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### WEATHER



**Tonight:**  
Clear late  
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**Saturday:**  
Sunny  
High 40

### DEATH

SHOEMAKE, JOHNNIE LINN  
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### AROUND TOWN

#### Valentine's dance slated

Phi Delta Kappa Inc., Epsilon Zeta Chapter will sponsor a Valentine's Day Dance at for grades 4, 5 and 6 at the Boys and Girls Club from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. Cost is \$5. There will be snacks for sale and photo opportunities for \$5. Students must be picked up by 10:15 p.m.

#### Black history event slated

Wayman Chapel AME Church, located at 1013 W. Ennis Ave., will celebrate Black History Month on Sunday, Feb. 12. The Rev. K.M. Williams — the Texas Country Blues Preacher — will preach at 11 a.m. Dr. Stephen Jones, pastor of Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Dallas, will preach at 3 p.m. The public is invited.

### CORRECTION

A Thursday, Feb. 9 story that printed on Page 1 incorrectly stated Ennis is working on a federal loan for airport work. The money in question would be a federal grant.

*The Ennis Daily News regrets any error or misinterpretation of fact and strives to correct any such issue.*

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## Former teacher jailed again

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A former Ennis High School agricultural sciences teacher indicted Dec. 21 on a list of sex charges was arrested again Thursday pending additional charges.

Deputies of the Ellis County Sheriff's Office arrested Joshua Allen Jaggears at around 12:34 p.m. Thursday pending one charge of sexual performance of

a child, and two charges of improper relationship between an educator and a student.

Jaggears was indicted by an Ellis County grand jury on five charges in December 2011: one indictment for sexual performance by a child, a second degree felony; two indictments for improper relationship between educator and student, a second



Jaggears

degree felony, and two indictments for online solicitation of a minor, a third degree felony.

Jaggears, formerly an agricultural science teacher with the Ennis Independent School District for the past five years, tendered his resignation before his arrest on Aug. 31, 2011.

Since the arrest, the list of Jaggears's alleged victims bal-

looned to over 20.

As many of the former students in question have since moved away, the investigation has faced delays.

Ennis police investigators worked with several agencies to find alleged victims of Jaggears who moved away after graduation, including a central Texas sheriff's department and the U.S. Air Force's Office of Special Investigations.



Czech and Then Some is one of five acts scheduled to perform at this weekend's Ennis Czech Music Festival.

## Czech Music Festival hits this weekend

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The sixth annual Ennis Czech Music Festival may not officially be until Saturday, but the sounds start pumping out at the Sokol Activity Center tonight.

The Sokol Activity Center's annual Czech Music Festival set Saturday and its customary free pre-party Polka Jam tonight will feature music from acts both traditional and innovative. The events start swinging from 7 to 11 p.m. tonight, giving eager music lovers a head start.

Saturday brings the main festival to the Sokol, and with it, a group popular Ennis-area bands that play a range of Czech music flavors.

Jak Se Do will start the festivities, followed by the Czech Harvesters, Jodie Mikula Orchestra, Czech and Then Some and Ennis Czech Boys.

The festival will include raffle prizes. A cash bar will be provided. Tickets are \$5 per person. Children 14 and under are free.

The festival itself starts at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and ends at 11:30 p.m.

Doors open at 12:30 p.m.



The Czech Harvesters are set to perform as the opening act on Saturday.

All guests are encouraged to bring out their "Kroj," a Czech costume, or to just dress casual. The jam session tonight is free of charge, and the doors to the hall open at 5:30 p.m.

### The Czech Harvesters

The Czech Harvesters have been performing Texas-style Czech music for more than 30 years. Almost all of the band members are Czech and were inspired by their ancestors to play Czech music.

Band members include Bob Adamcik who plays sax, trum-

pet, steel and vocals; Byron Palla who plays sax, guitar and vocals; Phil Harder who plays guitar and vocals; Mike Dolezalik who plays bass guitar; Wes Kucera who plays drums and Jim Zabojsnik who plays button box and keys.

"The combination of this talented group of musicians gives this band a unique Texas sound," Jim Zabojsnik said. "Each member of the Harvesters band provides a wealth of talent and musical knowledge that enhances the versatility of this group, should it be a polka, waltz or a country rock

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## Student formally accused of assault

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An Ellis County grand jury indicted a local high school student on charges of sexual assault, according to records obtained by *The Ennis Daily News* on Thursday.

Boston Ryan Prachyl was formally accused of sexual assault against a victim younger than 17 on Thursday in connection to an alleged incident that occurred on or around Jan. 14, 2011.

Prachyl was arrested Sept. 6, 2011.

Ennis ISD spokesman Henry Martinez confirmed Sept. 8 Prachyl is currently in the district's Disciplinary Alternative Education Program per district policy regarding students charged with felonies. That status rendered the three-year varsity football player ineligible for play in the fall.

## Avalon ISD reopening gymnasium

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A historic Avalon ISD building damaged in an April 2011 tornado has been repaired, and will officially re-open Saturday night.

School officials are inviting the public to a rededication event starting at 5 p.m. Saturday night in the newly restored J.P. Griffith gymnasium.

Brisket dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m., with a rededication ceremony scheduled for 6:45 p.m.

Avalon Superintendent Dr. David Del Bosque said the gym was built in 1939 as part of the Depression-era Work Progress Administration.

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## AROUND TOWN

### Local Lodge RVOS No. 51 sets February meeting

Ennis Local Lodge RVOS No. 51 will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at the SPJST Hall in Ennis.

### Knights of Columbus to host fish fry

The Knights of Columbus will host one fish fry this year from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 24. Fried catfish, French fries, hush puppies, cole slaw and baked beans will be served with tea and coffee to drink. Plates are \$9 and takeouts are available.

The Sokol Activity Center will host a Saturday Night Polka Dance with Stribrnanka from 7 to 11 p.m. Feb. 25. The Czech Educational Foundation of Texas, in partnership with the University of North Texas College of Music, brings one of the most popular brass bands of Moravia Czech Republic for a tour across Texas. Cost is \$5 per person, ages 14 and under are free. Kitchen will be open and a cash bar is available. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information, visit [www.sokolennis.com](http://www.sokolennis.com) or call 972-875-7959.

### Sokol to host benefit

The Sokol Activity Center will host its \$10,000 Giveaway Building Fund Benefit from 6 p.m. to midnight March 3. Music will be provided by LD and Anything Goes at 6:45 p.m. and Bustin' Loose with Ira Bradford at 9:30 p.m. A steak dinner will be available from 6 to 8 p.m. A \$125 donation admits 2 and includes dinner, beverages, a dance and chances to win one of 20 cash prizes. Drawing will be at 9 p.m. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Reservations accepted for parties of 8 (4 tickets) or more. For tickets and reservations, call 972-875-7959.

### Movie night at the Sokol

The next Movie Night at the Sokol Activity Center will be from 7 to 11 p.m. March 16. The featured film is Zelary, an epic tale about a nurse and her surgeon-lover who are part of a resistance movement in 1940s Czechoslovakia. The 2001 film is rated R. Czech music videos and a social will follow the film. No cover charge. Bring a covered dish if you like. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.sokolennis.com](http://www.sokolennis.com) or call 972-875-7959.

### Memorial opportunity to honor Charles Gentry

The family and friends of late Ennis resident and former Ennis Daily News publisher Charles Gentry have set up a memorial opportunity for those who would like to remember him. Donations in Gentry's memory are being accepted in the Ennis Little League Memorial account at Ennis State Bank.

### Golden Circle staying busy with crafts

The Golden Circle senior activity organization has begun offering craft classes. For more information call 972-875-6101.

### Immunization clinics offered monthly

Texas Department of State Health Services offers monthly immunization clinics every 1st Tuesday at the Boys and Girls Club, 1211 S. Clay St. in Ennis from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and every 2nd Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Conference Center at 304 W. 5th St. in Ferris from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. No clinics on holidays. Call 972-932-2038 for more information.

### AA Carry the Message group to meet

AA Carry the Message group to meet Alcoholics Anonymous Carry the Message Group meets at 7 p.m. on Monday and Friday at 1502 Daffan St. For more information, contact 972-875-6670.

### Volunteers needed to aid nursing home residents

The North Central Texas Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging is

looking for volunteers to help residents of nursing homes in Ennis, Italy, Red Oak and Waxahachie.

For more information about the program, call Pat Borgfeldt at the Area Agency on Aging at 817-360-0984 or e-mail her at [pborgfeldt@nctcog.org](mailto:pborgfeldt@nctcog.org).

### Veterans' Memorial Committee scheduled to meet

The Ennis Veterans' Memorial Committee meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Ennis VFW Post No. 7106.

For more information on the project contact Larry Fincher at 972-875-5673, Buddy Markham at 972-935-3650 or Marylyn Wylie at 978-875-8836.

For information on corporate donations contact Raymond Caldwell at 214-448-5658.

### Zumba exercise classes

Downtown Zumba evening classes are offered from 6:15-7:15 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays at the Ennis National Bank Event Center 2nd floor, located on the corner of Ennis Avenue and Dallas St.

Fees are \$4 for drop-ins, \$35 for unlimited monthly classes.

For more information, call Ann at 972-998-5047.

### Bingo games offered

Jack Lummus VFW Post No. 7106 and the Ladies' Auxiliary will have bingo at 7:30 p.m. on Friday nights. The kitchen will be open to cook food at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

Tell your friends to come out and have a good time and win good prizes. Come out and support your veterans.

There are still some from World War II. Come out and thank them for our freedom of today.

### Flags for sale

The Ennis Rotary Club is selling flags to be put in your front yard five different times throughout the year for five different holidays and the best part is, they're going to install them.

For \$30 the Ennis Rotary Club will provide a flag to help participants show their patriotism at Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veteran's Day.

For more information on how to get a flag for your yard contact Steve Huff at 972-875-2275.

### Navarro County Depression and Bipolar Support

Navarro County Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance meets at 7 p.m. each Tuesday in the fellowship hall at St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 101 N. 14th St. in Corsicana.

All are welcome to learn to give and receive support at the weekly meetings. On the first Tuesday of the month, Dr. Tom Sheriff, licensed psychologist, conducts a study of *The Depression and Manic Depression Workbook: A Guide for Living with Depression and Manic Depression*.

For more information call 903-872-6302 or 903-874-6815.

### Claystone Health Care needs volunteers

Claystone Health Care is seeking volunteers in the activity department to lead religious services on Sundays, as well as visit the residents one-on-one. The group also wants to participate in sing-a-longs.

The center is also accepting donations for Bingo prizes such as knickknacks, stuffed animals, etc. Contact Sarah Knavel for more information at 972-875-8411.

### Masonic Lodge No. 369 meets

Ennis Masonic Lodge No. 369 meets the second Tuesday of the month. The group eats at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. The group practices at 7 p.m. on the first, third and fourth Tuesdays and every Saturday at 9 a.m.

Brenda Shoemake 2 daughters Latessa Shoemake, a k e Barr, Tina & Johnnie Diggs and one son Johnnie L i n n Shoemake Jr. all of Gun Barrel City, 3 sisters, 2 broth-



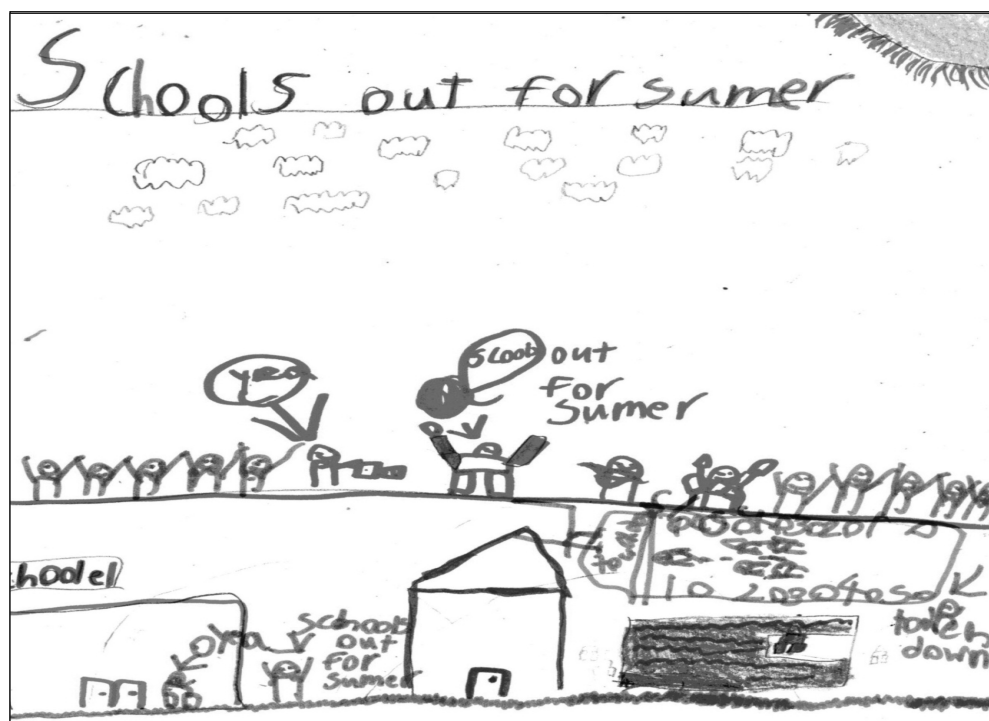
ers, and 5 grandchildren Charlie Barr, Britney Barr, Madison Shoemake, Cody Diggs, Alexis Vest Shoemake & lots of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles & cousins.

Services will be at Payne Springs Baptist Church on Sat. Feb. 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. 9720 Hwy 198 South Mabank, Tx 903-451-2443

## ENNIS RECORDS

For up to the minute weather updates, log onto [www.ennisdailynews.com](http://www.ennisdailynews.com)

Yesterday' Low: .....	36	Precipitation	
Yesterday's High .....	56	Last Year .....	0.15
Last Year's Low .....	17	Yesterday's Precip. ....	0.00
Last Year's High .....	47	February Total .....	0.13
		February Average.....	2.36
		*Observation Location: Central Fire Station, 206 S. Dallas St.	



Today's weather was drawn by Christopher, a student at Austin Elementary.

## AROUND THE STATE

### East Texas woman faces life for sex with boy, 13

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — A Southeast Texas woman who exchanged hundreds of calls and text messages with a 13-year-old boy faces up to life in prison for having sex with him.

Prosecutors say 33-year-old Natalie Johnson of Diboll pleaded guilty Thursday to aggravated sexual assault of a child.

A judge in Lufkin has set an April 30 sentencing date.

Prosecutors say Johnson has been in custody since her arrest last August after allegedly having sex several times with the boy. He had been staying with his grandparents in Diboll. Police say the sexual activity happened at a park and at Johnson's apartment.

Cell phone records show more than 1,500 messages between Johnson and the child, who met at the home of one of his other relatives.

Diboll is 105 miles northeast of Houston.

### Man allegedly pretended to be DEA agent in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Real law officers have arrested a Houston-area man accused of pretending to be a Drug Enforcement Administration agent.

David B. Webb appeared Thursday before a magistrate in Houston, who ordered him held pending a detention hearing. Webb was indicted Jan. 26 and charged with production of false identification and possession of false ID. He allegedly flashed bogus ID to real agents on Dec. 13.

Investigators say Webb, who was arrested Wednesday, claimed to be part of a canine unit and spoke to children about not using drugs. He operates a dog-training company. Webb had no comment in court and did not immediately have an attorney. *The Houston Chronicle* reports Webb was previously charged in Harris County with imitating a tactical officer, but that case was settled by deferred adjudication.

### First lady to stop in Dallas to promote fitness

DALLAS (AP) — First lady Michelle Obama stops in Dallas as part of a national tour to promote childhood fitness and the battle against childhood obesity. She'll join chef contestants from past seasons of the Bravo series "Top Chef" and members of the Dallas Cowboys on Friday to promote healthier food choices for students in the nation's schools.

The chefs will compete in a healthy cooking contest with students from a public Dallas elementary school at the Kleberg Rylie Recreation Center in southeastern Dallas. Thursday night, the first lady presided over a roundtable dinner discussion at a Fort Worth restaurant with parents who are changing habits in their homes and communities. Her three-day "Let's Move!" tour began Thursday morning in Des Moines, Iowa, and will end Saturday in Orlando, Fla.,

### Woman, man sought in pair of hair extension thefts

HOUSTON (AP) — A \$5,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of a man and woman suspected of burglarizing a suburban Houston beauty salon and stealing its hair extensions — not once, but twice within a month.

A statement Thursday from the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office says the Touch of Class Salon has been targeted in the Mission Bend subdivision just outside southeast Houston. The first time was before dawn on Dec. 24, the second was before dawn Jan. 16.

Security video shows two suspects, a man and a woman, wearing white hoodies and with the woman masking the lower part of her face.

Hair extensions have become the targets of a wave of thefts nationwide. Beauticians' websites list extension prices of \$200 to \$750 per package.

### Texas toddler crushed by driftwood log

CRYSTAL BEACH, Texas (AP) — A 3-year-old boy is dead after a heavy driftwood log rolled down a sand dune and crushed him at a Southeast Texas Gulf Coast beach.

A teenage girl also was injured by the log, which Galveston County sheriff's Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo says was about 3 feet long and 2 feet in diameter. He tells *The Daily News* of Galveston County that it weighed several hundred pounds.

The spokesman says the boy's family was having a day at the Crystal Beach seashore Thursday afternoon when the sand supporting the log was disturbed, releasing the log that killed LaShaun Lovejoy Huff.

A teenage girl was taken to the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for treatment of a crush injury to her arm and shoulder.

### Parents of mauled North Texas toddler arrested

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Authorities on Thursday arrested the parents of an 18-month-old North Texas toddler who was attacked by the family's dogs after crawling through a doggie door into the backyard, a sheriff's department spokesman said.

Chance Walker Sr., 26, and Patricia Walker, 23, were being held in the Tarrant County Jail on injury to a child charges. Their bond was set at \$100,000 each. Online court records do not show that they have an attorney.

The Walkers were taken into custody Thursday at a house in White Settlement, Tarrant County Sheriff's spokesman Terry Grisham said.

The attack occurred on Jan. 30th at the child's grandparents' home in northwest Tarrant County, near Lake Worth.

The boy, whose face and body were seriously injured by the family's large dogs, received about 400 stitches and underwent surgery to have his right ear reattached. Child Protective Services took custody of him while he was still in the hospital, after his mother tested positive for methamphetamines, according to an arrest affidavit. His father declined to take the drug test.

The parents were cited for "recklessly disregarding hazardous conditions" to the child's safety and failing to provide adequate supervision.

According to the affidavit, the Walkers had put the child down for a nap in the play pen and were sleeping when the boy climbed out of the pen and crawled through the doggie door.

Several neighbors have expressed anger about the dogs, and the sheriff's office had been called to the residence six other times regarding the dogs, Grisham said.

The four dogs involved in the attack have since been euthanized.

## DEATH

### JOHNNIE LINN SHOEMAKE


Johnnie Linn Shoemake 61 of Gun Barrel City, died Feb. 6, 2012 at home in Gun Barrel City.

He was born on Dec. 13, 1950 in Dallas Tex to Robert and Margie Shoemake.

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## Commission correct to exercise care

Being circumspect about a big development shows judgment.

It's easy to be swept up in the excitement of what "new" can bring to the table, especially in the particular situation Ennis finds itself. Developers are talking about an airport project worth more than twice the city's annual budget for developing a private facility and ancillary businesses in town that they project will produce big dividends for all.

But the question: "How?"

Ennis has to be careful. Becoming a guarantor to a \$60 million loan — part of the stipulations involved in this particular deal — is a financial albatross if it falls

through. The developers express confidence in their plan, but the city has a responsibility to us as taxpayers to take such confidence as good, but to look at proof as better.

We don't want our dollars risked, period. Ennis knows that, and has historically made the lowest-risk possible deals when it comes to partnering with business and industry. We've grown for it, albeit at a pace some label slow, but we've grown within our means.

Once these developers "prove out" the plan that has been presented to the city commission, it might be within the city's interest to put itself into the mix here. Otherwise, there's a big hanging question that will eat at us.

"How?"

Another way of saying it would be "Show me the money." Show us how it all hammers out, and we'll be much more comfortable.

*Our Point of View*



## When news is boring, but important

Ennis Daily News editor Nick Todaro told me not to describe anything I've written about as boring. Just because something is boring, however, doesn't make it any less important. Recently I've followed Ellis County's attempts to implement narrow banding for its radio equipment.

Just in case you haven't been reading my stories (shame on you, they're gold), narrow banding is a requirement handed down by the Federal Communications Commission. Starting in 2013, government entities using radios have to switch to radio systems that use a smaller portion of the electromagnetic spectrum; a narrower band. The proliferation of new technologies including wireless internet makes this necessary, as there are more devices than ever crowding the radio waves. Like any other natural resource, you can't make more electromagnetic spectrum. It's finite, and you must adjust your technology to suit it.

Anyone with a police scanner may have noticed the Ennis Police Department running narrow banding tests on their various radio sets and repeaters.

I love writing about this stuff.

Normally I jump at the chance to write about anything with the slightest bit of scientific, environmental or technological hook. It was my beat as a college reporter, and continues to be a strong area of interest even today.

However, I can tell you right now there's something incredibly and surprisingly boring about radio narrow banding. In fact, I think it may be the most boring thing I've ever covered. I mean, really boring. Like "having to hold my eyes open during court meetings" boring. Like "replay my recordings of the meetings when I'm having

trouble falling asleep" boring. Only the power of caffeine and the threat of humiliation kept me from snoozing in the front row of Commissioners' Court during the initial workshop.

Nevertheless, this stuff is important. Given how much we rely on radio technology in our everyday lives, we take for granted that the things just work when we press the button.

It's imperative that we do what we must to keep them working.

Let's ignore civilian usage of radio technology for a moment. What would happen if city and

county first responders somehow lost the ability to use their radios with any measure of reliability?

Imagine if no one came when your house caught fire, or you were the victim of a crime. Precious seconds are already lost when emergency personnel do have their radios; how long would they take if they had to communicate solely by phone, or by passing messages? Those moments could mean the difference between minor home damage or losing everything you have. They could mean the difference between life and death.

Of course, this nightmare has a near-zero chance of coming true. Both the city and the county must upgrade to narrow band technology to keep their broadcasting licenses, and it's something for which both entities have long since planned and budgeted. It's a worthwhile expenditure of taxpayer money, one I'll stand behind any day.

Of course, I'll be there documenting the process every step of the way... Every interminably dull, nigh-impenetrable step of the way. I guess not every story can be explosions or gun fights.

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Phil Banker  
Staff Reporter



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## A lesson: Dead mice can tell no tales

"What's that smell?" Sue asked from the front hall. "Is that a dead mouse?"

Sometimes I cannot help myself. "Is it?" I said. "I just thought you were cooking dinner." Some people cannot take a joke. My shoulder still hurts.

"The Fergusons are coming for dinner at 6. I don't want people to think we have mice in the house."

"Then let's tell them it's a dead squirrel. Ouch! Would you please stop hitting me? I'm still sore from yesterday."

"I didn't touch you yesterday."

"You think you're the only one who hits me? I ran into Roger and Stacey in the grocery store yesterday and I said, 'What's new?' and she said, 'We're trying to have a baby.' She said it like they were trying to make their own sauerkraut at home."

"Well, for some people it's very difficult."

"I understand that, but for most people, it's not a Saturday morning chore. I can actually remember a time when you might not tell someone you were trying to have a baby."

"So she hit you?"

"No, Roger hit me. A friendly little tap on the shoulder. You want to see the bruise?"

"I can remember a time when he'd have hit you in the mouth. Thank goodness one of you has matured."

"Thank you."

"I was talking about Roger. Really, can one little mouse smell that bad? Maybe it is something bigger. An opossum, maybe. A raccoon."

"Oh, I just got a good whiff. I think we're talking about something much bigger. A deer. A cow. A hobo. Can't you light a candle or something to cover that up?"

"No one makes a candle that big. It'd have to be the size of the Liberty Bell. Besides, just knowing about it makes me sick. I can't eat here knowing something is decomposing in the cellar. Get down there and take a look around. If you can't find anything, I'll tell the Fergusons to meet us somewhere for dinner. We'll stay in a hotel tonight."

I haven't been down in that dank hole for weeks. It's where I put stuff that's too expensive to put in the trash but too hideous to display, as well as the summer lawn furniture and sports equipment.

I know a lot of guys work on projects in their basements, or build rec rooms and family rooms down there, but I'm not one of them. I enjoy above-ground internment.

"Why don't you man up and go down there?" I asked Sue. "Ow! Stop that. It hurts."

When I was young we lived in a house that had a laundry chute. You'd throw your dirty clothes in it,

and they'd land in a basket beside the washing machine. Except they didn't. They landed in a puddle on the basement floor where the laundry room used to be in the '30s, which I didn't find out until I asked my mother why I didn't have any more clean underwear. Ouch! That hurt.

The smell from the open basement door wasn't too bad. At the bottom of the steps, it was a little stronger. I pretended I was one of those people on "CSI," flashlight high in my left hand, the beam poking into corners, behind the water heater and the furnace. Nothing. But the smell was getting stronger.

Finally, I was right under the front hall. The only thing there was my golf bag, right where I left it after my last round before Thanksgiving. I moved it, and the smell exploded.

There was a dark, watery stain down the side of one of the bag's outside pockets. I put my handkerchief over my nose and pulled down the zipper. The tuna wrap I had bought three months ago in the clubhouse and was going to eat on the way home rolled out. It might have lasted all winter if we hadn't had that warm spell last week.

I jumped back and hit my shoulder on a water pipe. Ouch! I went back upstairs and got a dustpan and a newspaper.

"I found it," I told Sue. "You're right; it was a dead mouse."

*Jim Mullen's book "Now in Paperback" is now in paperback. You can reach him at jimullen-books.com.*



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## Lions celebrated at football awards banquet

Staff report  
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Varsity players were certainly the focus of Thursday night's Lion Football Awards Banquet at Tabernacle Baptist Church, but a wide variety of folks associated with the program were also recognized for their contributions.

The post-meal ceremonies began with Lionbacker Booster Club president Gary Fincher thanking former Lion coach Sam Harrell for his 16 years of service to the program. Harrell was presented a Waterford Crystal football after receiving a standing ovation.

"Sam, you are and always will be an Ennis Lion," Fincher said.

Lion head coach Jack Alvarez then introduced and thanked the various Lionbacker officers. He talked about how important their support is to the program. The coach went on to thank the EISD school board members, along with Dr. Todd Moore and Dr. William Davis for their help with injured Lions.

The first award of the night went to Houston Vanya, as he received the Academic Award from EHS principal David Averett for having the highest GPA on the varsity team.

Alvarez then presented a customized EHS letter jacket to Tye Chandler of the *Ennis Daily News*, thanking him for his devotion to all the school's sports.

The Manager and Trainer Awards were up next, as athletic trainer Chad McCune presented Trainer of the Year Awards to Stephanie Montelongo and Ashley Slovak. McCune went on to honor video coordinator Kayla Marusak, who is in charge of filming football games and practices, for her four-year contribution to the program.

Alvarez then introduced his fellow football coaches by position, and began his player intros by honoring the 7-0 Freshman White Lions. He went on to honor the 9-1 Freshman Maroon Lions and the 8-2 JV Lions. The coach then honored the varsity players individually, giving special thanks to the senior class.

Coach Brian Rogers presented the Buster Callaway Coaches

Special Award to Kendall Harvey.

"He did whatever the coaches asked to be part of the team," Rogers said.

Coach Ty Quick presented the Offensive Lineman of the Year Award to Rolando Urrabazo.

"I've never coached a guy who played every offensive line position before," Quick said of the senior.

Coach Brandon Layne presented the Offensive Back of the Year Award to Terence Williams.

"(Opposing players) don't want to hit him 20 times per game," Layne said of the running back.

Coach Paul Willingham presented the Defensive Lineman of the Year Award to Eli Harper.

"He told me he wanted to come out for the second half of the Terrell game so others could get more playing time," Willingham said. "That told me a lot about his integrity."

Coaches Steve Marrow and Greg Davis presented the Defensive Back of the Year Award to Shawn Johnson.

"He has a chance to leave a great mark on Ennis Lion football, plus Shawn has an electric highlight reel," Marrow said.

Athletic director Bill Cox presented the Shawn Mathis Memorial Award to Nick Gabriele.

"Mathis wanted to be an Ennis football player more than anything," Cox said, as he drew parallels to Gabriele's devotion.

Coach Gary Vanya presented the Sammy McBrierty Linebacker Memorial Award to Roger Montemayor.

"(McBrierty) was a young man you'd want your son to be like," Vanya said. "(Montemayor) is a guy I'd want to be in a fox-hole with. Roger got us set in the right defense 99 percent of the time."

Alvarez presented the Rum Miller American Legion Leadership Award to Houston Vanya.

"I feel this young man is one of the best leaders I've ever been around," the coach said. "He's a great student and an unselfish kid."

Retired EISD superintendent Harlin Dauphin presented the Jack Lummus "Fighting Heart" Award to Malik Jenkins.



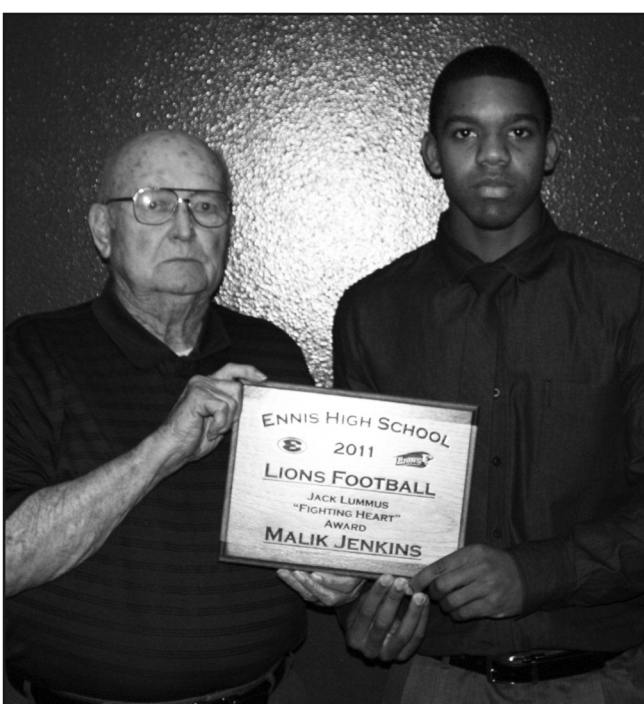
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Dauphin, who said this was his 40th year to present the award, told the story of Lummus fighting in the Battle of Iwo Jima, waving his men on in battle after losing both of his legs.

"Young men on the (Lion) team this year displayed fighting heart," Dauphin said. "This young man's leadership meant so much to the team — Malik Jenkins."

Alvarez closed his night at the podium by thanking all player parents for raising good young men.

"I'm so excited because of the progress I'm seeing in the offseason; I could talk about these (returning) players all night," he said.

Cheerleader sponsor Kristin Keller closed the evening by introducing the freshman and JV cheerleaders. She then introduced the



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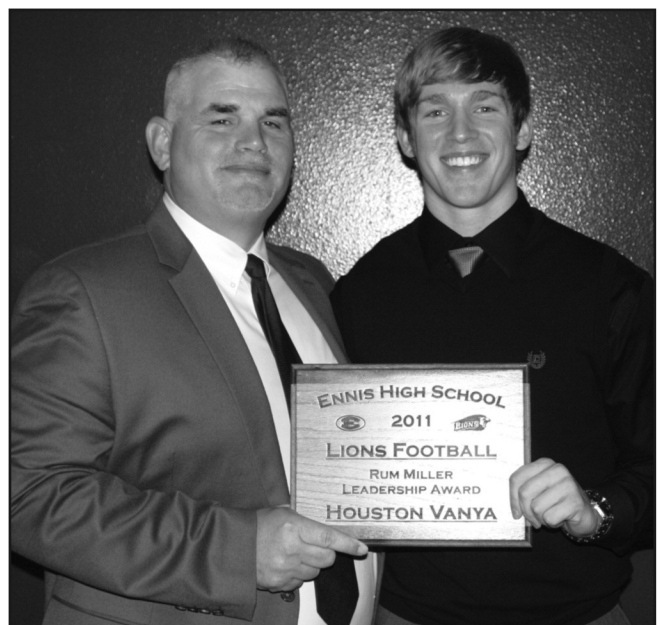


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varsity cheerleaders individually, as they led everyone in attendance in singing "Maroon and White."

While the future of this program is bright, this February night was all about the 2011 Ennis Lions.



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### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Ennis Soccer Association late signups

The Ennis Soccer Association is taking the late signups for the spring season in several divisions: U10 girls, U10 boys, U14 boys, U14 girls, U16 boys and U16 girls. Interested players and parents can sign up at the

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#### Lady Lion hoops playoff game set

On Monday, the Lady Lion basketball team will face Pflugerville Connally in bi-district playoff action. The game will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Hewitt Midway High School.

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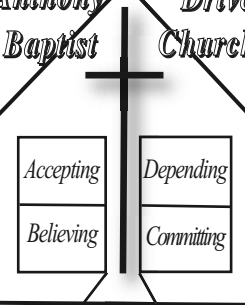


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Children's Church 10:30  
a.m.  
Sunday Evening Prayer  
5 p.m.  
Sunday Evening  
Worship 6 p.m.  
Sunday Evening - Youth  
6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening Bible Study  
7 p.m.  
Wed. Evening  
Missionettes 7 p.m.  
Royal Rangers 7 p.m.  
Thurs. Intercessory Prayer  
7 p.m.  
Men's Ministries [4th Sat.]  
7:30 a.m.  
Woman's Ministries  
[4th Tues.] 6:30 p.m.  
Keenagers [Over 55; 2nd  
Tues.] 6:30 p.m.

**Baptist Churches  
Anthony Drive Baptist**  
801 Anthony Dr., Ennis  
Sun. Worship 10:50 a.m.  
& 6 p.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Wednesday night  
Youth Choir & Adult Bible  
Study - 6 p.m.

**Baylor Baptist**  
210 North Preston, Ennis  
Sun. Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Youth & Children's  
Wed. 6:15 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer 6:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem  
Missionary**  
608 East Loggins  
Sun. School 8:45 a.m.  
Sun. Worship 10 a.m.

**Calvary Baptist**  
412 N. I-45  
Sunday Bible Study 9:45  
a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
10:55 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 6 p.m.

**Creechville Baptist**  
900 Creechville Road  
Sunday School  
10:30 a.m.  
Sunday worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday worship  
7:30 p.m.

**Crosspoint Baptist**  
301 N. Dallas St.  
Sunday Worship 10:45  
a.m.  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church,  
Bardwell**  
Bardwell, Texas  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

**First Baptist Church,  
Palmer**  
Sunday School  
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Sunday Worship

**First Baptist Church**  
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Wednesday Bible Study  
6 p.m.  
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Sunday Bible Study  
10 a.m.  
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11 a.m.  
& 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Light Supper  
6 p.m.  
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Jesus Kids 6:30 p.m.

**New Beginning  
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300 West Crockett  
Sunday Worship  
10:45 a.m.

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Sunday Bible Study:  
9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship:  
10:15 a.m.

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Saturday vigil 5 p.m.  
Sunday 7 a.m., 11 a.m. &  
1 p.m. (Spanish)

**Christian Churches  
The First Christian  
Church**  
805 W. Baldrige Ave.  
Sunday School  
10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m.

**First Christian Church,  
Palmer**  
101 Paris St.  
Sunday Worship 10:45

**Christian Methodist  
Church  
Holley Christian  
Methodist**  
709 E. Quinlan St.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m.  
Tuesday Bible Study  
7 p.m.

**Church of Christ  
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1503 Country Club Road  
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Sunday Worship:  
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Sunday school: 9:15 a.m.  
Worship 10:15 a.m.  
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6:30 a.m.

**Methodist Church  
Alliance of Faith UMC  
Family**  
1306 N. Kaufman St.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m.  
Tuesday Treasuries  
7 p.m.

**Bardwell United  
Methodist**  
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ice  
11 a.m.

**Bristol United  
Methodist**  
104 Church St., Bristol

**First United Methodist**  
300 N. Sherman  
Sunday Worship 8:45  
& 10 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

**Trinity United  
Methodist**  
1500 S. Hall St.

**Missionary Baptist  
Church  
Galilee Missionary Bap-  
tist Church**  
900 S. Preston St.  
Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

**New Founders MBC**  
1903 Lafayette St.  
Sunday Bible Study 9:45  
a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday 'Hour of  
Power'  
6 p.m.

**New Hope Missionary  
Baptist Church**  
704 N. Ripley  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

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Sunday Coffee  
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Sunday Worship Service -  
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- 7 p.m. (All Ages)  
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**Damascus Road  
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Worship Service 10:15  
a.m.

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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Thursday 7 p.m.

**Presbyterian Church  
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:45  
a.m.  
Thursday Bible Study 5  
p.m.

**Other  
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Sunday Worship 10:30  
a.m.

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10:30am  
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Wed. Evening Bible Study  
7 p.m.

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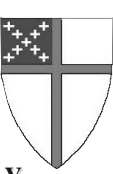
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# Take the hand of the savior as you walk this day

Lately, I've been considering the idea of "having" and "obtaining." More aggressive terms could be "seizing" or "grasping."

I am reminded of the phrase *carpe diem*, or "seize the day" from the movie *Dead Poets Society*. The phrase actually comes from a Latin poem by the author Horace. The actual phrase goes like this: *carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero*, or "seize the day, putting as little trust as possible in the future" for the future is unforeseen, and one should scale back our hopes for it and drink one's wine in the present.

I would say our society lives out that motto quite well, maybe not in the sense the

quote was used in the *Dead Poets Society* but from the aspect of giving no thought to tomorrow.

We go through life with little thought of the consequences. We grasp or chase after "the good things in life." Even much of our election rhetoric has involved "putting the American Dream within reach" with the understanding that more Americans can then achieve that for which we all grasp.

For some of us, the recession put a major obstacle in

those plans to grasp and obtain.

However, it seems Scripture has a different outlook on this whole attitude. Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:19-27 to not worry about storing up treasures on earth where all sorts of bad things can happen to them, but to store them in the kingdom to come where our treasure is beyond all that is corruptible. Most of us don't do a good job of that.

We worry and fret. We grasp and seize only to have the things we have spent so much

time and energy obtaining fail us when we are confronted with a crisis of self rather than one of need.

We look for something that will not fail us, something that is always there whenever we need it. We turn to our relationships only to find even they don't stand up to that test.

Our own love is based on "if," "when," or "because" rather than simply loving. In all of our grasping, will we ever learn to strive for the right things?

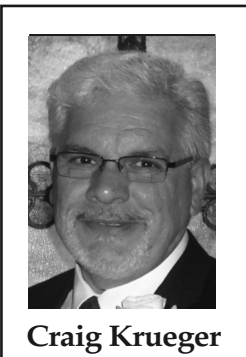
Sarah Young writes in *Jesus Calling: Seeking Peace in His Presence* "To receive my peace, you must change your grasping, controlling stance to one of openness and trust. The only thing you can grasp with-

out damaging your soul is my hand."

Imagine that! The only thing that will not, indeed cannot, ever fail us is the hand of our savior; the thing easiest to obtain, grasp, seize, have and strive for because it is the only thing in this life given to us totally and completely as a gift of grace. It is love without the ifs, whens, or because. It is simply love.

Take the hand of the savior as you walk this day and into the future knowing that when you put your hand in his you put your problems and your future there as well.

*The Rev. Craig Krueger is pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Ennis.*



Craig Krueger

## Church briefs

### First Presbyterian to host Stew dinner

The women of First Presbyterian Church will be hosting their annual Stew Dinner immediately following the morning worship service, which begins at 10:45 a.m., Feb. 12.

All are invited to come enjoy good food and fellowship. A free will offering will be accepted.

Also, the First Presbyterian Church Peacemakers will perform during the morning worship service.

The group is always looking for more handbell ringers to join — no experience required.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 210 N. McKinney St.

Please call the church office for more information at 972-875-3196.

### Golden Sweetheart Banquet

The Ennis Christian Ministers Alliance will host its annual Golden Sweetheart Banquet for couples married 50 years or more on Monday, Feb. 13.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, located at 300 N. Sherman St. in Ennis.

The Harvesters from Southwestern Assembly of God University will provide the evening's entertainment.

### Mobile Mammography Unit to be at The Way, Truth and Life Church

The Way, Truth and Life Church, located at 1700 N. Kaufman St. in Ennis, will host a visit from the Methodist Health System Mobile Mammography Unit from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18.

Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

The event is sponsored by Bridge Breast Network. For more information, call 972-875-1118 or

email wtlc@sbcglobal.net.

### Church of Christ lesson series

The Church of Christ on Country Club Road is introducing a new series of lessons from Romans 12 examining the seven gifts of the Lord that produce unity and build up both the family and the family of God.

Through these lessons, we will be equipped with insight and direction to solve difficult family conflicts and meet everyday family challenges.

For more information, visit [www.ennischurchofchrist.org](http://www.ennischurchofchrist.org) or call 972-875-7484.

### Grief recovery program

Boze-Mitchell McKibbin Funeral Home and St. John Catholic Church sponsors a weekly grief recovery program from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays.

The program is held at St. John School room 102 at the corner of Kaufman and Burnett streets.

Dolores McKibbin, a certified grief specialist, will conduct the program. All are welcome.

For more information, call 972-351-2849.

### Invitation to join 'WOW'

Do you desire more of God? If so come join "WOW" Women of Worship for a time of worship, Bible teaching, prayer and fellowship. Meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month, with a lunch meeting afterward.

For more information, contact Mary at 972-965-2075.

### Celebrate Recovery

The Way, Truth and Life Church, located at 1700 N. Kaufman St., hosts Celebrate Recovery each Monday. Fellowship

begins at 6 p.m., with the whole group meeting at 7 p.m. and the small group meeting at 8 p.m.

For more information, call 972-875-1118.

Take Off those Pounds Sen-

sibly No. 1690 meets 10 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church.

Weigh-ins are held from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

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STAR WARS EPISODE 1: THE PHANTOM MENACE (PG)\* 3D: 11:45, 3:00, 6:30, 9:30

THE YOW (PG-13)\* 11:55, 2:25, 5:05, 6:50, 7:35, 9:25, 10:05

SAFEHOUSE (R)\* 11:35, 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

CHRONICLE (PG-13)\* 11:50, 2:20, 4:35, 7:20, 9:35

THE WOMAN IN BLACK (PG-13)\* 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10

ONE FOR THE MONEY (PG-13) 11:50, 2:10, 4:30

BIG MIRACLE (PG)\* 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00

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CONTRABAND (R) 11:55, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40

MAN ON A LEDGE (PG-13) 10:15 ONLY

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BIG MIRACLE (PG) FRI-THURS: (10:40), (1:10), 3:40, 6:10, (8:40)

THE GREY (R) FRI-THURS: (2:15), 7:25

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## Eat smart for a healthy heart

High blood pressure, or hypertension, is a major risk factor for heart disease, stroke, and kidney failure. It affects about 50 million Americans — about one in four adults.

Risk factors that are linked to high blood pressure include:

- Family history of high blood pressure,
- Being overweight,
- Getting older,
- Smoking,
- Sodium consumption, and
- Excessive alcohol intake.

For many people, extra sodium consumed passes right through the body. However, up to 30 percent of America's population probably has blood pressure that is sodium-sensitive. For them, consuming too much sodium can contribute to high blood pressure.

To keep your body running normally, you need sodium. Some of the most basic work your body does depends on sodium. Sodium is needed to:

- Maintain proper fluid balance (nutrients and waste are carried in body fluids),
- Regulate your blood pressure,
- Transmit nerve impulses, and
- Help muscles relax, including your heart muscle.

However, few Americans need to be concerned about getting enough sodium. The National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Association recommend that we consume less than 1,700 milligrams of sodium each day. However, on average, most adults consume 4,000-6,000 milligrams of sodium daily. That's significantly more than we actually need.

Why do you think Americans consume so much salt each day?

Small amounts of sodium naturally occur in many foods. However, the biggest sources of sodium are salt added to food during:

• Food processing — 77 percent of the sodium we consume comes from food processing.

• Cooking — five percent of the sodium we consume comes from cooking at home or in a restaurant.

• At the table — using the salt shaker before tasting food contributes to six percent of the sodium we consume.

To significantly reduce the amount of sodium consumed, it is important to read Nutrition Facts labels. This is the best source of consumer information. The Nutrition Facts panel and the ingredient list appear on almost every packaged food in the supermarket. When reading a label, check for the sodium content in foods.

The label makes it very easy to compare the same type of food products to determine which one is lower in sodium.

Food labels may make

nutritional claims, so be aware of what these claims can mean:

• Sodium-free: the food contains less than 5 milligrams of sodium per serving.

• Very low sodium: the food contains 35 milligrams or less of sodium per serving.

• Low sodium: the food contains 140 milligrams or less of sodium per serving.

• Reduced sodium: the food product must be reduced in sodium by at least 25 percent per serving compared with the regular version of the same food.

• Unsalted, no-salt added, or without added salt: may be used on the label only if no salt is added during processing, and the food is usually processed with salt.

When cooking and eating at home, if you salt foods in cooking or at the table, add very small amounts. Learn to use spices and herbs, rather than salt, to enhance the flavor of food.

Other ways to reduce consumption of salt



Rita Hodges

when cooking and eating at home are:

• Go easy on condiments such as soy sauce, ketchup, mustard, pickles and olives.

• Eat fruits and vegetables often; they are naturally low in salt.

• Leave the salt shaker in the cupboard. Salt is something you learn to like, and you can "unlearn" your taste for salt. Begin with small changes and you will slowly lose your desire for the salty taste.

When eating out:

• Choose plain food like grilled or roasted entrees, baked potatoes, and salad with oil and vinegar. Batter-fried foods tend to be high in salt, as do combination dishes like pasta with sauce.

• Ask to have no salt added when the food is prepared.

• Ask for sauces and salad dressing on the side, since they are often high in sodium.

For further information, contact Rita Hodges, County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 701 S. I-35 E, Waxahachie, or call: 972/825-5175, or e-mail: [rmhodes@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:rmhodes@ag.tamu.edu).

## CELEBRATIONS

### Feb. 10

#### Birthdays

Nancy Cole  
Amy Ranae Harvell  
Kenneth Holland  
Virginia Van Kirk  
Annie Kouba  
Sally Ann Krantz  
Catherine Lanicek  
Daniel K. Valek, Jr.  
George Smith  
Frieda Bain  
Eric Ortiz  
Alexander Boon  
Sarah Boon  
Kira Phillips

#### Anniversary

Doug and Lorena Madewell

### Feb. 11

#### Birthdays

Jennifer Bailey  
Marinell Bennett  
Christopher Scott  
Stephen Coleman

#### Brewer

Cody R. Brown  
David R. Carter  
William Dyess  
Eloise Echols  
Peggy Hines  
Garth Hodges  
W. B. Kelsey  
Mrs. Willie Laza  
Dustin Mach  
Justin Mach  
Jonathan Adam  
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Jim Mecom  
Ed Robinson  
Jayla Renae Searcy  
Leslie Gene Zhanel

#### Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Seevers (1995)

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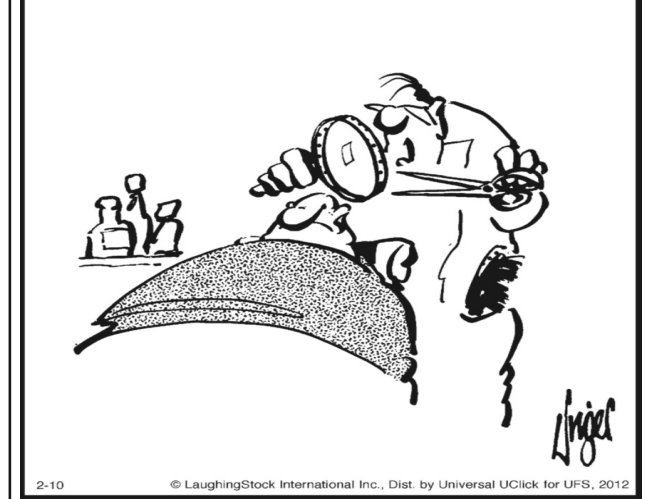
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## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

**ASTRO-GRAPH**  
By Bernice Bede Osol

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- When there is justification, it's commendable to praise another. However, if you're doing so for less noble reasons, such as getting a favor out of someone, it's likely to backfire on you.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Don't let someone who has trouble managing his or her own financial affairs take care of a money issue for you. If you acquiesce and let this person do it anyway, you'll be sorry.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- If you're having a difficult time making a decision, forgo taking a leadership role. Let someone else who seems to have his or her head on straight call the shots.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- It's one thing to help out a pal who is overwhelmed with work, but don't saddle yourself with a friend's burdens merely because he or she can't be bothered to handle them on their own.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- When becoming friendly with a new group, watch out for one member who is somewhat unpopular, and for good reason. She or he might try to glom on to you and drag you down as well.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Someone with whom you're closely affiliated might be able to put on pretenses and get away with it, but that doesn't mean you can. The best rule to follow is to simply be yourself.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Just because you haven't heard from a pal who is close to your heart for some time, it doesn't necessarily mean that he or she isn't interested in keeping in touch. Circumstances could have this person tied up.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Money in itself is not evil, but the love of it can sometimes cause people to lower their standards and do things that they shouldn't. Don't you be one of them.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Don't single out one person in particular to be nice to just because you want a favor that, chances are, you won't get anyway. You'll go further being amiable to everyone.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Beware of any involvement that is off limits, such as an illicit romantic encounter. It might be flattering to be wooed, but it'll create complications you don't need.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- An insincere person might try to manipulate you by attempting to make you believe that what he or she is asking of you is for your best interest. If you're smart, you won't take the bait.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- If by chance you are feeling a powerful inclination to be the center of attention, don't do anything silly. All eyes will be focused on you all right, but not for the reasons you think.

## Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Rock's — Leppard
  - Furtive whisper
  - Rainbow shape
  - Thorny blossom
  - Hello, matey!
  - Extinct bird
  - Mr. Sharif
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  - Feed
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  - Blasting aid
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  - Lustrous fabric
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  - Nave neighbor
- DOWN**
- Major —
  - Hairy twin
  - Black-footed critter
  - Easy victim
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  - Bing Crosby tune
  - From memory
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  - Longest arm bone
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  - Colleen's home
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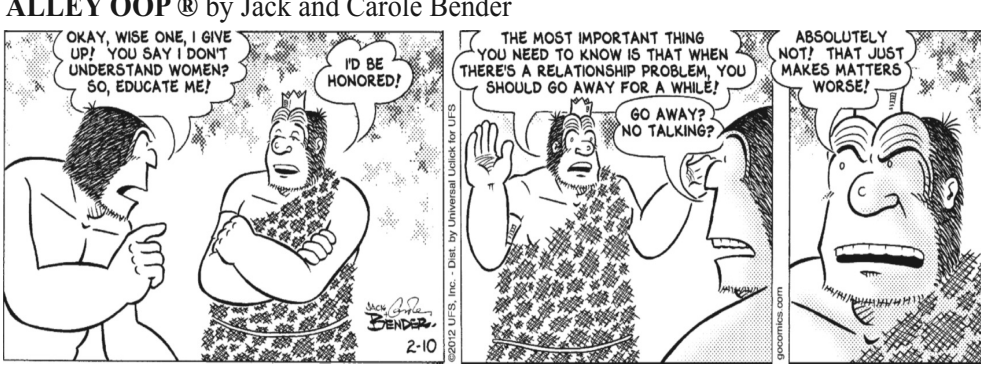
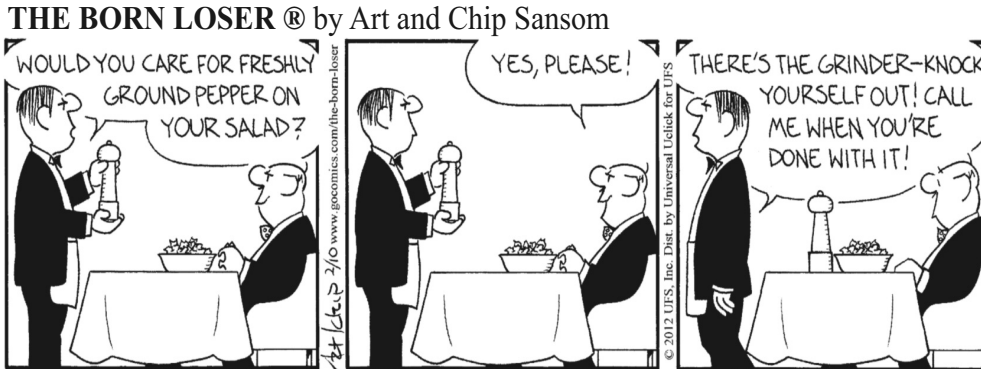
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**FESTIVAL**

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**Jak Se Do**

Jak Se Do plays basic polkas, waltzes and fold dance as well as a variety of country songs.

Current band members are band manager Tony Vitovsky who plays accordion and vocals; Byron Palla who plays saxophone, guitar and vocals; Bobby Adamcik who plays saxophone, steel guitar, trumpet and vocals; Chris Valek who plays bass guitar; Ricky Barto who plays drums and Dennis Chmelar who plays saxophone and rhythm guitar. Vitovsky, Valek, Barto and Chmelar are all from Ennis while Palla and Adamcik are from Dallas.

The band members are frequently asked the origin of their unusual name. The band members came up with the name after attending an RVOS function where one of the members, who was not Czech, tried to greet one of the officers in Czech. While the proper greeting would have been "Jak Se Mas," the man accidentally said "Jak Se Do." The band was so tickled by the man's mistake, they



Expect a showcase from Jak Se Do this weekend at the Czech Music Festival.

named the band after it.

**The Ennis Czech Boys**

The Ennis Czech Boys formed as a high school Czech band. Over the years, the band's sound has changed from traditional Czech music and essential country music hits to a more blended sound that now incorporates blues, Texas-style polka, Texas country and mainstream country music.

The band currently has eight members: Jared Prachyl, Jon Marek, Corey Mikula, Trey Sylvester, Jason Valek, Zeke Martinez, Jerry Petter and Frank

Vrla III. The band has recorded several CDs and plays all over south and central Texas. CDs are available in the Czech Heritage Shoppe & Antiques on West Ennis Avenue.

**Jodie Mikula Orchestra**

The Jodie Mikula Orchestra has been performing at dances, festivals, and special celebrations for nearly four decades.

The band is truly a family act; all of its members are related. Jodie Mikula founded the band in 1967. Jodie's sons Ken, Nick and Andy are still with the band today. Ken



The Jodie Mikula Orchestra is another of the staple bands for the annual festival.

plays the lead cornet, tenor sax, baritone horn, trombone and vocals.

Nick plays second cornet, alto sax, lead guitar, alto, horn, vocals and is also the band's booking manager. Andy is the band manager and plays percussion. The band now includes Mike Marek who plays electric bass, bass horn and accordion, Charlie Patak who plays accordion, cornet, tenor sax, trombone

and rhythm guitar and Pat Zapletal, who plays piano.

**Czech and Then Some**

Czech and Then Some was created in 1997 and has played at the Ennis Czech Music Festival every year since it began. The band plays traditional music like what would be found in the Czech Republic.

"It's another way for us to promote the Czech heritage and give the people the opportunity to come out. It helps prepare for the Polka festival in May," said Danny Zapletal. The band currently has seven members: David Slovak, Michelle Slovak, Aaron Schumacher, Jennifer Marek, John Schumacher, Zeke Martinez and Zapletal.

**GYMNASIUM**

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**Around Town**

"It has many years of history," he said.

The gym, which had fallen into disrepair in recent years, was dedicated to former long-time superintendent J.P. Griffith in 1961.

Griffith served as superintendent for Avalon ISD for 35 years. His wife, Essie, taught in the district alongside her husband for many years.

"They are really icons here," Del Bosque said.

The April 2011 tornado did roughly \$170,000 in damage to the building, with the roof of a nearby home coming off and colliding with the gym's roof causing most of the damage.

After the tornado, which was caught on camera by the school's surveillance system, the school board deliberated on whether to repair the gym or replace it altogether.

"The school built the multipurpose center 10 years ago," Griffith said. "The Griffith gym was unused, and it became a storage area. It was so hot or so cold in there, it wasn't very practical to use."

The board eventually decided to restore the old building, taking the opportunity to renovate it, as well.

Del Bosque said cost-saving measures, including replacing the old hardwood floor with a cheaper and more durable synthetic floor; freed up funds to pay for a new heating and air conditioning system along with other updates.

"It didn't cost the taxpayers any money," he said.

"Not one penny." The newly renovated

gym will be used for elementary and junior high physical education, as well as junior high basketball and drama.

Del Bosque said the re-

pairs and restorations to the gym brought it back to a "beautiful" state.

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