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**Patti Nabors celebrates with fellow parishioners of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and guests at a Mardi Gras celebration which included music, a Zumba dance exhibition and, of course, lots of good tasting, bad for you dishes. Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, reflects the practice of eating richer, fatty food the night before Lent season begins for Christians. Ash Wednesday marked the first day in Lent, which is a traditional time of fasting, self-denial and reflection for many Christians to mark the remembrance of the Crucifixion and to prepare for Easter.**

## Few takers so far for school races

**BY LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

School board trustee candidate filing has been less than fast and furious this year.

So far, in all three school district's only one non-incumbent has filed, and she's quite familiar with the job.

Maria Padilla has filed her intent to seek the District 2 seat on the Big Spring Independent School District board

of trustees. Padilla served in that district as a BSISD school board trustee for a number of years before Pat DeAnda won the seat in 2012. DeAnda has yet to file her intent to run for another term.

Also filing for the BSISD District 4 trustee race is Tony Kennedy, who is currently serving as the board's vice-president. Kennedy has

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## What to do if you get the flu

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Special to the Herald

The flu virus continues to spread across the U.S., with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) closely tracking the number of confirmed cases and urging stringent precautions to minimize its impact. Scenic Mountain Medical Center continues to see flu-symptomatic patients in the emergency room and numerous patients

have been admitted for treatment of flu-related complications.

While most people will be able to endure the flu's effects on their bodies and recover, others are at high risk for suffering complications and needing emergency intervention. Individuals at a higher risk include babies and children, the elderly, those with

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## Abbott won't back off from border Governor: No end date for National Guard mission

**By PAUL J. WEBER**  
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott predicted Wednesday that Texas and 25 other states would keep prevailing against President Barack Obama's executive actions on immigration but refused to put a deadline on when National Guard troops will leave the border with Mexico.

Flanked by U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and other top Texas conservatives to celebrate an early court victory against Obama's deportation-relief program, Abbott shifted to defending his decision this week to definitely extend the Texas National Guard mission that began last summer.

About 200 guard members had been scheduled to leave the Rio Grande Valley next month, but Abbott now says an unspecified number will remain until Texas hires and trains hundreds of new state troopers to replace the guard.

He would not put a timeframe on how soon that could happen, but Texas Department of Public Safety leaders have said that getting started would take a year. Unlike state troopers or Border Patrol agents, guard members do not have

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Texas Gov. Greg Abbott

arrest authority and are limited to being lookouts.

"It is our goal to ensure that only those who are authorized to cross the border, are the ones who are crossing the border," Abbott said.

A federal judge in Brownsville late Monday temporarily blocked Obama's plan to shield more than 4 million immigrants living in the country illegally from deportation. One program to help immigrants brought to the country as children was scheduled to kick in Wednesday.

Obama said this week that the law and history are on his side, and that he was confident the orders were within his authority. The Obama administration could seek a stay of the judge's order in addition to appealing to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

Last summer, then-Gov. Rick Perry deployed 1,000 guard troops to the Rio Grande Valley as Border Patrol agents were overwhelmed with the arrival of tens of thousands of unaccompanied children from Central America pouring across the border. Those numbers have since declined sharply, but Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said that the implementation of Obama's actions would set off "a new wave of thousands coming here hoping to achieve amnesty."

Immigrants and Democrats disappointed with the court decision accused Abbott and Republican leaders of being hostile toward Hispanics.

"Law enforcement likes to know who is here," Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez said. "And if people are hiding in the shadows, it's hard to distinguish between those who are harmful and those who are not."



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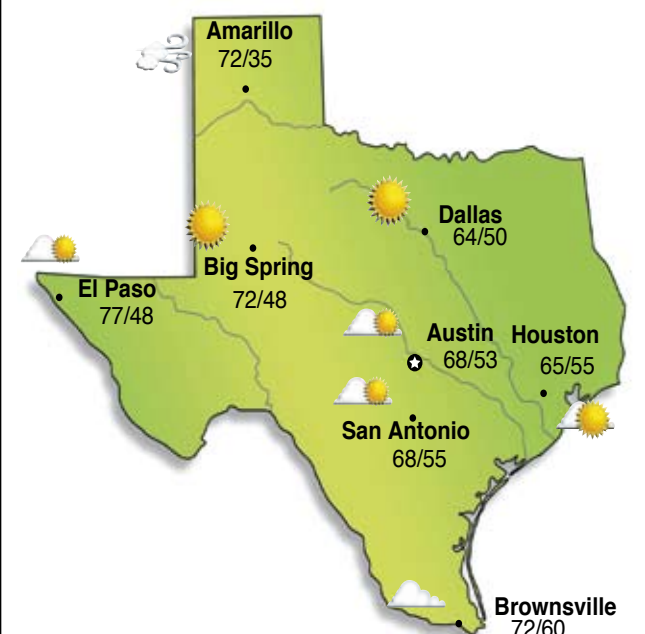


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<b>72/48</b> Abundant sunshine. High 72F. Winds SSW at 15 to 25 mph.	<b>80/54</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	<b>79/36</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 30s.	<b>49/24</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	<b>45/26</b> Cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the mid 20s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:24 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:35 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:23 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:36 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:22 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:36 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:37 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 6:38 PM



### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	71	51	windy	Kingsville	72	58	cloudy
Amarillo	72	35	windy	Livingston	61	47	mst sunny
Austin	68	53	pt sunny	Longview	56	42	sunny
Beaumont	59	47	sunny	Lubbock	74	36	windy
Brownsville	72	60	cloudy	Lufkin	62	47	sunny
Brownwood	70	50	pt sunny	Midland	72	45	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	69	59	pt sunny	Raymondville	72	59	cloudy
Corsicana	64	50	pt sunny	Rosenberg	66	54	mst sunny
Dallas	64	50	sunny	San Antonio	68	55	pt sunny
Del Rio	69	54	sunny	San Marcos	69	55	pt sunny
El Paso	77	48	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	56	45	sunny
Fort Stockton	77	53	sunny	Sweetwater	70	50	windy
Gainesville	58	47	sunny	Tyler	58	46	sunny
Greenville	58	46	sunny	Weatherford	67	52	sunny
Houston	65	55	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	66	47	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	27	12	sunny	Minneapolis	8	0	sunny
Boston	27	5	sn shower	New York	22	4	windy
Chicago	2	-7	pt sunny	Phoenix	81	54	mst sunny
Dallas	64	50	sunny	San Francisco	64	51	pt sunny
Denver	60	28	sunny	Seattle	53	45	rain
Houston	65	55	mst sunny	St. Louis	20	10	mst sunny
Los Angeles	70	54	mst sunny	Washington, DC	17	1	windy
Miami	60	40	sunny				

## Take note

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• In honor of Texas Independence Day, members of the Texas Nationalist Movement will read the Texas Declaration of Independence and William B. Travis' "Victory or Death" letter of appeal for the Alamo on the east lawn of the Howard County Courthouse by the War Monument.

The event will be held Saturday, March 7, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Texas Independence Day is Monday, March 2.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours.

For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

## RACES

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served on the board since 2003.

In the last several years, trustees have overseen a number of serious issues concerning the district including the construction of four new elementaries and receiving the designation as a low academic performing district by the Texas Education Agency.

Candidates interested in seeking a position must live in the district they wish to represent. Forms to file can be picked up at the BSISD district's administration office, 708 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, and returned by Feb. 27. For more information, contact the district's business office at 264-3620.

Apparently, the grass is not any green at the Coahoma Independent School District.

No one has filed to run for one of the three at-large positions open this year including the board's three incumbents — Jody Reid, Brian Moore and Alan Wright.

Reid has served as a Coahoma ISD trustee for 12 years. He is

the currently the board's vice-president. Moore — board president — has nine years under his belt and Wright is finishing out his sixth year.

Anyone interested should pick up candidate filing forms at the CISD administration office, 600 N. Main, Coahoma. For more information, call Judy Dodds at 394-5000.

In the Forsan ISD race incumbents Lewis Boeker, board vice-president, and Chris Olsen have filed paperwork to seek an additional term. Forsan ISD trustees are currently overseeing the construction of a multi-million elementary project and the first new school in many decades for the district. Both seats are at-large positions. For more information visit the FISD administration office at 411 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Forsan or call LaDonna Johnson at 457-2223, ext. 2.

Candidate filing for all school board races continues through Feb. 27. Early voting will begin April 27 and the election will be held on May 9.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

## FLU

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compromised immune systems, and individuals with lung disease — such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

"Beyond feeling miserable, flu can develop into something much more serious, particularly for individuals who are at higher risk," said Amy Miramontes, director of Quality management and regulatory compliance. "It's important for these individuals to be monitored closely so they receive timely medical help if needed."

Unlike a cold, the flu typically comes on suddenly. The most common symptoms are fever or feeling feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue and vomiting and

diarrhea.

If you suspect you have the flu virus, the CDC recommends seeking care from your doctor or an urgent care clinic, where you can be tested and receive a prescription for antiviral medication to minimize the intensity and duration of your symptoms. These medications work best when taken within 48 hours of becoming ill, but can still be beneficial when given later in the course of illness.

When you or someone for whom you're caring experiences any of the following symptoms — the CDC recommends seeking help from the closest emergency department:

### Infants

Trouble breathing  
No tears when crying  
Significantly fewer wet diapers than normal

### Children

Fast breathing or trouble breathing  
Bluish skin color  
Not drinking enough fluids  
Not waking up or not interacting  
Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held  
Symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough  
Fever with a rash

### Adults

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath  
Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen  
Sudden dizziness  
Confusion  
Severe or persistent vomiting  
Flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse cough

"Flu can become deadly, so it's important to act promptly if these symptoms appear," said Miramontes. "And it's still not too late to get a flu shot this year, which can lessen your chances of getting sick."

For more information on the flu, visit the special flu section at www.SMMCCares.com. To find a primary care doctor visit the "Find a Doctor" link on the home page.

Amanda Duforat is marketing coordinator for Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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### DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

The headline that caught my attention on Presidents Day could not have been starker, colder:

“Intense Republican Hate Is Skewing Obama Polls.”

It's ironic because only a few days before, a number of pollsters had shown the president actually doing better in the popularity contest, even reaching 50 percent approval. But as we all know, these numbers don't really mean much, especially when he's not running for reelection.

No, it was the hate part that stopped me in my tracks. How can one compare the evil in the world — Boko Haram, ISIS, the murdering of innocent women and children — with President Obama's health care policy? Have we so cheapened the meaning of evil that we've forgotten that disagreement and debate are at the core of democracy? Are we teaching our children that if we don't like a bill that's passed, then we have the right to hate the people who voted for it?

Words have power. To hate the president of the United States is not just about Barack Obama; it's about the rule of law, the system under which we live that allows us to live in harmony even and especially when we disagree. It's easy to turn on a microphone and rant and rave

about how you hate this one and that one, as if it's mere fodder for humor. But democracy depends on trust — trust that we will play by the rules, win or lose. Adults teach their children good sportsmanship: Shake hands; it's a game. But the game we're playing now is fueled by nuclear power and Islamist extremism, and to pretend that somehow our president is nothing more than one of those haters endangers not only the president, but all of us.

It's not President Reagan we were celebrating on Monday, or President Kennedy or President Johnson or President Obama.

We were celebrating a country that lives under the rule of law, follows decisions even if it disagrees with them and recognizes that some issues may not be resolved, but always maintains respect for the final judgment. Who are these Obama “haters”? Who else do they teach



SUSAN  
ESTRICH

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their children to hate? What do they think their children understand when they hear such talk of hate? With so many dangers in the world, gratuitous viciousness not only increases the threat to our president, but to our society.

Many years ago, I was invited to serve on a panel for the presidency at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. I was the only Democrat. Tough spot. The first question out of the box for me was did I respect Ronald Reagan as a great president. My answer was simple: I disagreed with Reagan on many issues, but I respected him as a man of integrity and considered him to be my president. Most of the audience booed when I said that. Mrs. Reagan sent me flowers — a class act then, as always.

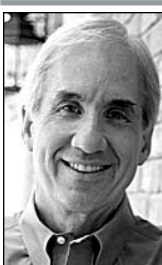
I'm sure there were instances in which my liberal friends loudly chanted their hatred for George W. Bush. It wasn't right then, either. Maintaining a stable democracy may look easy, but when you look around the world, you realize just how difficult it is. It stands on the goodwill and decency of all of us who gathered Monday in support of all of our presidents.

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## Obama's cynical web of deceit

***Obama's lies have largely defined his presidency, and they matter, not just because they are unambiguously immoral but because they effectively disenfranchise the electorate. Two more years.***



DAVID  
LIMBAUGH

I am not surprised that President Obama lied to the nation in 2008 when he told us he opposed same-sex marriage, but I confess that I didn't expect his insiders to be so brazen as to come right out and admit it.

How could I be surprised about Obama's lie? He has lied about so many things — things that can't be flippantly dismissed as the typical politician's puffing — including, to name a few, energy, entitlements, “flexibility” on missile defense, his support for Israel, Operation Fast and Furious, Benghazi, transparency, earmarks, lobbyists, the budget, unemployment, single-payer health insurance, the public option, keeping your plans and doctors, and bipartisanship.

In my book “The Great Destroyer,” I wrote about Obama's deceitful history on same-sex marriage, and it didn't begin in 2008. He signed a questionnaire in 1996 indicating his support for it and then later denied it was his signature. Years later, however, his then press secretary, Jay Carney, admitted it was in fact Obama's signature.

This means that Obama — on the record — supported same-sex marriage as far back as 1996. Yet when challenged about this initial deceit, Carney was defiant and dismissive. What was important, he said, was that from the time of his presidential campaign to the present (2011), Obama's opposition to it had been consistent, but Carney added that Obama's view was “evolving.”

I wrote at the time: “The upshot is that Obama was for gay marriage in 1996, though he later denied it, has been openly against it since 2008, and is now warming to it again, though he's still opposed to it. That's more like spinning than evolving.” I also made this observation: “What we obviously have with Obama is a politician who supports same-sex marriage but is unwilling to pay the political price of admitting it (at least before the 2012 election), especially among his core black constituency, which strongly opposes same-sex marriage.”

As it turns out, I was wrong about when he'd change his position (as he did come out before the 2012 election, presumably to ignite the rest of his base), but I was dead-on about his motivation for duplicity (as I'll explain below).

I noted further that Obama's feigned opposition was incredible because he supported same-sex marriage on various legal fronts, such as his strong support for the misnamed Respect for Marriage Act, which would repeal the federal Defense of Marriage Act. Obama's administration went so far as to break normal constitutional procedures (not at all abnormal for this crew) by indicating it would not enforce the law or defend it in court.

This had immediate consequences, as it resulted in litigants citing the administration's position in a court filing in their case to strike down California's statutory definition of traditional marriage.

Obama also took aim at traditional marriage at the state level in March 2012, less than two months before North Carolina residents would vote on a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union of a man and a woman.

That wasn't all. Obama's Department of Justice, in a court brief, argued that treating same-sex couples differently from married heterosexual couples was the legal equivalent of racial discrimination. Also, federal regulations promulgated by the administration continued the administration's assault on traditional marriage.

Now we have another chapter in this sordid, cynical saga. Former White House adviser David Axelrod admitted that Obama misled Americans for

his own political benefit when he claimed in the 2008 election to oppose same-sex marriage for religious reasons.

In his book, “Believer: My Forty Years in Politics,” Axelrod quoted Obama as saying — after Obama had stated his opposition to same-sex marriage at a campaign event — “I'm just not very good at (BS'ing).”

Again, I knew they were deceiving us all along, but can you believe Axelrod is just coming out and admitting it — almost as if he is proud of it? Indeed, Axelrod takes credit for counseling Obama to conceal his position for political reasons. In his book, he explained why he urged Obama to lie, vindicating my analysis above. “Opposition to gay marriage was particularly strong in the black church,” wrote Axelrod, “and as he ran for higher office, he grudgingly accepted the counsel of more pragmatic folks like me, and modified his position to support civil unions rather than marriage, which he would term a ‘sacred union.’”

Again, this is not a mea culpa by Axelrod but something closer to bragging. I think that's because a central tenet of modern leftism today is that the end justifies the means. I even saw a liberal on Twitter defend Obama's deceit on that basis. Also, liberal Jonathan Chait, in a post, questioned whether Obama's “lie” is that bad or “a genuine sin.”

At least Chait didn't offer a full-throated defense of Obama's deceit, but the fact that he even rationalized it and that Axelrod is virtually boasting about it with other liberals in tow should be a wake-up call to people who are still naive about the way Obama operates and many liberals think.

Obama's lies have largely defined his presidency, and they matter, not just because they are unambiguously immoral but because they effectively disenfranchise the electorate. Two more years.

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# Steer Pride Corner



Washington Elementary recognized its students of the month of January. They are as follows: kindergarten, Pedro Isaac Herrera, Kaden Reyes, Isaiah Granados, Shaylee O'Daniel; first grade, Joshua Reyes, Andre Rushin, Aiden Fernandez, Jennifer Partlow; third grade, Mia Valle, Donavyn Hilario, Maribel Sandoval; fourth grade; Viviana Martinez, Heidi Cervantez, Serena McClinton, Ivana Valbuena, Genevieve Bedinger; fifth grade, Jacob Yanez, Leilani Kato, Kaylee Alvarado, Isabela Marquez, and Luciana Salazar.  
(Courtesy photo)

## BSHS Cheerleaders squads Valentine's Babysitting service



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Pictured at top Miss Sloan Davis (English teacher at BSHS) and Ashley Phinney participated in the BSHS cheerleader fundraiser that watched over little ones Friday, February 13. The Cheerleaders hosted the evening of babysitting as a fundraiser to help with costs of UIL competitions next year. They offered Pizza, games, basketball, arts and crafts, a movie and other activities throughout the evening.

Above, the children are seen here watching a movie after an evening of Pizza, games, basketball, arts and crafts as well as some other fun activities.

They said that they are hoping to be able to do a few more babysitting fundraisers before the end of the year.

## PBUWCD 2015 Scholarship Essays deadline is March 3

STANTON - The due date is nearing for students to submit their essay for the 2015 Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) scholarship contest. All graduating seniors who attend a school within the district are invited to participate.

One senior student from each of the high schools located in the District's coverage area — Forsan, Grady, Sands and Stanton — will be awarded a scholarship. All senior students who are planning to attend college are eligible to enter the essay contest. Each winner of the contest will receive a \$2,000. scholarship to the college of their choice.

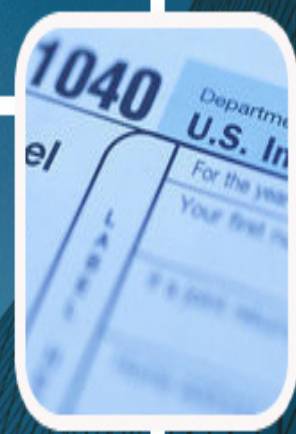
The essays are due no later than March 3, 2015. They may be submitted to the student's school counselor or the Permian Basin UWCD office at 708 W St. Peter, Stanton, Tx by 5 p.m.

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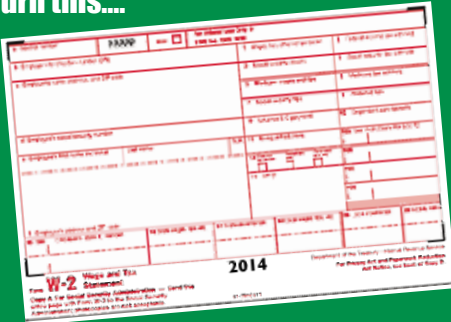
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# Browns coach: Johnny Manziel in 'better place'

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Browns coach Mike Pettine said Wednesday he believes quarterback Johnny Manziel is in a "better place" since entering a treatment program earlier this month.

Manziel, his family and the team have not said why he sought help. Pettine did not provide any additional details about the reasons, cit-

ing privacy concerns, and that there was no timetable for his return.

But on the first big day of this week's NFL scouting combine, Pettine said he visited the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner last week.

"He's in a much better place now than when he went in," Pettine said. "He's very determined to come out of it in a

much better way."

That might be the best possible news for Cleveland, which has used 22 different starting quarterbacks since the franchise returned to the league in 1999.

Manziel came to last year's combine with the reputation of a big-time playmaker and a frequent partier, a combination that scared away some wary teams, but

Cleveland chose "Johnny Football" with the No. 22 overall pick.

He looked unprepared and overmatched in his first career start, throwing two interceptions in a 30-0 loss to Cincinnati. The next week at Carolina, Manziel injured his hamstring on a running play before halftime. He didn't play again. Manziel was fined later by the Browns for missing a medical treatment be-

fore the season finale at Baltimore.

After apologizing to Cleveland's fans and his teammates for being a distraction, he promised to change. Over the next couple of days, photos of Manziel appeared on Instagram, showing him in a Houston nightclub and in Aspen, Colorado — all before choosing to enter treatment.

Pettine was sked if the Browns make a mistake in vetting Manziel.

"I think we had the same information everyone else in the league had," he said. "It turns out to be a deeper-rooted thing than we thought."

Pettine said it was Manziel's decision to seek help and that he and the team fully support the effort.

# Mavs add Amare to team

DALLAS (AP) — Amare Stoudemire is signed and set for his debut with the Dallas Mavericks.

Stoudemire joined the Mavericks after clearing waivers Wednesday, two days after the New York Knicks let him out of his contract with a buyout.

The six-time All-Star forward signed for the prorated veteran minimum of about \$460,000, and the deal was announced about the same time he was expected to be on a flight to Oklahoma City with his new teammates. The Mavericks return from the All-Star break at the Thunder on Thursday night.

The 32-year-old Stoudemire, in his 13th season, will back up center Tyson Chandler and forward Dirk Nowitzki and restore some of the frontcourt depth Dallas lost when Brandon Wright went to Boston in the December trade that brought Rajon Rondo.

"To play alongside Dirk Nowitzki, Tyson Chandler and other great players, I think it's a tremendous opportunity for me to compete for a championship," said Stoudemire, who leaves behind a 10-win team that will be without star Carmelo Anthony for the rest of the season.

Chandler and Stoudemire spent three seasons together in New York. Chandler signed with the Knicks after helping lead Dallas to the franchise's only championship in 2011. He came back to the Mavericks in an offseason trade.

Stoudemire has career averages of 20 points and 8.2 rebounds. He averaged 12 points and 24 minutes for the Knicks this season.

# Vikings GM: We 'expect' Peterson back

The Minnesota Vikings haven't wavered with their stance since the season ended: They want Adrian Peterson back.

In the strongest statement yet, general manager Rick Spielman said Wednesday he expects the star running back to stay with the team after his suspension is lifted.

"I think our organization is on that same page," Spielman told reporters at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis.

Peterson's last carry came more than five months ago, before the child-abuse case involving his young son became public.

"He admitted a mistake. I'm sure he's doing everything he can to not only make himself better as a football player but also a better person off the field," Spielman said.

The Vikings initially planned to let Peterson play until the felony charge was resolved in court, following a one-game benching for the home opener. The backlash amid league-wide problems with domestic violence was so swift and severe, though, that they relented while Commissioner Roger Goodell used his authority to place Peterson on paid leave with a special exemption.

Then with six games left in the season, Peterson reached a plea deal on misdemeanor reckless assault with probation and no jail time, the league suspended him without pay through at least April 15. His appeal was rejected, prompting the NFL Players Association to file a petition in federal court to vacate the arbitrator's decision.



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## Hot team ...

**Raffaella Angelidou and the Howard College Lady Hawks will try and claim their first win in their last four games tonight when they face off with Southwestern Texas Junior College in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tonight's action will start at 5 p.m.**



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## On the road ...

**James Davidson and the Howard College baseball team will travel to Waco tomorrow to begin a series with McLennan County.**

# Students' signs draw Texas school's attention

FLOWER MOUND, Texas (AP) — A North Texas school district is investigating the actions of students at a high school basketball game who held up signs saying "White" and "Power."

Superintendent Kevin Rogers says in a statement he's "disheartened" by the actions of some students at Flower Mound High School who held up a placard with the word "White" alongside another that read

"Power."

The Flower Mound boys were playing Plano East on Friday when cellphones captured images of the signs. The images were then circulated on social media.

Plano East is more racially diverse than Flower Mound.

Rogers says a review is underway and that administrators "intend to act on our findings." He adds that his district has the "highest respect" for Plano East.

## Golf scramble set for Feb. 22-23

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Statement of Qualification for Professional Services to assist the District with evaluating the feasibility of various desalination and aquifer storage and recovery projects

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KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

**Dear Annie:** I have been married to "Bob" for 11 years. Once we had our son, "Jack," everything changed. Bob found excuses not to be home, worked all kinds of overtime or had to "go somewhere." I can count on one hand the times he did anything with Jack or was even home on a weekend during our son's first five years.

Jack is now 8 and has no real relationship with his father and no desire for one. When he was

little and asked where Daddy was, I covered for Bob, but now that Jack is older, he knows what's what. The kid is no dummy.

Things continue to get worse. Bob accepts no responsibility for his son. He makes nearly twice my salary, but won't give me a dime toward Jack's clothes, shoes or school supplies, let alone birthday presents, although he wants his name on the gifts. He even tries to get out of paying for groceries and babysitters. Bob pays the mortgage and the taxes. Everything else is my responsibility. I carry Jack on my health insurance.

I also don't like to leave Jack alone with his father. If anything goes wrong, Bob blames Jack and ends up hollering at him for ridiculous things like forgetting to turn off a light or not wanting to go to the store with him, and then lays a guilt trip on the boy, saying, "Don't

Annie's Mailbox

you want to spend time with me?"

I have tried talking to Bob about this. I tell him it is the parents' responsibility to make time for their children, not the other way around. He refuses counseling, saying he doesn't need anyone to tell him how to raise his kid.

Jack already has anger issues and acts out. I am ready to give up on our marriage. Bob and I are more like roommates than spouses. I sometimes think Jack and I would be better off on our own. Any advice? - Sinking Ship in Pennsylvania

Dear Pennsylvania:

Bob withholds funds for the support of his family and either neglects or yells at his son. These things can be interpreted as forms of abuse. Bob has no interest in counseling because he has no interest in being a better father. Sometimes leaving this type of situation is healthier than staying. Please get counseling for yourself and for Jack and decide

your best course of action.

**Dear Annie:** I've been dating "Joe" for a year. We are both divorced parents. My children are in college, and Joe's 17-year-old daughter lives with him. "Tawny" is a nice young lady, but she relies on us to provide her with a social life.

Tawny attended one semester at a nearby community college. She was fired from her job and basically sits at home all day. She rarely does housework. I understand that she is bored and lonely and have suggested she do some volunteer work to get out and meet people. Joe is as frustrated as I am. He has spoken to Tawny about it, but nothing has changed. I don't mind including her in our plans once in a while, but she expects to go everywhere with us and has attitude if she's not invited. She even follows us from room to room.

Joe has asked me to move in with him, but I don't want to end up resenting Tawny and

creating problems with our relationship. -- Help

**Dear Help:** Please do not move in with Joe. Instead, suggest that Tawny get counseling for what could be depression and to help her gain focus. That girl needs guidance, and Joe isn't providing it.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Concerned Daughter," whose recently divorced mother was suicidal and even held her brother's gun to her head. Your advice was good, but you didn't mention the most important thing: Lock up and hide the darn gun. -- Connecticut

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bridge Is a Partnership Game

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A J 2  
♥ Q 4  
♦ J 9 6 5 3  
♣ Q J 6

**WEST**  
♠ 7 6 5 3  
♥ A K J 10 6  
♦ 4  
♣ 7 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ K 10 8 4  
♥ 9 8 7 3 2  
♦ A  
♣ 9 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q 9  
♥ 5  
♦ K Q 10 8 7 2  
♣ A K 10 8

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass Pass 1♦  
1♥ 3♦ 3♥ 5♦

Opening lead — king of hearts.

**Declarer does not need a partner** to guide him during the play, since his partner's hand is in plain view. To overcome this natural advantage for the declarer, the defenders must work closely together to attain their best possible result.

**Consider this deal** where West led the king of hearts, on which East played the deuce. This was a clear command for West to shift to another suit. If East had wanted hearts continued, he would have played a higher heart to ask for a continuation.

**Tomorrow:** Test your play.  
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## Sudoku Answer On Page 3

# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

			6	8				9
						6	2	5
		3						
	6	9			3			1
1					4		8	
6					8	3	5	
	9		5					6
	5				6	4	1	
	7						6	
8		6				5	9	3

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Happy Chinese New Year!

The year of the sheep comes with controversy, but Mercury exiting its storm and Mars returning to its home base of Aries bodes well for this year.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

The main issues that some have with the year of the sheep is that sheep can be passive. Peacefulness should not be confused with passivity. Everything doesn't have to be a fight.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When you fight with yourself, at least fight fair! In the latest you-on-you battle, only one of you will be left standing. The good news is that this transformation probably won't be painful, just awkward.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your eyes are open to a clearer, faster, more direct way to happiness. Tonight, those close to you will benefit from your wave of crazy

generosity.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). For your life to be happy, it must be full. And for your life to be full, it must be happy. Therefore, the most important move to make in the name of living a full life is the one you believe will bring the most happiness.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). In Internet-speak, NSFW translates to "not safe for work." You may feel that your entire mood isn't safe for work today, as you would like to tell a lot of people how you really feel. However, your self-control will be rewarded.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When people make you mad, and they will, try to stay calm. It's fine for you to be angry, but you'll lose your power and status if you show it too much. One strategy that works is simply walking away.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Attractive solutions abound. Sometimes things look good because they are good. Just because something has a pretty sheen to it doesn't

Tomorrow's Horoscope

mean you should automatically be suspicious.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Seize the opportunity to explore your talents. This is best done by trying new things without a worry or care about who is watching or what they'll think. You'll make friends along the way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Today's activities will not be what you would normally consider cause for celebration. And yet, you'll celebrate them anyway. That's what makes you awesome. Someone new will want to join in with all of that fun you're having.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All it takes is one sound decision to usher more love and money into your life. It's not a hard one to make, but it does require humble learning and the tenacity to see this cycle through to the final stages.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a weird way of working through things, and you should trust that however

different it may be from the way others do it, it's still a good way for you. You're an original, you know!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You deal with life according to how you feel about it at the moment, and there will be several moments of the day that are highly charged. Emotional distancing may be in order.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The new people coming into your life have no idea who you are, so feel free to playfully create an accurate picture for them. You'll do quite a lot in the name of fun!

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 19). You put people at ease, and for this reason, many want you on their team. In fact, they'll fight over you in March. April will bring a restructuring of your work life followed by a windfall. You'll trade places with a good friend in June and will decide you like your situation better. Love is the main deal over the summer. Cancer and Libra people adore you. Your lucky

numbers are: 4, 28, 17, 44 and 19.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I really would like to know more about my mom and her birth date of Nov. 3, 1965. She has gone through many struggles in her life and would like to know whether she will ever have peace."

The number of water-sign influences in her natal chart tells me your mother is a deeply sensitive and perceptive spirit, and that you share a bond that can only be described as psychic. Born under the sign of transformation, your mother has endured drastic and life-changing circumstances and come through the other side of the experience a completely different person -- that is the way of the "phoenix," which is one of Scorpio's power symbols (along with the eagle and the scorpion). Her Mercury, Venus and Mars in Sagittarius reveals that she is also passionate, impulsive and hungry to see the world and expand her influence. She has a few unrealized dreams, and because of her sensitivities and perhaps physical and

financial limitations, she may feel limited in her ability to even try to make them happen. The key to gaining "peace" is not to sit passively by hoping and praying for serenity, but to remember her own needs and wants and pursue them in some big or small way with the determination of her faith.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Nickelodeon star Victoria Justice is working on a comedy called "The Outskirts" about high-school geeks who unite to get their revenge on cruel popular types. Justice was born when Mercury, the communication and day-to-day activities planet, was in Pisces. This is an excellent placement for actors because it lends the ability to empathize, communicate with and relate to a wide variety of people.

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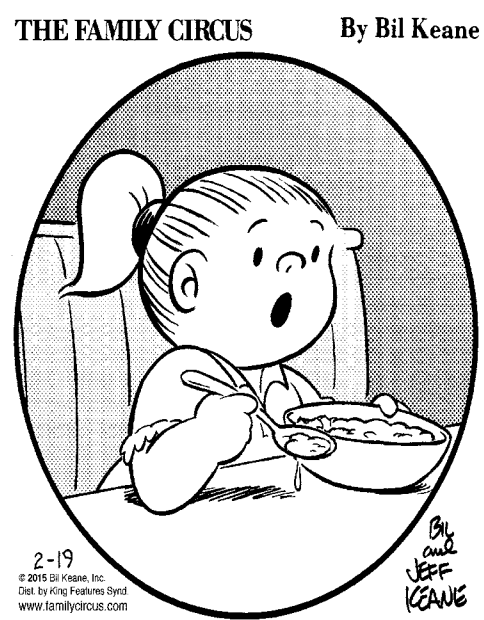
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7:PM	Grey's Anatomy	Premio lo Nuestro 2015	American Idol	Big Bang	Los Mis-erables (SS)	The Slap	Fam. Guy	Upd	Daytrip	Griffith	Last Frontier	Movie: Jurassic Park, Jeff Goldblum	Movie: Shooter, Danny Glover	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Thunder	Being Mary Jane	Movie: Mulan	College Basketball: Teams TBA.	College Basketball: Teams TBA.
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9:PM	Away-Murder		Mod Fam	Elementary	Dueños del Paraíso	Allegiance	Big Bang		Jewel in the Crown	Kotter	Last Frontier			NBA Basket-ball: Spurs at Clippers		Girl Dog	Basket	SportsCenter
10:PM	News	Impacto	Cleveland	News	Tele	News	Conan	McGee	Charlie Rose	C. Burnett	To Be An-nounced	Movie: Jurassic Park III, Tea Leoni	Movie: G.I. Joe: The Rise of Co-bra, Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje			Wendy Wil-liams	The Fab Five	SportsCenter
11:PM	Jimmy Kim-mel Live	La Que No	How I Met	Letterman	Titulares	Tonight Show	Office	Justice	T. Smiley	Perry Mason: Case of Mu-sical Murder		Movie: The School of Rock, Mike White		Inside the NBA	(12:05) The Real	Deck	NBA	SportsCenter
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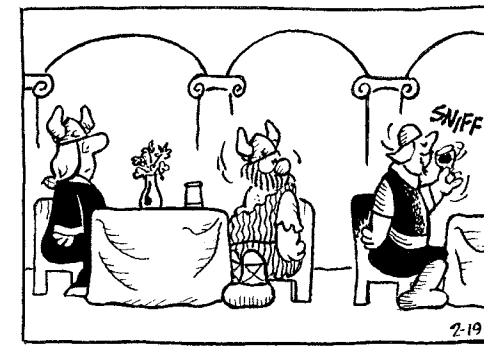
"I'm just a doctor, Joey. There's still a lot we don't know about 'ice cream headaches.'"

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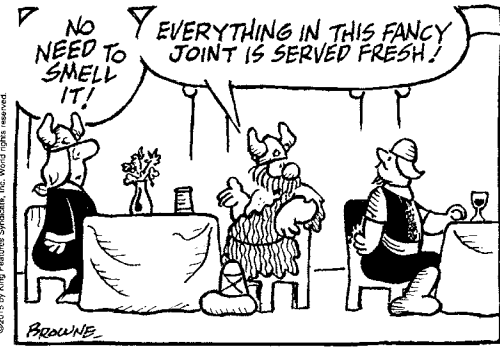


"I like my oatmeal better when it comes in a cookie."

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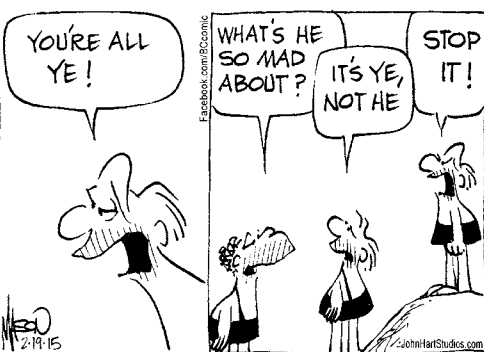
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11 Positive  
12 Browser bookmark  
13 The least bit  
21 Chirping lizard  
22 High bond rating  
25 Frat letter  
26 Lock of hair  
28 "No need to remind me!"  
29 Inferno writer  
31 Insults, so to speak  
32 Funds recipient  
33 Mascara recipients  
34 DJ's supply  
36 Yoo or boo follower  
37 Consisted of  
39 Plumber's collection  
40 Suppress  
45 Me, to Marie  
47 Stands out  
49 Catapult missile  
51 Gazes at  
52 Big name in harvesters  
53 All worked up  
54 Wavy-line shapes  
56 Bush 41 cabinet member  
57 Urban pool locale  
58 Pedal pushers  
59 Darin'  
60 Kitchen cleaner brand

## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 2015. There are 315 days left in the year. This is the Lunar New Year of the Goat. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 19, 1945, Operation Detachment began during World War II as some 30,000 U.S. Marines began landing on Iwo Jima, where they commenced a successful month-long battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces. On this date: In 1473, astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus

was born in Torun, Poland. In 1881, Kansas prohibited the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. In 1915, during World War I, British and French warships launched their initial attack on Ottoman forces in the Dardanelles, a strait in northwestern Turkey. (The Gallipoli Campaign that followed proved disastrous for the Allies.) In 1934, a blizzard began inundating the northeastern United States, with the heaviest snowfall occurring in Connecticut and Massachusetts. In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order

9066, clearing the way for the U.S. military to relocate and intern Japanese-Americans during World War II. In 1959, an agreement was signed by Britain, Turkey and Greece granting Cyprus its independence. In 1963, "The Feminine Mystique" by Betty Friedan was first published by W.W. Norton & Co.

Answer to previous puzzle

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