa, at the residence with a single gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead at the scene, according to PPD. Graham was still on scene and was taken into custody.

Graham was questioned by detectives and later booked into the Gray County Jail on a murder charge stemming from the incident.

He is still being held at the jail with bond set at \$250,000. A jail booking report shows that Graham has 24 outstanding Class C warrants and three other warrants for failure to pay fees prior to his murder arrest.

The case is now pending with the DA's office.



Eddie Graham

City Commission approves replat requests

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa City Commission met at 4 p.m. Tuesday and approved two requests to replat subdivisions within the city limits.

Jim Davidson, broker/owner of Century 21 Pampa Realty, requested to replat Block 7 of the Country Club Heights, a small subdivision on Harvester Avenue across from the Pampa County Club.

Open Range Development wanted approval to replat Edwin Park Subdivision, which is located on the grounds of the former Pampa Middle School. This replat will take the designated area from five to six lots and from 20 to 29 residential lots. The original plan to have a cul-de-sac at the end of the community was revised and instead, 24th Street will be paved through the development.

The original plan also stated that the housing in the

area would be town homes, whereas now it has shifted to garden homes with rear-entry access and an alley running through the back as well to decrease congestion.

The Commission also approved the first reading of an ordinance granting to Southwestern Public Service Co., dba Excel Energy, the right, privilege and franchise to conduct electrical lighting and power business within Pampa.

Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes, along with a group of local RC racers, approached the court with the idea of using the old city pool on Kentucky for a new race track for the sport. There will be an official reading at the next meeting for the Commissioners to consider the proposal, and if it is approved, the group will maintain the land and build the track once the pool is filled. They will also have access to the building and bathrooms on

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Gray County Commissioners to meet

STAFF REPORT

The Gray County Court of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Friday with an agenda that is mostly routine county business.

The Commissioners will consider and possibly take action on:

- Paying bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor.
- Bonds of the Elections Administrator.
- Renewing a contract with West-law.

- A tax bid of \$2,180 by George and Maxine Crawford for 418 Waldron, City of McLean.
- A tax bid of \$880 by Mark Tate for Lot 20, Block 81 and 82, Original Town McLean.
- A request from the County Clerk to replace a part-time employee.
- A request from District Clerk to replace a part-time employee.
- Paving County Road J from intersection with Farm to Market 2300 and west three quarters of a mile.

- Recognizing the County Clerk's continuing education.
- Recognizing the District Clerk's continuing education.
- Recognizing the County Court Coordinator's continuing education.
- A hospital network for its employees.

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Pampa Fire Department call log — Feb. 21-26

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

Feb. 21
• At 6:36 p.m., to an odor investigation in the 2700 block of Navajo.
• At 8:01 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1800 block of Evergreen.

Feb. 22

• At 11:16 a.m., to a lift assist in the 100 block of North West street.
• At 12:14 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1000 block of Prairie.
• At 1:08 p.m., to a medical assist in the 400 block of Graham.
• At 7:44 p.m., to a medical assist in the 300 block of Frederick.
• At 9:54 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1200 block of East Francis.

Feb. 23

• At 11:04 a.m., three units and eight personnel to a structure fire in the 600 block of East Foster. A shed, est. damage \$2,500, no injuries reported.
• At 2:53 p.m., two units and seven personnel to a good intent call in the 900 block of East Browning.
• At 9:25 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a hazmat spill in the intersection of Somerville and Sumner.

• At 10:43 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 400 block of Graham.
Feb. 24
• At 4:49 a.m. to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 70 and Highway 171. No injuries reported.
• At 6:31 a.m., one unit and four personnel to an investigation in the 1200 block of south Finley.
• At 1:06 p.m., to a carbon monoxide investiga-

tion in the 2300 block of Mary Ellen.
• At 3:45 p.m., to a medical call in the 100 block of North Nelson.
• At 9:15 p.m., three units and eight personnel to a grass fire in the 2700 block of North Hobart.
Feb. 25
• At 10:23 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1500 block of North Banks.
• At 1:26 p.m., one unit and two personnel to a hazmat call at the inter-

section of Frederic and Barnes.
• At 2:55 p.m., four units and nine personnel to a fire alarm activation in the 2500 block of Per-ryton Parkway.
• At 6:52 p.m., to an unauthorized burn in the 1400 block of Evergreen.
Feb. 26
• At 2:04 a.m., two units and eight personnel to an electrical short in the 1200 block of Duncan.

Amarillo struggles to handle influx of refugees

CORRIE MACLAGGAN
The Texas Tribune

For the last five years, Titus Pa Thawng has lived thousands of miles from his native Myanmar in Amarillo, where he is a Christian pastor for a congregation of fellow refugees. "God has sent us here," said Thawng, 45, a married father of three daughters. More international refugees were resettled in Texas in 2012 than in any other state, according to the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement. And one of the leading destinations is Amarillo, where members of Thawng's church

and other newcomers from places like Myanmar and Iraq often work in meat-packing plants. Now local officials are worried that Amarillo's refugee population is straining the Panhandle city's ability to respond to 911 callers who speak numerous languages and to help school-children learn English and adapt to a new culture. "We've raised some red flags and said this isn't good for some entities in the city or for the refugees themselves," said Mayor Paul Harpole. Amarillo, the state's 14th largest city, with 195,000 residents, receives a higher

ratio of new refugees to the existing population than any other Texas city, according to 2007-12 State Department data from U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon. And the only Texas cities that receive a larger number of refugees than Amarillo (which received 480 in 2012) are also the state's largest: Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin and San Antonio. But those numbers show only a refugee's initial placement and do not account for secondary migration, Thornberry said. Many refugees who initially settle elsewhere relocate to Amarillo for jobs or to

join family members. The State Department decides how many refugees are resettled in an area, and states review those recommendations. Last fall, the department, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and refugee placement organizations agreed that for 2014, placements in Amarillo should be limited to family reunifications, said Stephanie Goodman, a spokeswoman for the commission. "We cannot keep going at the rate we've been going," Thornberry said. For Thuraya Lohony, who came to Texas seeking

political asylum from Iraq, learning she was going to Amarillo came as a shock. She had never heard of the city. "It's totally different from my country," she said. "We have mountains, rivers and hills, and it's green. But when we came, we found everything was just plains." Even so, she soon considered Amarillo her home, and 17 years later, she's still there. She is now interim director of refugee resettlement at Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle, which helps people who have fled war and persecution find homes and

jobs. Many find work at area meatpacking plants, which often pay \$14 an hour, Lohony said. But Harpole said demand for workers at the plants was declining. "We just think it's going to be more difficult for the refugees to do well here," he said. For schools, challenges include educating students who sometimes cannot read in English or in their native language, Thornberry said. "You look at the burden you're placing on the school system not only to meet the testing requirements but to help integrate these kids into modern American life," he said.

U.S. Federal judge strikes down Texas gay marriage ban

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge declared Texas' ban on gay marriage unconstitutional Wednesday, but left it in place until an appeals court can rule on the case. Judge Orlando Garcia issued the preliminary injunction after two gay couples challenged

a state constitutional amendment and a long-standing law. He said the couples are likely to win their case and the ban should be lifted, but said he would give the state time to appeal to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals before doing so. "Without a rational

relation to a legitimate governmental purpose, state-imposed inequality can find no refuge in our United States Constitution," Garcia wrote. "These Texas laws deny plaintiffs access to the institution of marriage and its numerous rights, privileges, and responsibil-

ities for the sole reason that Plaintiffs wish to be married to a person of the same sex." The ruling is the latest in a series of victories for gay rights activists following similar decisions in Utah, Oklahoma and Virginia. But this was the first time a court in the con-

servative 5th Circuit has reached such a decision. Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott was expected to file an expedited appeal.

ers Chris Porter and John Studebaker can partake in the discussion. The Commission meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill Ave.

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the property. The local racers currently have to travel

to Amarillo or Lubbock to compete, and there are typically about 130 racers total at each event. The Commissioners voted to put the scheduled executive session on hold so that absent commission-

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF BANKING NOTICE OF PENDING SALE OF FIRST STATE BANK OF MIAMI, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that First State Bank of Miami, Texas, a Texas state non-member bank with its principal office at 100 South Main Street, Miami, Texas 79059, has entered into a Purchase and Assumption Agreement, dated December 23, 2013, whereby AimBank, a Texas state non-member bank with its principal office located in Littlefield, Texas, will acquire substantially all of the assets, including all safe deposit contracts and leases, and assume substantially all of the liabilities, including all customer deposit liabilities, associated with First State Bank of Miami, Texas's offices located at the following addresses:

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There will be no interruption in service to the loan and deposit accounts of current First State Bank of Miami, Texas customers as a result of the proposed purchase and assumption transaction. Likewise, there will also be no lapse or interruption in FDIC deposit insurance coverage to First State Bank of Miami, Texas deposit accounts resulting from the proposed transaction. Upon completion of the proposed transaction, AimBank will operate branch offices at the former office locations of First State Bank of Miami, Texas.

First State Bank of Miami, Texas has filed an application with the Texas Department of Banking on or about January 13, 2014, for permission to voluntarily dissolve and liquidate following consummation of the proposed purchase and assumption transaction. If such dissolution and liquidation is approved and completed, Miami Bancshares, Inc., the registered bank holding company and sole shareholder of First State Bank of Miami, Texas, would receive the remaining assets of First State Bank of Miami, Texas. Miami Bancshares, Inc. would subsequently dissolve and liquidate and, after paying its remaining liabilities and expenses, would distribute its remaining assets to its shareholders based on their respective ownership interests.

In connection with the purchase and assumption transaction, certain liabilities known to First State Bank of Miami, Texas, including all deposit liabilities, will be assumed by AimBank. To the extent you have a claim or potential claim that you believe may not be known to First State Bank of Miami, Texas, or if you have a question as to whether your claim will be assumed by AimBank, please contact David Locke, Chairman of the Board of First State Bank of Miami, Texas, at (806) 868-2771. Any creditors of First State Bank of Miami, Texas holding liabilities that will not be assumed by AimBank as a result of the purchase and assumption transaction must present their claims to First State Bank of Miami, Texas for payment on or before March 20, 2014.

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Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 30. Winds east-southeast at 10 mph. Sunset at 6:38 p.m.

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Obituaries

Jorge Alberto Avalos Granados

Jorge Alberto Avalos Granados, 23, died Feb. 25, 2014 in Roberts County.



Jorge Granados

Vigil services will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014 at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, and mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating. Cremation will follow under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Jorge was born Nov. 8, 1990 in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past five years. He married Berenice Romo on Sept. 22, 2012 in Pampa. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Jorge was a floor hand for Trinidad Drilling Co.

Survivors include his wife, Berenice Avalos of the home; a son, Fernando Avalos of the home; his parents, Adalberto and Fabiola Avalos of Pampa, two sisters, Alejandra Avalos and Sophi Avalos, both of Pampa; his grandparents, Angel Rafael Granados, Fabiola Calderon, and Evangelina Lucero, all of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

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

Alta Mae Novotny

Alta Mae Novotny, 100, died Feb. 23, 2014 in Borger. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014 at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. C.W. Parker, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.



Alta Mae Novotny

Mrs. Novotny was born April 2, 1913 in Freemont, Mo. to John and Mary Smith. She met and married the love of her life, Adolph Novotny, in 1947. He preceded her in death in 2003. She worked at several jobs over the years, including working as a nurse's assistant at St. Anthony's Hospital in Great Bend, Kansas for over seven years. She was also preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters.

Survivors included numerous nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014.

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

Teresa Anne Lyles

Teresa Anne Lyles, 54, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Granny's Restaurant with Rev. Jim Sinyard, pastor of the Carpenter's Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.



Teresa Anne Lyles

Miss Lyles was born Aug. 8, 1959 in Pampa and had been a lifelong resident here. She spent several years at the Pampa Sheltered Workshop (Panhandle Dayhab) where she had many friends that she loved very much. Teresa never met a stranger. One of her favorite things was giving and getting hugs. She will be greatly missed because she was our very own "Angel on Earth." Teresa was preceded in death by her parents, Billy Roy and Imogene Lyles, and by two sisters, Terry Anderson and Sherry Cohee.

Survivors include her mother, Helen Willingham of the home, her uncle and aunt, Charles and Mona Smith of Pampa; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and all her wonderful friends at Granny's Restaurant.

Memorials may be made to Panhandle Center Dayhab, P. O. Box 2808, Pampa, TX 79066-2808 or a favorite charity.

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

Alice May Appleton

Alice May Appleton, 72, died Feb. 25, 2014 in Amarillo.



Alice May Appleton

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Highland Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Nachtigall officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Appleton was born Oct. 8, 1941 in Phoenix, Ariz., to Glenn and Elwanda Sturgill Honeycutt. She was a lifelong resident of Pampa. Alice was preceded in death by a daughter, Monica Appleton; and two brothers, Buster Newman and Wendell Honeycutt.

Survivors include two sons, Donny Brown and wife Connie, and Billy Brown and wife Trinnia, all of Pampa; a daughter, Wanda Kreider and husband Pete of Pampa; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Bonnie Cross and husband Maurice of Pampa, LaFonda Darnall and husband Jim of Colorado Springs, Glenda Albus of Dallas, and Sandy Pendergrass and husband Billy of Colbert, Okla.; and three brothers, Dan Honeycutt of Elk City, Okla.; Michael Honeycutt and wife LaDonna of Pampa, and Terry Honeycutt of Midland.

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Myrtle Irene Horton

Myrtle Irene Horton, 91, died Feb. 24, 2014 in Weatherford, Okla.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Rev. Bob Hudson, pastor of Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Myrtle Irene Horton

Mrs. Horton was born Sept. 10, 1922 in Olar, S.C. She married Ray Horton on Feb. 17, 1966 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 1995. Myrtle had been a resident of Pampa since 1976, moving to Weatherford in 2008. She was a Baptist. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Margie Smith in 2009 and two brothers.

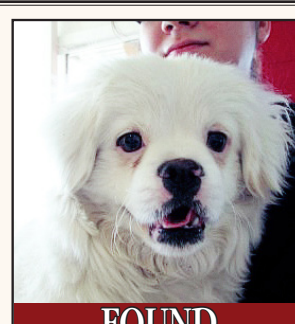
Survivors include three daughters: Ruth Johns and Lillian McDowell and husband Mac, all of Summerville, S.C., and Loretta Barnhill of Weatherford, Okla.; a son, Clarence Johns and wife Judy of Grand Rapids, Minn.; a sister, Maude Still and husband Kirby of Hilda, S.C.; 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

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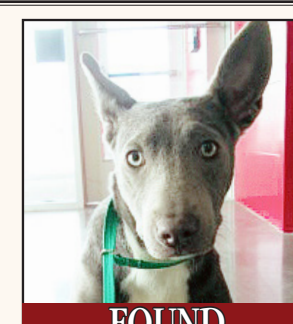
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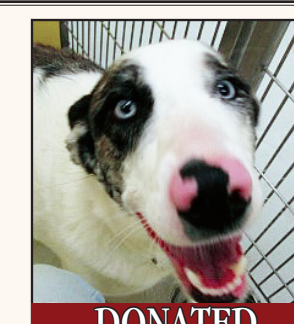
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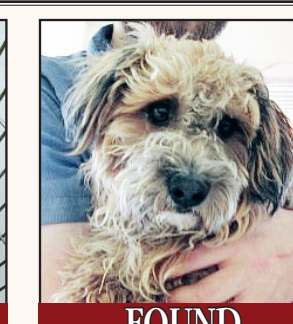
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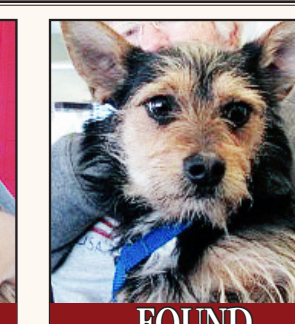
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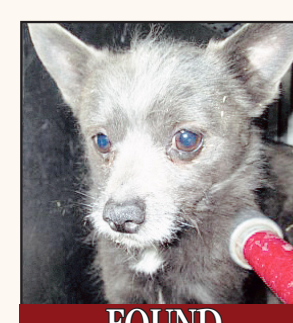
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Tales from the Final Frontier

■ My nerd pet peeves.

Every person who “represents” a category, genre, job, etc. has a list of pet peeves that they wish people within or outside of their “circles” would stop doing.



JOHN LEE

For this column I am going to talk about my nerd pet peeves — those things that people say or do that revolve around nerdy movies. Here it goes:

Calling the Queen of Dragons ‘Khaleesi’ likes it’s her name — This one is fairly simple and I think people who watch “Game of Thrones” and haven’t read the book don’t understand that Khaleesi is a term of endearment, or a title. She was the wife of Khal Drago who was king of the Dothraki, thus Khaleesi.

Yes, I understand that Ser Jorah Mormount calls her Khaleesi all the time, and I am annoyed with him too, but he is also addressing her as his queen. So what’s her real name? Daenerys Targaryen. She does have several aliases but if you’re going to refer to her to me, her name is Daenerys because that is what the book refers to her as and I have become a slight book snob.

‘Game of Thrones’ is actually ‘A Song of Ice and Fire’ — Staying in the worlds of Westeros and Essos, this is somewhat HBO’s fault. This one doesn’t bother me as much as Daenerys and Khaleesi, but it eats at me at times. “Game of Thrones” was the name of the first book in the series “A Song of Ice and Fire.” “Game of Thrones” the HBO show is based on the entire unfinished series.

It doesn’t bother me too much because even I say “I am going to read ‘Game of Thrones.’” I really mean I am going to read “A Dance With Dragons.” Maybe I would just prefer for people to be aware that the entire series is “A Song of Ice and Fire,” not “Game of Thrones.”

Darth Vader does not say ‘Luke, I am your father.’ — One of the most misquoted movie lines along with Dirty Harry’s “Do you feel lucky punk?” actually reads like this: Darth Vader: “Obi-Wan never told you what happened to your father” Luke Skywalker: “He told me enough, he told me you killed him.” Darth Vader: “No.....I am your father.” Besides the annoying hysteria the

line has seen over the years, for it to be misquoted like that is just annoying. Most of the time it’s people who have just watched Star Wars one time too.

Why can’t Link from ‘Legend of Zelda’ jump? — This drives me crazy, and it is the same mechanic that the “Assassin’s Creed” series has. Why can’t Link jump? The series is 20-plus years old and you’re going to tell me he can’t jump. In some games he has to have Roc’s feather or Roc’s cape.

Wait just a minute! He has to have an item to jump? Isn’t that what legs are for? Seriously, Link and whatever assassin you are playing as in ‘Creed needs to be able to jump without being near an edge or holding an item.

Bring Yoshi back full-time! — Let’s stop treating Yoshi like he is an item you have to pick up and is only available for one level. Mario’s green friend had full-time duty in “Super Mario World” and “Super Mario World II: Yoshi’s Island.” I don’t know if he just throws the production timing off a ton or producers are just too lazy to put him in, but people who grew up with “Super Mario World” would love to see him back full-time.

All these pet peeves are obviously just video game/nerd show related, but what are your pet peeves. Give me your Top 5 Nerdy Pet Peeves.

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Codgers freaking out

America’s most popular cable news host is upset. “Marijuana use, video games and texting (are) creating major social problems,” says Bill O’Reilly. “This is an epidemic that will lead to a weaker



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nation!”

Give me a break. Crotchety old geezers always complain about “the kids.” The Boston Globe frets about “Idle Trophy Kids.” The New York Post asks if millennials are “The Worst Generation?” Older folks (my age) complain that young people spend so much time texting each other that they can’t communicate. And because they spend hours playing violent video games, violence is up.

Bunk. It’s true that kids today play incredibly violent games like “Halo” and “Grand Theft Auto,” but as the games’ popularity increased (over the past 20 years), youth violence dropped 55 percent. In Japan, kids spend more time playing violent games, and there’s even less violence.

In 1956, The New York Times said Elvis had “no discernable singing ability.” The New York Daily News called his act “animalism that should be confined to dives and bordellos.” Even Frank Sinatra said his kind of music is “deplorable, a rancid, smelling aphrodisiac (that) fosters destructive relations in young people.”

Somehow, America survived Elvis. “Moral panics are one of our favorite things,” says Moynihan. “If there’s nothing to be panicked about, what do you write about?” Being outraged is part of the media circus.

The danger is that the outrage undermines perspective. It creates a false impression of how risky the present is, and it fuels unnecessary, freedom-killing regulations.

Old people always talk about the good old days. But the good old days were not so good. When I was young, more kids were intolerant, racist, sexist and homophobic. They had little knowledge of life beyond their neighborhoods. Today, thanks to the Web and other innovations, life is better, not worse.



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The hollow argument against higher wages

In the midst of a crucial political debate that plainly favored proponents of a higher minimum wage, the Congressional Budget Office dropped a bombshell headline this week. Increasing the minimum to \$10.10



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an hour — as demanded by President Barack Obama and Democrats on Capitol Hill — would “cost 500,000 jobs.” At a moment when employment still lags badly, this assertion was potentially devastating.

Almost lost in much of the predictable media coverage was the CBO report’s estimate that a minimum-wage increase would lift at least 900,000 workers and their families out of poverty — and boost incomes for at least 15 million more.

But as top economists have repeatedly pointed out, such damning employment numbers are fuzzy and unreliable, while the CBO poverty numbers probably underestimated the positive impact of a higher minimum.

Moreover, those 500,000-jobs-lost headlines were highly misleading, with the strong implication that more than half a million actual people would be laid off — which is wrong. In fact, the CBO number is meant to estimate the

number of jobs employers might not fill when workers leave, or the number of jobs employers might not create as quickly if they must pay a higher wage. It doesn’t mean that people will lose their current jobs, but that those people seeking low-wage jobs may have to look slightly longer to find them.

What about that nice round number of 500,000? Naturally it is rounded to the nearest hundred thousand, but more to the point is that the headlined number is simply the midpoint of an estimated range from “slight impact” or zero lost jobs on the low end to one million on the high end.

Such a million-job spread represents substantial uncertainty. Skeptics may consider the uncertainty even greater because the CBO report relied heavily on disputed assumptions by conservative economists — and diverged from the consensus of top U.S. economists, who expect that moderate increases have a vanishingly small impact on employment.

But even if 500,000 fewer jobs are created in the short run, that somewhat notional cost must be weighed against the indisputable benefit to low-wage workers. As economist Dean Baker explains:

With 25 million people projected to be in the pool of beneficiaries from a higher minimum wage, this means that we can expect affected workers to put in on average about 2 percent

fewer hours a year. However when they do work, those at the bottom will see a 39.3 percent increase in pay.

While overstating the negative effect of raising the minimum wage on jobs, the CBO study understated the positive effect on families living in poverty. Its estimate of 900,000 families lifted above the poverty line is based solely on computer simulations. But historical research into the effect of previous minimum-wage increases suggest a much more robust benefit to the working poor.

According to University of Massachusetts economist Arindrajit Dube, who has studied the effects of minimum-wage increases in recent decades, the impact on poverty is much more powerful than the CBO suggests. He quotes a study by The Hamilton Project, a centrist economic think tank based at the Brookings Institution, which suggests that as many as 35 million families will benefit from an increase to \$10.10 an hour due to “spillover effects” raising income among workers who already make slightly more than the minimum.

Dube’s studies of the historical effect of past minimum-wage increases indicate that raising the federal minimum to \$10.10 would lift somewhere between 4.6 and 6 million households above the poverty line.

wage will also reduce profiteering by large, highly profitable employers, like Wal-Mart and McDonalds, whose workers rely on government benefits — such as the Earned Income Tax Credit and food stamps — to supplement inadequate paychecks. Survey after survey reflects the strong public appetite for higher wages at the low end. But popular approval is not the only way companies can actually benefit from improving workers’ earnings and livelihoods.

The Gap clothing chain just announced that its workers will soon receive better pay to bring them above the current federal minimum. Announcing that his company will voluntarily raise its lowest-paid workers to \$9 this year and \$10 next year, Gap CEO Glenn Murphy said he regards the expense as a “strategic investment” that would pay for itself many times over in better productivity and morale (as well as lower job turnover and training costs).

When the clear social benefits of raising wages are contrasted with the dubious warnings of lost jobs, there is no real argument. If we intend to address poverty and reduce inequality, higher wages across the workforce are imperative — but especially at the bottom.

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Fraud allegations at center of oil spill hearing

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal judge on Wednesday delayed a lawsuit against a Texas lawyer accused by BP of falsely claiming to represent thousands of deckhands who lost money in the 2010 Gulf oil spill.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier agreed that the lawsuit should be put on hold, at least temporarily, while the criminal case against attorney Mikal Watts is ongoing. Watts' lawyer said Watts expects to know by June whether he will be indicted.

Barbier also heard arguments on whether he should halt future distribution of money from a \$2.3 billion fund for seafood industry workers until the court can determine the extent of the alleged fraud. It wasn't clear when he might issue a ruling.

BP claims that more than half of the Social Security numbers on Watts' client list were fake. The oil giant argues the money it agreed to put into the seafood compensation fund was inflated, based on the belief that Watts — a former member of a steering committee of attorneys representing plaintiffs suing over the oil spill — represented more than 40,000 clients.

BP said it has already paid out more than \$1 billion from the fund under a two-tiered payment plan. Under the settlement, a second round of claims and payments was to begin if there was money left over after the first round, according to BP court filings. The date for the second-round payments has not been set. Barbier noted it was likely months away.

There should be no second-round payments until the fraud allegations against Watts are more fully investigated, BP attorney Kevin Downey said.

Jim Irwin, attorney for the class suing BP and others over the oil spill, said it was BP's duty to investigate whether claims were legitimate.

And people who may be due legitimate payments should not have claims delayed or denied because of allegations against Watts, he said.

"Proper restitution is to go after the people who committed the fraud," Irwin said.

Although BP has publicly raised questions about the validity of some seafood industry claims, the focus of Wednesday's hearing was not specific fraudulent claims that may have been paid out.

Behaviorists: Dogs feel no shame despite the look

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The next time you start shaking your finger and shouting "Shame on you!" because your dog chewed up your favorite fuzzy slippers, just remember that no matter how guilty your dog looks, it doesn't know what your rant is about.

Behaviorists insist dogs lack shame. The guilty look — head covered, ears back, eyes droopy — is a reaction to the tantrum you are throwing now over the damage they did hours earlier.

"Just get over it and remind yourself not to put temptation in the way next time," said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a professor at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and executive director of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

But scientific findings have not put a dent in the popularity of online dog shaming sites like dogshaming.com and shameyourpet.com or videos like those posted on youtube.com/crackrockcandy. In the photos and videos, dogs wear humorous written "confessions" and often are surrounded by the remnants of their misdeeds. There is no question that in some photos, they look guilty of eating, drinking, chewing, licking or destroying something they shouldn't have.

Dogshaming.com was the first and is among the most popular sites. Since Pascale Lemire started it in August 2012, it has received more than 58 million page views and more than 65,000 submissions. A submission has to come with a photo showing the dog's guilty look.

Lemire, who lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, also published a book called "Dog Shaming," which hit the New York Times best-seller list in January.

"I don't think dogs actually feel shame," Lemire

said. "I think they know how to placate us with this sad puppy-dog look that makes us think they're ashamed of what they've done. My guess is that their thinking is: 'Oh man, my owner is super mad about something, but I don't know what, but he seems to calm down when I give him the sad face, so let's try that again.'"

She thinks the online dog shaming memes are all in good fun.

"People come for a laugh and camaraderie," Lemire said. "They see that their dog isn't the only one who does awful things. People don't shame their dogs out of anger, they do it out of love."

Another dog owner helped get celebrities into the trend. In late 2011, Jeremy Lakaszcyck of Boston started putting shaming videos of his lemon beagle, Maymo, on YouTube. Four months later, Ellen DeGeneres ran one of them on her show and comedian Ricky Gervais tweeted it. The popularity of the videos soared, Lakaszcyck said.

He also submitted photos to Lemire for dogshaming.com, which made Maymo even more famous.

Maymo has a naturally sad or guilty face and senses something is wrong if Lakaszcyck speaks in a stern voice. "They know when their owners are angry."

"Maymo can sit for quite a while looking sad because he's a ham. It's natural, and he knows a treat is coming. His tail usually wags through the wait. It's like he's happy on one end and sad on the other," he said.

One of the first scientific studies on the "guilty dog look" was conducted in 2009 by Alexandra Horowitz, an associate professor of psychology at Barnard College in New York City. One of her books, "Inside

a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell, and Know," included the findings.

In the study, she used 14 dogs, videotaping them in a series of trials and studying how they reacted when an owner left the room after telling them not to eat a treat. When the owners returned, sometimes they knew what the dogs had done and sometimes they didn't and sometimes the dogs had eaten the treats and sometimes they hadn't.

"I found that the 'look' appeared most often when owners scolded their dogs, regardless of whether the dog had disobeyed or did something for which they might or should feel guilty. It wasn't 'guilt' but a reaction to the owner that prompted the look," Horowitz said.

"I am not saying that dogs might not feel guilt, just that the 'guilty look' is not an indication of it," she added. She also believes there is a difference between guilt and shame.

Dogs can certainly learn from bad behavior, but rewards or punishment are most effective right after the wrongdoing, said Beaver, the veterinary professor. "The farther it gets from that, the less connection is made with the behavior," she said.

At some point, your dog will probably cower, waiting for you to complete your meltdown, ditch the negative voice and lose the nasty body language, Beaver said.

But you do wonder what other emotions dogs lack besides guilt.

"Humans have a natural desire to know what an animal is thinking, and yet we are limited to reading body language and measuring physiological reactions," Beaver said. The bottom line is: "We will never truly know because we cannot ask them."

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Couple stumbles upon \$10 million in rare coins

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Northern California couple out walking their dog on their property stumbled across a modern-day bonanza: \$10 million in rare, mint-condition gold coins buried in the shadow of an old tree.

Nearly all of the 1,427 coins, dating from 1847 to 1894, are in uncirculated, mint condition, said David Hall, co-founder of Professional Coin Grading Service of Santa Ana, which recently authenticated them.

Although the face value of the gold pieces only adds up to more than \$28,000, some of them are so rare that coin experts say they could fetch nearly \$1 million apiece.

"I don't like to say once-in-a-lifetime for anything, but you don't get an opportunity to handle this kind of material, a treasure like this, ever," said veteran numismatist Don Kagin, who is representing the finders. "It's like they found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

Kagin, whose family has been in the rare-coin business for 81 years, would say little about the couple other than that they are husband and wife, are middle-aged and have lived for several years on the rural property in California's Gold Country, where the coins were found. They have no idea who put them there, he said.

The pair are choosing to remain anonymous, Kagin said, in part to avoid a renewed gold rush to their property by modern-day prospectors armed with metal detectors.

They also don't want to be treated any differently, said David McCarthy, chief numismatist for Kagin Inc. of Tiburon.

"Their concern was this would change the way everyone else would look at them, and they're pretty happy with the lifestyle they have today," he said.

They plan to put most of the coins up for sale through Amazon while holding onto a few keepsakes. They'll use the money to pay off bills and quietly donate to local charities, Kagin said.

Before they sell them, they are loaning some to the American Numismatic Association for its National Money Show, which opens Thursday in Atlanta.

What makes their find particularly valuable, McCarthy said, is that almost all of the coins are in near-perfect condition. That means that whoever put them into the ground likely socked them away as soon as they were put into circulation.

Because paper money was illegal in California until the 1870s, he added, it's extremely rare to find any coins from before that of such high quality.

"It wasn't really until the 1880s that you start seeing coins struck in California that were kept in real high grades of preservation," he said.

The coins, in \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations, were stored more or less in chronological order in six cans, McCarthy said, with the 1840s and 1850s pieces going into one can until it was filed, then new coins going into the next one and the next one after that.

The dates and the method indicated that whoever put them there was using the ground as their personal bank and that they weren't swooped up all at once in a robbery.

Although most of the coins were minted in San Francisco, one \$5 gold

piece came from as far away as Georgia. Kagin and McCarthy would say little about the couple's property or its ownership history, other than it's located in Gold Country, a sprawling, picturesque and still lightly populated section of north-central California that stretches along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada.

The discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill, about 50 miles northeast of Sacramento, set off the California Gold Rush of 1848.

The coins had been buried by a path the couple had walked for years. On the day they found them last spring, the woman had bent over to examine an old rusty can that erosion had caused to pop slightly out of the ground.

"Don't be above bending over to check on a rusty can," Kagin said she told him.

They were located on a section of the property the couple nicknamed Saddle Ridge, and Kagin is calling the find the Saddle Ridge Hoard. He believes it could be the largest such discovery in U.S. history.

One of the largest previous finds of gold coins was \$1 million worth uncovered by construction workers in Jackson, Tenn., in 1985. More than 400,000 silver dollars were found in the home of a Reno, Nev., man who died in 1974 and were later sold intact for \$7.3 million.

Gold coins and ingots said to be worth as much as \$130 million were recovered in the 1980s from the wreck of the SS Central America. But historians knew roughly where that gold was because the ship went down off the coast of North Carolina during a hurricane in 1857.

Justin Bieber jail video release is expected

MIAMI (AP) — Video of Justin Bieber at a South Florida police station after his January arrest is expected to be made public, with some sensitive parts omitted.

Miami-Dade County prosecutors said DVDs of about 10 hours of video will be made public Wednesday

afternoon. The video was sought by The Associated Press and other media organizations under Florida's public records law.

Attorneys for the 19-year-old singer persuaded a judge to review the sensitive sections, including four clips depicting Bieber urinating in a cup for a drug

test. The judge will hold another hearing next week after that review.

Bieber has pleaded not guilty to driving under the influence, resisting arrest and invalid-license charges. Police stopped him Jan. 23 after what they said was an illegal street drag race involving exotic cars.

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time.

For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date

falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a

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Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

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Area support groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, and at 2 p.m., Fridays, at the ralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Cancer Support** meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafete-

ria. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 806-359-4673. Ext. 235.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.

■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

■ **Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. For more information, call Lindsey Been at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

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Huge Marilyn Monroe statue to leave California

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — A massive statue of Marilyn Monroe that has turned heads for two years in Palm Springs is headed east.

The Riverside Press-Enterprise says the 26-foot-tall, 34,000-pound statue will be transported in April from California to Hamilton, N.J., where it will be part of an exhibit honoring its designer, Seward John-

son. A going away party, open to the public, is planned for March 27.

The statue of the "Some Like it Hot" star arrived in the desert resort city in 2012.

The sculpture depicts Monroe trying to push

down her billowing skirt in her memorable scene in the "Seven Year Itch."

The "Forever Marilyn" statue, on loan from The Sculpture Foundation, was previously in Chicago.

Palm Springs officials say they hope to eventually lure Marilyn back.

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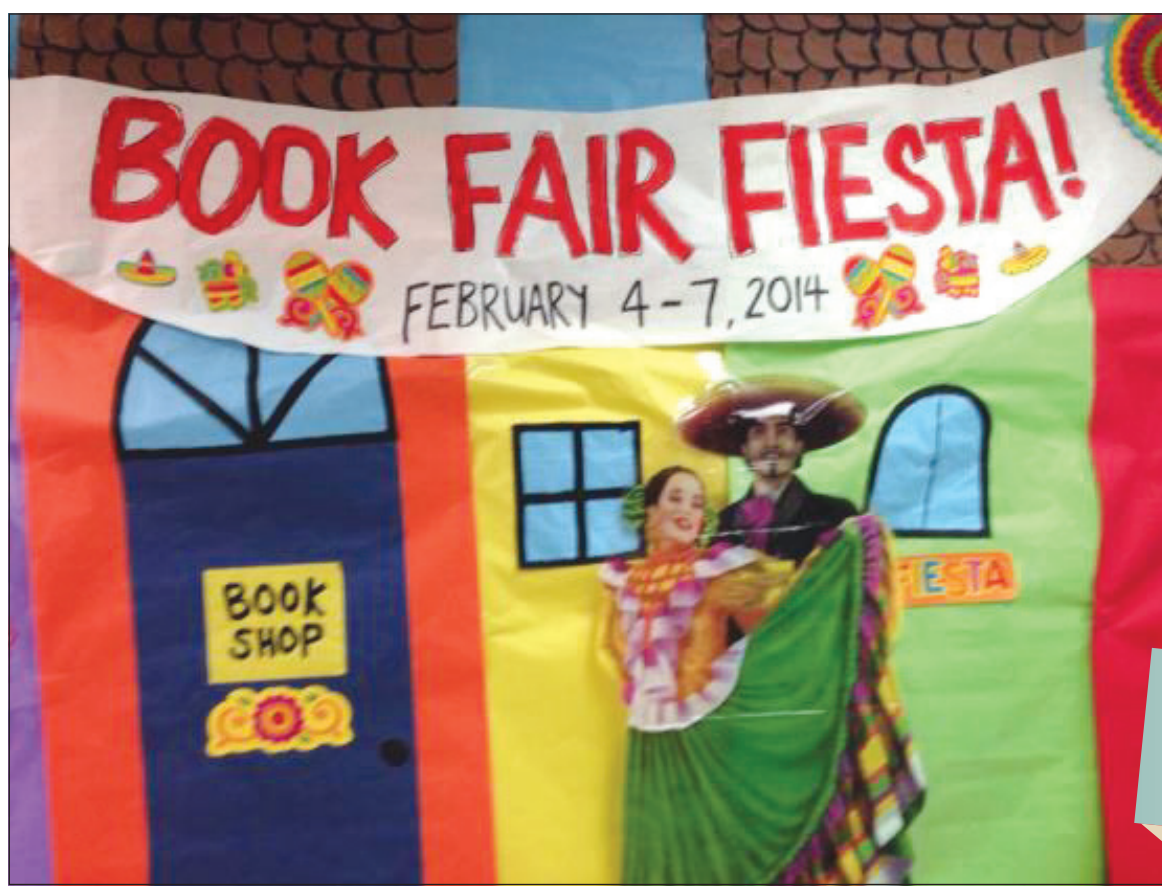
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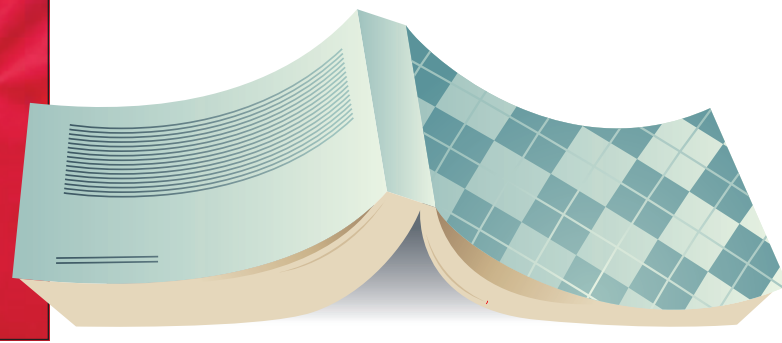
Pampa Elementary Spring Concert
 March 4, 6 pm, at McNeely Fieldhouse

Lemonade
 March 5 at 9:30 am, a musical presented by the first grade students



Austin Book Fair once again a success

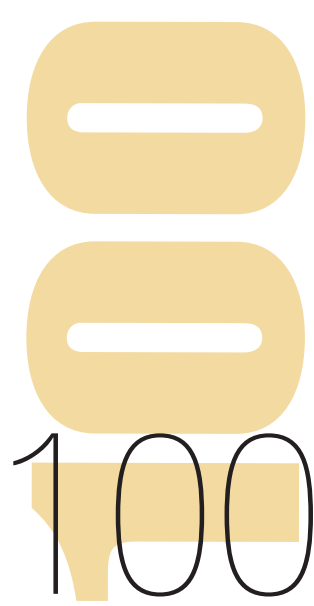
Austin Elementary Booster Club hosted the Scholastic Book Fair in early February. Despite the inclement weather, many people turned out for the scheduled events that included Family Night, Munchies with Mom, and Lunch with Grandparents. Daily drawings were held, and books were given to the winning students.



Here we come a-caroling



In December, kindergarten students went Christmas caroling at some local businesses and nursing homes. Pictured above singing at Happy State Bank are Abigail Snapp and Abby Porter.



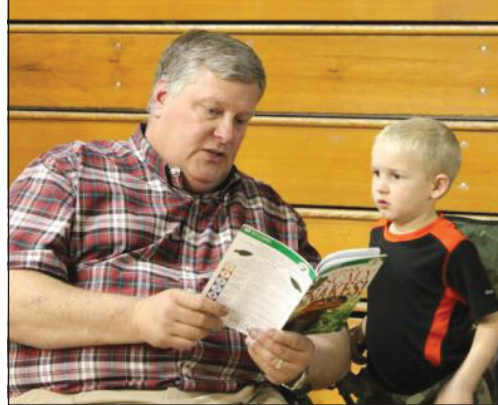
The 100th day of school at Austin was February 4th. Century old first grader, Rylan Qualls (pictured at right), donned his cardigan and hat for the occasion. First grade students celebrated throughout the day in their classrooms with activities built around the number 100.



Parents and friends pitch in



Austin Elementary recently hosted a parental involvement event in the Austin gym. All students and parents were invited to come to Camp Read-Along where they could read and share books with their children. The gym was set up with a camping theme including tents and campfires. Those in attendance enjoyed hot chocolate and smores. Pictured left to right are Austin students Hope L'Esperance, Aubrey Dorn, Zapryce Johnson, Gabi Barr, Abigail Ramirez, and Heather Noyes.



Guest reader for Camp Read-Along was PISD school board member, Lance DeFever, pictured above with kindergarten, Jarritt Ferguson.

Austin Booster Club sponsors fundraising events throughout the year. Angie Fossett, Booster Club president, and Janelle Guymon, vice president, are shown below with items from the Spirit Shop.



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Students Leading By Example

The PJHS Student Council led the charge to give back to our community. Over the course of one week in January, they encouraged the PJHS student body to donate canned food and dried goods to benefit the Salvation Army. During that short time, the students rallied together to gather over 2500 items.

Pictured Left are the PJHS Student Council Members: Back Row (left to right) Michael Villarreal, Jacobe Mills, Elle McCracken, Xander Karson, Maggie Hernandez, and Taylor Jeffris; Front Row (left to right) Jherman Morales, Jacey Baten, Adeline Little, and Brooke Ramming.

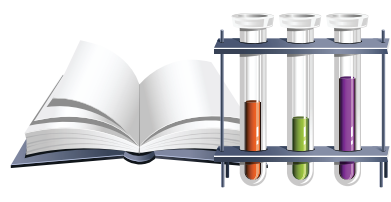


Hands On Learning

Students engage in scientific experimentation in Mrs. Weaver's 6th grade classroom. Mrs. Weaver is recognized on the PJHS campus as an innovative teacher who strives for a creative learning environment.



Mrs. Weaver explains the scientific principles involved in the M&M experiment (Left) to a group of 6th grade students. Each class was fascinated by the separation of color when water was poured over the M&Ms.



Creating A Culture of Community Through Teamwork, Learning, & Service.

Reaper Pride is in abundance and on display as PJHS continues a fantastic school year. The expectations at the beginning of the year were high, and the PJHS students and faculty have proven they are up for the task! From athletes competing with enthusiasm and team work to teachers striving for excellence in the classroom and students giving back to their community, PJHS has kept true to this year's theme – "We are a family, Keepin' it Real!"

BOY'S BASKETBALL



Even as they faced a big rivalry game, the boys' basketball team fought together to show Reaper Pride. Pictured above, **Zack Trimble** takes a three point shot over the Borger defenders.



Tyler Orand counts on his teammates to hold off Dalhart's defense as he dribbles the ball. The PJHS Boys' Basketball saw great success in teamwork this year.

GIRL'S BASKETBALL



Basketball season brought a great competitive spirit to PJHS. Above, **Kiarra Terrell** races to the pack down the court.



Perryton's offense contends with a unified Pampa squad as **Natalie Winborne** and teammates work hard to defend their goal.

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Lady Harvesters junior varsity softball beats Randall


STAFF REPORT

The Lady Harvesters' junior varsity softball team beat Randall 17-13 in a high-scoring affair. Head coach Matt Embry said he was pleased with the performance of Cherub Whittington. "She came in and pitched four innings in relief and did a fantastic job," Embry said. The Lady Harvesters junior varsity team returns to the diamond on Friday for a tournament. The first game they play is 10:30 a.m.

Manziel runs 40-yard dash in 4.68 seconds

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Johnny Football has more proof that he's fast. Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel's official 40-yard dash time at the NFL scouting combine was 4.68 seconds. That's fourth at his position among those who participated in the drill Sunday at Lucas Oil Stadium. The best was Virginia Tech's Logan Thomas, who registered 4.61 seconds. Manziel is widely considered one of the top three quarterbacks in the draft. Louisville's Teddy Bridgewater did not run the 40. Central Florida's Blake Bortles ran a 4.93. South Carolina's Connor Shaw and Fresno State's Derek Carr were two other quarterbacks who ranked high in several categories. Kent State running back Dri Archer posted the fastest official 40 time at 4.26.

Johnny Manziel



Pampa junior varsity baseball takes down PD JV

By JOHN LEE
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The Pampa Harvesters' junior varsity team took down the Dons from Palo Duro 12-6 Tuesday night at Harvester Field.

The Harvesters scored first after freshman Carson Eubank was walked and run in on a flyout sacrifice from Brendon Woelfle.

After pitching two strikeouts in the top of the first inning, it was time for sophomore Nathan Furgason to take the mound again. After a fielders choice which resulted in an out, and catching a runner trying to steal home, Furgason struck out his third batter, ending the half.

In the bottom of the second, the Harvesters scored two runs. After freshman Brandt Logan got to third base on an error, sophomore Ryan Lee hit a single to score Logan. The first

came when Lee got to second base on a single error. When junior Chance Douglas hit a single, he would earn the RBI for Lee scoring, but he would be tagged out getting to second base, giving the Harvesters the 3-0 lead.

The Harvesters gave up one run in the top of the third, but went scoreless in the bottom of the second.

The fourth, while unproductive for the Dons, saw the Harvesters score four runs.

Taking their 7-1 lead into the fifth, Furgason had his roughest inning. He only gave up two runs however.

Leading 7-3, the Harvesters added three runs in the bottom of the fifth. Furgason was up to bat and was hit by the pitch putting him on base. Furgason stole second after a wild pitch, then Logan hits a double, scoring Furgason. Then, Lee singled

to short stop and Logan scored on an error, extending the Harvesters lead to 9-3.

Pampa's final score of the inning came after Lee took third base and Palo Duro made a mistake with a passed ball.

Sitting on a 10-3 lead, Furgason went back to work at the mound. Palo Duro scored two runs while the bases were loaded off of a ground single, closing the gap to 10-5. Furgason ended the half-inning, though, when he struck out a hitter swinging.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Harvesters got on base after freshman Brandon Woelfle got walked. Woelfle worked his way around the bases and found himself in scoring position until sophomore Joseph Radke was walked. At that point Woelfle took advantage and stole home.

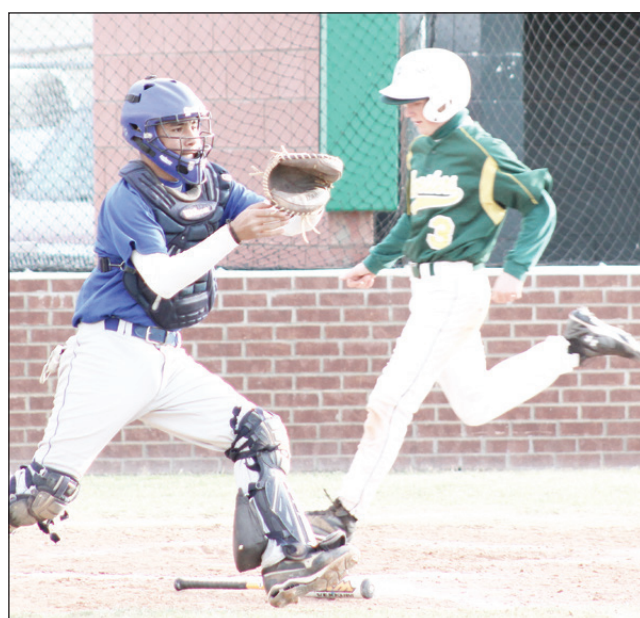


Photo by John Lee
Freshman Derek Norris makes his way past home plate during the bottom of the fourth inning. More pictures on page 15.

Radke scored when Logan hit a single to right field, Logan was tagged out, but Radke did the damage. Palo Duro scored one more run, but the Harvesters secured the 12-6 victory after sophomore Zach Hill struck out Palo Duro swinging.

Rangers officially tab Darvish opening day starter

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Yu Darvish got the official nod that should surprise no one. The ace from Japan will be the opening day starter for the Rangers.



Texas manager Ron Washington told Darvish on Tuesday that he will start March 31 at home against the Philadelphia Phillies.

"I just wanted to give him an opportunity to have time to have it sink in and prepare, that's it," Washington said.

Darvish is going into his third major league season. He started the second game last season, when he came within one out of a perfect game against Houston. He went on to lead the majors with 277 strikeouts and fin-

ish second in the AL Cy Young Award voting.

Washington said he presented the news to Darvish like he has each year — and this will be the sixth different opening day starter in six years for Texas. He just told Darvish, who had the kind of reaction the manager expected.

"Yu is the kind of guy that doesn't show a whole lot of emotion. He was excited in what he said, he's going to work his tail off to make certain that he does a good job," Washington said. "Sometimes he gets excited, but he does a good job of tempering his excitement."

Tabbing Darvish the opening day starter was one of the easiest decisions Washington will have all spring.

Darvish is 29-18 with a 3.34 ERA in his 61 games with the Rangers over the past two seasons, and his 498 strikeouts are the

most in the majors during that span. The right-hander was 13-9 last year, when he was the first pitcher since Orel Hershiser in 1989 to suffer four 1-0 losses in the same season.

The last Rangers starter with consecutive opening day starts was Kevin Millwood from 2006 to 2009. Matt Harrison, last year's opening day starter, likely won't be ready for the start of the season after neck and back stiffness this spring.

Harrison was back in camp Tuesday after returning from an exam in Texas with the doctor who performed two operations on a herniated disk in his lower back last season after the pitcher made only two starts. Harrison said he felt good, and hopes to resume throwing by Thursday.

Washington said he believes that Darvish understands the signifi-

cance of being the opening day starter. The manager said being in that spot also sends a message that he is a leader.

"Yeah, I think that's exactly what the message is," Washington said. "I think it's no doubt that he knows he's our horse."

Notes: Left-handed reliever Joseph Ortiz said Tuesday he was texting on his phone while walking across the street when he was hit by a motorcycle

while home in Venezuela last month.

It was the first time Ortiz discussed the accident that left him with a broken left foot and out for at least two more months. Ortiz said the motorcycle was going about 55 mph when it ran over his foot near an intersection.

RHP Nick Tepesch didn't pitch as scheduled in an intrasquad game because of tightness in his back.

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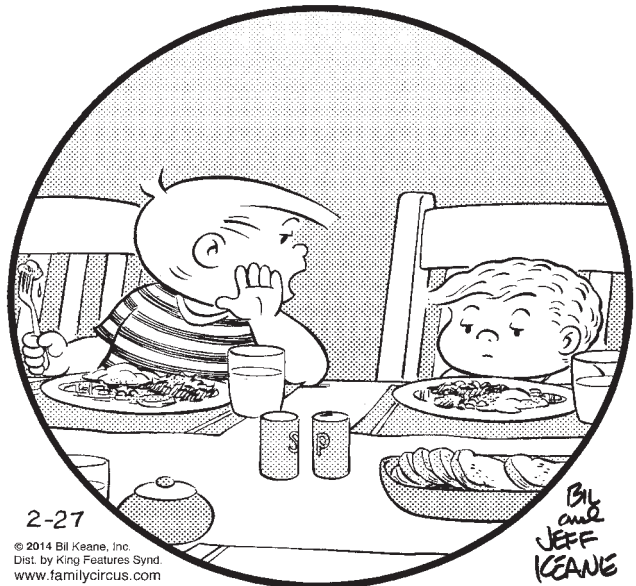
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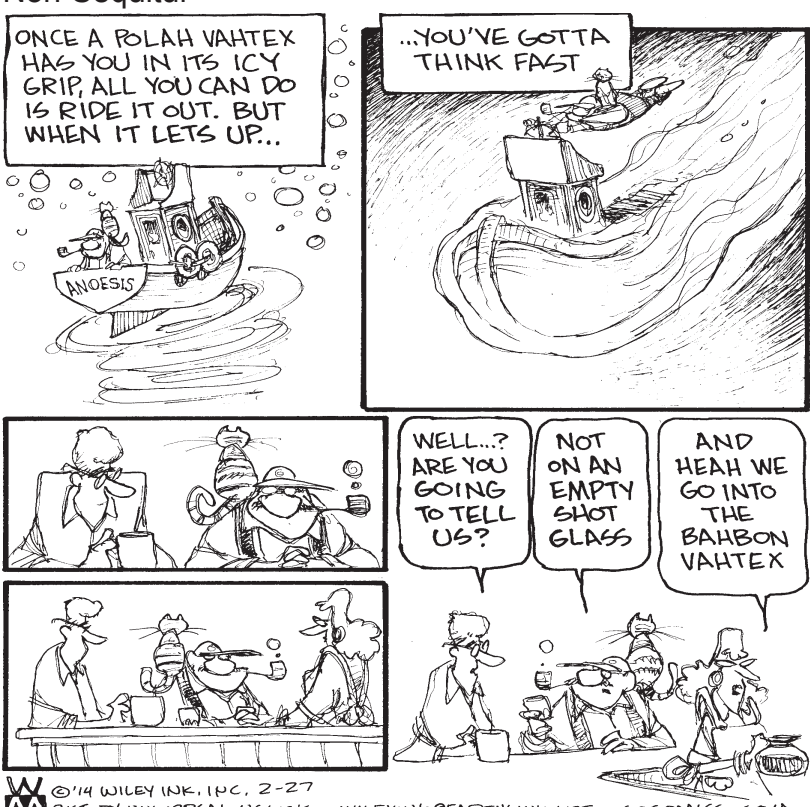
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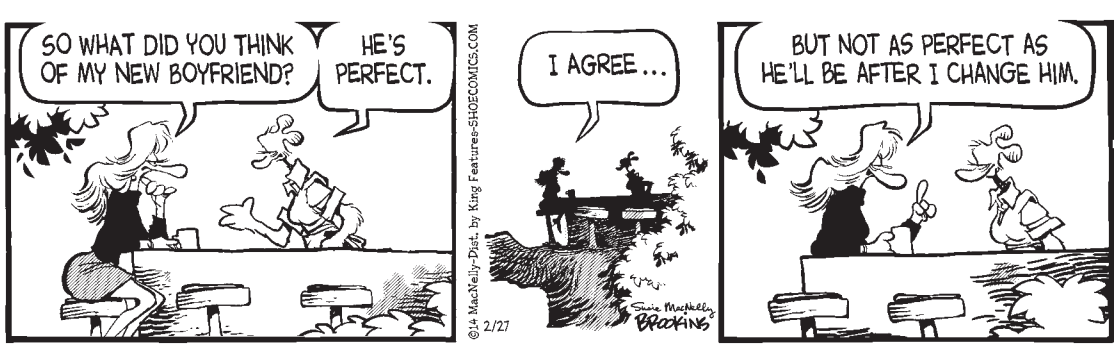
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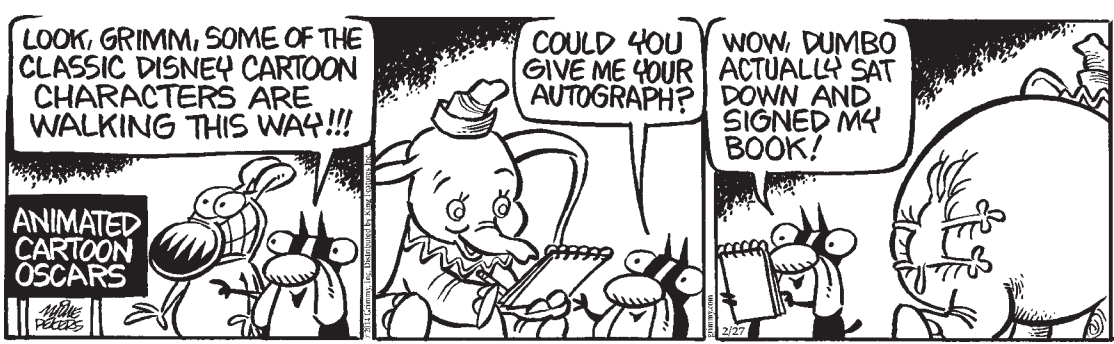
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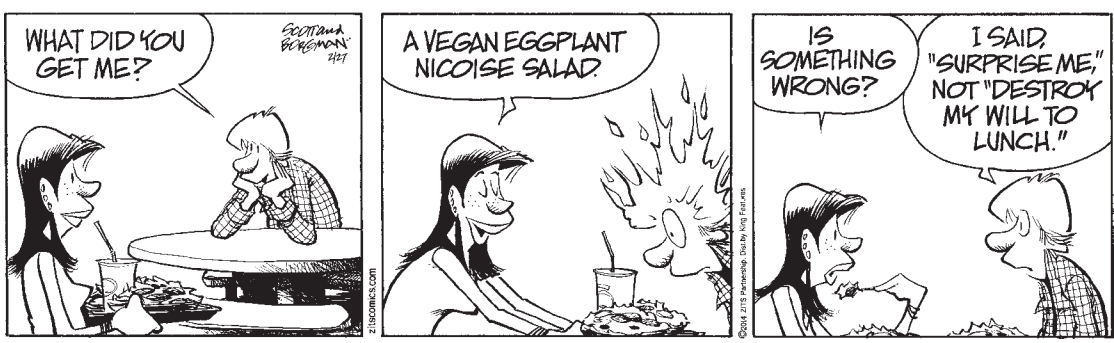
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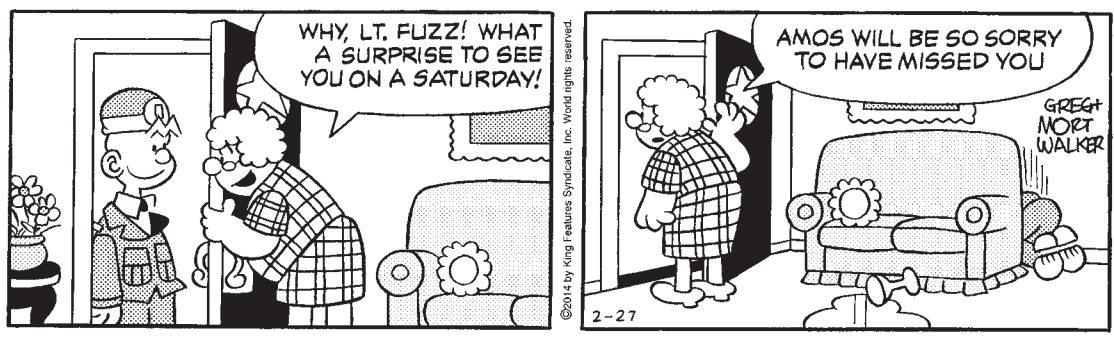
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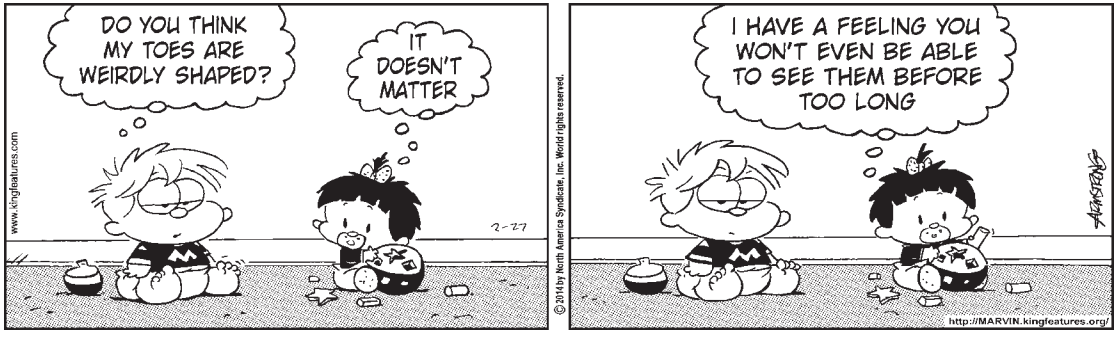
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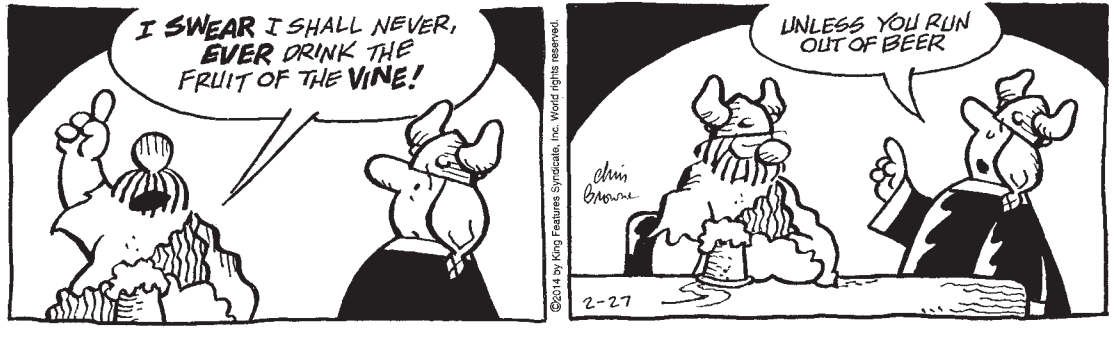
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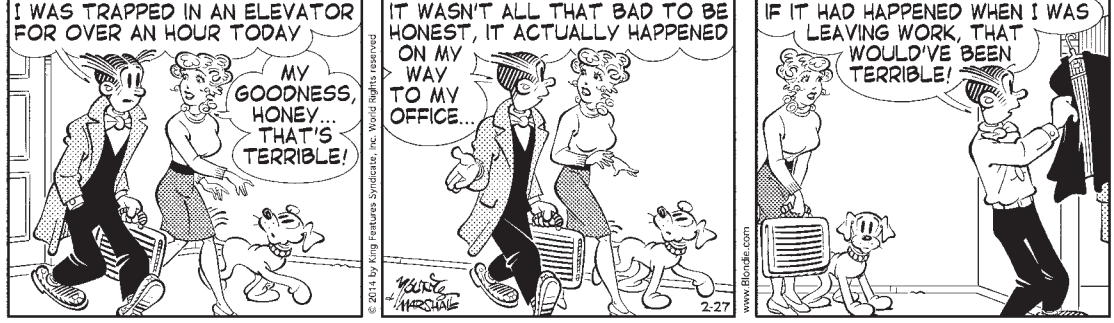
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 28, 2014:

This year you are more creative and in touch with your inner self. As a result, a new quality appears in your demeanor, speech, ideas and many other areas of your life. If you are single, you are in the process of changing. The person you choose now might not work for you later. Go for the here and now. If you are attached, your sweetie will need to adjust to the ever-changing you. Once he or she gets into the swing of things, the two of you will have a ball together. Try to be more sensitive to your significant other's needs. A fellow PISCES has many of your attributes, but he or she still might be far less in touch with his or her feelings.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ You might go off boldly in the morning, but you'll want to retreat by the afternoon. A lot is on your mind, which could discourage you from taking action. Give yourself some time to think things through. Don't try to change the natural course of events. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You will perk up as the day goes on. You have many ideas, and you see a great deal of possibilities tied to them. Work on communicating these perceptions to close loved ones. Your mind seems to be on overdrive -- go with it! Share. Tonight: With your pals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might sense a change in your mood and in others' moods as well. Don't worry about what you can't change; instead, focus on yourself. Through your ability to flex, you could gain a great deal of respect from your contemporaries. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Understand what is going on with a loved one. This person might need you to bottom-line a critical issue for him or her. Listen carefully, and be sensitive to his or her needs. Encourage an open exchange of ideas and solutions. Tonight: Surround yourself with good music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Try not to assume the role of leader right now. You have a great sense of what to do and when, but let others also take center stage sometimes. You will develop a special bond with a friend or asso-

ciate when you pull back and become less dominant. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to someone else for the time being. You will notice that others seem to be just as confused as you are. Take a step back, and observe what is happening. You feel at your best when socializing with friends and/or associates. Tonight: Say "yes" to the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could feel a bit down. Pace yourself, and handle a personal matter. Examine what is happening with a work-related matter as well. Communication is at its peak right now, so listen to others and ask questions; you will have a new outlook as a result. Tonight: Pace yourself.

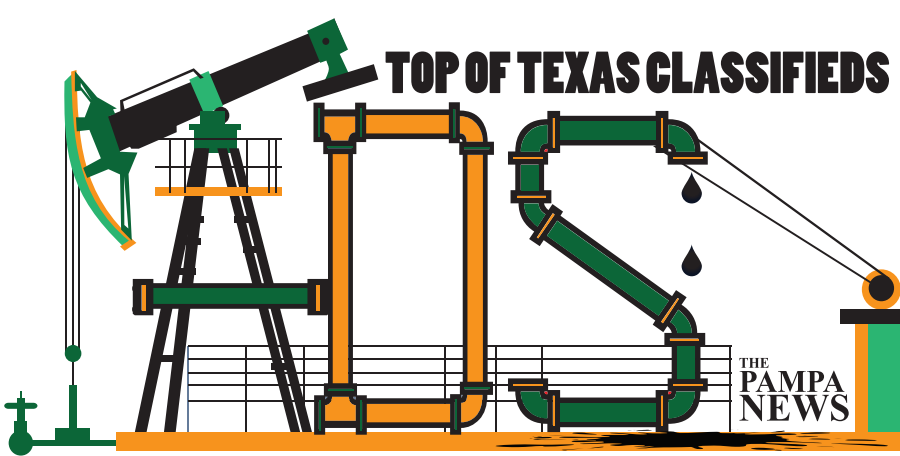
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your imagination knows no limits. How much you choose to share will be your call. Others might seem more receptive than usual. Look at the long-term implications of a pending change to determine whether you want to head in that direction. Tonight: Make it memorable!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Verbalizing your thoughts will add an interesting twist to a situation, and it could result in more information. You could be taken aback by a key person's change in attitude. Choose to say little as you digest this onslaught of information. Tonight: Happy at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Listen to what is being shared. Only you can judge the importance of all the information you are hearing. Reach out for a friend with whom you enjoy spending time. Your immediate circle plays a big role in upcoming events. Tonight: Go local. Enjoy a neighborhood restaurant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Deal with a money matter directly -- you can't put off this decision for much longer. News could come in from someone at a distance. Once this person starts to talk, it will be difficult to get him or her to stop. You could hear far more than you might like. Tonight: Treat a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could find a situation testy at best. Allow your creativity to flourish, and you'll see a personal matter very differently in a few days. Avoid snap decisions, and decide what works best for you. A partner or close friend could try to clear the air. Tonight: There will be many choices.



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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: PERHAPS NO PLACE IN ANY COMMUNITY IS SO TOTALLY DEMOCRATIC AS THE TOWN LIBRARY. THE ONLY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT IS INTEREST. — LADY BIRD JOHNSON

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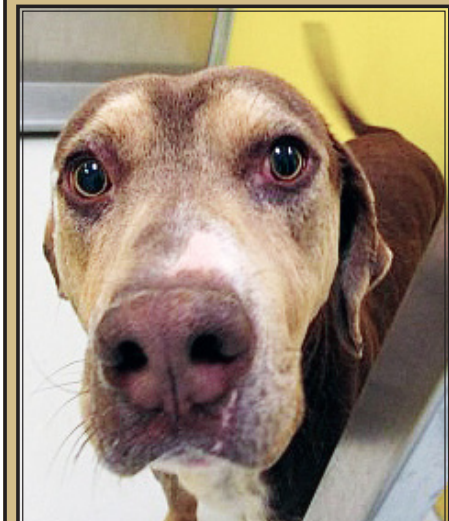
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Review: An epic battle gets blockbuster treatment

Big screen. Big effects. Big budget. Big box office. It's clear that Russian director Fedor Bondarchuk was going for something, well, big, with "Stalingrad," the first-ever Russian film in IMAX 3D. And in a sense, that's perfectly apt, because it would be hard to overstate how large the Battle of Stalingrad looms in the Russian psyche. The crucial Soviet victory over the Nazis in the battle, which lasted six months and was one of the bloodiest in modern warfare, was a key turning point of World War II — or what the Russians call the Great Patriotic War. And the rewards for Bondarchuk have been, yes, big, so far. "Stalin-

grad," with a reported \$30 million budget, is a giant hit in Russia — the studio calls it the highest-grossing Russian movie of all time — and also has done huge box office in China. Now, it's coming to IMAX 3D screens in the United States for a week, during which the filmmakers hope to spark further interest. The only problem is that the film, while certainly impressive in its effects and a few rock-'em sock-'em battle scenes, is sorely lacking in crucial areas, namely characterization and narrative. Perhaps it wouldn't matter, if the film didn't attempt to be not only a blockbuster but a heart-tugging, intimate story about bravery, endurance, sacrifice and love. To

accomplish that, you need a compelling script and complex characters. The movie begins in a peculiar way. Why, you might ask, are we in Japan? Turns out we're at the scene of the Fukushima earthquake in 2011. Among the international rescuers is a Russian doctor, working to save young German tourists trapped in the rubble. Flash back some 70 years to the autumn of 1942, and the raging battle for Stalingrad, the industrial city (now called Volgograd) that lies on the Volga River. In a spectacular scene, the Germans ignite their fuel supply and pour it down onto Red Army soldiers advancing from the river banks. But the So-

viet men fight on, though they're being burned alive. From macro to micro: the focus shifts to an apartment building devastated by Nazi air strikes. There, a ragtag band of Soviet soldiers has established an outpost. Keeping the strategically located building in Soviet hands is crucial to stopping the Germans. There are five men, and one young woman: 18-year-old Katya (Mariya Smolnikova), who lives there and defiantly refuses to leave. In this building — based loosely on a real one that became known as the Pavlov House — relationships form. The men first want Katya to leave, but a few wind up falling in love with her.

Meanwhile, the Nazis are trying to finish off the battle. An evil commander is bedeviled by head lice even as he murders women and children. The only vaguely sympathetic character is the officer Kahn (Thomas Kretschmann), who is handsome and apparently conflicted about what he is doing. He takes up with a local beauty named Masha (Yanina Studlina). He'll fall in love with her, but the way he treats her before that will frankly make viewer sympathy rather implausible. With the two women serving to humanize the narrative, the war proceeds. At times, you'll be reminded the film is in 3D, as when a bullet comes flying through space.

We end up back in Japan, where the Russian doctor has been telling his story to the young Germans — he's connected in a key way to that house in Stalingrad — and now we realize why we're there. War is behind us. Nations are connected now in different ways. It's rather heavy-handed, as is the movie. But if Bondarchuk's impressive visuals will lure some young people in to learn about an episode of history they know little about, maybe that's not the worst crime. "Stalingrad," a Columbia Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "sequences of war violence." Running time: 135 minutes. Two stars out of four.

Old vans are dying, so small businesses are buying

DETROIT (AP) — To deliver bouquets in and around Washington, D.C., Karin's Florist has two big vans, two small ones and a boxy little wagon that's clinging to life. After the Valentine's Day rush, the Vienna, Va., business plans to get a new van to replace the wagon, a Toyota Scion xB with 180,000 miles on it that has faithfully made its rounds since 2006. "We've got it sewn together with rubber bands and paper clips," said Maris Angolia, president of the family owned business named after her sister. The van purchase, the second for Karin's in the past four months, is evidence that small business own-

ers — once too suspect of a wobbly economy to make big-ticket purchases — are starting to invest in their companies again. The willingness to spend is good news for the auto industry and a positive sign for the broader economy. The spending is coming for two reasons: Aging vans are simply wearing out. Plus business confidence is growing. A January survey taken for Wells Fargo found that optimism among small-business owners hit the highest level in five years. Most expect increased cash flow and hiring this year. Also, once-tight credit for small businesses has loosened, and borrowing rose in the second half of last year, according to research

by Experian and Moody's. Commercial van sales last year were up more than 40 percent since 2010, and they rose 9 percent in January even as U.S. auto sales dropped 3 percent, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank. "A lot of these contractors have been trying to keep their old products as long as they can," said Peter Bedrosian, senior manager of product planning for Nissan North America. "The vehicles are really nearing the end of their useful life." Van sales are a bellwether for the broader economic recovery since small businesses are reluctant to spend after a recession, said Mike Jackson, director of North

American forecasting for the IHS Automotive consulting firm, which predicts commercial van sales will grow 27 percent between 2013 and 2015 to nearly 400,000 per year. Auto companies have spotted the trend, and they're moving quickly to enter a market once dominated by Ford, General Motors and Mercedes. Nissan entered the market with the NV full-size van in 2011 and the NV200, as small van, last year. Chrysler's Ram brand started selling a full-size van last year and has plans for a small van. More products are coming from GM and Ford. Ford's Transit Connect, a van built on the guts of a compact car, created a new market for small vans when it was introduced in 2009. Before it arrived on the scene, businesses had to buy big vans even if they didn't

need them. Now, if owners want better gas mileage and maneuverability but don't need huge cargo space, they have choices. Earlier this month, GM's Chevrolet unveiled its own Nissan-made small van, the City Express, at the Chicago Auto Show. GM contracted with Nissan so it could bring a van to market quickly to take advantage of growth, said Ed Peper, the company's vice president of commercial sales. Ford sold only 8,800 Transit Connects when it was introduced in 2009, but that grew to almost 40,000 last year. Nissan's NV 200 and the Ram Cargo Van, a modified minivan, joined the market, pushing total small van sales to more than 53,000 in 2013. Big vans saw even larger growth, with sales rising from 159,000 in 2009 to nearly 259,000 last year.

Van sales began taking off in 2012 and 2013, and now they are accelerating, Peper said. "We've seen just a lot more activity, a lot more confidence," he said. "There's more (price) quoting. To me that's a very good sign." While Karin's may be confident enough to pull the trigger on a new van, others are still waiting. Kessler Plumbing near Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles is still running eight older-model Ford E-Series vans, some of which have more than 200,000 miles on them. The company's owner has been against making a purchase, and Kessler hasn't bought any vans since 2008, said Matt Martinez, a company supervisor. "It's been tough since the recession," Martinez said. "We've been crawling out of that. This year is starting off strong, so we'll see."

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: Should I or shouldn't I tell my boss that more than a few people have come to me asking if he is fooling around with a young woman here in the office?

He is married; she is not. They spend a lot of time together "just visiting," laughing and obviously flirting. They have also been seen coming and going together, having lunch together every day, etc.

My reaction is that whether they are or aren't, it isn't my business. A little voice keeps telling me that, as his personal secretary, he may want to be made aware that people are talking about him behind his back, and I do feel protective and a sense of loyalty to him. Understand that I do not want to discuss it with him, have verification, denial or anything else — only to give him the information. —

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DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I relocated to a new state and bought my first home. I have enjoyed the privacy I have had while living on my own. However, because of the economy, I may need to rent out my extra room to make ends meet.

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DEAR NUDE DUDE: While practically anything goes in the want ads and on the Internet, your best bet would be to Google "nudists (or naturists) in Nevada." When you do, you will find contact information for nudist resorts and clubs, and your chances of finding a renter who won't be shocked or offended will be better.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I love each other and have three beautiful children, but we struggle in our marriage because of the stress of daily life. Lack of money has taken a toll. Sometimes we both work two jobs. Other times we find ourselves faced with difficult choices — like whether to buy groceries, or pay the electric bill or the mortgage. (We often can't do all three.)

I know we're not the only family in this situation. You often advise people to seek guidance from a professional counselor. Can you share any resources for those of us who do not have the money or the insurance cover-

age to pay for counseling? — HOLDING ON IN ARKANSAS

DEAR HOLDING ON: You are far from the only family who is trying to cope with little money and difficulty finding steady work. Many thousands of families are in the same situation — and it is stressful for marriages and relationships.

Because you are unable to afford a private therapist, contact your county department of mental health and ask what services are available for people with limited resources. The psychology department at your nearest college or university may also be able to help during this difficult time.

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Arcade Fire journeys from Haiti to Hollywood

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Win and Will Butler of Arcade Fire aren't your average brothers.

Sure, they spent their youngest years at odds, as brothers will. But early on they discovered something that would inform the rest of their lives as creative partners at the heart of one of rock 'n' roll's most creative and single-minded bands.

"I left the house when I was 15 to go to boarding school and would come back in the summers, and I started to realize he's the only person I related to in the whole everywhere," Win Butler, 33, said. "There's not too many people in the world where you literally have the exact same influences, so we kind of developed this language to work together where it's really easy."

"That doesn't mean we see everything identically," Will Butler, 31, said. "But it means that, certainly in artistic endeavors, there's a bit more empathy and compassion for each other because we see where they're coming from. And we tend to agree more than two random musicians would."

That relationship is at the heart of Arcade Fire's success and creativity, something that is on full display this week as the Grammy Award-winning group flies from one end of the continent to the other, and back. In the space of three weeks, Arcade Fire mem-

bers will have played in a Mardi Gras parade while in New Orleans, played "The Tonight Show," performed in Haiti, and then returned home to Montreal for two days to pack for a trip to Los Angeles and the Academy Awards, where the band is up for best original score for its work on "Her."

"Normally when I come back from Haiti, I just look at all the power lines and streets and road signs and I'm just, 'Wow, look at all this infrastructure,'" Win Butler said. "I'm kind of in a daze the first couple of days when I get back to North America. But going from Haiti to the belly of the beast (at the Oscars) is going to be something of a mind blow."

After the show, the group flies directly to Louisville, Ky., for rehearsals and the launch of a summer-long North American tour, interspersed with European festival dates. Add to the hectic mix the birth of a son to Win Butler and his wife and bandmate Regine Chassagne.

The intense workload since the six-piece began recording "Reflektor" last year has required the kind of teamwork the brothers and their band have perfected since Will and Win began writing songs together growing up near Houston.

The band worked on "Reflektor," the follow-up to the 2010 Grammy album of the year "The Sub-

urbs," and Spike Jonze's best picture-nominated film in parallel fashion — the album even contains a song proposed for the score that didn't make the film. They recorded "Reflektor" with James Murphy of LCD Soundsystem and Markus Dravs serving as producers, delivering an unpredictable but completely danceable record full of Haitian-influenced rhythms and reflective lyrics.

The work on "Her" began when Win Butler and Chassagne stayed at longtime friend and collaborator Jonze's house in Los Angeles during the early screenwriting process. They traded story and musical ideas about the world Jonze created in the film about a man's love for an artificially intelligent operating system, and quickly came to the conclusion they should score the film.

As both projects came to a simultaneous conclusion, Will Butler took over supervisory duties on the score, working with Jonze and the band's frequent collaborator Owen Pallett. In one case the band was working together toward a shared vision. In the other, they were a contractor trying to match Jonze's needs.

"So that was very, very different," Will Butler said. "There's a lot less drums and a lot less vocals on the soundtrack. And our band is very good at drums and vocals."

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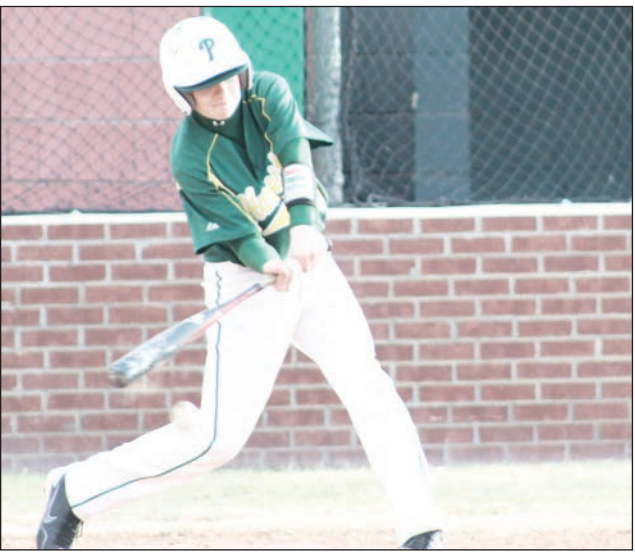
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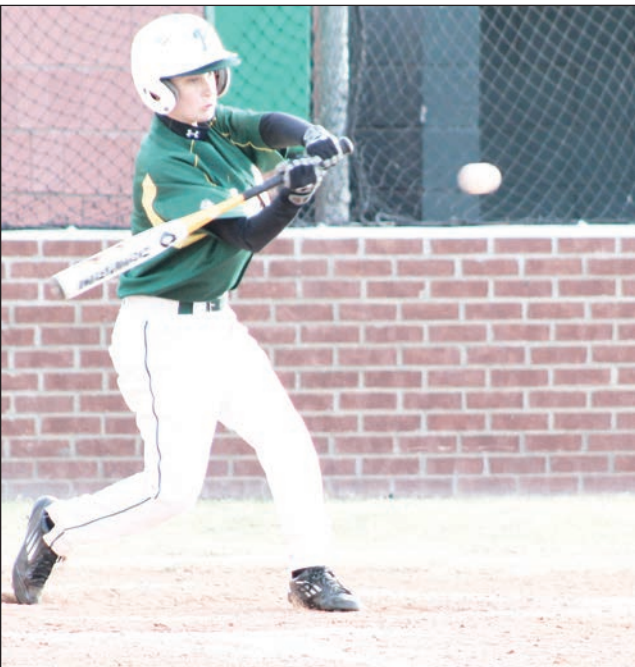
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