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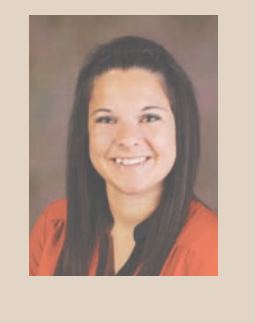
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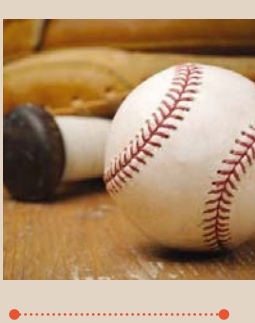
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## AIM BANK'S CHAMBER GOLDCOATING HELD RECENTLY



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

AimBank recently had its Chamber Goldcoating. Goldcoats pictured include Sheila Webb, ReDonn Woods, Richard Morris, Ken Rheams, Scott Hahn, Susan Winborne, Lyndon Field, Pat Montoya, Heather Thompson, Shane Stokes, Alan Eubank, Kay West, Bryan Guymon, Kerrick Horton, Ronnie Wood, Darrell Sehorn, Lynn Allison, Keith Demetriades, Darville Orr, Roy Morriss and Terry Barnes.

## Total Care Health and allergy treatments



By JOHN LEE  
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With all of the recent rains that has blessed the area, there is a slight side effect: the grass and plants growing and producing pollen. Total Care Health can help those who suffer from allergies among several other services. "Total Care Health offers from infant to geriatric care as well as allergy treatment," Linda Keller, clinical allergy specialist, LVN. "We care for children two years old and above and 48 different geographical weeds, trees, grasses and molds that are in the area. We also offer well checkups and injections, annual exams and pretty much anything that a physician can do." Keller's role at Total Care Health

is to do the allergy testing. "It's not the old-fashioned needle, it's a stamp process," Keller said. "It's kind of like a little stamp pad or stiff bristle brush that we use on the forearms." The testing usually takes about 15 minutes and the total process takes 30 minutes after reading results and letting the extract do its test. Keller said that it's comparable to a mosquito bite where redness is raised to the surface and depending on how the body reacts that's how Keller, and nurse practitioner Terri Pay, determine the serum to combat the allergies. Keller said weeds, trees and grasses are the dominant allergens in the area. But mold is sometimes a forgotten culprit for allergy sufferers. "It's going to depend on how

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## City conducting a smoke test of its sanitary sewer system

■ The City of Pampa is conducting a smoke test of its sanitary sewer system in Ward 4.

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## PINGEL HEADED TO STATE



Submitted photo

Lauren Pingel, of Pampa, will be headed to state for her second straight year in the seated shot put division. Congratulations Lauren and best of luck as you head to Austin May 14-16.

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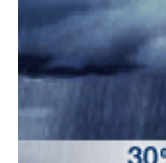
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## PAMPA FORECAST

| Today  | Thursday  | Friday  |
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| High 79<br>Low 58  | High 76<br>Low 57<br>30%  | High 79<br>Low 55<br>30%  |

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Breezy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25 mph. Sunrise at 6:48 a.m.

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph. Sunrise at 8:35 p.m.

**Thursday:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 76. South wind around 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:47 a.m.

**Thursday night:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South southeast wind around 15 mph. Sunset at 8:35 p.m.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:46 a.m.

**Friday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunset at 8:36 p.m.

## Health

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much rain we get," Keller said.

"It's (the recent rain) also going to bring out your molds and people don't normally think about. Once we get the dampness in the air and the mold starts to come out and those spores start to come up, that humidity plays a factor in spreading those spores. Once the wind picks up it's really going to spread those spores and they are going to travel. You could be in a 40 to 50-mile radius and they're going to be everywhere."

Keller said depending on what you're allergic to and how your body reacts, one spore for one person may have the same effect as 50 to another person.

Allergic reactions can also sometimes lead to worse diseases such as bronchitis and sinus and ear infections. So how does a patient distinguish between

allergies and sinus infections/diseases.

"When it becomes a cycle," Keller said. "A lot of people will think it'll go away on it's own and you can treat it with antibiotics but allergies will keep coming back. You can only treat allergies by taking out the source, masking the source is only going to be a short-term resolution."

Keller added that if the allergies lead to bronchitis or sinus and ear infections, antibiotics will cure that, but ultimately allergies will keep returning and also need to be treated.

Keller said the clinic has been using the stamp process since they opened in 2012, and patients tend to be more receptive of the stamp than the needles.

"The needles are a little bit over-whelming versus the stamp which is just on your arms and you are actually able to see versus the needles when you are going off someone's word on what it looks like," Keller said.

The stamp just irritates the top layer of the skin to

test for allergies where as the needle punctures the skin in testing.

Total Care Health also treats allergies for cats, dogs, horses, cattle, feather, cockroach and dust-mites as well.

A common misconception about allergy treatments is that it's not 100 percent natural. Some also believe there are side-effects to allergy treatments but the only known side-effect is serum sickness which can be caused not just from allergy treatments but that also happens with antibiotics or foods.

Allergy treatment success rates are 85 percent.

The way allergy treatment works is there are injections three times a week for about eight to nine months and then the remainder of the year is twice a week.

Those looking to minimize their exposure to allergens at home includes making sure carpet and drapes are cleaned regularly.

"Dust in air filters also causes reactions," Keller

said. "An air purifier is a simple fix to reactions. Another thing is make sure you wash your curtains regularly. Febreze is a good thing to use to diminish allergens and dust-mite allergens."

Keller also suggested that after doing yard work it's a good idea to change clothes and shower right away so the outside allergens on your clothes don't get on furniture. Also keeping the humidity in your house low reduces mold build up.

"Unless you live in a newer home, a lot of older homes will have mold and just keeping the humidity low will help because molds love the warm, damp atmosphere," Keller said.

Total Care Health does accept most health insurance plans and most plans cover treatment for allergies. Total Care Health also offers payment plans as well.

Total Care Health can be found in New Life Wellness Center located at 701 N. Price Road.

They can be reached at 806-688-2273.

## TUESDAY RAINFALL COMMUNITY PICTURES



Submitted photos  
Top two photos were taken by Lindy Forsyth, city secretary of Lefors, showing the flooding in Lefors Tuesday morning. Below, photo taken by Jordan Jennings on a dirt road in Pampa. More photos will be featured in future editions of The Pampa News. As of 1 p.m. Tuesday, Pampa had received 3.09 inches at the school net site located at the Pampa ISD Administration building.



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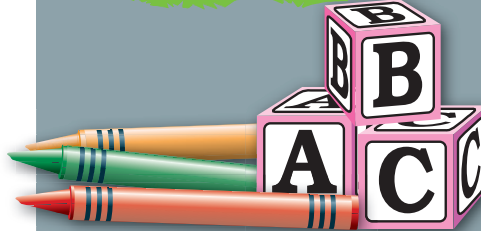
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# Storms in West Texas leave behind high water, close schools

TAHOKA (AP) — A West Texas school district has called off classes for the day after nearly 7 inches of rain left behind flooded roads.

The Tahoka (tuh-HOK'-kuh) Independent School District canceled classes Tuesday. Superintendent George McFarland cited unsafe travel conditions.

The Texas Department of Transportation reports some roads closures south of Lubbock due to flooding, in areas near Tahoka and Lamesa (luh-MEE'-suh).

National Weather Service forecaster Chris Morris says Tahoka had received almost 6.9 inches of rain in the 24-hour period ending Tuesday morning.

Morris says Lubbock set a precipitation record Monday with 3.42 inches of rain. The previous record for May 4 was set in 2001, when Lubbock received .82 inches of rain.

The National Weather Service says showers that began Monday in West Texas should ease off by Wednesday.

## FOR *the* RECORD

# Pampa man arrested for assault

**STAFF REPORT**

• John Booth, 43, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

• Saul Villaloando, 18, Pampa, was arrested Monday by PPD for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces in a drug free zone, possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Kegan Pettit, 22, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for harassment.

• Stetson Standish, 23, Brownwood, was arrested Monday by GCSO for criminal trespassing.

# Islamic State group takes credit for suburban Dallas assault

PHOENIX (AP) — The Islamic State group claimed responsibility Tuesday for the assault on a Texas cartoon contest that featured images of the Prophet Muhammad, marking the first time the terror group has taken credit for an attack in the United States.

But it was unclear whether the group actually directed Sunday's shooting in the Dallas suburb of Garland or if the two gunmen were inspired by the group to act on their own before they were shot and killed.

presence recently but had no indication he was plotting an attack, said one federal official familiar with the investigation.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said it's too early to say whether the Islamic State group played a role in the attack. He said U.S. officials are working aggressively to counter efforts by terrorists to use social media to radicalize individuals in the United States.

IS recently urged those in the United States, Europe and Australia who cannot safely travel to fight in Syria and Iraq to carry out jihad in the countries where they live. An audio statement on the extremist group's Al Bayan radio station called the men "two soldiers of the caliphate."

Such lone wolf attacks pose a daunting challenge to law enforcement, and IS has a history of claiming responsibility for attacks in which it played no operational role, counterterrorism experts said.

Federal officials identified the gunmen as Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi, both Americans who lived in Phoenix. They were described as amicable and quiet and were sometimes seen feeding stray cats outside their apartment complex. Federal authorities had been scrutinizing Simpson's social media



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## Museum Musings

### The Cook addition

Many of the streets in Pampa have names that reflect some of the early people of Pampa. Each street serving as a marker in helping later generations remember the people who were here before.

Charles C. Cook was Pampa's first lawyer. He's described as being of more rural roots. His family was from Lefors, but Cook was born at Henrietta, Clay County, Texas on July 28, 1890. He was well educated having attended New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, then Baylor University in Waco and Law School at the University of Colorado.

Oil was booming in the Pampa area, and further west, where Borger was actually built later centered more over the oilfield. Pampa boomed first, but when a Tulsa real estate developer, named Mr. Borger, bought the surface rights over the oilfield, and platted out the new town of Borger, Pampa's decline from it's boom began as Borger's growth increased.

At only the age of 22 and as a newly minted lawyer, Cook recognized the opportunity that Pampa offered. The boomtown had no lawyer, but Cook would become the first.

When he came to Pampa in 1911, he began his law practice with very little. He used a packing box for a desk until he could obtain suitable office furniture.

He married Louell Goodfellow, a Dallas debutant. She was born on July 8, 1890, at Estelle, Dallas County, Texas. She was a graduate of North Texas State Normal College at Denton. She would eventually teach school at both Groom and in Pampa.

As impressed as Cook was, his new bride was less than impressed. So, to seal the deal, Cook had to build a nice house in a nice part of town. And since a "nice" part of



town didn't really exist at that point, he had to build that too.

So came the park along the creek just north of downtown. The park would separate the now "nice" part of town, now called the Cook Addition, from the muddy rest of the booming town.

The Cooks had five children, Mary Ellen being the oldest got the Cuyler Street extension into the Cook Addition named after her. Little sister Christine and younger brother Charles had to do with the side streets. The home he built sits on the NW corner of where Cook Street changes and continues east and crosses Christine.

The other part of the deal was that Mrs. Cook would be able to easily shop at Nieman Marcus in Dallas. This was managed by Cook convincing the Federal Railroad Commission in Washington that, for "economic reasons" Pampa needed a railroad spur off the Ft. Worth and Denver Railroad from Childress to Pampa, and it was built.

This story was told through the notes of the Cook's grandson, Mary Ellen's son, Ronald Gooding. He said he will "always remem-

ber Pampa as the perfect place for a boy to grow up in the 1940's and 50's. We were unbeatable on the basketball court, thanks to the Bond brothers. We did our homework at the Blue Bonnet Bar and talked about it afterwards at Jessie May's Pennant Club. We all tried to always stay at least one step ahead of Rufe Jordan."

The boys returned to Pampa each summer to rehab the Cabot's carbon black buildings, "Work so dirty even the union guys didn't want to do it, but we high school boys would, for really big money."

At least it was for us, enough that we all drove new Ford Victorias." Said Gooding.

For more of Mr. Gooding's story, contact the Freedom Museum USA in Pampa. His story as a Vietnam Veteran will be shared in their new exhibit.

*To learn more about Pampa and the Gray County area visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com.*

## Voters prefer Governors over Senators for White House

In the past 94 years, American voters have elected a total of two United States senators — John F. Kennedy in 1960 and Barack Obama — president. By contrast, before



**MARK SHIELDS**

Obama, four of the past five men elected to the White House — Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush — were either sitting or former governors.

Why the electorate's preference for governors over senators? Governors have to make tough choices about how to balance the state budget, which the governor then has to persuade reluctant state legislators to pass. Senators instead make tough speeches and then issue a press release endorsing an unattainable — and unworkable — constitutional amendment to balance the federal budget.

Governors, who often deal with natural disasters and public emergencies, can point to real changes in people's lives — the opening of a new community college or jobs with employers they brought to their state. Senators, who speak in their own jargon about "lacking a quorum" or "tabling the motion to recommit" that means nothing to most Americans, represent the Congress, a universally disliked institution, and Washington, an unpopular place.

But because a senator is only one of 100 and accountable only for her or his own voting record, most voters don't get upset when their ambitious senator misses the hearings of the Subcommittee on Weights and Measures to travel to a county convention in Iowa or to a party dinner in New Hampshire. That's what senators do; they run for president. And it isn't as though being in the U.S. Senate involves real work or heavy lifting.

The disadvantage for

a governor — not as the party's nominee for president in the general election but in leaving the state capitol to seek that presidential nomination by traveling to the primary and caucus states — is that the constituents, though they may take some home-state pride in all the national attention, want their governor on the job full time.

Consider New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, whose state's credit rating has been downgraded nine times during his administration. By a 2-1 margin in a Quinnipiac University poll, New Jersey voters do not think Christie should run for president.

And if he does, 70 percent of his constituents believe he should immediately resign as governor.

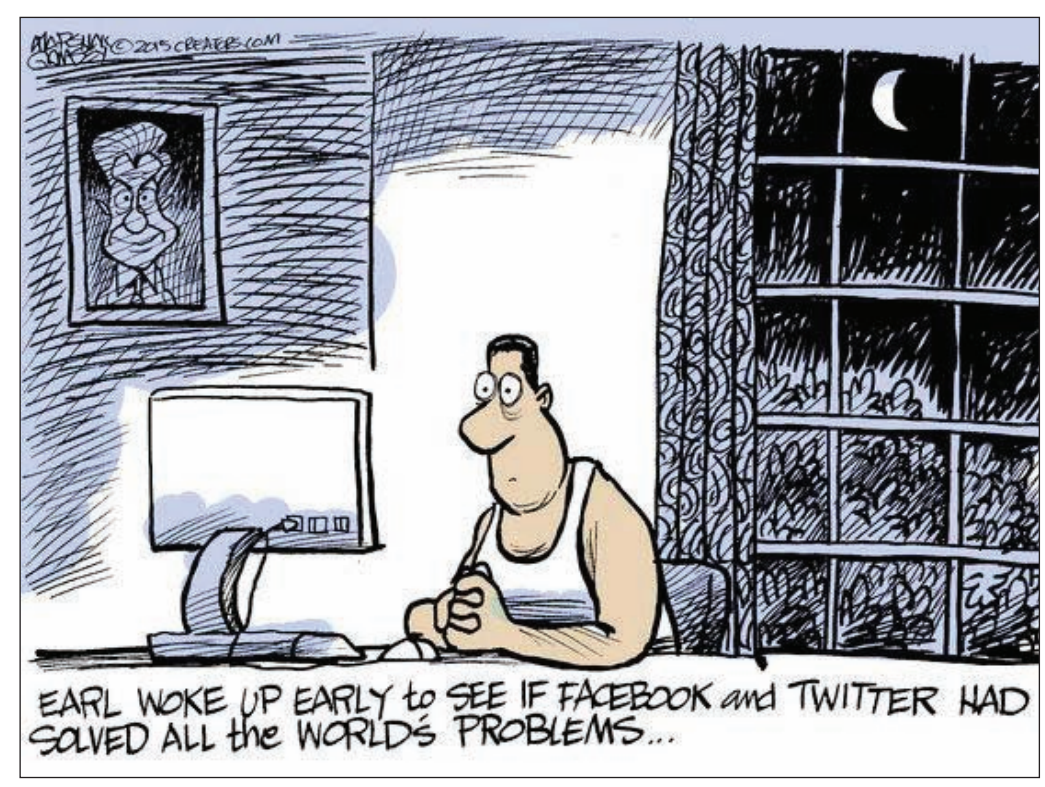
Wisconsin voters are only slightly less unenthusiastic about the fact that their governor, Scott Walker, who is at the top of many national surveys, may run for the White House. By a 3-2 margin in the most recent Public Policy Polling survey, Dairy State voters do not think Walker should run for the highest office. His job rating — according to the tally of the Wisconsin State Journal, Walker has been out of state about half the days in 2015 — has dropped to its lowest point in four years. A presidential bid by Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal would also be opposed by about 2 in 3 state voters.

You can hear the identical campaign case against Govs. Christie, Walker and Jindal from Republican rivals for the nomination: "Let's listen to those who know him best, his home-state voters — who overwhelmingly do not want him to run."

If you are the presidential nominee, it can be good to be a governor.

But the real job of being governor can make it difficult to win that nomination.

*To find out more about Mark Shields and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.*



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## Hump Day with Humphrey

### Humphrey may need to learn to swim

With the abundance of moisture on the ground lately, Humphrey has begun to improvise. Although he is still not a fan of being outside in the rain, he doesn't quite understand why he can't be on the patio. It's covered, and I am pretty sure he doesn't see it as being outside because he treats it like just another room when I leave the door open for him to roam in and out as he pleases.

When it rains, He's not allowed to go out there since he likes to play in



**LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**

the mud and drinks the puddles.

I can't stand when Humphrey finds muddy water and drinks it. It's one of those dog things he does that I'm not a fan of. After all, he is my child. I'm also not a huge fan of cleaning up muddy paw prints.

Homeboy has been lounging around a lot lately, probably because I have been doing the same. My schedule is about to pick up significantly, and being the procrastinator I am, I've been getting some rest in for the time being.

Lately, it's been a bit warm for Humphrey's liking outside, so he doesn't mind the cooler weather that accompanies

these rain storms, which means more window wars in the car between the two of us. He's starting to figure out that if he stays standing on the window button, I can't roll it back up. Sometimes I think he is too smart for his own good.

Now, going to divert a little bit. I've been seeing a lot about the flooding going on in Lubbock with all the rain, and I couldn't help but wonder what the people with animals are doing. There have been entire cars submerged on the streets and students literally swimming through the streets on Texas Tech's campus. Seeing it has just made me wonder what on earth I would do

with Humphrey if that were to happen here.

I lived in Lubbock for four years while attending college, and the city is almost instantly underwater when it rains, which was always an issue for me, but it's gone to the extreme at this point.

Humphrey and I would have to get a raft for that amount of water!

Keeping it short this week because I really just don't have a whole lot going on with Humphrey lately. Maybe he'll be more interesting for next week's column.

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# PAMPA Faith

## What has happened to modern Christians?

I spent all of 2014 on Sunday mornings preaching on “The Most Popular Verses In The Bible.” I determined the list from four Christian websites that tabulated which verses received the most hits on their site. Each website then put together a list of their “Top 100” most popular Bible verses as chosen by their followers. Then one



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of the four websites combined the four lists into a single SUPER LIST. That made it really easy to find the scriptures that made the “Top 100” on all four sites and those that made three of the four sites. There were only 12 verses that made the “Top 100” on all four lists. To be honest, that really surprised me. There were 24 verses that made three of the four “Top 100” lists. I learned several lessons from the super list throughout 2014. I thought I’d share a few of them with you.

First, only one Old Testament verse made all four “Top 100” lists. Think about that. Not Top 10 or Top 20, but Top 100. And only a single Old Testament verse caught Christian’s attention enough to register on all four sites. Basically that means that most Christians write off 70 percent of their Bible and pay very little attention to it. That ought to scare us to the point of rattling our knees. Father God, help us pay more attention to most of the Bible that You preserved for us.

Second, the only Old Testament verse that made the “Top 100” on all four sites was Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” And what a scary sign of our times that is concerning professing Christians and churches of today.

Most professing Christians today don’t want to hear anything but GOOD NEWS and not the good news of the gospel, but the good news that God is going to bless our socks off with even more prosperity than we have already received. Don’t think so? Just check out the No. 1 mega-church in America in Houston (43,000) and listen to every Sunday’s message. Nothing about sin, hell, discipline, persecution, suffering, holiness, judgment or any of the other subjects on that side of the biblical coin. Don’t think that’s scary? Check this out.

Jer. 29:11 is God’s promise NOT to all people of all generations, but rather a specific promise to the Jews. And do you know what happened immediately after this promise? God squashed His nation of Judah by the harsh judgment hand of King Nebuchadnezzar for their ungodliness and sent them into captivity for 70 years. Yeah, you

got it, slaves for 70 years. Don’t think so? Check out verse 10. But see when Jer. 29:11 is usually talked about or preached on or gloried in that part gets left out. How come? Because nobody wants to hear about being punished by God for 70 years and made slaves of another nation. You see, that part of the truth just won’t sell well.

Third, think about all of the Old Testament verses that didn’t draw the attention of professing Christian’s enough to even make the “Top 100” all four lists. Gen. 1:1 and God the Creator only made three. Gen. 1:26-27 where humans were created in God’s image only made three. Not a single one of the 10 Commandments made even one of the lists. And only a side comment in Ex. 20:6 about receiving loving-kindness got noticed. The commandments got thrown out, but the loving-kindness made one of the lists. Ps. 23 didn’t make the cut. Isa. 53 only made two lists. What has modern Christianity turned into; what have we become? Cotton candy like Jer. 29:11 that isn’t even talking to Gentiles makes the dinner menu? But meat and potatoes verses get ignored? God help us.

Fourth, not all news was bad though. Professing Christians did better in the New Testament. Some of the harder life-critical doctrinal verses made all 4 lists: Jn. 1:1 (deity of Christ), Jn. 14:6 (Jesus the only way), Rom. 3:23 (all have sinned) and Rom. 10:9 (resurrection of Jesus). These are MOUNTAIN issues that determine if someone is a true disciple of Jesus or just a big fat FAKE. Each of these were a real encouragement to me, that many professing Christians still come to grips with the core truths of the Christian faith.

If you would like to go check out the SUPER-LIST for yourself, go to:

<http://www.openbible.info/blog/2009/05/what-are-the-most-popular-verses-in-the-bible-it-depends-whom-you-ask/>

However, the one encouraging lesson cannot overshadow the scary lessons.

1. Too many professing Christians today expect life to be so prosperous that it could hardly pass for biblical Christianity. By today’s prosperity standards, Jesus and His disciples would have to be considered rejects who were cursed by God, not shining examples of the blessed life.
2. Too many professing Christians these days are biblically ignorant. Oh, many know some hand-picked feel-good verses, but remain ignorant of the core truths of the Christian faith and of what the scriptures teach about what God expects to see in the life of a faithful disciple of Jesus.
3. Too many professing Christians have bought into the lie that almost

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## CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

### The aroma of God

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

As I sit down to write today, my Dad is in the hospital in Enid, Okla. He experienced some shortness of breath on Sunday that did not go away. After my sister, Kathy, contacted me, I called Dad and urged him to let her take him to the ER. It’s a 40-minute drive so you just don’t put off going.

After getting off the phone with him, I sent a text to Kathy and told her he would be calling.



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They went to the ER and Dad is now in the hospital undergoing some more tests and they are monitoring his heart activity. I prayed that God would be with him and walk each step with him through the night. Kathy text me off and on through the night to let me know what was going on.

If you knew my Dad you would like him. He is a good man, with a loving heart and a desire to see people come to know the Lord. He has always reached out to people to show them the love of Christ.

I love my Dad and all that he has shown me through the years.

I can still remember him telling me that when people walk away from you they need to have experienced the love of Christ — you need to have the fragrance of Christ in your life. The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 2:14 — “But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.” Dad has always sought to be that ‘sweet aroma’ to others.

Then I remembered something that happened when he suffered a stroke back in April of 1997. He was in St. Mary’s Hospital in Enid, Okla. I took Joshua up to see him so we could spend a couple of days with him. Dad was doing well at that time so there was no danger and by that time he was already in rehab. Joshua and I had spent the day with him but it had been tiring. Dad needed some rest and so did Joshua.

Dad told Joshua to get up on the bed beside him so they could take a nap. Joshua climbed on that bed and they both drifted off to sleep. Not long after they woke up we headed back to Pampa. It wasn’t far out of Enid that Joshua said he wasn’t feeling well so I told him to climb in the backseat and take a nap.

All was quiet until Joshua broke the silence. He said, “Dad, I still smell Grandpa.” I asked him, “Is that a bad thing?” To which he replied, “No, it’s good.” I looked back to the road with tears in my eyes and smiled — my

son had made a memory with his Grandpa that his sense of smell would never forget!

I think that may well be what Paul was referring to in 2 Cor. 2:14-17. Paul was saying that as Christians we have the aroma of the knowledge of God in every place. In other words, we have the aroma of our Father as we walk through life. Paul does say that we are an aroma to everyone we meet — a fragrance to those who are saved as well as to those who are perishing.

I wonder if any of us have had someone walk away from an encounter with us and say, “I was able to smell the sweet aroma of Christ in their lives.” Or maybe said, “I can still smell Jesus.” After they had walked away from us. Even more than that, I wonder, how many of us have made a memory with Jesus that was so sweet smelling that our sense of smell will never let us forget. God is calling us to be an aroma, just as He is an aroma.

We all have an aroma of some type. The question is — is it sweet? If we will lie back in the arms of Christ,

He will give us that sweet smelling aroma that will permeate our entire being. I don’t know about you, but it is my prayer that as I walk through this day the sweet smell of Jesus be on my life, and that others not only see Jesus in me, but that they smell Him on me.

Is my Dad going to be okay? No doubt about it! Philippians 1:21 is surely his life’s verse — “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” Like Joshua said, “Dad, I still smell Grandpa.” Me too, Joshua, me too.

JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, there IS something about that name!!

Christ only, always,  
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## Living In the Tension of Hard Decisions

Have you ever felt the tension of a hard decision pulling at you? I know that I have experienced this tension. I remember having to make a decision when I was about 10 years old. I think it was my first real decision I ever made.

My parents were going out of town for the weekend and I could go with them but that would mean I would miss an activity that a friend had scheduled for the weekend. The alternative was to stay with my grandmother and go to the activity with the friend but then I would miss out on all that the family was doing over the weekend. It sounds silly to say now but I agonized over that decision for several days. I really felt the tension of making a hard decision.

I am sure that you have experienced this tension at some point in your life.

You may be experiencing the tension of a hard decision right now. When making tough decisions it is always good to seek wise counsel. A good source of wise council is found in the book of Philippians.

The Apostle Paul was caught in this tension in Philippians 1. I think Paul really narrows down the decision making process for us in this passage.

In Philippians 1:23-24 he says, "I am hard pressed from both directions, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake."

So we see he is hard pressed in two ways. 1. To do what is better. 2. To do what is necessary.

This is the tension you and I live in. We want to do what is better for us. It would be safe to say that this is our selfish desire. Paul is saying here, I long to be with Jesus for eter-

nity. I want to leave this earth and be with Him right away because that truly would be better for me. And I think he is saying it would be a lot easier for him too.

Then he says he cannot do what is better right now because he must do what is necessary and what is necessary is obedience to what the Lord has called him to. In verse 25 Paul says he is "Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith."

His purpose is not yet finished and he must remain to help the Philippians make progress and find joy in their faith.

So here you are, caught in the tension. Should you do what is better for you? Or should you do what is necessary and obedient to the Lord?

I think the answer is obvious for you and me as believers in Christ.

Do what is necessary!

Today in the midst of tough decisions when you are trying to do what is necessary try these three things.

1. Seek the Lord in His Word.
2. Seek the Lord in Prayer.
3. Seek direction from a trusted friend that can help you determine what is necessary.

The truth is, if you are striving to walk faithfully with the Lord then you will live in this tension every day. There is no escaping it. The fallen flesh is trying to persuade you to do what is better but the Lord is calling you to do what is necessary.

At the end of the day it comes down to a matter of obedience. Are you obeying the Lord in every decision?

I leave you with a quote from one of my heroes in the faith:

"There are no 'ifs' in God's Kingdom. His timing is perfect. His will is our hiding place. Lord Jesus, keep me in your will! Don't let me go mad by poking about outside it." — Corrie Ten Boom

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## Mother's Day

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial day for her mother in America. She then began a campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States. She was successful in 1914. It is today celebrated all over the world.

Let me share with you one of my favorite Mother's Day poems: "The Meanest Mother in the World."

"We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

"Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

"We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more

things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

"By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

"Because of our mother, we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night or a million other things, other kids did. Sundays were reserved for church, and we never missed once. We knew better than to ask to spend the night with a friend on Saturdays.

"Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was. I think that's what is wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean moms anymore."

Be sure and call your mom today and tell her you love her. Better yet, if you are near, go take her to church and then a wonderful Mother's Day meal together. Thank the Lord for our mothers!

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everybody will be saved and only horrible people like Hitler will be lost; also known as inclusivism. Some of the most famous preachers in America believe this heart and soul. (I am not making this up)

If that is true, then Jesus is the biggest liar who ever lived. Mt. 7:13-14 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road

that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Regarding the eternal destiny of humans, it will always be MANY in hell and FEW in heaven. And anyone who say differently will surely spend their eternity in hell, separated from the love of God. God bless. Mike

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# PAMPA Sports

## Junior High Swim meet

### STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Junior High swim teams headed to Keller this past weekend to compete in the ninth annual KISD North Zone Middle School Meet. It was their final meet of the season.

Mackensi Sanders, Aashna Hughes, Julia Allen and Sierra Long swam in the 200 yard medley relay for seventh grade girls. They placed ninth with a time of 3:48.27.

Addison Maples, Joshua Garvin, Dalton Riggs and Alexander Villanueva swam the 200 yard medley relay for the eighth grade boys. They finished seventh with a time of 2:17.03.

Addison Maples finished seventh in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 2:40.51. Brenden Courtney finished eighth with a time of 2:56.36. Jaden Baker came in ninth with a time of 3:14.33.

Dalton Riggs came in seventh in the 100 yard individual medley with a time of 1:14.59. Joshua Garvin came in tenth with a time of 1:23.89.

Daniela Servin came in

27th in the seventh grade girls 50 yard freestyle. Her time was 38.92. Sierra Long swam a 42.09 for 33rd. Mackensi Sanders swam a 44.39 for 36th. Aashna Hughes swam a 39 for 47.27.

Jet Petit came in 23rd in the seventh grade boys 50 yard freestyle. His time was 43.67.

Arianna Hart came in 10th in the eighth grade girls 50 yard freestyle with a time of 30.43. Destiny Mears finished 12th with a time of 32.44.

Joseph Munsell came in 11th in the eighth grade boys 50 yard freestyle with a time of 29.44. James Aikin came in 18th with a time of 36.25. Christopher Ottoson came in 19th with a time of 36.30. Jaden Baker finished 21st with a time of 39.04.

Brenden Courtney came in 10th in the eighth grade boys 50 yard butterfly with a time of 41.38.

Daniela Servin came in 20th in the seventh grade girls 100 yard freestyle with a time of 1:35.37.

Arianna Hart finished

13th in the eighth grade girls 100 yard freestyle with a time of 1:11.73.

Dalton Riggs finished seventh in the eighth grade boys 100 yard freestyle with a time of 1:01.00.

Brenden Courtney, Destiny Mears, Joseph Munsell and Arianna Hart came in fifth in the mixed 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:10.42.

Sierra Long came in 24th in the seventh grade girls 50 yard backstroke with a time of 51.93. Mackensi Saunders came in 26th with a time of 53.55. Aashna Hughes came in 29th with a time of 56.25.

Christopher Ottoson came in eighth in the eighth grade boys 50 yard backstroke with a time of 45.22.

Jet Petit came in 10th in the seventh grade boys 50 yard breaststroke with a time of 44.85.

Joshua Garvin came in eighth in the eighth grade boys 50 yard breaststroke with a time of 38.72. Joseph Munsell came in 11th with a time of 43.61.

Julia Allen, Sierra Long, Aashna Hughes and Dan-

iela Servin came in 12th in the seventh grade girls 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:01.09.

Alexander Villanueva, Joseph Munsell, Addison Maples and Dalton Riggs came in fifth in the eighth grade boys 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:56.59.

The seventh grade boys finished 14th with 3 points. The seventh grade girls finished 15th with 10 points. The seventh grade combined for 16th with 13 points.

The eighth grade boys finished sixth with 87 points. The eighth grade girls finished 15th with four points. The eighth grade combined for 10th place with 91 points.

Congratulations to all of the swimmers on a great season.

Stay tuned for pictures in future editions of The Pampa News.

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The ThunderHeads will waste little time tuning up for the season. Exhibition games are scheduled for May 17 and 18, both against Pecos League opponents. May 17, Amarillo welcomes the Garden City Wind for a 2 p.m. game. May 18, the Las Vegas (NM) Train Robbers come to town. That game is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Tickets will be available at the gate, at the office, 801 South Polk or by calling the (806) 242-4653. The season home opener is May 26 against the St. Paul Saints. First pitch at 7:05 p.m.

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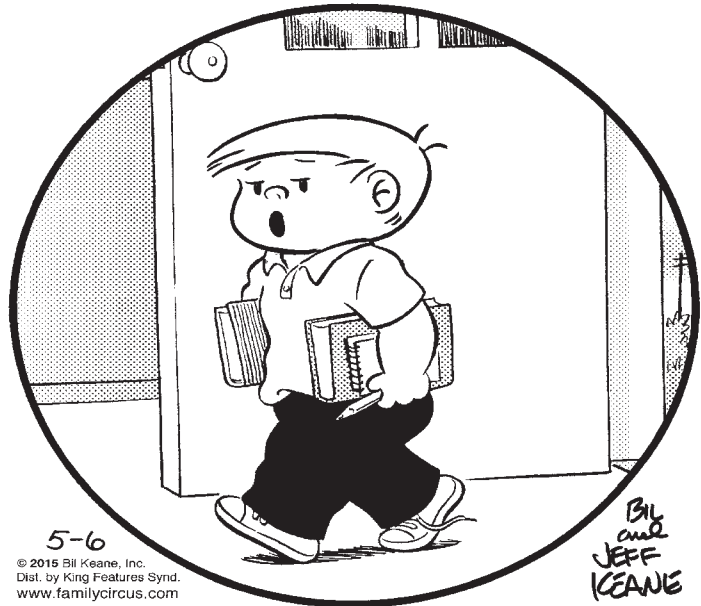
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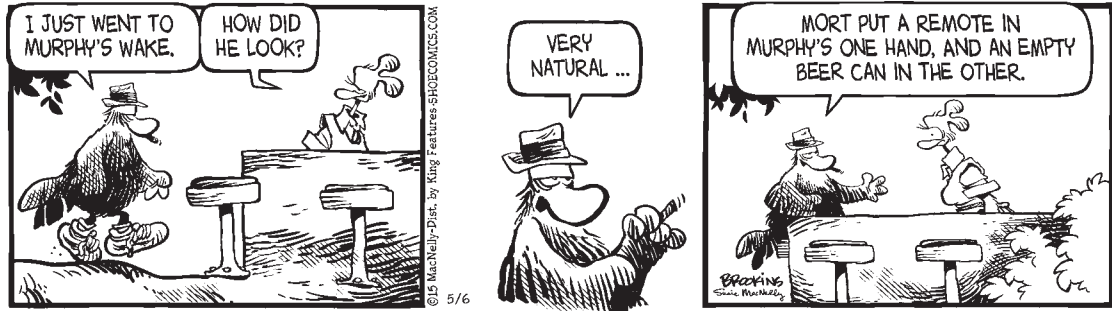
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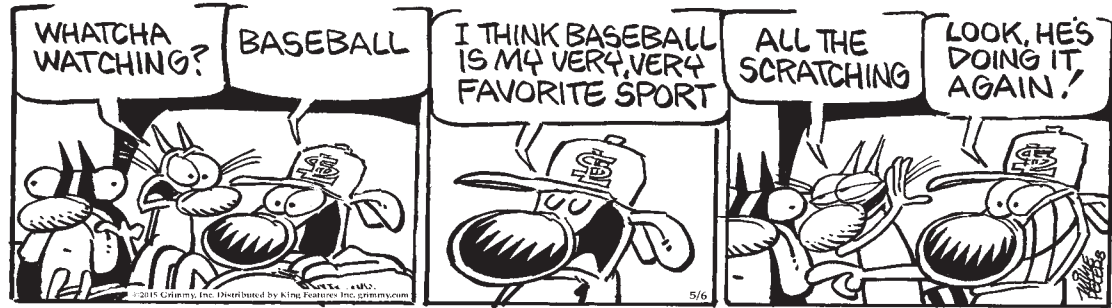
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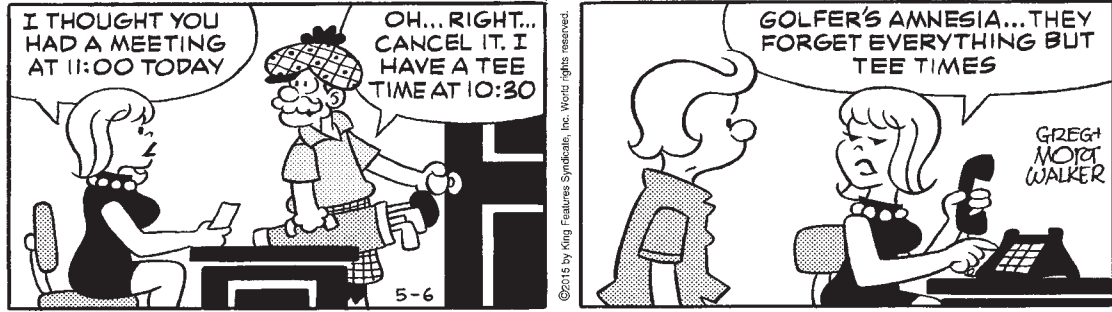
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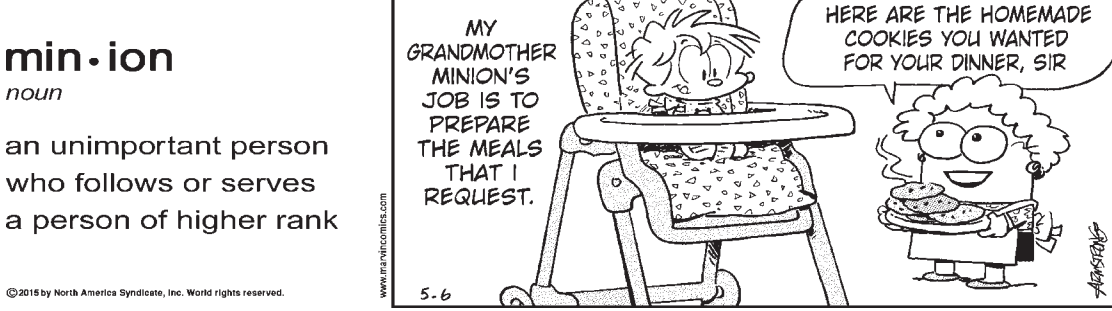
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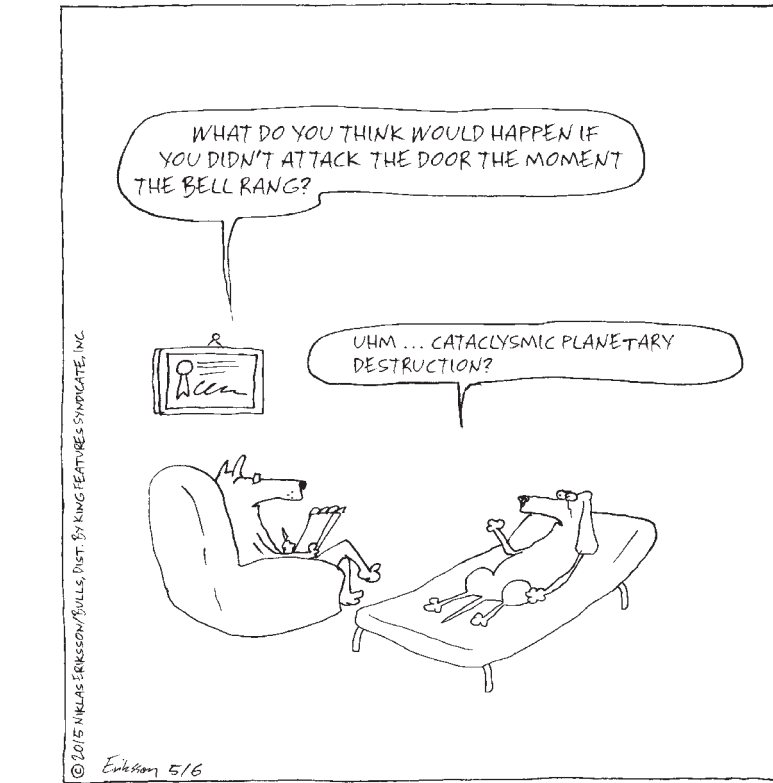
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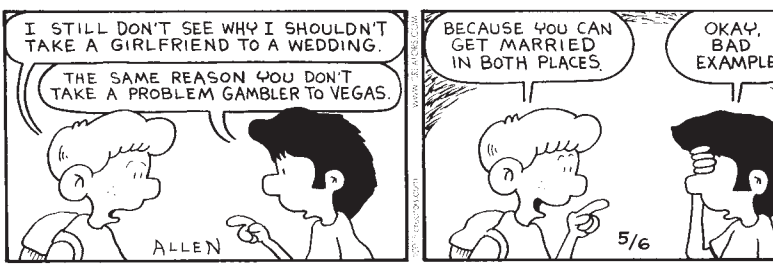
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# DAILY Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, May 7, 2015:  
This year you open up to many challenges, which ultimately will turn into exciting opportunities. You learn to pull back and keep your eye on the big picture when deciding what is best for you. Though you can be very giving, you also must remember to put yourself first more often. Travel could play a substantial role in your year. If you are single, you could meet someone quite dynamic. Depending on how you feel, this bond could become long-term. If you are attached, the two of you often delight in going away together where you will not be distracted by your day-to-day life. **CAPRICORN** is more reluctant to try new experiences than you are.  
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 could have quite a reaction to what is happening. Make it a point to stop and have a discussion before proceeding any further. Take charge if need be. You know how to execute a goal. In this case, it might be to create more financial comfort. Tonight: Till the wee hours.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★★ You'll relate directly to a loved one or dear friend. You might not be exactly sure of what you need, but after a discussion, you will gain clarity. Detach, make several important goals and reflect. You will know what to do. Take the risk. Tonight: Follow the music.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You might decide to let others dominate. You love to guide conversations and be listened to, but sit on that need for now. Observe others' styles of conversing and making suggestions. A friend will understand how you feel and let you know. Tonight: Chat over dinner for two.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★★ A partner or several people around you might have very different ideas. Make that OK, but be willing to blaze a new path and not worry for a change about everyone else's reactions. Tonight: Listening to a different point of view doesn't mean you will embrace it.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★★ You have energy and creativity, but you might be pushing into an area that you probably would prefer not to have to deal with. Stop and look at what you need or want to take on. Pace your-

self, as you will want to schedule some time just for fun. Tonight: A must appearance.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Decide to spread your wings and approach a situation differently. You tend to stay with the tried and true because of the comfort. Someone might offer his or her support as you move in a new direction. You could be quite pleased by embracing a new habit. Tonight: Think "weekend."  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Keep moving forward. Honor a change, and be more forthright about what you feel. Sometimes your need to be diplomatic prevents you from claiming your power. Stop and rethink your approach. Support yourself, but remember to be diplomatic. Tonight: Head home early.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★ You are likely to tell it like it is. Whatever direction you choose to head in, you'll succeed. Honor a change, and listen to feedback from others. Detach from a problematic situation, and you will see what is happening behind the scenes. Tonight: Make calls. Plan the weekend.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You might want to come to terms with a financial matter or perhaps revise your budget. You probably won't be comfortable with what you are seeing. Give yourself the time and space to handle this basic issue. You will come out beaming. Tonight: All smiles.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★★ Beam in what you want, as the universe flashes a green light in your direction. Do not hesitate; just go off and pursue your heart's desire. Others might be surprised by what goes down as you race full speed ahead. Tonight: You are on a roll.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★ Assume little, and you will be much happier. Be willing to observe rather than blindly trust someone's words. You will gain a clearer insight into what might be possible. Honor a change in yourself. The result could be more dynamic than you realize. Tonight: Be unavailable.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Someone you meet today might be seemingly cool and collected, but he or she probably is extremely emotional. Can you deal with that type of personality? Zero in on an important project or goal that you can complete by the weekend. Tonight: Be happy.







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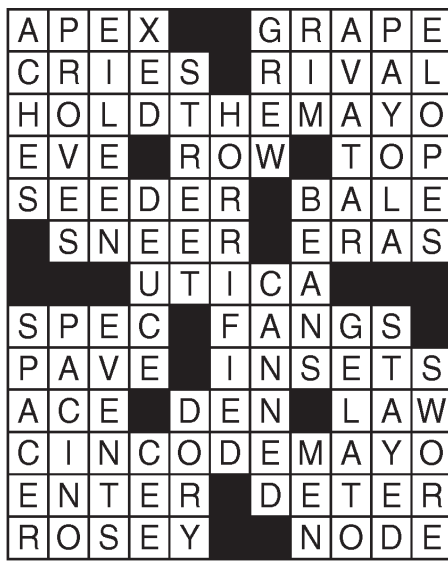
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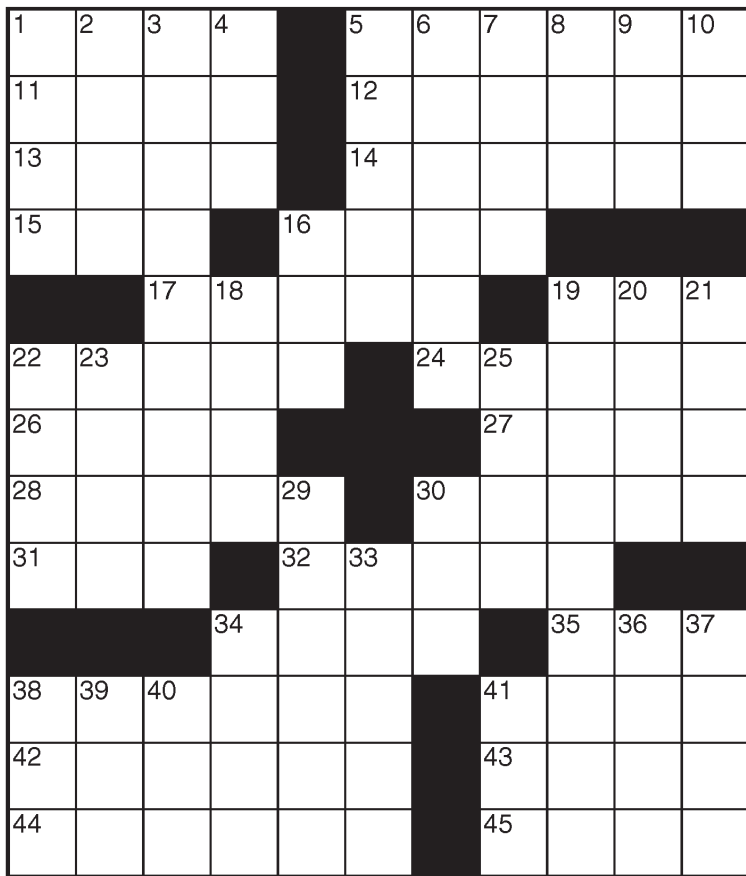
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**1** Travel document  
**5** Sound of delight  
**11** Border on  
**12** Atlas section  
**13** Trig function  
**14** Dressed in  
**15** Twisty letter  
**16** Porch items  
**17** Steak-house order  
**19** Youngster  
**22** Racer  
**24** Biblical kingdom  
**26** MP's quarry

**DOWN**  
**1** Bud holder  
**2** Sacred bird of Egypt  
**3** Heat-based ailment  
**4** Had lunch  
**5** Car type  
**6** Brokers' numbers  
**7** Big planters  
**8** Long, long time  
**9** King Kong, for one  
**10** Went ahead  
**16** Cow call  
**18** Bitter-ness  
**19** Typing unit  
**20** "Yeah, right!"  
**21** June honorees  
**22** Shopping spot  
**23** Not at home  
**25** Pile  
**29** Baby's toy  
**30** London weather  
**33** Stunned  
**34** Ailing  
**36** TV's  
**37** Sunset setting  
**38** Cry loudly  
**39** Old hand  
**40** Operated  
**41** Crude abode



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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of 10 years, "Scott," and I separated last year. I was pregnant and hormonal at the time, and told him we would never get back together. We went a month without contact, then reconnected.

While Scott was in the process of working things out with me, he had a girlfriend. He made it seem like not a big deal, but apparently it was more serious. He told her she was the love of his life and he didn't want to lose her, etc. When our daughter was born five months later, he told me he was done with the other woman. They talked for a month after our baby arrived and then he cut her off.

I recently found some old messages between them, and my heart shattered all over again. Scott says it was all a joke and he never meant any of it. The text messages imply otherwise.

I don't know if I should take another break to clear my head, or wait until my headache passes. Please help. — EMOTIONAL IN THE SOUTH

**DEAR EMOTIONAL:** If you were convinced that Scott has been completely honest, I doubt you

would have searched his message history. As to his relationship with the other woman being a "joke," I doubt she was laughing when — after hearing she was the love of his life and he didn't want to lose her — he announced it was over.

You appear to like drama. You brought this on when you told Scott the two of you would "never" reconcile. I do think you should take a break until you are less emotional, because the choices you have made so far haven't been entirely rational.

DEAR ABBY: I live on soft drinks. I don't eat real food. I can't remember the last time I ate a hot meal, much less vegetables. I exist solely on massive amounts of soda — two two-liter bottles a day. If I put food in my stomach, it's usually bread or candy.

I don't binge and purge. Because I'm never hungry, I don't look at it as starving myself. The last time I tried to get off the soda I got sick to my stomach, light-headed and felt out of sorts.

I don't know if I'm addicted to the caffeine, the sugar or both. I want to be able to go to a restaurant on a date and eat like a normal person.

I don't know what to do or how to do it. This liquid diet is slowly killing me and I need help. I have expressed my concerns to my doctors and even my therapist. I don't think they believe me or understand the extent of my problem. What would you suggest? — STUCK IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR STUCK: It appears you have an eating disorder. Because your doctor and your therapist both seem unable to understand that and help you, consider replacing them. You should also consult a licensed nutritionist who is a registered dietitian (R.D.).

Caffeine and sugar withdrawal can both cause the symptoms you describe. Neither withdrawal is "fun," and both can cause headaches and more. You may have to wean yourself rather than quit cold turkey, and a nutritionist can help you to create a personalized eating program that's right for you. \*\*\*\*\*

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Yesterday's Answer: LIMB, BOIL, LION, NOEL, OXEN; COLD, LODGE, OWED, DREW, BREW

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