

Law firm offers free divorce for Valentine's

A North Little Rock, Ark., law firm celebrated Valentine's Day in an unconventional way: Wilson & Haubert, PLLC held a contest to win a free divorce, a \$985 value. "Are you ready to call it quits?" the firm's Facebook post asked. "Do you know someone that is?" Firm co-founder Brandon Haubert told WIS-TV the firm had received more than 40 entries in the first day it was offered.

EWAAAA!

About a week after an 11-year-old boy scraped his elbow while playing in a tidal pool on a California beach, pediatricians treating him for the resulting abscess removed a small, hard object and were surprised to discover a live checkered periwinkle marine snail, according to United Press International. Dr. Albert Khait and his colleagues at Loma Linda University wrote in BMJ Case Reports that a snail's egg had apparently become embedded in the boy's skin when he scraped it. The mollusk later hatched inside the abscess. Dr. Khait said the boy took the snail home as a pet, but it did not survive living outside its former home.

BLIMEY!

Michelle Myers of Buckeye, Ariz., suffers from blinding headaches, but it's what happens afterward that until recently had doctors stumped. Myers, who has never been out of the United States, has awakened from her headaches three times in the last seven years with a different foreign accent. The first time it was Irish; the

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second was Australian, and both lasted only about a week. But Myers' most recent event, which was two years ago, left her with a British accent she still has. Doctors have diagnosed her with Foreign Accent Syndrome, a rare condition that usually accompanies a neurological event such as a stroke. Myers told ABC-15 the loss of her normal accent makes her sad: "I feel like a different person. Everybody only sees or hears Mary Poppins."

NEW WORLD ORDER

A new golf course at The Retreat & Links at Silvie's Valley Ranch in Seneca, Oregon, will take "the golf experience ... to a new level" in 2018, owner Scott Campbell announced in early February to the website Golf WRX. This summer, golfers will be offered goat caddies to carry clubs, drinks, balls and tees on the resort's short seven-hole challenge course, McVeigh's Gauntlet. "We've been developing an unprecedented caddie training program with our head caddie, Bruce LeGoat," Campbell went on, adding that the professionally trained American Range goats will "work for peanuts." (Rim shot.)

WHY NOT?

Terran Woolley of Hutchinson, Kan., got a bright idea after he read the bylaws and requirements to become the state's governor. "I was reading some stories about the young teenag-

ers that were entering the governor's race ... and I thought, 'I wonder if ... Angus could run,'" Woolley explained to KWCH-TV. Angus is Woolley's wirehaired vizsla, a four-legged, furry friend of the people who Woolley said would promise soft couches and a "completely anti-squirrel agenda" if elected.

Alas, on Feb. 12, the Kansas secretary of state's office dashed Angus' dreams when it declared that despite the fact there are no specific restrictions against a dog being governor, Angus would be unable to carry out the responsibilities of the office.

FREAK ANIMAL ACCIDENT

A helicopter crew contracted by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in Wasatch County to track and capture an elk hit a snag of sorts Feb. 12, according to KUTV. As the crew lowered the aircraft to less than 10 feet above the ground to cast a net over the elk, the animal jumped and hit the tail rotor of the helicopter, causing it to crash. Mike Hadley with DWR said helicopters are used to "capture and collar hundreds of animals every winter and we've never had this happen before." The two crewmen walked away with just scratches and bruises, but the elk was killed.

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Lisa Hobbs photo

The fountain on Court Square has been turned off. It is receiving a cleaning and facelift over the next week by city employees. Pictured are city landscape manger Hank Patton, left, and Waylon Fincher.

Fountain drained

BY LISA HOBBS
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Visitors to Court Square will be absent the jets of the downtown water feature. "We had to replace a light," said Hank Patton, the city's landscape manager. "Someone broke it. It required us to drain the water. Much like anything else, repairs have to be made from time to time." Required work prompted an early spring cleaning. On Friday, employees were using a leaf blower to expedite drying.

"Since we had to drain it, we thought we'd give it a good cleaning and paint

it," said Patton. "It will be ready for the spring and summer. We aren't changing any of the colors. Everything will remain the same, including the black water basin. Black worked well. First we have to make sure it's dry."

While not originally designed to be a wishing well, local residents have taken to tossing coins into the water. Removed was \$68.

"That was a lot of change," said Patton. "I felt sorry for the ladies at the bank. I guess I should have taken it to one of those change machines. I don't think they minded doing it, but I did feel bad for them having to sort through all of it."

The jets will be off for approximately a week.

Perry violates probation

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A man who was free on probation will serve the rest of his sentence in jail after failing two drug tests and smashing the window of a car.

Kenneth Chase Perry, 22, was ordered to return to jail last week after the failed drug screens and an incident in December. According to the arrest warrant, a Sheriff's Department deputy was dispatched to Perry's home Dec. 26 when someone went to pick up a vehicle parked there. The vehicle's owner wanted it moved because Perry had reportedly made threats toward him.



PERRY

When the friend arrived to move the car, the passenger-side window had been smashed, according to the report.

A neighbor reported seeing Perry carrying a saw and some drill bits to his pickup from the car. The neighbor said all the windows to the car were open. The owner of the car, who was on vacation, was reached by phone and he confirmed the saw and drill bits belonged to him. However, the deputy was unable to locate the items when he arrived on the scene.

Charges of auto burglary and theft under \$1,000 were dismissed against Perry. He was ordered to pay \$300 restitution to the victim for the broken window and had his probation revoked for the failed drug screens.

RIVER TRAIL AT ROCKET PARK

Volunteers are needed to work on the River Trail at Rocket Park on Saturday, March 3, 2018. We will begin at 9:00AM near the River Watch entrance to the trail and stop around noon.

We ask that workers bring chain saws, hand saws, loppers and trimmers to cut privet bushes and multi flora roses from the wooded areas along the trail. Some people are needed to drag the cut brush into stacks for City workers to remove. Some adults are needed to paint the cut stumps with herbicide. One damaged tree needs to be cut down and cut into movable pieces. Bring your own tools or use ours.

Every one should bring gloves, water and snacks. The City requires the signing of a waiver of liability of adults and signing of a responsible party for non adults.

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