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## County Commission holds meeting Monday

By **LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**  
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The Gray County Commission met on Monday morning for its second meeting of the month. Commissioner Joe Wheeley led the meeting in Judge Richard Peet's absence. Lefors Marshal Travis Pittman gave the commissioners a monthly report, something he would like to

start doing regularly to establish a working relationship with the commissioners. Wheeley opened the meeting in stating the rain totals for the area. Since Friday, by Monday morning there had been 3.58 inches reported, which made 21.28 inches total for the year so far. With no old business to attend to, the commissioners approved

paying bills and salaries and heard the county treasurer's report as well as the county clerk's report. Next, the commissioners approved an engagement letter from Doshier, Pickens and Francis for external audit for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 of this year. It was similar to letters from past years, and the commissioners approved the agenda item unanimously.

The tax abatement agenda item in regards to an agreement with EC&R Development, LLC relating to its planned development of a wind power facility and related infrastructure to be located in the Gray County Grandview II Reinvestment Zone and the Gray County Reinvestment zone No. 1 as previously designated was re-

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## BURNED OUT ON THE RAIN



Top photos by Logan Ruth/Bottom photo by John Lee  
The Burnin' the Bricks car show was held on Saturday. It was originally scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., but the skies opened up and cut the show short at noon. The burnout was still held on Saturday evening. Look for results in future editions of The Pampa News.

## 2015 RELAY FOR LIFE HELD SATURDAY



Photo by John Lee  
The 2015 Relay For Life was held on Saturday afternoon and evening in The Gathering Place at the Pampa Mall. The event brought in \$9,000 bringing the organization up to \$25,000, just \$15,000 short of their goal. Relay for Life director Chalenia Freeman said the organization is looking at other projects and fundraisers but they still have their "Sock it to cancer" t-shirts for sell. For more information contact Freeman at 806-886-1248.

## PPD investigating Sunday night shooting

**STAFF REPORT**  
In the early morning hours of June 15, the Pampa Police Department responded to the Pampa Regional Medical Center on a report of a patient arriving for treatment of multiple gunshot wounds. Preliminary information obtained through the investigation indicates that sometime just prior to midnight on June 14, several male subjects dressed in black, tactical-style clothing forced their way into the victim's home, located in the 1100 block of Sirroco in Pampa.

Once inside they ordered the victim onto the ground, and demanded money. After attempting to cooperate with the suspects, the 24-year-old male victim was shot several times, and the suspects fled the scene. The victim was then taken to PRMC via private vehicle, and later transferred via Lifestar to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for further treatment of his injuries. Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is urged to call the Pampa Police Department at 806-669-5700, or Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222.

## G2X Energy announces commercial operations at Pampa facility

**First Methanol Shipment Occurred Friday, May 29.**

**SUBMITTED BY G2X ENERGY**  
HOUSTON, June 1, 2015 – G2X Energy, a developer/operator of advanced natural gas to methanol and fuel projects, announced today that their Pampa, Texas based methanol plant is fully operational and has completed their first shipment of methanol. After building commercial quantities of inventory on site, the plant shipped its first two railcars of IMPCA specification methanol and will continue to ship railcars on a daily basis to customers throughout the Texas panhandle region. "We are extremely pleased to have achieved commercial methanol production at our Pampa, Texas facility," stated Tim Vail, President and CEO of G2X Energy who went on to say, "This plant represents the rebirth of the petrochemical business in the Texas panhandle. By revitalizing an abandoned industrial site and leveraging the widespread availability of low-cost of shale gas, we have brought high quality jobs and prosperity back to the Pampa area."

Commercial operations at the Pampa facility is just the start of G2X's rapid expansion in North America. Through its partnership with Methanol Holdings (Trinidad) Limited and Southern Chemical Corporation, G2X is enlarging its North American operations with the construction of a world-scale methanol facility in Lake Charles, Louisiana as well as the acquisition of natural gas reserves in the Piceance basin of Colorado as well as other areas.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

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**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 6:29 a.m.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South southeast wind around 10 mph. Sunset at 9:02 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. South southeast wind around 10 mph. Sunrise at 6:29 a.m.

**Wednesday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Sunset at 9:02 p.m.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. South wind around 10 mph. Sunrise at 6:29 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunset at 9:02 p.m.

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## G2X

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Although G2X is rapidly expanding, their top priority remains safety and environmental excellence. "What is most important to us is, and always will be, the safety of our employees and neighbors. The start-up of the Pampa

plant proceeded extremely smoothly. I want to thank all of the dedicated Pampa employees as well as our colleagues from Germany and Trinidad that helped G2X start the plant in such a safe and efficient manner. I look forward to many years of safe, stable and efficient operations at the facility," stated Mr. Vail. For more information regarding G2X Energy,

please contact Sandy Fitch at (713) 943-2200 or info@G2Xenergy.com. For interview opportunities, please contact Kathryn Smith at (713) 252-5414 or (713) 627-8777.

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moved from the meeting's agenda and will be discussed at a later meeting. Moving on, the com-

missioners reviewed Constable of Precinct 2, Joe Montgomery's report and approved it unanimously, along with another agenda item recognizing Montgomery for continuing education.

In an additional agenda item, the commissioners

approved commissioner Gary Willoughby to replace a full time employee.

Willoughby then provided the commissioners with an update as far as the new ambulance that has been purchased. He said he will be asking for a \$15,000 reimbursement for equip-

ment that was purchased for the new vehicle.

The next County Commission meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 1 in the second floor court room of the Gray County Courthouse, located at 205 N. Russell.

# Gray County official attends County Investment Academy Conference

SUBMITTED

AUSTIN - Hon. Scott B. Hahn, Gray County Treasurer, attended the 2015 Conference of the County Investment Academy June 8-10 in San Antonio, which was presented by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC).

The annual conference featured investment officers, economists and other experts discussing the in-

fluences on the current economy and timely trends in investing.

Attendees heard about the Federal Reserve, current economy and market, and received an economic update. The agenda also included sessions focusing on the Texas economy, public funds investing and round table discussions with fellow county officials. County CP As, auditors,

treasurers, clerks and commissioners attending could earn 15 hours of continuing education credit toward mandatory continuing education requirements. The Academy provides investment education through a variety of conferences and workshops.

Through the training, attendees have access to accurate, in-depth information as well as a network of experienced county investors from across the state. The overall objective of the program is to safe-

guard public funds through the introduction of modern operational techniques that provide the county with appropriate yield from taxpayer dollars. The McCoy College of Business Administration at Texas State University is a cooperative partner with TAC in running the TAC County Investment Academy.

TAC began its public investing educational program in 1992. It remains one of the premier programs of its kind in the country.



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# OBITUARIES

## Nona L. Gray

Nona L. Gray, 84, of Pampa, died June 12, 2015, in Pampa.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2015, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Miami Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Gray was born Oct. 7, 1930, in Higgins. She has been a resident of Pampa since 1995, moving from Miami. Nona married Kenneth Edward Gray on Aug. 16, 1969, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on April 5, 1995. She worked for Culberson Auto, Whitehouse Lumber and John Mann's law office. Nona was a member of the First Christian Church in Miami and also of the Eastern Star in Miami and Pampa. Nona was preceded in death by her parents, Verl D. and Leila Litchfield, and a brother, Don Litchfield.

Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl Underwood and husband Ron of Pampa, and Wanda Clark of Amarillo; four sons, Dennis Williams and wife Teri of Pampa, Greg Warden of Texas, Keith Gray of Amarillo, Kirk Gray and wife Crystal of San Antonio; five sisters, Norma Brooks of Amarillo, Gaydean Bucher of Canadian, Jony Thomas and husband Cecil of Panhandle, Carole Appel and husband Harry of Missouri and Verna Beth Morrow and husband George of Canadian; a brother, Dale Litchfield of Canadian; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.



Nona L. Gray

O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939, or Accolade Hospice, 1313 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## Dorothy Minyard

Dorothy Minyard, 81, of Amarillo, formerly of Pampa, died Sunday, June 14, 2015, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Minyard was born June 4, 1934, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She married Billy Ray Minyard on June 18, 1955, in Cedar Rapids. He preceded her in death on April 12, 1981. She was a resident of Pampa from 1963 until 2009, when she moved to Amarillo. Dorothy was a member of Central Baptist Church. She was a homemaker, and she loved to travel and spend time with family and friends, especially during the holidays.

Survivors include three sons, Russell Minyard, Bill Minyard and wife Pam, and Steve Minyard, all of Amarillo; a sister-in-law, Dolores Bedell, of Sun City West, Ariz. and three grandchildren, Megan Woodruff, Mallory Minyard and Mitchell Minyard, all of Amarillo. Dorothy was preceded in death by her daughter, Beverly Woodruff, in 2010, and a brother, Frank Bedell, in 2015.

The family wishes to offer a special thanks to Georgia Manor and the staff at Northwest Texas Hospital for the loving care given to Dorothy.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Associa-



Dorothy Minyard

tion, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## Leona Frances Glover

Leona Frances Glover, 96, of Frisco and formerly of Pampa, died Friday, June 12, 2015, in Frisco.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Glover was born July 30, 1918, in Fort Gibson, Okla. She was a resident of Pampa since 1929 before moving to the Dallas area in 2002 to be close to family. Leona married Tom Glover on June 10, 1940, in Ada, Okla., and they were married for 68 years until his death in 2008. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church in Pampa. Leona was preceded in death by her parents, Willard and Gracie Sexton, and three brothers, Melvin, Carl, and Dale Sexton.

Survivors include two sons, DeWayne Glover and wife Janie and Jerry Glover; a sister, Juanita Cox; a brother, Jim Sexton; four grandchildren, Debi Means and husband Michael, Julie Hobert, Tiffany Glover, and Tammy Glover; and six great-grandchildren, Samantha, Emily, Bradley, Abigail, Chelsea and Kennedy.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065 or a charity of choice.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).



Leona Frances Glover

# FOR the RECORD

## Pampa man arrested for assault

### STAFF REPORT

Christian Edward Bruce, 35, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for assault on a family or household member with a

previous conviction.

Thania Gaytan, 21, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Pampa Police Department for two charges of capias pro fine — seat-belt, violation of promise to

appear.

Marcus Ray, 19, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Department of Public Safety for violation of probation — burglary of a building. Daci Dian Humphrey,

19, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for no driver's license, failure to appear, two charges of no rabies vaccine, two charges of animal nuisance, two charges of animal at large.

Amy Diane Coil, 25, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for failure to maintain car insurance, failure to appear.

Ronnie Bruce Jones, 46, Dumas, was arrested Fri-

day by GCSO for criminal mischief, theft — less than \$50.

Keneth Lesean Hair, 19, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for no driver's license.

# Is the US starting to turn the corner on urban sprawl?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once the signature of an era of pell-mell development, American sprawl has slowed to a crawl in recent years, a new study finds.

New streets in metro areas are being built more densely packed and less spread out, according to a study in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences that looked at a nearly century of sprawl in U.S. street construction. Researchers from Canada and California found sprawl steadily increased in new street construction from 1920 until it peaked in 1994 and has dropped 9 percent since.

Christopher Barrington-Leigh of McGill University in Montreal measured sprawl by looking at construction of streets and how many roads meet at intersections to form corners or nodes. If an intersection had four nodes, essentially two streets in a traditional cross, that would be more dense than a dead end three-node intersection or a cul-de-sac with only node. The lower the node number, the more the sprawl, or as Barrington-Leigh called it, "cul-de-sac hell."

For more than 200 counties — about one third of all the U.S. urban counties — Barrington-Leigh and co-author Adam Millard-Ball traced the history of when every street was built, going back as far as 1720. Then they looked at maps, old and new, for the entire country to take an even bigger look.

Overall, sprawl reached its heights in around 1990 when the average road had 2.6 nodes, but in 2012 the number of corners was up to 2.83, so sprawl had decreased by about 9 percent, putting it at around mid-1960s level, Barrington-Leigh said. This only measures new construction; what's already built is still as spread out as before, he said. He said this is likely the result of actions taken by government officials to control sprawl.

Barrington-Leigh said sprawl contributes to more driving and more pollution, especially heat-trapping gases.

"It shows there is hope," Barrington-Leigh said. "We would like to slam the breaks on bad development."

The five counties that Barrington-Leigh found to be

controlling sprawl the most since the mid-1990s are Travis County, Texas; Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; Alachua County, Florida; Iredell County, North Carolina; and Franklin County, Ohio. He found the Austin region's new construction has cut sprawl by nearly one-quarter in that time.

Sprawl has increased the most in Manatee and Indian River counties in Florida, the study found.

Reid Ewing, director of the metropolitan research center at the University of Utah, faulted Barrington-Leigh for just using just street connectivity to measure sprawl. Ewing measures sprawl by measuring development density, land use, and how the population and jobs are centered.

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**William Eldringhoff**  
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William "Bill" Eldringhoff grew up in Harrisonville, Missouri during the Great Depression, on the family farm. He is a World War II veteran of the Army and worked as a telephone repairman for many years, retiring in 1987. He is the father of Michael Eldringhoff. He loves to help others. Bill's "paper-tole" art can be seen all over the funeral home walls, art that is unique and inspiring to see! He invites all to come by and see his art work.

# VIEWPoints

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## Prairie Plains Perspective

# And therein lies the problem

The time has come for yours truly to write about the latest press-worthy news happenings.



**DENNIS PALMIER**

Following is an olio, an amalgamation of actual local, regional, state and national current event topics, though not necessarily listed in the order of their occurrence and of course, seasoned with my wry sense of humor derived thought

wonder why PISD doesn't hold the graduation exercises at night? You know, the night time being, cooler. Were PISD to hold a \$34 million bond election to build for the parents, oh wait, I mean build for graduation ceremonies an air conditioned coliseum...I'd bet that puppy would pass by a landslide!

This past Saturday morning a person driving an armored van replete with gun ports and an automatic rifle opens fire on Dallas' police headquarters. After depositing bombs and still exchanging gunfire with police the suspect drives off...with the police promptly giving chase. During the chase the suspect damages untold vehicles, winds up at a Dallas suburb fast food restaurant parking lot where he is surrounded.

A somewhat calm (suspect ran out of ammunition) prevails and what does Dallas PD do next? They call in a police negotiator

to talk the suspect into surrendering!?! Preposterous! I was thinking a good due process move would be Dallas P.D. calling in an Apache helicopter laden with air to ground missiles... A likelier scenario, Dallas PD was probably afraid the suspect was black didn't want the press and politicians (our president) ala Ferguson and Baltimore crucifying them for killing an innocent black man...which would have brought gracing his presence upon Big D, none other than the Rev. (LMAO) Al Sharpton...

And then I hear this nonsense... Fredericka Whitfield is a CNN news anchor. While commenting on the Dallas incident, Ms. Whitfield called the suspect (shot dead by a police sniper) "courageous" and "brave" for shooting at a police headquarters!?! Her actual words. Idiotic. Um Ms. Whitfield, you mindless twit, madness does

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# Sacramento's idea of health: Undocumented welcome

"There are also those who claim that our reform effort will insure illegal immigrants. This, too, is false. The reforms I'm proposing would not apply to those who are here illegally,"

President Barack Obama proclaimed in a 2009 speech to Congress. It was a memorable event, in part because Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., shouted, "You lie." Editorial page umbrage followed.

This month, the California Senate proved that, though Wilson was wrong to heckle the president, he had reason to challenge the sincerity of Obama's pledge. By a 28-11 vote, the Democratic-controlled state Senate became the first U.S. legislative body to vote to expand health care to immigrants who are here illegally. Senate Bill 4, by state Sen. Ricardo Lara, would allow Californians without documentation to buy Affordable Care Act policies (assuming the feds grant a waiver), authorize residents up to age 19 to enroll in Medi-Cal regardless of immigration status and allow some people 19 or older to enroll in Medi-Cal regardless of immigration status.

This is how change happens. Last year, Lara's first "Health for All" bill promised health care to all California residents regardless of immigration status. The tab was \$1.3 billion. It was too pricey, so he peeled it back, and back some more — to a projected \$135 million. How? The bill that passed the state Senate would provide Medi-Cal to minors regardless of immigration status but no subsidy for undocumented residents who want to purchase private plans through Covered California, absent a federal subsidy. Also, SB 4 would put a cap on unauthorized adults applying for Medi-Cal. When it looks as if the funding will run out, the state probably will not accept new enrollees.

What is the cap on undocumented enrollees?

Don't know. "The cap would depend on budget allocations to be decided next year," answered Lara spokesman Jesse Melgar.

In a way, it doesn't matter. If SB 4 becomes law, the camel's nose will have penetrated the tent. Within six years of the president's promising that immigrants in the country would not be eligible for Obamacare — presumably because that would be wrong — the first state will have bypassed that promise. You just know that Sacramento will continue to push to expand the number of immigrants eligible for benefits. No one ever told the Democratic Legislature that you cannot say "yes" to everyone.

Sure, Sacto solons look generous waving Medi-Cal before some 1 million immigrants who came here illegally. But with Medi-Cal paying doctors as little as \$16 for a patient visit, many physicians are refusing to take more Medi-Cal patients. Pols don't care if already there are not enough doctors to pay for the program's existing 12 million recipients. They look good; the docs look greedy.

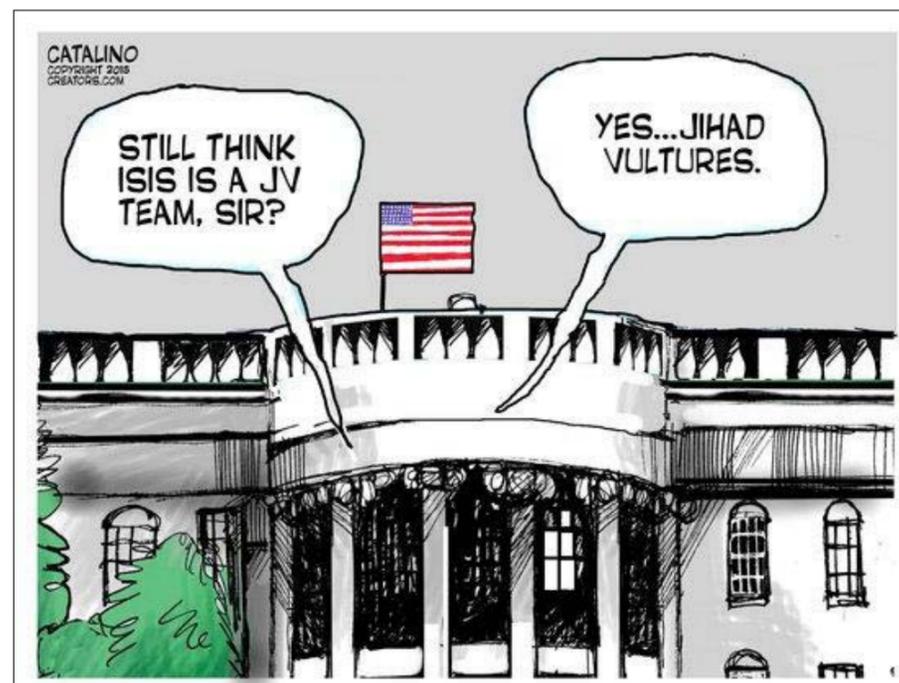
As it is, Medi-Cal provided "limited scope" benefits — pregnancy care, emergency care and long-term care — to 786,600 unauthorized immigrants last year. If you want more of something, reward it. If California offers "full scope" coverage to people if they come here illegally, opined Jon Fleischman, publisher of the conservative FlashReport, "there is no amount of border security that you can erect that will come between smart people and (this) free stuff."

Though their GOP caucus opposed the bill, two Republican state senators voted for it. "There is a cycle that occurs when one party becomes so dominant that the other party finally stops fighting," Fleischman observed. And really, why speak against the bill? To point out any negative consequences is to invite the left to brand you as heartless and racist. A California Senate analy-

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process.

I happened to drive north on Duncan Street the same time as Pampa High School's 2015 graduation exercise. I use the word 'exercise' because I cannot help but wonder, what with the bright sunlight shining down upon all the souls who braved the exercise by sitting on the stadium's western side; ergo suffering sun stroke, heat prostration, dehydration, the resulting delirium and



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## Just a Thought

# Spend time focusing on the family

Every problem the world is facing today began with the family. Okay, maybe I am overstating this...but then again, maybe I am not.

I receive regular mailings from the Focus on the Family organization. It is a Christian based organization headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado that exists for a simple reason - to help families thrive. After a relationship with our Creator, I don't know of any more important aspect of our existence than our family.

Your world and my world is shaped by our family. The home environment you grew up in (or lack thereof) shaped you and impacts you for the rest of your existence. The pluses and minuses of your childhood and youth will be carried inside you until your last breath.

Your ability to go out into the world and accomplish what you need to accomplish is directly tied to whether or not you are spending your life worried about what is going on back home. In other words, if you need to be advancing what you get paid for to make a living and you are frozen anxiously worried about whether or not your family will be home when you get

off work, your ability to function at work is compromised.

Individuals who stay married for many years live longer. They earn more income. They enjoy life more. The pluses of a happy marriage are life changing to the couple as well as to the children they raise.

In a recent Focus on the Family letter, President Jim Daly set out six suggestions to strengthen our marriages. Although his suggestions are very basic, I thought it might be good to be reminded of these core ideas.

To give and get the most from your marriage, here are six suggestions:

1. Waking up. How important is the way each of us start each of our days? It begins with our waking moments. Instead of saying to your spouse "good morning," why not say something like "I love you and I'm glad to be waking up with you by your side." Or even "I am excited about being able to live another day with you!"

The concept here is that if each of us could start our day with a grateful and positive view of our relationship and the day together ahead, it increases the likelihood of having a great day.

2. Leaving the house. Kiss your spouse goodbye every time you leave. That's right, every time. Do it because you value your relationship and want your spouse to

know you value it also.

In each of our lives there will always be a "last" kiss. None of us know when that will be. When my wife and I separate for the day it always crosses my mind that it could be our last goodbye if a tragedy happens while we are apart. I don't want to take anything for granted. If I leave home after a heated argument and then one of us is killed in a tragic accident, I wouldn't want our last memory to be one of us angry at each other.

Interesting enough, a 1980 study came to the conclusion that men who kiss their wives before leaving for work live longer, get into fewer automobile accidents, and even earn more than those who don't.

3. Checking in. Do you think about your spouse when you are separated during the day? You should. In most instances you are never more than pushing a few buttons on your cell phone apart. Why not send a short text "Thinkin' about you and missin' you." It takes twenty seconds of your day, but means the world to your spouse. Or call and leave a short message on her answering machine.

4. Coming home. If the goodbye is important, the other bookend of coming home is also important. A kiss or a hug shows value to your spouse. A "happy dance" is even better! Ask your

spouse how his or her day was and then listen. If you have been separated eight or ten hours, a lot of life has happened since you have had the chance to visit.

I think here also about modeling for the children in your home. How many of you saw your parents kiss when they left home or when they returned home? You are raising future husbands and wives and future fathers and mothers. The greatest legacy you may leave is your children.

What better model can you give your children than to openly love their other parent? Your kiss or hug upon returning home is because you value your relationship with your spouse, but what better example can you set for the little pairs of eyes watching you?

5. Mealtimes. The most important piece of furniture in your home is your dining room table. Your ability to raise the next generation in the manner that they need to be raised comes from what happens at your dining room table. Mealtimes are a time when the family comes together as one unit and talk about events in each family member's lives.

The mealtime opportunities are endless. You can uplift and encourage. You can model what you would do in a difficult situation. You can celebrate an accomplishment. You can talk about future plans. You can

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## Dennis

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not induce courage or bravery, it induces more madness. Once again the liberal media shines bright...

Oy vey!?! The president of the Spokane, Washington chapter of the NAACP, a woman by the name of Rachel Dolezal, turns out in all her transblackness, she is a white! That in itself didn't float my boat, however, guffaws erupted when after being outed by her really, really white biological parent's, in a spray-on tan lives matter moment she retorted she has always felt she was a "black woman." Dolezal continued by saying she doesn't feel as though she needs to explain herself to, "a community that I quite frankly don't think really understands

the definitions of race and ethnicity." Mmmmmkay. Washington State represents one third of the left coast, where there's myriads of them tolerant liberals. Wonder what they think about such words?

This just in to the news desk! National KKK leadership has mandated prior to future cross burning rallies, hood checks must be made on all it's members!

Meanwhile, closer to the ranch, a fourth grade teacher in Frenship wrote on her Facebook page detailing her ire over the McKinney swimming pool incident that led to some black folks righteous indignation over their children's bad behavior not being tolerated by McKinney police (the officer pulled out his firearm) which ultimately led to his resignation, which in turn, ahem, kept Rev. (LMAO) Al Sharpton away. In particular the

teacher wrote, again on Facebook, her wishing times would revert back to the days of segregation when blacks lived on "one side of town." For her rant, reiterating... on Facebook, she was fired. The moral to this story is: Facebook, social media is not the format for discussing your politically incorrect thoughts and racist desires, freedom of speech notwithstanding. Doing so can and will, as the Frenship teacher quickly realized, come back and bite you in the arse.

Back at the ranch, I read in the Amarillo Globe-News the following headline: 'Lake Meredith pumping could alter taste of water.' That folks is the classic definition of an understatement. I remember back in the 1960's when Pampa switched over from Ogalalla Aquifer water to Lake Meredith water, the first time my mother drew water for

her bath, the screams. Getting a glass of water, once crystal clear now red brown color along with a stagnant smell, but I digress. No amount of treated water from Lake Meredith can match the quality and clarity of Ogalalla Aquifer water. Water conservation folks, just because we've received copious rainfall doesn't mean the drought is over, available water will stay.

Parallel worlds, according to some physicists, exist and interact with our world. Considering the above, science may be on to something.

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## Health

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sis lists more than 70 groups that support SB 4 but not one opponent.

One of the GOP yes votes, state Sen. Anthony Cannella, told me he sees the measure as a "moral issue." Undocumented immigrants work hard, he said, but have "no rights," even though they have been "contributing to our way of life." When immigrants try to cross the border, they see two signs, he added. "One says, 'Do not enter.' The other says, 'Help wanted.'"

Cannella said the answer is better enforcement of the border.

Though 11 Republican state senators voted against SB 4, they were low-key in their opposition. When a bill is going to pass anyway, why throw out red-meat quotes that would be used against you in the next election? State Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff called the

bill's intent "admirable. But without money from Congress and President Obama, it will be very difficult and costly for California taxpayers to fund all of these bill proposals." Smart, earnest, boring tone. This is one Republican who knows better than to point out that Democrats lied when they promised Obamacare would not apply to immigrants who came here illegally.

Asked whether he'll sign or veto SB 4, Gov. Jerry Brown told a reporter that "there's not a lot more money to be spent" on top of what he allocated in his revised May budget. In this one-party state, only Democratic Gov. Brown can save Californians from a Legislature that can't say "no" to a chance to spend other people's money.

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## Kraft

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counsel poor decisions. You can pray together and thank God for His blessings.

I think the breakdown of our nation has begun with the lack of importance of the dining room table.

6. Bedtime. You have just finished living another day. You are exhausted and tired. Your day was awesome or you are glad your terrible day is coming to an end. Your spouse's day may have been the opposite of your day. But your commitment to one another is unwaivering. When the sun comes up tomorrow you will get to go out and do life again. But there will also be a

day when the sun goes down and one of you isn't around.

Thank God He gave you a soul mate to experience your walk on this planet with. Thank God for the many blessings that you too often overlook. Thank God for another day. Again, a kiss or a hug and maybe a prayer is a great way to drift off to dreamland.

Alright, so none of the above is rocket science. But we get so bogged down in trivial routines that we too often take for granted that there will always be a tomorrow with our spouse. Your quality of life, your ability to raise the next generation, your ability to change the world for the better once you walk out of your home, is all directly tied to your security and stability at home.

If I sound preachy, I don't apologize. I am far from perfect, but I can still shoot for the moon and if I miss I will still land in the stars. As I write these columns I am always talking to myself first.

So there you have it, tips on a successful marriage from Focus on the Family with my commentary.

My challenge to you today is to maintain or develop a strong relationship with your spouse. One that stands the test of time. One that sends out ripples to those you interact with and especially a marriage that positively impacts and equips the children you raise for them to send out ripples in their lives.

You never know what hangs in the balance with the decisions you make. Be the spouse you want

your spouse to be.

Try following the six steps above for one day. Then wake up the next day and try them again a second day. I guarantee your world and your family's world will be a better place to live.

Just a thought...

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# Community Calendar

## City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall. **Free estate planning workshop coming to Pampa**

CLA Estate Services is hosting a free Estate Planning Workshop Tuesday, March 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Plaza Restaurant located at 1201 N. Hobart St. in Pampa. The workshop will provide valuable information for seniors on securing one's estate and retirement planning. Guests will receive a workbook and gain useful information on: pros and cons of wills and trusts; how to avoid probate; long term health care concerns; and tax reduction planning. Please call 1-866-252-8721 to RSVP.

## School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

## Immunization clinic three 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. The Department of State Health Services can be reached at 806-669-5323 and is located at 121 S. Gillespie St. in Pampa.

## June 2015 DSHS Immunization Clinic

The June 2015 Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule has been announced. All five clinics will be at 121 S. Gillespie from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Each time-frame is for the first 10 clients.

The clinics will be on June 3, June 4, June 10, June 17, June 23 and June 24. There is one available in McLean from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on June 9 at the Lovett Library located at 302 N. Main.

All times are subject to change or cancellation in case of extenuating circumstances.

## 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. 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 band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

## Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., the second Monday of each month, 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.

## PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more

information, call 806-662-2909.

## Pampa Post VFW meetings

Pampa Post VFW, Men's Auxiliary, and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. There is a social hour with meal at 6 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For questions, call Danny Martin at 806-662-4367.

## CASA of the High Plains

CASA of the High Plains will be open from 5-6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for persons interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer. The CASA office is located in the Brown Alliance for Children at 315 N. Ballard Street in Pampa.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a Judge to represent the Best Interest of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers are crucial to positive outcomes for children in the foster care system.

You may contact CASA at 806-669-7638 for more information.

## Quails Forever meetings

Quails Forever is a new chapter in Pampa. This club meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the main building of Clarendon College Pampa Center. The group focuses on habitat and conservation projects for quails. The goal is to get community members and volunteers interested in creating conservation habitat areas for quail to increase the animal's population and furthermore to improve the environment.

## Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin'

First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, holds their weekly Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin' at 6 p.m. every Friday. Everyone is welcome to come out and bring their instruments or their voice. For more information on this weekly event, call Jerry Lister at 806-676-0711 or the church at 86-665-7411.

## Lovett Memorial Library

Free Spanish classes will be offered every Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Lovett Memorial Library is located at 111 N. Houston St. and can be reached 806-669-5780.

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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.

- **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. They also have an **Alzheimer's support group**, which is held on the third Monday of each month at First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, at noon. For more information, call Lindsey Presson at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.
- **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, at the Tralee 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 from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

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# Church Calendar

## Hi-Land Christian Church

Wednesday nights, Pastor Mike Sublett teaches 2 special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church.

From 7 - 8 p.m. The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9 p.m. 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).

Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and weekly handout pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study."

I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review something later."

The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about their Bible.

Child care will be provided for anyone who is attending either class.

## Cornerstone Baptist Church

Cornerstone Baptist Team KID (Kids in Discipleship) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 until 8:00 pm at 2410 W. 23rd St. All children ages 4 thru 5th graders are invited to attend.

For more information call the church at 669-6509.

## New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission."

Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers.

New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with

special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters.

Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church.

Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle.

This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

## Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester.

Right across from the high school. Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also offers Wednesday Bible Class at 7 p.m.

The clothing room is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Keith Feerer is the Preacher and Zac Green is Youth Minister.

For more information call 806-665-0031.

## Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church

Located at 727 West Browning, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church openly welcomes everyone to a place of worship rich in outreach to the community of Pampa and the

surrounding area.

Worship services for the week begin on Sunday 8 a.m. (No music) Sunday School and Adult Christian Education begins at 9:30 a.m. Our main worship service begins Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Our Wednesday 10 a. m. we offer a service which follows the "Litany of Healing" where prayer needs throughout the community and the world are identified. The Episcopal Church Women's bible study immediately follows the Wednesday 10 a.m. service. Additionally, there is a Wednesday 6 p.m. worship service.

Please note that Saint Matthew's opens its doors to everyone on the third Wednesday of each month with an open invitation to eat with us during our monthly Community Ministry dinners. We serve dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There is no charge and we do not ask for donations. It is through God's blessings that we are able to freely offer these meals. We welcome all with open loving arms.

Please call (806) 665-0701 for additional information.

## McLean Cowboy Church

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

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.

The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean.

For more information, call 806-779-0260.

## Southside Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa.

The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.

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

## First Presbyterian Church

Each Wednesday we have our children and adult Worship On Wednesday (WOW) classes from 5:30-6:30 followed by a light meal.

We have an awesome youth program that is trying to grow for sixth graders through high school.

They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday evenings. They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday evenings.

All of our classes are open to anyone who would like to attend and learn more about God. This is followed by our choir practice at 7:30 if you would like to join the choir too.

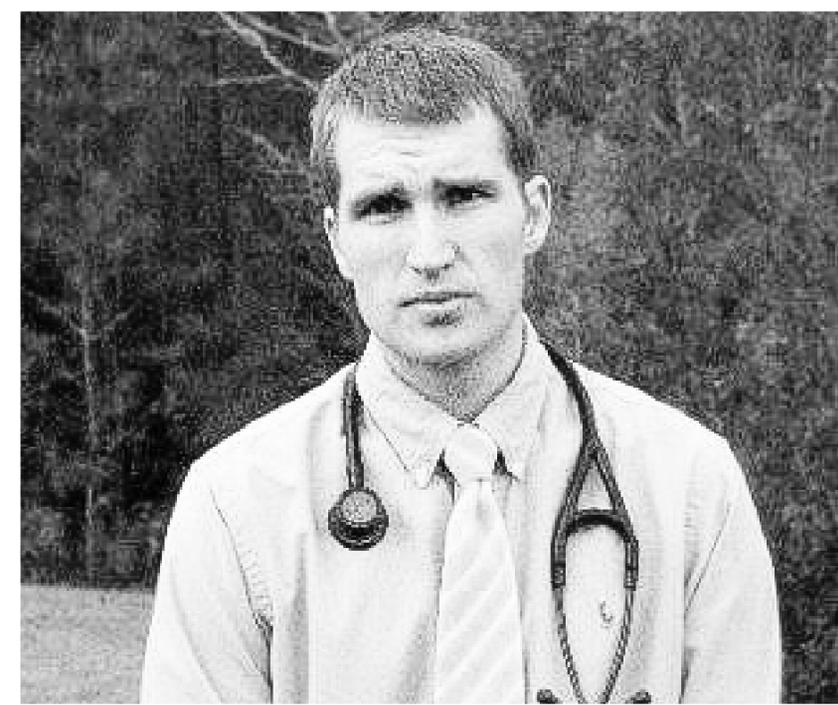
We also offer a Twenties & Thirties, TNT, a group for young adults, that meets on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. for bible study.

Worship service is at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, preceded with adult and children's Sunday schools. We do offer nursery service for our Sunday mornings.

Come worship with us and stay to socialize with us. Try us out and see if we can fill your worship needs.

For more information please call our church office at 665-1031.

## PHS grad now running own company in medicine



### STAFF REPORT

Robert (Bobby) E. Sikes, Jr., graduated from Pampa High School in 2007. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 2011 with Bachelor of Science in University Studies (with emphasis in Biology, Psychology & History).

He graduated from South University in Savannah, Ga., in June, 2015 with Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Bobby will be working for his company – Bobby Sikes, PA-C, LLC – as an Independent Contract of Schumacher Group as an Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant. Bobby is the son of Rhonda and Danny Holman and the late Robert Sikes and the grandson of Jo Sikes Schroeder, all of Pampa. Bobby and his wife Erin make their home in Pooler, Ga., outside of Savannah.

## Evacuations but no injuries after pipeline ruptures in Texas

CUERO, Texas (AP) — Authorities say no one was injured after a natural gas pipeline ruptured in rural South Texas, sparking a massive fire that prompted the evacuation of nearby homes.

DeWitt County Emergency Operations Center spokeswoman Peggy Fonseca says an Energy Transfer Partners pipeline

ruptured near Lindenau around 8 p.m. Sunday. Fonseca said early Monday that the gas had been rerouted and the fire was extinguished.

She said seven homes were evacuated but that no one was injured. She says residents were allowed to return Sunday night following safety inspections.

Energy Transfer Partners spokeswoman Vicki Anderson Granado said the company will investigate the cause of the rupture.

The Victoria Advocate reported that the blaze could be seen from 20 miles away.

Lindenau is about 85 miles southeast of San Antonio.

## Relatives: Man tied to Dallas shooting was mentally unstable

DALLAS (AP) — James Boulware told family members that he had foreseen a deadly Japanese tsunami and the Newtown, Connecticut, school shooting in his dreams. Police say he choked his mother. And he seethed at police, blaming them for the lost custody of his son.

Boulware, the man authorities have linked to a weekend shooting outside Dallas police headquarters, showed signs of violence and mental instability for years beforehand, according to accounts from authorities and family members.

His brother, Andrew Boulware, told The Associated Press that he and

others in the family had tried to get him help, particularly after the 2013 incident in which he allegedly choked his mother, then fled to an East Texas town where authorities and family members thought he might attack schools and churches.

"He never was properly diagnosed," Andrew Boulware said Sunday. "He could be the nicest guy in the world. He tried to help friends out whenever he could. He was not a bitter person."

Authorities say it was miraculous no one else was injured in Saturday's attack, in which the shooter sprayed the front of the building with gunfire just after midnight.

After opening fire, the suspect drove an armored van into a squad car, still firing, then led police on a chase to a restaurant parking lot in the suburb of Hutchins.

A police sniper shot the man during a standoff, but it took several hours to confirm his death out of fear that he had loaded his van with more explosives.

Police on Sunday said they had put 14 officers involved in the incident on standard administrative leave pending an investigation.

Two years ago, Boulware was arrested for family violence in Dallas, though the case was later dismissed.

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Above left, from left, Gerry Caylor, Vondel Samberson and Jean Jones. Above right, Virginia Dewey and Carrie Martinez. Below left, Robert Van Buskirk, Daniel Garvin, Edward Garvin, Joshua Garvin and Mathew Tice with the Boy Scouts. Below right, Nayeli and Yaritza Madrid. Bottom, Misty Auwen, Erica Guzman, Martha Vega and Morgan Edwards with Happy State Bank. The 2015 Relay for Life was held at The Gathering Place over the weekend.

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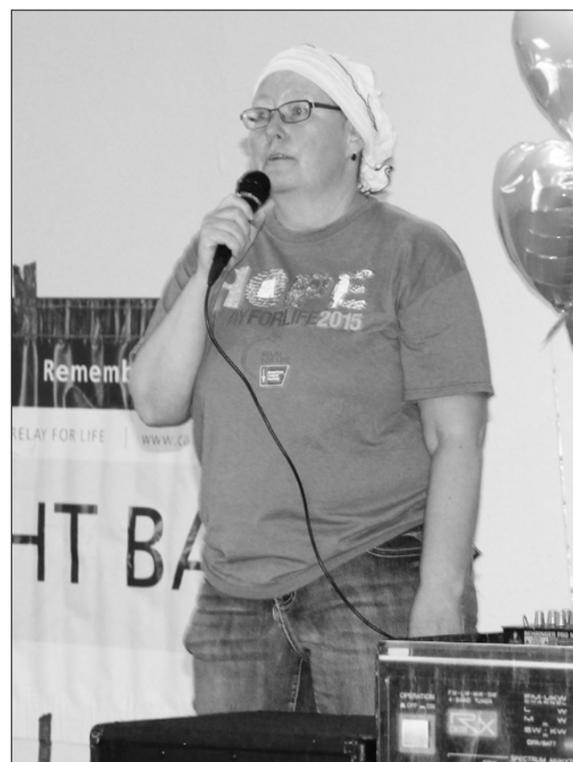
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# 2015 RELAY FOR LIFE



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Above, the Pampa Dance Academy gives a Zumba presentation. Below left, the opening survivor lap. Below right, Relay for Life director Chalenia Freeman gives the instructions of the Relay. Bottom, the Pampa Harvesters group.



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Above left and bottom, the Boy Scout Troop presented the colors at the 2015 Relay for life. Above right, there was plenty of food and, below left, a silent auction. The 2015 Relay for Left was held at The Gathering Place at The Pampa Mall over the weekend. Photos by John Lee

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# Low near Yucatan brewing storms for Texas, Louisiana

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Hurricane center spokesman Dennis Feltgen (FELT-gen) says the low may develop into a tropical system. But he says that whether

it does or not, it's likely to slam into the middle and upper Texas coast and west Louisiana with at least 4 to 6 inches of rain and 40-mph winds.

He says that includes parts of Texas that were flooded only weeks ago.

He says people should pay attention to the system whether or not it's given a name.

Feltgen says a hurricane hunter plane checked it

Sunday afternoon and another will go Monday morning.

## Man condemned for female impersonator's death loses appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to review an appeal from a Harris County man sent to death row at his request for the strangling of a female impersonator 14 years ago.

Attorneys for 43-year-

old Richard Masterson contended his earlier lawyers were deficient and his confession to police about the death of Darin Shane Honeycutt, known by the stage name of Brandi Houston, was improper.

Masterson testified against his attorneys' advice at his 2002 trial, telling a Houston jury the 35-year-old Honeycutt died while the two were having sex. He also tes-

tified he'd be a future danger. That's one of the questions jurors deliberate to decide a death sentence.

The justices made no comment in their decision Monday.

Masterson doesn't yet have an execution date.

## Killeen police investigate fatal shooting of 16-year-old

KILLEEN (AP) — Killeen police are investigating after a 16-year-old

boy was killed as a suspect or suspects slowly drove past a house he was in.

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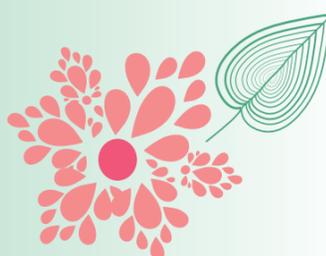
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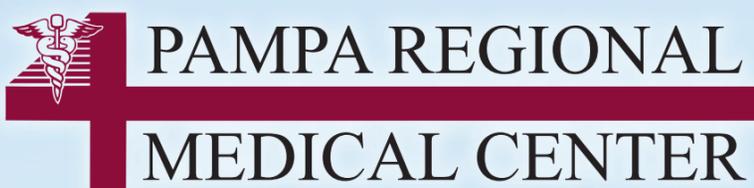
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# PAMPA Sports

## LEFORS WEIGHT ROOM PROGRESS



Submitted photos

These are some pictures of the progress going on in Lefors. They are building a brand new weight room with money from a bond election. It should be ready to go by August if it stops raining. The recent rains have made construction slow some. More pictures can be found on page 2B. There will be a complete article on the new building as well as pictures when it is finished.

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More Lefors weight room construction pictures. Head football coach and athletic director, Derek Schlieve, is in the black long sleeve shirt. In the top two photos, Schlieve is helping other workers carry supplies and align parts. On the right photo, he is working hard carrying items.



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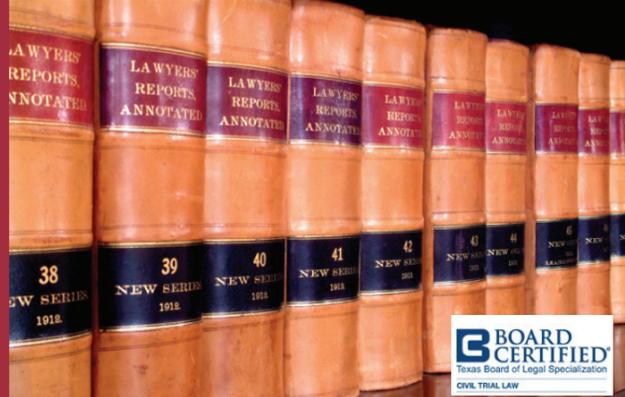
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## Couples scramble results

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Second place, with a score of 65, was the team of Doug and Sheila McFatrige.  
In the first flight, first place, with a score of 69, was the team of Bruce Norris and Jimmie Thompson.  
Second place, with a score of 72, was

the team of Anthony Chaney and Kortney Smith.  
In the second flight, first place, with a score of 77, was the team of Buster and Brenda Kelley.  
Tied for first, with a score of 77, was the team of Derek and Martha Cooper.  
In the third flight, first place, with a score of 79, was the team of Jimmy Peterson and Inda Crawford.  
Tied for first, second place, with a score of 79, was the team of Larry Maxwell and Debra Kincade.

## TASO Chapter looking for officials

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Last season it was reported over the past five years, there has been a steady decline in the number of football officials, and this decline — a 35 percent decline, continues. Since this is not a UIL realignment year the coaches in our area have submitted their weekly schedule. When compar-

ing the number of varsity games to be played each Friday night to the number of officials there will be between 3-5 games each Friday in the Panhandle that will be notified officials are not available.  
Recruiting efforts are underway with registration taking place now and training to begin on July 20th. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in being around high school football and enjoys the camaraderie of others, officiating high school football may be for you.  
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### ■ NBA finals living up to hype.

Now if you watched game four or five you may disagree with that title for this article.  
Game four was a complete blowout by the Warriors and game five Golden State pulled away fairly easily with a 13 point win.  
Game one and game two were overtime thrillers and a great way to start the series.  
Game three was close, but the Cavaliers pulled it out.



**ZACHARY GREEN**

“It’s simple, I am the greatest player in the world.”  
Now my theory is no matter how true a statement is, sometimes things are better left alone.  
This is why a lot of people, including myself, do not like LeBron as a person.  
Don’t get me wrong, he is the best basketball player right now on the planet. He is probably also the best athlete currently, but he could at least be humble about it.  
What is with these athletes once they become famous, they get this massive ego, one almost as big as their paychecks.  
My wife doesn’t watch a lot of sports, especially basketball, but after game five last night she saw James on TV and asked me if he was done yet.  
I said no, but he has to win Tuesday to force a game seven and her reply was “I really don’t want him to win. He is a jerk.”  
At first I was on the fence as to who I would root for, but those comments by LeBron have solidified my choice in the Golden State Warriors.  
I just don’t see where we went wrong as a society when athletes talked about God and had morals.  
Nowadays these athletes are beating their wives, drinking, doing drugs, skipping practice and building huge egos.  
What’s worse? The media does a terrible job in promoting, rather than shaming, the latter. And often times the former gets ridiculed and made fun of.  
What do you think? Does LeBron have every right to spout of whatever he wants just because he is the best athlete? Let me know and I might share your opinion!

With the results of games four and five, many are calling the series as done right now.  
Some think that LeBron James cannot win without Kevin Love or Kyrie Irving.  
Others say the Cavaliers don’t have the depth to compete and are worn out.  
I do believe now that Golden State will win, but I still think it will go to game seven.  
I don’t see LeBron losing a championship in his hometown, but it is a real possibility tonight.  
I believe the NBA will be wanting a game seven as well for their ratings.  
Speaking of ratings, this series is already breaking records in that aspect.  
Game five drew a 14.2 rating. Game four drew a 13.9 rating.  
The highest ever rating was game seven in the 1988 Celtics-Lakers finals. That game got a 21.2.  
Before you sit down on the couch and watch tonight’s game, which should be a thriller, check out what LeBron had to say on Sunday night.  
When asked if he felt pressure with the Cavs down 3-2 and him having to do basically the entire thing for Cleveland, LeBron responded by saying

*Zachary Green is the sports editor of The Pampa News and youth minister at the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. He can be reached at zgreen@thepampanews.com or on Twitter: @okiecowpoke14.*

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## Texas investigating allegations of academic misconduct

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas says it has contacted the NCAA as the school investigates allegations of academic misconduct in its men's basketball program.

The school issued a statement Wednesday following a report in The Chronicle of Higher Education that mentioned potential allegations from the tenure of former coach Rick Barnes, who is now at Tennessee.

In the statement, the university said it "has no information that suggests" Barnes knew of or was involved in any academic improprieties.

The statement added that "we determined that the university had no knowledge of two former student-athletes allegedly receiving improper help with high school coursework before they enrolled." That stems from a December report by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

"We now are reviewing three other cases purported to have occurred over a

nine-year period since 2006 to determine if any university of NCAA rules were violated and if any action is needed," the school said.

Those three cases are detailed in Wednesday's report from The Chronicle of Higher Education.

In the article, Adam Creasy, a former academic counselor for the Texas football team, says that math instructor Pamela Powell told him she saw former basketball player Martez Walker cheating on an exam, and that Walker passed the class anyway. Walker has since transferred.

Also in the article, a former academic mentor in the athletic department says he helped write papers for former Texas guard J'Covan Brown. Creasy, one of the tutors for former player P.J. Tucker, says he believes Tucker received impermissible help with a paper while preparing for the NBA draft. Creasy says he didn't

provide the assistance but believes someone other than Tucker did the work.

In the Walker case, Creasy says Powell told him she saw Walker cheat and asked what to do. Creasy says he spoke to Brian Davis, the head of academic support for football at the time. According to the article, Davis suggested Powell contact executive senior associate athletic director for student services Randa Ryan, and what happened afterward was unclear.

"The university takes any suggestion of wrongdoing extremely seriously," the school said in its statement. "We are always looking to identify problems that may exist and ways we can do better."

Barnes went 402-180 and reached the NCAA Tournament in 16 of his 17 seasons at Texas before being fired in March. Tennessee hired him two days later to replace Donnie Tyndall and hoped the 604-game winner would stabilize a program that has encountered plenty of turmoil.

Tyndall was fired after going 16-16 in his lone season at Tennessee because school officials decided the NCAA was likely to determine he had committed major violations while coaching Southern Mississippi from 2012-14. Southern Mississippi is currently under NCAA investigation.

"Obviously, we can't talk about what happened in the past at another university," Tennessee athletic director Dave Hart said in a statement issued by the university. "However, as stated clearly by the University of Texas, 'the university has no information that suggests former men's basketball coach Rick Barnes knew of or was involved in any academic improprieties.' Coach Barnes has a sterling reputation as a person of very high ethical standards at every institution he has represented, and we are excited to have him lead our men's basketball program."

## Iowa State hires Steve Prohm as Hoiberg's replacement

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State has hired Murray State's Steve Prohm as its men's basketball coach.

Cyclones athletic director Jamie Pollard confirmed Monday that Prohm will replace Fred Hoiberg, who left last week after five seasons to take over the Chicago Bulls.

The 40-year-old Prohm was 104-29 in four years at Murray State. He led the Racers to 29 wins, including a 16-0 regular-season mark in the



Steve Prohm

Ohio Valley Conference in 2014-15.

Prohm takes over an Iowa State team that could open next season ranked in the top 10. The Cyclones return six of their top eight scorers from last season, when they won their second straight Big 12 tournament. Prohm, who has agreed to a five-year deal with a base salary of \$1.5 million per year, will be introduced at a news conference on Tuesday.

"Steve's personal values, style of play and proven success as a head coach make him an outstanding choice to be our next coach," Pollard said. "He is a proven winner who is widely respected by his current and former players. We feel Steve is the ideal coach to continue the incredible success that Coach Hoiberg and his

players have achieved during the past several years

Prohm began his coaching career at Alabama and worked under current Texas A&M coach Billy Kennedy at Southeastern Louisiana and Centenary. Prohm was promoted to head coach at Murray State when Kennedy left for the Aggies.

Prohm led the Racers to 31 wins and a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Tournament in his first season in 2011-12 behind star Isaiah Canaan. Murray State went 21-10 the following season and won 23 games and the CIT title in 2013-14.

The Racers went on a 25-game winning streak at one point last season and earned a spot in the Top 25. But an 88-87 loss to Belmont in the OVC title game sent Murray State to the NIT.

Prohm's teams at Murray State played a fast-

paced, high-scoring style predicated on strong guard play.

The Racers averaged 79 points per game last season — good for eighth-best in the country. They were led by a dynamic scorer in sophomore sharpshooter Cameron Payne, who could be a NBA lottery pick in the draft.

"I have no doubt he'll be successful with the Cyclones. He's a class individual and represented Murray State proudly," Murray State athletic director Allen Ward said. "I will always be grateful for his service. Because of the unusual timing of this move, it's in our best interest to move very quickly to find a replacement."

Prohm's up-tempo style should be a hit at Iowa State, which played a similar style while winning 115 games and reaching four consecutive NCAA tournaments

under Hoiberg.

The expectations for Prohm and the Cyclones next season will be high. Georges Niang is the headline player for the Cyclones, who won 25 games before a stunning loss to 14th-seeded UAB in the NCAAs.

Point guard Monte Morris was a second-team All-Big 12 pick, and center Jameel McKay was the conference's defensive player of the year. Senior guard Naz Long, top reserves Abdel Nader and Matt Thomas and transfers Deonte Burton and Hallice Cooke round out what's expected to be the most talented roster in school history.

One of Prohm's first priorities will be recruiting.

Niang, McKay and Long will be seniors in 2015-16, and Morris could jump to the NBA if he has another strong season.



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## Dates, game times set for Oklahoma St. nonconference games

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Dates, times and broadcast coverage have been announced for Oklahoma State's

three nonconference football games this fall.

OSU announced Friday that the season opener at Central Michigan will kick off at 6 p.m. and be broadcast by ESPN.

OSU will host Central Arkansas on Sept. 12 with kickoff at 6:30

p.m. on Fox Sports Net

then will host Texas-San Antonio on Sept. 12 with a 2:30 p.m. kickoff in a game to be broadcast by Fox Sports 1.

OSU says the dates, times and broadcast plans for the Cowboys' Big 12 games are not yet finalized.

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## Ex-NFL player Sharper pleads guilty to rape in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Former New Orleans Saints player Darren Sharper pleaded guilty Monday to rape in a Louisiana drug-and-sexual-assault case, completing a series of pleas in four states that will see him serve at least nine years in prison.

Sharper entered his plea in a Louisiana state court in New Orleans. He had already pleaded guilty in the federal courthouse in that city late last month.

Sharper was first arrested on rape charges in Los Angeles in January of 2014 and has been jailed since February of that year. Allegations of drug-related rapes in other states followed, resulting eventually in charges being filed in Arizona and Nevada, as well as in state and federal courts in New Orleans.

A plea deal was announced in March to resolve the charges in all jurisdictions. On March 23, Sharper pleaded guilty to sexual assault in Arizona and no contest in California. He was sentenced to nine years in Arizona and is expected to draw a nine-year sentence when sentenced in California in July.

On March 24, Sharper pleaded guilty in Las Vegas to a reduced felony: attempted sex assault.

Sharper made a brief appearance in a state courtroom in New Orleans on April 7. But Louisiana District Judge Karen Herman delayed the case pending resolution of the federal charges, raising questions about when the series of plea deals would be completed and whether there had been any snags in the agreements.

The federal indictment in Louisiana charged Sharper and another man with distributing the drugs alprazolam, diazepam and zolpidem — more commonly known by the brand names Xanax, Valium and Ambien, respectively — with the intent to commit rape.

The two Louisiana state counts of aggravated rape stemmed from accusations that he sexually assaulted two drug-impaired women at his apartment in September 2013.

Sharper was selected All-Pro six times and chosen for the Pro Bowl five times during a career that included stints with the Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings. He played in two Super Bowls, one with the Packers as a rookie and in the Saints' 2010 victory.

## PGA Tour Schedule-Winners

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Oct. 9-12 — Frys.com Open (Bae Sang-moon)  
 Oct. 16-19 — Shriners Hospitals for Children Open (Ben Martin)  
 Oct. 23-26 — The McGladrey Classic (Robert Streb)  
 Oct. 30-Nov. 2 — CIMB Classic (Ryan Moore)  
 Nov. 6-9 — Sanderson Farms Championship (Nick Taylor)  
 Nov. 6-9 — WGC-HSBC Champions (Bubba Watson)  
 Nov. 13-16 — OHL Classic at Mayakoba (Charley Hoffman)  
 Jan. 9-12 — Hyundai Tournament of Champions (Patrick Reed)  
 Jan. 15-18 — Sony Open in Hawaii (Jimmy Walker)  
 Jan. 22-25 — Humana Challenge (Bill Haas)  
 Jan. 29-Feb. 1 — Waste Management Phoenix Open (Brooks Koepka)  
 Feb. 5-8 — Farmers Insurance Open (Jason Day)  
 Feb. 12-15 — AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (Brandt Snedeker)  
 Feb. 19-22 — Northern Trust Open (James Hahn)  
 Feb. 26-March 1 — The

Honda Classic (Padraig Harrington)  
 March 5-8 — Puerto Rico Open (Alex Cejka)  
 March 5-8 — WGC-Cadillac Championship (Dustin Johnson)  
 March 12-15 — Valspar Championship (Jordan Spieth)  
 March 19-22 — Arnold Palmer Invitational (Matt Every)  
 March 26-29 — Valero Texas Open (Jimmy Walker)  
 April 2-5 — Shell Houston Open (J.B. Holmes)  
 April 9-12 — The Masters (Jordan Spieth)  
 April 16-19 — RBC Heritage (Jim Furyk)  
 April 23-26 — Zurich Classic of New Orleans (Justin Rose)  
 April 29-May 3 — WGC-Cadillac Match Play (Rory McIlroy)  
 May 7-10 — THE PLAYERS Championship (Rickie Fowler)  
 May 14-17 — Wells Fargo Championship (Rory McIlroy)  
 May 21-24 — Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial (Chris Kirk)  
 May 28-31 — AT&T Byron Nelson Championship (Steven Bowditch)  
 June 4-7 — Memorial Tournament (David Lingmerth)  
 June 11-14 — FedEx St. Jude Classic (Fabian Gomez)  
 June 18-21 — U.S. Open Championship, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash.  
 June 25-28 — Travelers Championship, TPC River Highlands, Cromwell, Conn.  
 July 2-5 — The Greenbrier Classic, The Old White TPC, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.  
 July 9-12 — John Deere Classic, TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.  
 July 16-19 — The Open Championship, St. Andrews Golf Club (Old Course), St. Andrews, Scotland  
 July 16-19 — Barbasol Championship, Robert Trent Jones at Grand National-Lake Course, Opelika, Ala.  
 July 23-26 — RBC Canadian Open, Glen Abbey, Oakville, Canada  
 July 30-Aug. 2 — Quicken Loans National, Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, Gainesville, Va.

Aug. 6-9 — Barracuda Championship, Montreux Golf and Country Club, Reno, Nev.  
 Aug. 6-9 — WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, Firestone Country Club, Akron, Ohio  
 Aug. 13-16 — PGA Championship, Whistling Straits-Straits Course, Kohler, Wis.  
 Aug. 20-23 — Wyndham Championship, Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, N.C.  
 Aug. 27-30 — The Barclays, Plainfield Country Club, Edison, N.J.  
 Sept. 4-7 — Deutsche Bank Championship, TPC Boston, Norton, Mass.  
 Sept. 17-20 — BMW Championship, Conway Farms Golf Club, Lake Forest, Ill.  
 Sept. 24-27 — TOUR Championship, East Lake Golf Course, Atlanta  
 Oct. 9-11 — The Presidents Cup, Jack Nicklaus GC Korea, Incheon City, South Korea.

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## Lance Armstrong riding Ride the Rockies stage in Colorado

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — Lance Armstrong is joining cyclists on the second leg of the 30th annual Ride the Rockies in western Colorado. Armstrong tweeted that Monday's route from Grand Junction

to Hotchkiss over Grand Mesa looked "epic". He said he's riding with friend Tim League, the founder of the Austin, Texas-based Alamo Drafthouse Cinema. Armstrong, who was stripped of his

seven Tour de France titles over doping, is a part-time resident of Aspen, Colorado. On Sunday he participated in Aspen's Grand Fondo to raise money for the organization hosting the city's stage of the USA Pro Challenge.

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## 115th US Open field; Tournament begins Thursday

UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash. (AP) — The 148 players who were are exempt or have qualified for the 115th U.S. Open, to be played June 18-21 at Chambers Bay. Players listed only in first category for which they are eligible. The rest of the field will be filled by the top 60 in world on June 15 and from an alternate list from qualifying. Players listed only in the first category for which they are eligible. (a-amateur).

U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONS (10 years): Martin Kaymer, Justin Rose, Webb Simpson, Rory McIlroy, Graeme McDowell, Lucas Glover, Tiger Woods, Angel Cabrera, Geoff Ogilvy.  
U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPION: a-Yang Gunn.

BRITISH AMATEUR CHAMPION: a-Bradley Neil.  
2014 MARK H. MCCORMACK MEDAL WINNER: a-Ollie Schneiderjans.  
MASTERS CHAMPIONS (5 years): Jordan Spieth, Bubba Watson, Adam Scott, Charl Schwartzel.  
BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONS (5 years): Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els, Darren Clarke, Louis Oosthuizen.  
PGA CHAMPIONS (5 years): Jason Dufner, Keegan Bradley.  
PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER (3 years): Rickie Fowler.  
BMW PGA CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER: Byeong Hun An.  
2014 U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPION: Colin Montgomerie.

TOP 10 AND TIES FROM 2014 U.S. OPEN: Erik Compton, Jason Day, Dustin Johnson, Brooks Koepka, Henrik Stenson, Brandt Snedeker, Jimmy Walker.  
2014 TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD: Billy Horschel, Jim Furyk, Chris Kirk, Ryan Palmer, Sergio Garcia, Gary Woodland, Russell Henley, Matt Kuchar, Cameron Tringale, Bill Haas, Brendon Todd, Kevin Na, Patrick Reed, Zach Johnson, Hideki Matsuyama, Hunter Mahan, John Senden, Morgan Hoffmann.

TOP 60 FROM WORLD RANKING ON MAY 25: J.B. Holmes, Ian Poulter, Lee Westwood, Jamie Donaldson, Victor Dubuisson, Ryan Moore, Thongchai Jaidee, Paul Casey, Branden Grace, Danny Willett, Anirban Lahiri, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Joost Luiten, Matt Every, Bernd Wiesberger, Ben Martin, Shane Lowry, Stephen Gallacher, Tommy Fleetwood, Charley Hoffman, George Coetzee, Francesco Molinari, Marc Warren, Marc Leishman.

TOP 60 FROM WORLD RANKING ON JUNE 15: Kevin Kisner, Andy Sullivan.  
SECTIONAL QUALIFYING (36 holes): Wenchong Liang, Masahiro Kawamura, Seuk Hyun Baek, Kurt Barnes, Hiroyuki Fujita, Alexander Levy, Shiv

Kapur, John Parry, Alex Noren, Lucas Bjerregaard, Jason Palmer, Marcel Siem, Tjaart Van Der Walt, Marcus Fraser, Thomas Aiken, Garth Mulroy, Lee Janzen, Jamie Lovemark, a-Lee McCoy, Roberto Castro, Luke Donald, a-Jack Maguire, a-Sam Horsfield, Tony Finau, a-Denny McCarthy, Billy Hurley III, Cody Gribble, Jason Allred, a-Kyle Jones, Blayne Barber, Brian Harman, Charlie Beljan, Retief Goosen, Andres Romero, a-Davis Riley, Sam Saunders, Michael Putnam, David Hearn, a-Bryson DeChambeau, Daniel Summerhays, Sebastian Cappelen, Ryo Ishikawa, George McNeill, Bo Van Pelt, Camilo Villegas, Brad Fritsch, Cameron Smith, D.A. Points, Robert Streb, Danny Lee, Richard Lee, Troy Kelly, a-Beau Hossler, a-Brian Campbell, Kevin Chappell, Jimmy Gunn, Steve Marino, Josh Persons.

LOCAL (18 holes) AND SECTIONAL QUALIFYING: Rich Berberian Jr., Pat Wilson, a-Matthew NeSmith, Andrew Pope, Michael Davan, a-Nick Hardy, Stephan Jaeger, Tim O'Neal, Mark Silvers, a-Cole Hammer, a-Matt Mabrey, Tyler Duncan, Brad Elder, Brandon Hagy, Tom Hoge, Cheng-Tsung Pan, Jared Becher, Kevin Lucas, a-Jake Knapp, Alex Kim.

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## Can Royals' All-Star surge carry Infante, too?

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The All-Star game is still a month away, but it could be a historic occasion for the defending American League champions.

As of last Monday, the Kansas City Royals had seven players on track to start this year's game in Cincinnati on July 14. Kansas City's dominance in the online vote has gotten plenty of attention. Some view it as a mockery of the process, while others offer a tip of the hat to what is clearly an energized fan base.

The Royals in line to start were catcher Salvador Perez, first baseman Eric Hosmer, shortstop Alcides Escobar, third baseman Mike Moustakas, designated hitter Kendrys Morales and outfielders Lorenzo Cain and Alex Gordon. Where the voting has been a bit extreme is at second base. In baseball's version of the coattail effect, Kansas City's Omar Infante was in second place, just 150,000 votes behind Jose Altuve of Houston.

Infante is hitting .204 with an OPS of .496. If he starts the All-Star game with numbers like that, it would be unprecedented.

Here are the six lowest-rated hitters in terms of OPS to start an All-Star game, according to STATS. Each player's All-Star

break OPS is in parentheses.

Ozzie Smith, SS, 1983 (.526)  
Davey Lopes, 2B, 1981 (.538)  
Luis Aparicio, SS, 1971 (.559)  
Sandy Alomar Jr., C, 1991 (.592)  
Bobby Richardson, 2B, 1964 (.594)  
Cal Ripken, SS, 2001 (.594)

Smith was a defensive standout, and Richardson's reputation with the glove helped him as well. Aparicio and Ripken were nearing the end of Hall of Fame careers, and Lopes was an All-Star regular when he started in '81. Alomar was the AL rookie of the year in 1990, which helps explain his All-Star appearance the following year.

Infante made the All-Star team in 2010, when he went on to hit .321 for the Atlanta Braves. This year, he's struggling — but he's playing for the right team at the right time.

Here are a few other developments from around baseball:

ON A TEAR

Toronto has won 11 in a row, and the Blue Jays are now a game out of first place in the AL East. That streak includes a three-game sweep at Boston that left the Red Sox eight games out of first.

Boston now has the second-worst record in the AL.

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You will not want to miss the opportunity to bring your kids and family to celebrate this iconic look at the American Bison and the work of George Catlin. PPHM staff will guide visitors in making silhouette art and creating works inspired by our latest traveling exhibit "George Catlin's American Buffalo". Guests will be offered buffalo themed cookies and lemonade. This program is free

with regular museum admission and visitors will be encouraged to view the exhibition after the program.

American artist George Catlin (1796-1872) journeyed west five times in the 1830s, traversing the Great Plains where he visited and painted more than 140 American Indian tribes. The exhibition "George Catlin's American Buffalo" presents 40 original Catlin paintings from the Smithsonian American Art Museum's collection to show the crucial role of the buffalo in Plains Indian culture. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will host the Smithsonian American Art Museum Touring Exhibition "George Catlin's American Buffalo" May 30- Aug 30,

2015 in the Foran Family Galleries.

"George Catlin's American Buffalo" is organized by the Smithsonian American Art Museum in collaboration with the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Generous support for the exhibition has been provided by Mary Anne and Richard W. Cree, and Lynn and Foster Friess. Additional support for the exhibition and the publication was provided by the William R. Keenan Jr. Endowment Fund and the Smithsonian Council for American Art. Support for "Treasures to Go," the museum's traveling exhibition program, comes from The C.F. Foundation, Atlanta.

# Official: Kurdish fighters seize parts of IS-held city

BEIRUT (AP) — Kurdish fighters captured large parts of the strategic border town of Tal Abyad from the Islamic State group Monday, dealing a huge blow to the group which lost a key supply line for its nearby de facto capital of Raqqa, a spokesman for the main Kurdish fighting force said.

Redur Khalil said the group known as the YPG entered Tal Abyad from the east and was advancing toward the west amid fierce clashes with pockets of IS resistance.

"We expect to have full control over Tal Abyad within a few hours," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

An Associated Press photographer in Akcakale, the Turkish town on the opposite side of Tal Abyad, saw several YPG fighters waving their flag and flashing victory signs. Earlier, several dozen YPG

gunmen were seen moving west toward the city.

Khalil suggested that IS fighters holed up in the town have fled toward Turkey. The report could not be independently confirmed. Earlier, he told the AP that hundreds of IS fighters were still believed to be in the town.

Losing Tal Abyad, some 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Raqqa city, capital of the Islamic State group's self-declared caliphate, would deprive the militant group of a direct route to bring in new foreign militants or supplies. The Kurdish territorial gains, coming under the cover of intense U.S.-led coalition airstrikes in the area, would also link their two fronts and put even more pressure on Raqqa.

The Kurdish advance has caused the displacement of more than 16,000 people who fled to Turkey in the past two weeks. On Monday, up to 3,000 more refugees

arrived at the Akcakale border crossing, according to Turkish state-run TRT television. An Associated Press photographer saw large numbers of people at the border and thick smoke billowing as U.S.-led coalition aircraft targeted IS militants in Tal Abyad.

With most of Syria now controlled by either Islamic militants or forces loyal to President Bashar Assad, the U.S. has found a reliable partner in the country's

strongest Kurdish militia, the YPG. They are moderate, mostly secular fighters, driven by revolutionary fervor and the desire for self-rule.

Since the beginning of the year, they have wrested back more than 500 mostly Kurdish and Christian towns in northeastern Syria, as well as strategic mountains seized earlier by the IS group. They have recently pushed into Raqqa province, an IS stronghold where Tal Abyad is located.

# Ukraine's artillery duels again take toll on civilians

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) — Cracking forth over radio, the voice ordered tanks to take position in a residential area in Donetsk, the stronghold of separatist rebels in east Ukraine.

The rebel armored vehicles trundled to their destination accompanied by a reinforced minivan carrying infantrymen to provide cover. Minutes later, the shells blasted toward government positions. Out of ammunition, the tanks left the scene. Later the same morning, artillery flew in the opposite direction — this time seemingly from Ukrainian troops, hitting a severely damaged area still inhabited by hundreds of families.

Artillery duels like this one have been a dominant feature of Ukraine's conflict, which the United Nations estimates has claimed at least 6,454 lives among both combatants and civilians. After months of relative tranquility ushered in by an internationally brokered armistice in February, civilian deaths are again becoming commonplace amid the stepped-up heavy weapons fighting.

UNICEF, the United Nations children's agency, said that at least 68 children have been killed in the conflict — many by artillery. UNICEF said some children were injured by heavy weaponry as recently as last week, when heavy fighting erupted in Donetsk suburb of Marinka.

The rebel artillery last week hit a checkpoint, killing a rebel fighter and wounding at least two others. More often than not, the shells are less precise and slam into homes, shops or a public building, killing or wounding civilians.

Rebels say they are fighting to push back Ukrainian forces from their main city and keep them as far away from the civilian population as possible. Ukrainian officials say separatists are looking to provoke a new round of full-blown war.

What AP reporters have been able to observe looks like hit-and-run strikes by rebel forces, often carried out from inside residential zones. Some Donetsk inhabitants are willing

to confirm as much.

"There is outgoing fire and then, after a while there is incoming shelling. This has been going on for a year," said Valentina Barakova, as she cleared away debris from a strike on an apartment block neighboring her own over the weekend.

Tensions are at a breaking point for residents. On Monday, a spontaneous rally broke out demanding an end to the war. Some locals are calling for a big push to thwart the Ukrainian army, but many allied to the insurgents are also calling on them to pull their weapons out of residential areas.

Rebel commanders insist that they have no heavy weapons on the front, despite evidence to the contrary.

"There are no such weapons here. We pulled them back. We use small arms and that's that. We are not violating the (peace) agreements even in the slightest way," said the head of the rebel unit at a front line position near the remains of Donetsk airport. The commander identified himself only by the nom de guerre Petrovich.

Separatist spokesman Eduard Basurin said Friday that two civilians had been killed as a result of Ukrainian shelling the previous day.

"During the violation of the cease-fire regime by Ukrainian forces, there were 11 casualties, among them two men killed in (Donetsk's) Kuibyshev district," he said.

One of the men killed Thursday was sitting outside drinking when the shell struck, his friend told The Associated Press. The shell tore into a dusty side-road by a rusting kiosk, and the shockwaves blew the man off his feet into a nearby fence.

Only meters (yards) away, the recently left tracks of heavy armor were still visible, although the vehicle had long gone. In the intense early summer sun, track-marks often remain impressed in softened asphalt as evidence the tanks have been there.

Ukraine's army has always denied it aims artillery at residential areas.

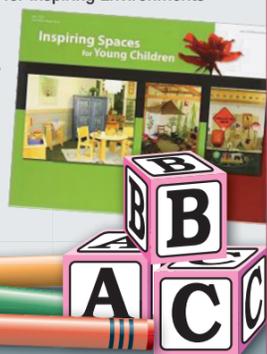
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(ROSIE). Currently, she is an adjunct professor at Ivy Tech Community College, dissertation chair for doctoral students at Nova Southeastern University, and Inspiring Spaces for Young Children. <http://www.texasaeyc.org/11/conference/inspiring-spaces-for-young-children-author-sandra-duncan>

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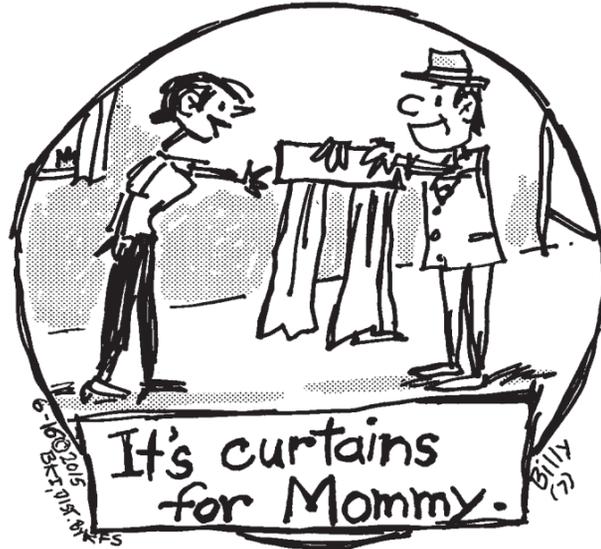
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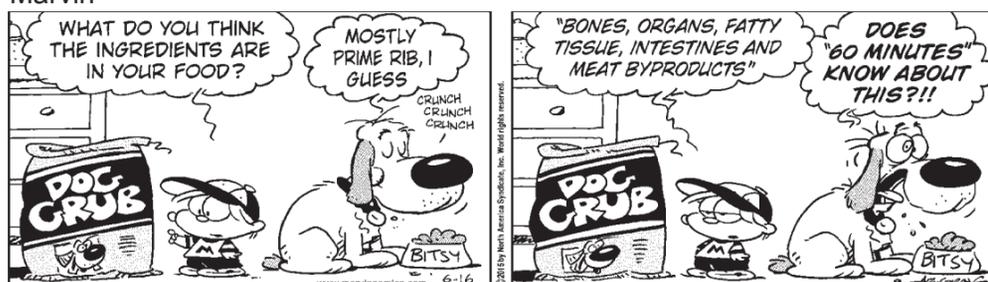
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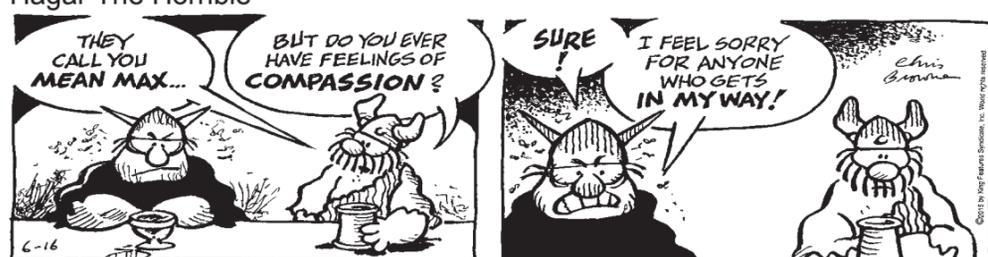
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ You might seem to drift from one topic to another. Reining in your imagination requires a lot of self-discipline. Take a walk and relax in a favorite setting. A situation where you must be totally present might develop later in the day. Tonight: Full of fun and adventure.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ A friend plays a major role in what occurs right now. Take some time with this person if you can. A conflict might occur later in the day. Could this simply be a misunderstanding? Or is it a power play? Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversation, and avoid making judgments.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You will want to try a different approach to a problem. A superior has a different idea about what will work. Let this person have his or her way and see what happens. A financial issue could arise from out of nowhere. Tonight: Don't react to someone's negativity.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ You'll want to touch base with someone at a distance. The conversation that happens could surprise you. You might want to rethink a judgment you have made. Understand what is going on. A power play needs to be avoided! Tonight: Whatever suits your fancy.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ You could be coerced into taking some time off today. Taking a break from the here and now is likely to refresh and energize you. Give it a shot! You also will need some downtime, as

you have had many demands placed on you. Tonight: Try a vanishing act.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Friends surround you. Without intending to, you could get trigger someone's temper. You'll need to be careful with this person's feelings. A meeting will be important. You don't need to add any comments -- just listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Where the fun is.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ You might want to ask more questions and be more aware of where a superior is coming from before blurting out your impressions. Your actions might be refreshing yet also confusing to a friend. If you see a power play developing, don't get involved! Tonight: On center stage.

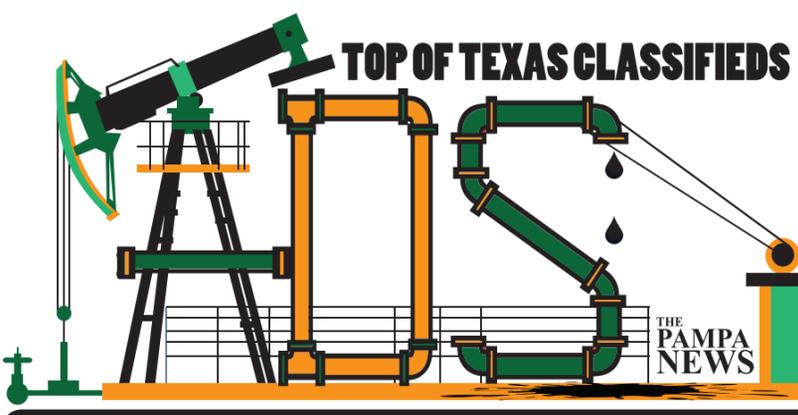
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Honor a change that is happening. You'll want to head in a different direction, but a conversation you're involved in might be too lively to walk away from. Avoid getting frustrated, and don't get involved in a power play. Tonight: Go to a blues or jazz concert.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You might want to understand what a friend is offering in order to avoid a misunderstanding. Reiterate what you think you have heard. Don't try to have someone else agree with your ideas; it won't happen right now. Tonight: Listen to the other side.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ You could be a little put off by a situation, as you might not have the control you desire. Allow yourself to more creative and follow through on that level. Be careful when dealing with key people in your life. Tonight: Try to be as easygoing as possible.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Pace yourself. Double-check your account balance. Understand what you can expect from someone and what he or she can expect from you. Otherwise, you are likely to have a misunderstanding. Try not to get involved in a power play. Tonight: Out late.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Your imagination delights a child and/or a loved one. Try to apply this gift to other areas of your life as well. You can diffuse a problem that is occurring between friends. Do your best to help, but avoid creating more tension. Be spontaneous. Tonight: Celebrate good times!



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## Depardieu intervened for widely panned FIFA movie

JOHN LEICESTER, AP Sports Writer  
 PARIS (AP) — Actor Gerard Depardieu personally intervened to persuade the Cannes Film Festival to show the FIFA-funded movie "United Passions" that sank almost without trace at the box office after being panned by critics.

In an Associated Press interview, Cannes director Thierry Fremaux said he initially rejected the movie, thinking it unworthy of the world-famous festival.

But Depardieu, who plays World Cup creator Jules Rimet in the film, pressured 2014 festival organizers to rethink.

They agreed to let it be shown in the open air on a beach. That green light was enough to allow marketers to attach the prestigious Cannes name — its palm-leaf logo and the words "official selection, festival de Cannes" — to "United Passions" trailers and posters.

"Gerard Depardieu was very insistent. He really wanted us to show it," said Fremaux, speaking Monday by telephone. "I'm not saying we did it to keep him happy, but let's say that he insisted a lot."

The French actor ("Green Card," "Cyrano de Bergerac")

has long ties with Cannes. In 1992, he presided over the jury that awards the festival's coveted Palme d'Or prize. He also has ties with Russia, the next World Cup host in 2018. He accepted a Russian passport from President Vladimir Putin in 2013 after a falling out with France's ruling Socialist government.

Fremaux attended the beach showing with FIFA President Sepp Blatter and Depardieu in 2014, after changing his initial position that the movie was unworthy of Cannes.

"I rejected the film. At the beginning, I said 'Out of the question,' because the film lacks the quality to be part of the official selection," he told the AP. "Then they said, 'Why not on the beach?' I said, 'Ah, the beach. Yes, it's a festival. It's football. It's the general public. OK.'"

FIFA did not pay Cannes to show the movie, Fremaux said.

The movie bombed on its release this month in the United States, taking only about \$900 in an opening weekend at 10 theaters. In France, it went straight to DVD and was released in only a handful of other countries. According to box-office data firm Rentrak, it made only \$178,639

in theaters before opening in the U.S., most of that in Russia.

FIFA largely bankrolled the \$30-million movie about soccer's governing body, the growth of its World Cup tournament and Blatter's rise to power as FIFA president.

Played by Tim Roth ("Reservoir Dogs"), Blatter is portrayed sympathetically in the movie as a hard worker who toiled to make FIFA financially successful and spoke out against corruption. In real life, FIFA is embroiled in U.S. and Swiss anti-corruption investigations and Blatter is on his way out with his 17-year presidency widely criticized.

Critics savaged the movie: "Pure cinematic excrement" wrote the London Guardian, "cringe-worthy, self-aggrandizing" said the Hollywood Reporter. Fremaux was more charitable.

"I don't find the movie horrible at all," he said. "It should have been a television movie."

## Romanian leader slams PM's attendance at European Games

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Romania's president says he didn't know the Romanian prime minister would attend the European Games, which most European Union leaders have avoided because of concerns about host Azerbaijan's human rights record.

Premier Victor Ponta traveled to Baku, the Azerbaijani capital, for the opening of the games Friday hours after he survived a no-confidence vote in Parliament. Russian President Vladimir Putin, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko also attended the opening.

Protests against Azerbaijan's human rights record took place in cities around the world Friday before the opening ceremony.

President Klaus Iohannis called Ponta's atten-

dance at the games "a foreign policy gaffe," and said Monday he had not known about the visit.

Ponta, who heads the ruling Social Democratic Party, was recently named in a corruption probe. Relations have soured between the two leaders after Iohannis asked Ponta to resign due to the probe and he refused.

Prosecutors said Ponta is suspected of money laundering, forgery, tax evasion and conflict of interest from 2007 to 2008 when as a lawmaker he allegedly received money for a SUV and payment for apartments without doing any work. Still, a bid to lift his immunity failed last week and he also survived a no-confidence vote.

Ponta's foreign policy adviser Radu Magdin, who has a pro-U.S. stance, resigned Friday after six months in the post.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 17-year-old stepdaughter, "Audra," got her driver's license a few months ago and has started pressuring us to put her on our car insurance. When we told her we can't afford it, and if she wants to be on the insurance she has to get a job and pay for it, she had a temper tantrum.

About a month ago, my husband wanted her to go to the store for him. We live in a rural area and everything is some distance away. After she left, he asked me if I was mad that he let her take the car. I told him I thought he was asking for trouble sending her out with no car insurance. He said, "But she wants to drive so badly." My husband now wants me to let her take me shopping and bring along our two small kids.

If Audra gets into an accident, we could be sued for everything we have! No one is a great driver when they first start driving, but she is a beginner without insurance. I have considered calling the police and telling them she's driving without insurance. What do I do? — NO INSURANCE IN NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 28-year-old gay man who recently graduated with a liberal arts degree. I have always struggled to support myself. I'm often discouraged because of professional and personal mistakes, which leads me to be pessimistic about my future.

I want to date. I know love isn't going to be the save-all, but it would be nice to hang out with someone from time to time. My problem is, in the past men have been critical of my lack of success. They are often unimpressed with me. Successful men won't date me. Yet I feel intellectually incompatible with the blue-collar guys I've been with.

I'd like to be able to have conversations about literature, film and maybe world events, but the men I'm drawn to are out of my league. Must I suck it up and take what I can get? Do you think that maybe if my life was in order, I'd have better luck with men? — DEN-

VER PO'BOY  
**DEAR DENVER PO'BOY: I do. It appears that in addition to self-esteem problems, you are drawn to men who are intellectual snobs. Intelligent, successful men — and women — are attracted to people who feel good about themselves and have interesting things to say. Because these individuals are often "targets," they are not particularly drawn to people who might regard them as meal tickets. So by all means get your life in order. When you dwell less on your mistakes (we all make them) and think positive, your chances of finding friends like yourself will be better.**

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BANANA BITE: One word means "to defeat soundly."

BANANA BITE: One word means "more viscous."

Yesterday's Answer: STORK, MINK, LARK

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fancy flapjack
  - 6 Sun-powered
  - 11 Black bird
  - 12 Tex-Mex staple
  - 13 Delighted
  - 15 Signing need
  - 16 Sprint
  - 17 Homer's neighbor
  - 18 Orlando team
  - 20 News summary
  - 23 Halley's sighting
  - 27 Whole range
  - 28 Volcano flow
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  - 31 Ring competitor
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  - 9 Lotion additive
  - 10 Lemon part
  - 14 Embrace
  - 18 Tests for rats
  - 19 Tint
  - 20 Stadium cry
  - 21 Greek vowel
  - 22 Playfully shy
  - 24 Upper limit
  - 25 Genesis woman
  - 26 Road goo
  - 30 Newscast part
  - 31 Tub user
  - 33 Have lunch
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