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Rigo doing time in Huntsville

STAFF REPORT

Convicted murderer Joshua Keith Rigo is

Serving his sentence at the James "Jay" H. Byrd Unit near Huntsville, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

On Jan. 30, the Amarillo resi-

dent was handed down a 90year sentence by a Gray County jury for killing Lefors resident Kristi Slatten on Jan. 1, 2013. Rigo must serve 30 years before being eligible for parole.

His projected release date on the TDCJ website is Jan. 1, 2103.

Rigo was in a relationship with Slatten and strangled her to death after violently beating her, according to evidence presented by District Attorney Franklin McDonough.

Defense attorney Harold Comer vigorously challenged much of the DNA evidence Mc-Donough used in building his case. However, a blood stain on one of Rigo's socks that was a positive match for Slatten's DNA placed him at the crime scene.

When Rigo was arrested in Carson County, authorities found Slatten's underwear on Rigo's person

Judge Steven R. Emmert of the 31st District Court presided over the four-day jury trial.



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik Field Representative Cullin Knutson spoke to the Texas Federation of Republican Women at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday. He is pictured with the club's president, Jana Vinson.

Representative from Abbott campaign speaks at Republican Women's luncheon

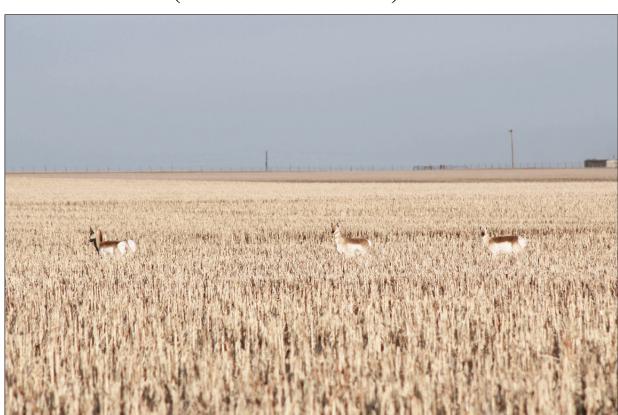
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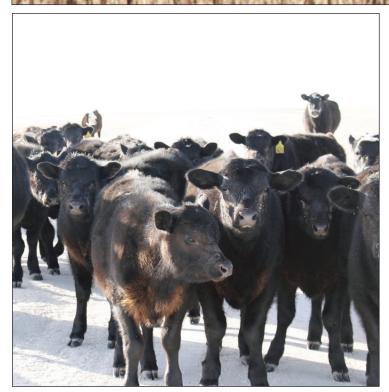
At the Texas Federation of Republican Women's luncheon on Wednesday, Field Representative Cullin Knutson from the Greg Abbott campaign spoke to those in attendance about the candidate's run for governor of Texas.

Knutson started off saying that Republicans of Texas need to be energized and encouraged to go out and vote instead of assuming that the Republican candidate will win because Texas is a red state. He said that this is a good step to make

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WILD (AND NOT SO WILD) KINGDOM





Photos by Timothy P. Howsare Above, these pronghorns are nearly camouflaged in this field of dried corn stalks. The three were among a larger herd that was spotted by the photographer as he was driving north on Morrison Ranch Road. Unlike pronghorns, which tend to run away when photographers get out of their cars to shoot pictures, cattle are not at all shy. These curious beasts, left, were photographed a few miles north of the pronghorn siting. The photographer hasn't had much experience around livestock and was a bit perplexed when he got back into his truck, started to creep forward and the cattle didn't move. But a quick tap on the horn was enough to spook a few of the closest animals and then the herd graciously cleared a path.

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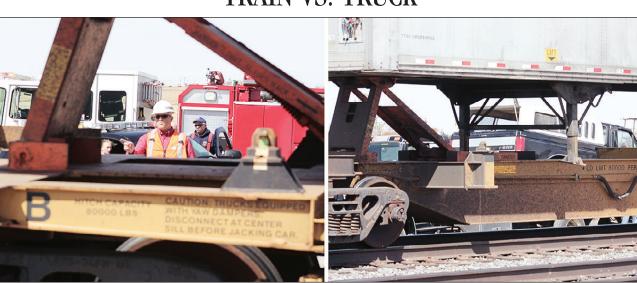


Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Two people survived Tuesday afternoon in a collision between a BNSF train traveling east and a 1996 Ford 150 pickup truck. The collision occurred west of the U.S. Highway 60 and Price Road intersection at a crossing that only has stop signs. One occupant of the pickup was not injured and the other was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center with unknown injuries. The engine compartment of the truck was smashed up and it appeared that the front bumper had been knocked off. The Pampa Fire Department received a call on the wreck at 1:09 p.m. According to PFD, the pickup truck was on the south side of the tracks picking up a trailer and attempted to cross over to U.S. Highway 60. There is a bait shop a short distance from the crossing. Officials from BNSF were at the scene along with the Texas Highway Patrol, Gray County Sheriff's Office and PFD.







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Abbott

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a statement and ensure that the state remains conserva-

"The conservative states are the ones with a lot of jobs and opportunities,"



Abbott

He said that to continue defend the second and protect Texans gun rights. When Abbott took office, only eight

states supported the same firearm views as Abbott, and now 34 states are on board, Knutson said. Abbott has also sued President Barack Obama 29 times to date, and al-

believes it is important to keep pushing. Regarding Abbott's Democratic opponent, Wendy Davis, Knutson pointed out that she has backtracked a lot since some of her initial statements about her stances on important issues, including open carry. Though he acknowledges that Davis has energized a lot of young women in the state with her views on women's

Texas, Abbott's wife Cecilia will be the first Latina

has done so far.

health, Knutson said that

first lady in the state's his-

When it comes to the Hispanic vote, a lot of people automatically assume that they will vote blue, but Knutson said that after taking the time to talk to many Latinos that he has learned that a lot of them have conservative values, and he is optimistic about obtaining their votes.

"Texans are one family, A b b o t t and we need to embrace would like everyone here," he said.

He also addressed the fact that Texas is currently ranked low in education amendment when compared to the other states in the nation. Knutson said that Abbott wants to strive to bring Texas to the top and put a bigger emphasis on higher education and encourage high school students to graduate with their associates degrees at the same time as receiving their high school diplomas to minimize the amount of debt they will have to pay back after college graduathough not all of these were tion, if that is the path they successful, the candidate choose.

He also said that Abbott would like to see less input from the federal government and wants to stop cuts to funding for veterans. In addition to this, he plans to address the motor sales taxes and wants to get all appropriations in order and see where the state's shortfalls are

Knutson reminded those in attendance about Super Saturday coming up on March 29. This blockwalkit is important to keep in ing event is posed to be the mind the backtracking she largest in the state's history.

For more information on If elected governor of Greg Abbott visit www. gregabbott.com.

Texas GOP candidate opposes easier equal pay suits

(AP) AUSTIN — Texas ligion. gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott nation is already against would not sign a measure the law and because legal to make it easier for women avenues already exist for

"Because wage discrimivictims of discrimination,

Greg Abbott would have not signed this law," cam-paign spokesman Matt Hirsch told The Associated Press on Wednesday. Abbott first dodged a question on whether he would support the pay discrimination law in a televised interview March 9, but the issue gained additional traction this week af-

director of the Republican Party of Texas. "Men are better negotiators, and I would encourage women to, instead of pursuing the courts for action, to become better negotiators," Beth Cubriel told Austin's YNN television. Davis campaign spokeswoman Re-

becca Acuna called Cubriel's

ter comments by the female

comments "offensive." It was not the first time that Abbott's supporters have complicated his message. Abbott had to distance himself from a recent comment by rock musician Ted who Nugent, described President Barack Obama as a "subhuman mongrel."

Abbott issued the statement on wage discrimination Wednesday, after the San Antonio Express-News reported that an analysis of current salary data from the state attorney general's office shows that women make \$16,000 less on average than men. Of Abbott's 722 assistant attorneys general, the average salary for 343 men is \$79,464 while the average salary for 379 women is \$73,649, the paper said.



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Obituaries

Lorraine Elizabeth Dittle

Lorraine Elizabeth Dittle, 90, died March 18, 2014 in

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 21, 2014, at First Baptist Church, with Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor, and Joe Mabry, officiating. Burial will fol-

low in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Fu-Mrs. Dittle was born June 13, 1923 in Maytown, Ill. to Richard and Anna

Lorraine **Dittle**

Sharkey Gillan. She was a 1941 graduate of LaMoille High School in LaMoille, Ill. She married Wilbert A. Dittle on

June 2, 1970 in Oglesby, Ill. She was

the love of his life, and they were married for 37 years before his death in May of 2007. She was a homemaker and moved to Pampa in 2007 to be closer to her daughter. She was a devoted mother and a woman of deep faith who shared her love of the Lord with her family and friends. She attended First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gary Wade; a son-in-law, Anthony Leonard Wasilauskis; a grandson, Christopher Anthony Wasilauskis; two sisters, Ruth Kryzek and Lucille Pinter; and six brothers, Earl Gillan, William Gillan, Harold Gillan, Leo Gillan, Richard Gillan and Vincent Gillan.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Linda Wasilauskis of Pampa; two sisters, Bernice Schneider and Shirley Klein, both of Cherry, Ill.; two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, especially Janet Drewell and Julie Niewinski.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Accolade Home Care and Accolade Hospice Care, and to her special caregiver Pam Spranger for her loving care and friendship.

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

Roy Merrick

Roy Merrick, 37, died March 18, 2014 in Pampa. Memorial services are pending. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Mr. Merrick was born Dec. 3, 1976 in Amarillo. He

attended schools in Amarillo, graduating from Caprock High School in 1995. After graduation, he worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Clements Unit for several years. Roy had been a resident of Pampa since 2013. He liked to read and he was known for his dry sense of humor. He loved spending time with his children and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Roy was preceded in death by his father, James Edwin Mer-

Survivors include two sons, Micheal Edward Merrick and Logan Christopher Merrick, both of Amarillo; a daughter, Tiffani Nicole Morris and husband Anthony of Fort Bragg, North Carolina; several stepchildren and two step-grandchildren; his mother, Harriet Koenig Hearn of Amarillo; his sister, Tamara Sanders and husband Kenneth of Pampa; two nieces and two great-nephews.

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

Sandra Jean Winegeart

Sandra Jean Winegeart, 63, died Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in Borger. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Briarwood Church in Pampa with Jake Minton

officiating. Cremation will follow the service under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of

Sandy was born Sept. 5, 1950 in Omaha, Neb. to Eugene Leonard Lewis and Myrna May Wickey Lewis. She has lived in the Borger area since 1971 and was a certified Insurance Sales Representative for Property Insurers Inc. Sandy loved to read, classic movies and loved mak-

ing jewelry with her friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Nancy Jo Adams, her grandsons Jarred Winegeart and Billy Webb and her best friend Carol

Sandy is survived by her son William Winegeart, II and wife Alana of Pampa, her daughter Denise Webb and husband Larry of Stinnett, her brother Jerry Lewis of McKinleyville, Calif., her sisters Karen Fletcher of Underwood, Iowa and Susan Barnhart and husband David of Oklahoma City, her five grandchildren and two greatgranchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

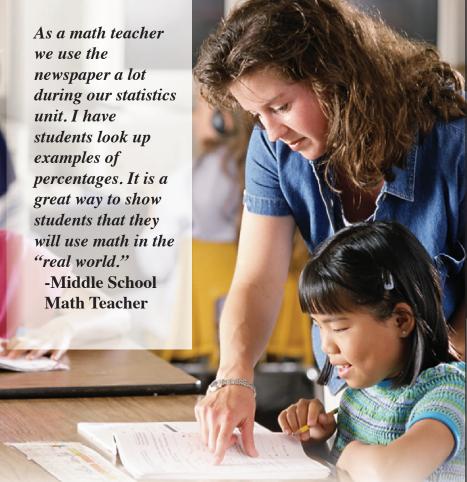
The family will receive friends at the funeral home

from 5-7 p.m. on Friday.

Sandra Jean

Winegeart

















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Letter to the Editor Murder suspect says death was an accident

I just wanted to write and say I did not murder Nick Nelson. Nick was like a brother to me and I would never hurt him. The Pampa Police Department and the district attorney both know this.

What happened was a terrible accident and my best friend lost his life. It tears me up that the Pampa Police and district attorney are making me look like a murderer. Nick and I were under the influence of alcohol and marijuana and we were playing with a gun. The gun went off and struck Nick. I called 911 as fast as I could and begged them to hurry and send an ambulance. I begged them to send LifeStar and they sent the

I was outside waiting for them on my knees with my hands in the air to let them know I was not a threat to them and

I was screaming and crying for them to please help my friend.

I fully cooperated with the police and they charged me with murder. The D.A. has had these facts for three months now and refuses to lower my charge or bond. The 24 outstanding Class C warrants were all for dog tickets. My dogs got out two times and didn't hurt anyone and they gave me 24 tickets.

I am not a felon and haven't ever been in any real trouble and they act like I'm Public Enemy

I just hope the D.A. does what's just and right and lowers my charge and bond and lets me go home to my family.

I want to let Nick's family know he was not murdered.

Eddie Graham

Family in Texas deadly wreck settles some cases

DALLAS (AP) — The he rammed a pickup truck family of a North Texas teen who killed four people in a drunken wreck has settled with some, but not all, of the victims' families who sued them.

Court records indicate Ethan Couch's family has cluding with families of pert's three people killed in the Couch's wealthy wreck near Fort Worth. At least four other lawsuits have not been settled.

Couch was drunk when termed "affluenza."

last year into a crowd of people trying to help the driver of a disabled vehicle. He pleaded guilty to intoxication manslaughter and was sentenced to probation.

The case drew national settled three lawsuits, in- attention due to an extestimony family coddled him into a sense of irresponsibility a condition the expert

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Tales from the Final Frontier

New Stars Wars movie plot unveiled.

The Star Wars powers-that-be revealed some big news earlier this week. Grab your light-



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cessor.

sabers tightly and be ready for this.....it takes place 30 years after "Return of the Jedi." Okay. So that isn't huge news. After

all, many of the Star Wars movies take place "x" amount of years after its prede-

But even if this is trivial information, it allows for many Star Wars fans to get excited because that means the writers are making serious headway on the Disneyoperated project.

Many Star Wars fans wanted to pull their hair out and were largely concerned about the future of the franchise. The prequel series is sometimes considered the lesser of the Star Wars series. If George Lucas drove those into the ground, what is the next sequel series going to do?

Enter J.J. Abrams. The same director who injected a steroid serum into the Star Trek franchise and rejuvenated an ancient Enterprise crew with a fresher look. I am not saying I like the new Star Trek movies more than the older, I am just saving they are fresher and are more mainstream.

There has been a ton of speculation about the new movies. Like Star Trek, after "Star Wars: Return of the Jedi," science-fiction authors across the world decided to take the reigns of the storyline and write several different takes on how the Star Wars franchise should continue.

Some say Han and Leia have three kids, all of whom become Jedi. Some have said that the Emperor has clones which allows for the Sith's to continue their evil ways. This also causes Luke to join the dark side to take out the Emperor from within, and then he goes back to being good.

I don't like that take because you shouldn't be able to choose pure or evil like you do your favorite flavor of ice cream.

It sounds like in this new movie they are rebuilding the Republic, which kind of restarts the cycle from Episode 1.

I bet there will be a senator everyone loves, and one everyone will hate. The one everyone hates will probably fill a Palpatine-esque role. I bet one of the Solo kids go into politics and one is a polar opposite.

Did I mention that Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and Mark Hamill are

all expected to be in this movie in some sort of capacity?

I am excited about that too, but I hope they don't pull an "Indiana Jones: Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" on me. Let them serve a role like Spock Prime in the new Star Trek movies.

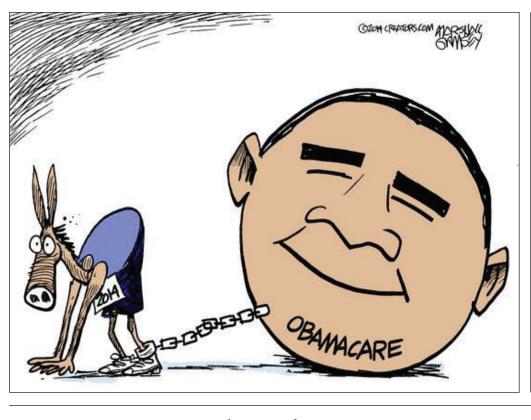
Whether Star Wars fans are excited about the new movie, or dreading the knowledge about the impending "Episode VII," there is no doubt that when Dec. 18, 2015 rolls around, Star Wars fans will dust off their Darth Vader costumes, Jedi robes and lightsabers and line up outside movie theaters across the

Until then, speculate away my fellow Star Wars fans and may the force be with you.

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A fanmade poster for Episode VII.



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Bereavement and Healing

Hidden treasures

I loved scavenger hunts. At a party, I would receive a



TRACY LEE

list of ordinary things to collect from neighbors' homes, along with one or two not so ordinary things. The party host would di-

vide the partygoers into small groups and off we would go on our own little treasure hunt. Once we had collected all of the items or, at the appointed time if we had not collected every item, we would return to the party home and compare treasures. It was a very fun game filled with thrills of treasure seeking.

As an adult, I have a daughter who loves scavenger hunts of a different nature. She is a teenage genealogist sleuth. She combs the internet, lists, books, old letters, documents and any other thing she can put her hands on, seeking information on our ancestral lineage. When she finds her treasure, she is filled with excitement and happiness. I have seen her diligently search for one bit of information

When I was a young girl, for years on end, meeting one disappointment after another. She remains ever conscientious though, knowing that if she remains focused and ever hopeful, her search will find success. She has much more faith in the process than me.

When I was an intern for my professional license, I worked at a very old funeral home in Dallas, TX. The building was huge and had those six feet wide columns across the front porch. One day at work, I set about clearing out an old bookcase upon which sat a large collection of lovely leather bound books. I would estimate that there were at least 40 of these books on the shelves. They were very old, and some were showing signs of deterioration. I asked the Funeral Director in Charge (FDIC) what he would have me do with these old, dusty, musty smelling, leather bound books. He said, "Just through them away; I don't know why we have them." His remarks startled me, and I have never forgotten them. These old leather bound books dating back to the 1800's were hand written ledgers, contain-

ing the vital statistics and

personal impressions of the FDIC of every person this funeral home had buried for over 100 years. Can you imagine coming across such a trove of hidden information?

My mother was a genealogist. Perhaps that is where my daughter inherits such passion for her skill. I remember my mother taking trips to the Deep South to visit old cathedrals in search of lost information in her family lineage. Instead of spending our summers as our friends did, on the coast or at amusement parks, my siblings and I were packed into my mother's station wagon to visit old relatives and Catholic priests all summer. We would return to our home just in time for school to begin. Each day after school, we would sit and work on our studies. My mother would sit at the dining room table with us. She would comb through her newly acquired documents in search of illusive ancestral linkage. She, like my daughter, would revel when she would find her bits of hidden treasure.

While writing this story this morning, I have placed a phone call to the old funeral home in Dallas

where I interned. The secretary had not yet arrived at work, so I left a message for her. I pray those old leather bound books filled with lost treasure have not been destroyed as the FDIC suggested. I hope to rescue them and digitize them so that if there is a genealogist out there searching for a lost member of their family, they might find their treasure through my efforts.

Before becoming a funeral practitioner, I did not know about these books. My mother would have jumped for joy if she had ever come across such a hidden treasure. I hope that if you are searching for lost genealogical records, this information might help you find your lost loved ones.

When I was a young girl, I loved scavenger hunts. Gone are the days that I searched for common items. I am now embarking on a hunt for hidden genealogical treasure, and mortuaries are my oyster.

My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a funeral director, author and freelance writer. I write books, weekly articles and brief tips on understanding and coping with grief. It is my life's work to comfort the bereaved and help them live on.

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"I'd love to demystify all this," said DePaul math professor Jeff Bergen, whose expertise has been in demand this month. "The math involved is quite simple and can be done in a high school class. What blows people away is the magnitude of the numbers. You look at the number '9 quintillion' and it's hard to wrap your head around it."

signed up.)

There are a few more than 9.2 quintillion combinations for a 64-team bracket. A quintillion is 1 million times 1 trillion — a up with a winning bracket. 1 with 18 zeros behind it. If every possibility were filled out on its own sheet of paper, the weight of the paper would be 184 trillion tons — more than 500 million times the weight of the Empire State Building.

To help whittle the odds, math professor Tim Chartier of Davidson College held a seminar. For \$100 a head, he offered a class last week touted as 90 minutes where you could "learn how to craft an NCAA basketball tournament bracket from a master, and let mathematics boost your chances of creating the perfect bracket."

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Over the past few years, Warren Buffett looks at helped a handful of David- a lot of decisions that are his offer to pay \$1 billion son students finish in the the right decisions, but to anyone who fills out a top 2 or 3 percent in dif- the outcomes don't alperfect NCAA tournament ferent contests, including ways come out the way we bracket as nothing more one run by ESPN, which than a matter of having the gets more than 1 million entries. His system weighs Mathematicians say he's a number of variables, in- fett's holding company, right. That's still not stop- cluding records, strength of Berkshire Hathaway, an how teams are currently make the impossible seem is one the NCAA selection ceived anywhere between possible — or a little less committee leaves out of its \$1 million and \$10 million, seeding considerations.)

"The key to it is not necessarily doing some amazing thing that nobody's very good investment. people the ins and outs ever done," Chartier says. "The key is weighting it but someone with knowledge inevitably, work against weighting it with an ability of basketball — say, someto identify when a team is one with the rudimentary strong."

Joe Lunardi, who is widely credited with creating the the last 29 years — still offered a \$99 course in chance of being perfect. which he shared some of the winner. (As of Monday, exam involved filling in trants, so, Bergen says, if about 9,000 people had the names of the teams on all 15 million sign up and State making it and SMU left out.)

The University of Cincinnati business school of- better chance of buying one fers a class that meets three Mega Millions ticket and Saturdays before Selection one Powerball ticket and Sunday. Professor Mike winning both in the same Magazine teaches the his- week. tory of the NCAA tourna-

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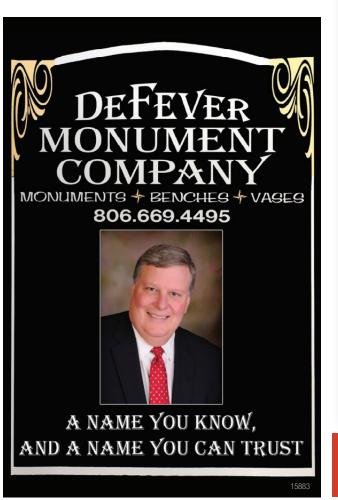
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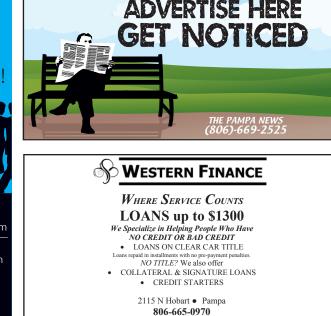
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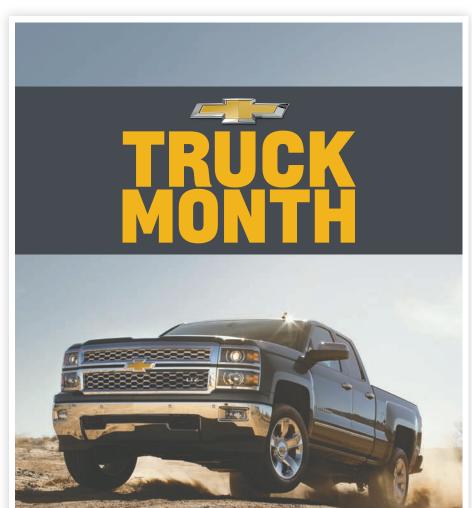




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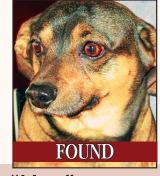
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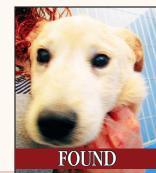
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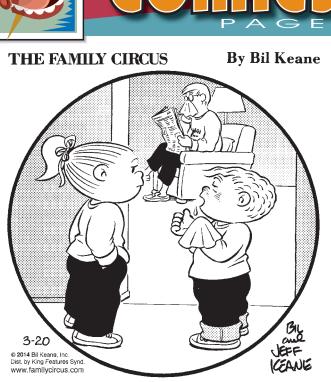
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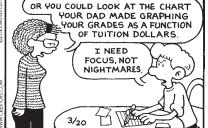


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, day night. March 21, 2014:

This year you tend to focus on one person at a time, instead of the group as a whole. This trait could be prevalent in meetings. If you are single, someone might be quite intrigued by you and by everything that comes along with you. Not until July will Cupid be in your neighborhood. Any time after that is when you could encounter Mr. or Ms. Right. Do not make a commitment before August. If you are attached, come summer, the heat will fuel your passion. People who do not know you will be sure the two of you are newfound lovers. SAGITTARIUS can be a source of end-

less information. 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)

★★★★ Handle a personal matter in the morning. You will want to take off or schedule some time out of town in the afternoon. If you have been considering signing up for a class or sprucing up your resume, the evening is the perfect time. Tonight: The more exotic, the better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others steal the stage right now. In the morning, everyone will want your time. The good news is that, by the afternoon, you will have isolated the one person you choose to share your time with. Your relationship could build to a new level. Tonight: Opt for togeth-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Ask for more information regarding a health or work-related matter. Honor a change with a certain issue, and a relationship will flourish as a result. By the afternoon, you could discover the importance of taking the lead with a relationship. Tonight: Make the first move. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Allow your imagination to come out in the morning. Your focus might be on making plans, but confusion seems to surround an important matter involving a foreigner, legal matters and/ or communication. Your ability to read between the lines will emerge. Tonight: Do for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could have a difficult time leaving your home, yet once you do, your more playful side will emerge. Use your ability to discuss a heavy issue while making light of it. Depending on the outcome, you might want to change direction. Tonight: Act as if it were Fri-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Tension builds to a new level. Others could find you confusing at best. Recognize what is happening behind the scenes, as you might not have a clear vision of an interaction right now. A discussion might be a moot issue today if you can't see eye to eye. Tonight: Mosey on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You are likely to have little choice in a work-related matter. A superior could play out his or her role in the problem. Communication will flourish, but everyone seems to be speaking a different language. Maintain your sense of humor, and everything will work out. Tonight: TGIF!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your imagination could carry you far; however, getting concrete results might be more important right now. A matter involving a child or loved one could be costly. When it comes to a financial demand, you might feel quite tense. Tonight: Head out to celebrate the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You beam and draw many people to you. Listen to your instincts, and you will be more on target than you could have imagined. Your strength of personality and need for freedom could directly conflict with someone else's demands; try to minimize the problem. Tonight: Relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could hear from others how much you might be needed by a loved one. The person in question seems to be unable to share his or her feelings. Your sixth sense is generally right, but you can't depend solely on that right now. Tonight: If you want to make it an early night, please do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ How you manage a problem could be very different from how you anticipated handling it this morning. Look to your long-term goals, and you will succeed. Use caution with your finances, as it might be difficult to rectify a mistake after it happens. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You'll go with the flow in the morning; however, you might appear to have a problem seeing the big picture in the afternoon. Perhaps what is stressing you out is what a boss or older relative wants from you. You could feel conflicted. Tonight: Do not act on confusion.

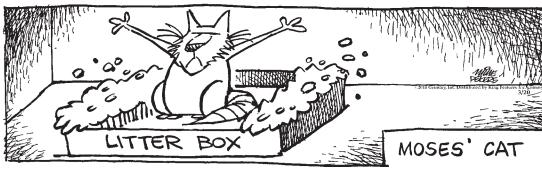
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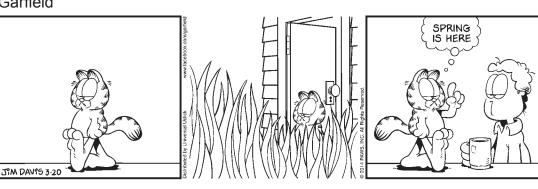
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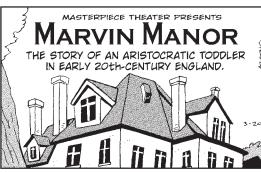


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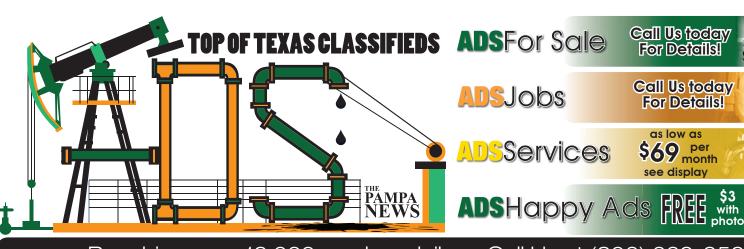


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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

Dear Abby...

various anti-drug lectures he was exposed to at school, my 13-year-old son believes that marijuana is not only illegal, but also is very bad for you. He said it is poison.

My state has recently leat a loss about how to explain to him that pot is no longer "that bad," as people partake of it in a responsible manner going forward. Any suggestions? — COLORA-DO MOM

juana isn't poison, unless it was sprayed with a poisonous chemical before being harvested. The marijuana being sold to adults in the states where it is now legal has been carefully cultivated and harvested. Its use is not encouraged among teenagers, however, because impair brain development he knows. Meals out that among young people.

Stress to your son that like alcohol, marijuana can slow reaction time and impair judgment and memory, which is why it's illegal for minors to use it. Whether it will become legal across the nation is still an open question. If it's abused the way that alcohol sometimes is, smoking weed may also be harmful because, like any smoke, it poses a risk to the lungs.

DEAR ABBY: I moved into my boyfriend's home several months ago. In the beginning, he was very attentive and we had fun together. But over the last couple of months, he has become abusive and unbearable to live with. He orders me around and doublechecks to make sure I'm doing things "his way."

I feel as though there isn't room to breathe and no way

DEAR ABBY: Due to out. I have lost weight, and should be quiet affairs turn I'm having trouble sleep- into social situations I do ing now. I have no family not want to be part of. or friends who can help me out. I want to end this mis- as to a polite response to ery! But how? -ABLE IN FLORIDA

galized marijuana and I am Pick up the phone and decline their friendly offer? call the National Domestic Violence Hotline (800- NORTH CAROLINA 799-7233). Although your boyfriend's controlling behavior hasn't yet escalated to physical abuse, it very well could. The coun-DEAR MOM: Mariselors at the hotline can a long day and we just help you to formulate a want to sit and be quiet." plan so you can safely get It wouldn't be considered away. Please don't wait to rude unless you say it ofmake the call, because the ten. symptoms you're having

are ones of extreme stress. a small town. My husband eryone is up for company is friendly and outgoing and all the time. It is also unresearch has shown it can out running into someone discuss privately.

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Yesterday's Answer:

Each of the following seven-letter sets can be

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rearranged to spell out a common word that

starts with I N or E N, and/or ends with

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I have wracked my brain MISER- people when they say, "Join I don't WANT to join **DEAR** MISERABLE: them. How do we politely "NOT TONIGҤT" IN

> DEAR "NOT TO-NIGHT": A polite way to refuse would be to say, "We'd love to do that another time, but it has been

If these people are friends, they should un-DEAR ABBY: We live in derstand because not evseems to know everyone. derstandable if a couple We can't go anywhere with- has things they need to

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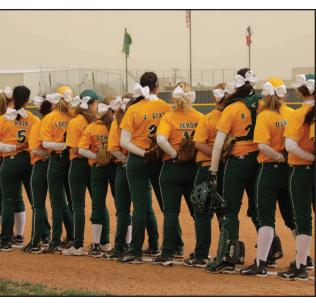
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Photos above and below by Charla Shults Above, the Lady Harvesters salute the Red, White and Blue before their game against River Road Tuesday evening. Below, Cameron Schaub (15) passes the ball to first base. Below middle, the Harvesters regroup between innings Tuesday against River Road. Bottom, Brandon Woelfle fields a ball and prepares to pass it to first base. The Lady Harvesters defeated River Road 23-2 and the Harvesters fell to River Road 9-0. Full stories can be found online at www.thepampanews.com. The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters return to action Saturday at Borger.

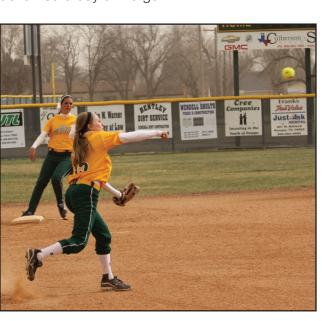




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| (11) Dayton at (6) Ohio St | CBS 11:15 a.m. |
| (15) American U. at (2) Wisconsin. | truTV 11:40 a.m. |
| (9) Pittsburgh at (8) Colorado | TBS 12:40 p.m. |
| (12) Harvard at (5) Cincinnati | TNT 1:10 p.m. |
| (14) W. Michigan at (3) Syracuse | CBS 1:45 p.m. |
| (10) BYU at (7) Oregon | truTV 2:10 p.m. |
| (16) Albany at (1) Florida | TBS 3:10 p.m. |
| (13) Delaware at (4) Michigan St | TNT 3:40 p.m. |
| (10) Saint Joseph's at (7) Connectic | utTBS 5:55 p.m. |
| (15) Wofford at (2) Michigan | CBS 6:10 p.m. |
| (12) N.C. State at (5) St. Louis | TNT 6:20 p.m. |
| (12) North Dakota St | truTV 6:10 p.m. |
| (15) Milwaukee at (2) Villanova | TBS 8:25 p.m. |
| (10) Arizona St. at (7) Texas | CBS 8:40 p.m. |
| (13) Manhattan at (4) Louisville | TNT 8:50 p.m. |
| (13) New Mexico St. at (4) San Diego S | ttruTV 8:57 p.m. |
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