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OPEN ROAD ART



Pampa photographer Jerry Heasley (left) and California artist Scott Jacobs review the results of a photo shoot in Shamrock that Jacobs will use for paintings for Ford Motor Company.

Pampa's Heasley contributes to art series

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Scott Jacobs, an artist from San Diego who specializes in painting motorcycles and automobiles, spent this past weekend on the Mother Road with Pampa photographer Jerry Heasley.

Of course, rarely do two creative minds share that much time together without coming up with something, and so the result will be a series of paintings of automobiles, motorcycles and Shamrock.

Sitting at Hoagie's Deli in Pampa this week, Heasley said Jacobs has done a lot of work for Harley-Davidson and Chevrolet.

This past weekend, Jacobs was in the City of Shamrock for a photo session at the renovated Conoco Tower on old Route 66 where the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce has its offices.

The distinctive building was one of many erected in the 1930s along the new Route 66

as the highway made it's way from Chicago to Los Angeles.

The building was a gas station and diner designed by Pampa architect J.C. Berry. Built in 1936, the Art Deco building is listed as a Texas Historical Landmark.

Ford Motor Company had commissioned Jacobs to paint a series of pictures of the Mustang. One of the locations is on Route 66 in Shamrock.

"He'll make a limited edition series of prints from the paintings," Heasley said.

Jacob's paintings are extremely detailed, according to the Heasley.

"They take hundreds of hours to do," he said. "They're not like modern art. They're real detailed."

Heasley, who was hired by Jacobs to take photos from which the paintings will be done, has known Jacobs for years.

"We're both in the automotive field," Heasley said.

They both had contributed to a coffee table book about

Corvettes several years ago on the 50th anniversary of the Chevrolet sports car. Heasley contributed photographs. Jacobs contributed paintings.

For right now, Jacobs is planning a painting from the photographs taken in front of the Conoco Tower in Shamrock showing a new Mustang borrowed from Fenton Motor Company in Pampa and a 1966 Mustang convertible owned by Jeff Krueger of Lubbock.

Other paintings will be done from Heasley's photos of vintage motorcycles the two took on Saturday.

Jacobs was the first gallery artist to be officially licensed by Harley-Davidson when they created their Fine Art Program in 1993.

He's also the officially licensed artist for the Marilyn Monroe Estate.

Heasley, a native of Pampa, is an automotive journalist with half a dozen coffee table books on cars to his credit, along with a number of magazine articles.

Area businesses can meet 'After Hours' Thursday

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Even in business, sometimes it's just nice to have a little social time. Of course, if that social time results in a few new contacts and maybe a new business deal or two, even better.

At least, that's the idea behind this Thursday's "Business After Hours," sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

"Business After Hours" will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Communication Connection at 1541 N. Hobart St. (between O'Reilly's and One Stop Flooring). The Chamber is touting the evening as a chance for local entrepreneurs and businesses to represent themselves in front of each other and exchange ideas.



However, according to Pampa Chamber of Commerce Director Joe Weaver, the event won't be a "meeting" so much as it will be a "gathering."

"It's going to have a social atmosphere," said Weaver. "It's a way for our businesses to meet, but not strictly in a business sense."

"People will get to network with other people in kind of a different setting. There's no program, no sales pitch. It's just an opportunity for networking that we don't frequently have in Pampa."

Weaver said that, while there is no specific structured agenda to the evening, he is optimistic that the event has the chance to be very productive for area businesses.

"I was in a small town before I came here," Weaver said, "and they had a gathering much like this one. Well, it just so happened that someone there was looking for a place to rent, and someone else had a place available."

"The next thing you know, the two had a handshake and a verbal agreement was made, just like that. Opportunities just come up in these things. It's often a perfect setting."

"I think it will be a great place to meet people and talk to everybody," added Virginia Aguero of Communication Connection. "You can just walk around, say hello, let everyone know you're here and, at the same time, learn about everybody else that's in town. It will be

Census 2010 still recruiting workers in Panhandle area

KIMBERLY MURPHY
Special to The Pampa News

While Texas' unemployment rate hovers above 8 percent, the U.S. Census Bureau is still recruiting hundreds of workers to complete the 2010 Census, including dozens more needed in the Panhandle.

The news should be welcome in Gray County, where the U.S. Census bureau is still in need of dozens of workers to get a complete, accurate count. Hiring has already begun and will extend through May for temporary assignments, most lasting eight weeks to

a few months.

Besides building a resume, a Census job allows workers to take part in the country's once-in-a-decade population count, which was constitutionally mandated and carved into law by Congress in 1790. Pay ranges from \$8 to \$24 an hour for temporary jobs ranging from clerk to supervisor. Counts established by these individuals will help determine congressional

representation and the annual distribution of more than \$400 billion in federal funds for local and regional services.

Those electing to work for the 2010 Census won't lose any Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (previously known as the Food Stamp program) benefits they may be receiving, thanks to a recent interpretation of eligibility regulations. Workers can also hold onto their Medicaid and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

(TANF) aid if they took jobs with the Census.

The Census Bureau is still seeking qualified applicants to work in their own neighborhoods and communities.

"The jobs, which offer competitive wages and flexible schedules, also allow people to work in their neighborhoods and for their neighborhoods," said U.S. Census Bureau Dallas Regional Director Gabriel Sanchez. "We hire locally, and an accurate count means a fair distribution of money for schools, roads, neighborhood improvements and elderly care in

United States Census 2010


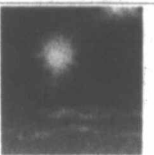

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
High 59 Low 31	High 65 Low 40	High 74 Low 46

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. Windy, with a northwest wind 30 to 35 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Wind chill values between 26 and 36 early. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. Windy, with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 65. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 74. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Officers reported 23 traffic-related incidents and nine traffic accidents.

Animal control officers reported 24 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 16 ambulance runs.

Thursday, April 1.
Officers performed a welfare check in the 500 block of Naida.

An alarm was reported in the 2100 block of North Chestnut.

Criminal mischief was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of North Naida.

A theft was reported in the 300 block of South Jean.

A burglary was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

An unattended death was reported in the 2300 block of North Aspen.

Harassment was reported in the 1400 block of North Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of North Hobart.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of West

30th.

Criminal trespass was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 800 block of East Campbell.

An open door was reported in the 100 block of West Foster.

A welfare check was performed in the 1300 block of Garland.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Officers assisted another agency in the 200 block of North Russell.

A welfare check was performed in the 800 block of South Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at Sumner and Alcock.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Deane.

A welfare check was reported in the 400 block of South Starkweather.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Scott.

A prowler was reported in the 1700 block of Chestnut.

Friday, April 2.
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of North Williston.

A suspicious person was reported at Charles and 23rd.

A suspicious person was

Lions Club names Hoelting, Ware and Barker April sweethearts

The Pampa Lions Club's April sweethearts are Alyssa Hoelting, Kayla Ware and Brooklyn Barker.

Alyssa Hoelting is the daughter of Susan Chase. Activities include four year varsity tennis, student council during her freshmen year, advisory board for student council her junior year, Students Against Destructive Decisions and the Pampa Chapter of Leo's Club. Through SADD Alyssa mentors 4th and 5th graders at Wilson Elementary. Honors include honorable mention at #6 girls singles in tennis as a sophomore, ranked in the top ten percent of her class at number 20 of 226 with a GPA of 3.789, Student Body Historian, National Honor Society, and National Honor Society Historian. Future plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in psychology.

Kayla Ware is the daughter of Doug and Dorothy Ware. Activities include Students against Destructive Decisions — four years, charter mem-

ber and treasurer for the Pampa Rotary Interact Club for the past three years, concert choir for three years, class representative in Student Council her sophomore and junior years, varsity tennis team, varsity cheerleader, volleyball team for three years, and the track team for two years where she was able to compete at Regional's both years in San Angelo. Honors include National Honor Society and being ranked number sixteen in her class and will be graduating in the top ten percent of her class. Other activities include being active with her church youth group at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church since Jr. High and serving on Team for a Teen ACTS retreat, dance for the past eight years under the direction of Ms. Jeanne Willingham and Mrs. Deanna McGill, volunteering many hours at the hospital her freshman year, and with the help of the Pampa Rotary Club attended Camp Ryla, a leadership camp, this past summer. Kayla is a founding member of

the Pampa Leo's club and has helped with the basketball tournament and the eyeglasses donation this year. Future plans are to attend Texas Tech University where she plans to study Pre-Physical Therapy and then specialize in pediatrics.

Brooklyn Barker is the daughter of Jimmy and Lori Barker. Her activities include Vice-President of LEO Club, member of National Honor Society, member of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), member of Student Council, 2-year letterman varsity softball, 2-year member of Concert Choir, volunteer for Special Olympics, member of First Baptist Church Youth Group. Honors include A Honor Roll, ranked in the top 10% of the Class of 2010, member of National Society of High School Scholars, 2006 Math Academic Award, 2007 Spanish Academic Award. Her future plans are to attend West Texas A&M University.



Hoelting



Ware



Barker

Obituaries

Ronnie T. Stapleton, 67

Pampa—Ronnie T. Stapleton, 67, died Sunday, April 4, 2010 in Pampa. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2010, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery with military honors courtesy U. S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

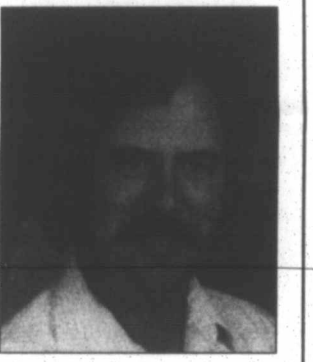
Mr. Stapleton was born Feb. 12, 1943 in Pampa and was a 1961 graduate

of Pampa High School. He enlisted in the U. S. Army shortly after graduation and later served in the Army Reserves. Ronnie married Deborah Hardy on June 19, 1981 in Pampa. He worked for Celanese Corp. as a crane operator for over 35 years, retiring in 2001. After retirement, he and his wife traveled much of the U. S. in their RV. He had a generous heart and would befriend any children in need. Ronnie will be remembered as an exceptional man who was good to everyone. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thurman and Nellie Mae Stapleton, a brother,

Curtis Stapleton, and a sister, Stella Elizabeth Stapleton.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah Stapleton of the home; a god-daughter, Amanda Starnes of Pampa; a sister, Kay Whilden and husband Bill of Plano; two brothers-in-law, Steven Hardy and wife Susan of Odessa and Robert Hardy of Chickasha, Okla.; a sister-in-law, Mayanna Frizzell and husband Greg of Mustang, Okla.; four nieces, three nephews, 18 great nieces and nephews, and one great great niece.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7:00-8:00 p.m.



Stapleton

Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065 or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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A vehicle was reported burglarized in the 1900 block of North Holly.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of West Cook.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

Officers assisted another agency at Kentucky and Baer.

City officials shut off the water in the 1900 block of Grape.

An assault was reported to police.

City officials shut off the water in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of North Williston.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes.

Public intoxication was reported in the 300 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of North Russell.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1000 block of North Duncan.

Officers assisted another agency at Hobart and Foster.

An alarm was reported in the 7500 block of Beverly.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of East Browning.

An alarm was reported at 70 Texas Highway 70 North.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle was reported burglarized in the 1500 block of North Dwight.

An assault was reported in the 300 block of East Sunset.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of South Barnes.

Saturday, April 3.
Phone harassment was reported in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Craven.

An assault was reported to police.

City officials turned off the water in the 700 block of North Lowry.

A theft was reported in the 1600 block of Williston.

A threat was made in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Officer performed a welfare check at Harvester and Duncan.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of North Christine.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 6, the 96th day of 2010. There are 269 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 6, 1909, American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.

On this date:

In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee as Confederate forces launched a surprise attack against Union troops, who beat back the Confederates the next day.

In 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.

In 1917, Congress approved a declaration of war against Germany.

In 1945, during World War II, the Japanese warship Yamato and nine other vessels sailed on a suicide mission to attack the U.S. fleet off Okinawa; the fleet was intercepted the next day.

In 1971, Russian-born composer Igor Stravinsky died in New York City.

In 1985, William J. Schroeder became the first artificial heart recipient to be discharged from the hospital as he moved into an apartment in Louisville, Ky.

In 1994, the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi were killed in a mysterious plane crash near Rwanda's capital; widespread violence and killings erupted in Rwanda over claims the plane had been shot down.

Ten years ago: The father of Elian Gonzalez, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, arrived in the United States to press for the return of his 6-year-old son to Cuba. A private company mapping the human genetic blueprint announced it had decoded all of the DNA pieces that make up the genetic pattern of a single human being.

Five years ago: Iraq's new government finally began to take shape as lawmakers elected as president Jalal Talabani, a Kurdish leader who promised to represent all ethnic and religious groups.

One year ago: An earthquake in central Italy killed some 300 people in the country's deadliest quake in nearly three decades. President Barack Obama declared the U.S. "is not and never will be at war with Islam." Michael Jordan, along former Dream Team teammates David Robinson and John Stockton, were elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Prize-winning scientist James D. Watson is 82. Composer-conductor Andre Previn is 81. Country singer Merle Haggard is 73. Actor Billy Dee Williams is 73. Movie director Barry Levinson is 68. Actor John Ratzberger is 63. Actress Marilu Henner is 58. Actor Michael Rooker is 55. Rock musician Warren Haynes is 50. Rock singer-musician Frank Black is 45. Actor Paul Rudd is 41. Actor-producer Jason Hervey is 38. Actor Zach Braff is 35. Actress Candace Cameron Bure is 34.

Thought for Today: "Men are not against you; they are merely for themselves." — Gene Fowler, American journalist and author (1890-1960).



Job gains in March are encouraging signs

The new unemployment count is out for March and, lo and behold, we finally gained some jobs. There are 162,000 new positions above what had existed, out there in the work force according to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's the largest gain since March of 2007 when the recession was probably starting to seep in to the economic system but way in advance of when we all finally noticed in the summer of 2008.

Since then we have all learned a few things about mortgaged backed securities, egos on Wall Street and how easily large corporations and entire neighborhoods can cease to exist. Never mind the mind boggling 8.2 million jobs that vanished since December of 2007.

But focus on the news that 162,000 of those people finally heard the words they'd been waiting for, for quite a while: We pick you.

The unemployment rate is holding steady at 9.7 percent, which is high but actually still good news. It had been steadily creeping upwards. This may be the other side of the tipping point because historically, in terms of the economy, when a trend begins whether it's good or bad, it tends to keep rolling in the same direction.

So, for the millions of people who have been keeping their household budgets going by the skin of their teeth, hang in there. Your chances of getting hired seem to be increasing.



MARTHA CARR

Just getting an interview these days is a daunting task. Most employers, big or small, will no longer take phone calls from prospective employees, which means millions of people are out there sending resumes by email into the void. Unless your lucky number comes up, you will never know what they thought of you or your chances. That can make it tough to explain there's a gap in time because of a sick parent you were caring for, or show that you are great one-on-one.

A few helpful hints from the job experts are to state clearly up top what kind of job you're trying to get. List after each employment how your actions benefited the company instead of just a skill set. I think that's referred to in sales as selling the sizzle instead of the steak.

Another suggestion from the professional headhunters, which may sting a little for anyone over the age of 40, is if you're older to remove the year you graduated from the resume so that human resources focuses on the accomplishments instead of the fact that they were in grade school when you were in college. A clever friend of mine has start-

ed having her own networking parties in her home, inviting only one from each profession of all the friends she knows: Women get together to trade information, horror stories and remind each other to laugh through it all.

Some friends who are trying to expand their skill set have done four week corporate internships to sharpen their skills, show a potential employer what they can do and round out their resume. Others have volunteered their services to non-profits for the same reason.

While it's true that it's been an employer's market for a few years now it won't always be the case. The balance will start to tip in the other direction and it will be possible to have employment that suits your skill set and doesn't involve helping someone find that in their size or trying to remember if grande means medium or large.

Think of the stories we'll embellish for our grandchildren some day.

April is going to be the real test to see if the encouraging trend can hold and if it does, optimism may encourage manufacturers to increase their orders in anticipation of a turn-around, which has a roll out effect on everyone else. Banks may lend more to smaller businesses, which helps them add new hires. In other words, a self-fulfilling good feeling will then ripple throughout America.

Martha Randolph Carr contributes her columns to caglepost.com.

Texas schools to get funds for kitchen equipment

In an ongoing effort to improve the health and nutrition of Texas children, the Office of the Agriculture Commissioner has recently that the announced the Texas Department of Agriculture will award close to \$4 million to 122 Texas schools to help purchase new kitchen equipment.

The funds are made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and USDA's 2010 School Food Equipment Grants. The ARRA funds are being reallocated after costs for kitchen equipment purchased with funds from the \$11.5 million first round of funding were less than expected.

Once again, Texas schools did an excellent job of saving money by making cost-effective purchases, which now allows for reallocated funds to reach more schools. With these funds, and the additional ones provided by USDA, schools can buy new appliances that are



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more energy efficient and better equipped to increase the nutritional value of school meals.

This is another great step toward encouraging the 3E's of Healthy Living - Education, Exercise and Eating Right.

With the available funding, Texas schools will be able to purchase new ovens, freezers, steam tables, tilt skillets and other kitchen equipment. In this round of funding, a total of \$895,236 of kitchen equipment grant funding came from ARRA. The remaining \$2,984,296 in grants became available as a result of USDA's 2010 School Food Equipment Grants. The

School Food Equipment grants are a one-time fiscal year 2010 appropriation to help school nutrition programs replace outdated kitchen equipment. These grants are awarded to school districts that operate under the National School Lunch Program, but did not receive ARRA equipment grants.

Priority was given to districts serving a significant number of students who are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals. Funds must be used to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of delivering school meals. The money can be used to replace or upgrade food service equipment.

A complete list of recipients and equipment can be found at www.texasagriculture.gov under Healthy Living.

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Mexican-born Gomez new archbishop of Los Angeles

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Archbishop Jose Gomez was named Tuesday to succeed the archbishop of Los Angeles, the Holy See's most significant acknowledgment to date of the growing importance of Latinos in the American church.

The appointment is also evidence that Pope Benedict XVI wants a strong defender of orthodoxy leading the largest diocese in the nation: Gomez, 58, is an archbishop of Opus Dei, the conservative movement favored by the Vatican.

The Mexican-born Gomez was named coadjutor for Los Angeles, which means he will take over the archdiocese when the current archbishop, Cardinal Roger Mahony retires on Feb. 27 next year, his 75th birthday.

The appointment of Gomez, who now leads the Archdiocese of San Antonio, puts him in line to become the highest-ranking Latino in the American Catholic hierarchy and the first Latino cardinal in the U.S.

Hispanics comprise 70 percent of the 5 million Catholics in the Los Angeles archdiocese, and more than one-third of the 65 million Catholics in the United States. In a separate nod to Latino Catholics, Benedict in 2007 named the first cardinal for heavily Latino Texas, Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston.

"This just recognizes the reality on the ground that the center of gravity of U.S. Catholicism is moving to the South and West and is becoming increasingly Hispanic," said David Gibson, a Catholic author who writes about religion for PoliticsDaily.com.

Mahony, who was dogged by the clergy sex abuse scandal, developed a reputation during his quarter-century tenure in Los Angeles as a liberal-leaning leader and was often the target of Catholic conservatives. Under church rules, bishops submit their resignations at age 75, but the pope often asks prelates to stay in their posts for several years more.

Mahony, nicknamed "Hollywood" because he was born there, is the longest-serving U.S. cardinal since the Second Vatican Council, the modernizing reform



Gomez

conferences of the 1960s.

Gomez was scheduled to appear at a morning news conference in the Los Angeles cathedral. The pope will likely name Gomez a cardinal in the future, given that Los Angeles is such a large and

important archdiocese whose leader has traditionally worn a red hat.

The new coadjutor said in a statement that he was grateful for the appointment and the trust that the Vatican's nuncio had in him. "I will try with all my strength to earn that trust," he said.

Gomez will have to oversee the fallout from the abuse scandal that came to light during Mahony's tenure.

In 2007, Mahony agreed to a record-setting \$660 million settlement with more than 500 alleged victims of clergy abuse.

A federal grand jury is also investigating how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles handled claims of abuse, and has subpoenaed several witnesses, including a former Los Angeles priest convicted of child molestation and a Monsignor who served as vicar for clergy under Mahony.

Mahony's attorney has said the cardinal is not a target of the investigation.

Gomez will face scrutiny of his own track record on responding to abuse claims in his previous posts. The abuse crisis, which had eased in the U.S., has gained new attention because of a flood of new cases in Europe.

Gomez was born in Monterrey, Mexico, and studied theology at the University of Navarra in Spain. He was ordained an Opus Dei priest in 1978 and worked in the Galveston-Houston area and in Denver before being named archbishop of San Antonio in 2004.

Opus Dei was founded by Saint Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer in Spain in 1928. Escriva held that sainthood could be achieved by anyone, from homemaker to professional, by carrying out everyday tasks extraordinarily well.

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American Airlines moving jobs to Texas

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — American Airlines is transferring 200 Tulsa-based maintenance operations coordinators to Texas over two years.

Airlines officials said Monday the company is consolidating employees of the Maintenance Operations Center, which oversees aircraft maintenance at line or overnight maintenance stations, with the Systems Operations Center in Fort Worth.

The SOC dispatches aircraft to airports or line maintenance stations where they are needed.

American spokesman Tim Wagner says as part of the company's efforts to improve on-time performance and customer service, officials want to have the SOC and the MOC in the same location.

American employs about 7,000 people in Tulsa, including 6,000 mechanics and related work groups at its Tulsa Maintenance & Engineering Center.

Texas man awarded \$3.8 million in suit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal jury has ordered boat manufacturer Brunswick Corp. to pay \$3.8 million to a man who lost part of his leg after it was caught in a propeller on Lake Austin.

Jacob Brochtrup was 18 when he was injured while wakeboarding with friends celebrating July 4th in 2007.

Brochtrup's lawsuit claimed Brunswick did not have safety devices, including guards and covers, to prevent Brochtrup from becoming tangled or stuck in the propeller.

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 7, 2010: This year, you often live in a world where the impossible becomes a reality. Your focus, energy and drive help you reach your goals. Many of you are likely to take up a new hobby or pastime. If you are single, someone you draw in to your life might be difficult to get rid of! Proceed with care and get to know a new sweetie well. If you are attached, you can push your significant other only so hard. Give him or her space to come to you. **AQUARIUS** makes a great pal.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Call on your people skills for a meeting. Others could be very hard on you, especially an associate. In some form, what goes on is déjà vu. Snickering and backstabbing come up from out of nowhere. Tonight: Take a deep breath and go to the gym.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Others depend on you much more than you realize. When you discover that you are out of sync or overwhelmed, others are scarcely surprised. Understand that everyone has his or her limitations — you, too. Learn to say "no" more often. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Use your imagination and try to understand where others are coming from. A child or loved one could try your patience. Be careful with those close to you. You easily could take out your frustration from other matters on them.

Tonight: Wherever you are, have music on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Deal with people independently, and you will experience far more success. Don't sell yourself short. A sense of insecurity or feeling uncomfortable in your own skin could be telling you to back off. Tonight: Don't go overboard.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You come off more abrupt than you realize. If you note that someone is getting contentious, even out of the blue, know that your attitude, presentation and/or words are getting under this person's skin. Understand that you could be overwhelming someone. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. Incorporate new technology and ideas. You could feel tight or closed down. Focus on what is going on. Are you swallowing anger or frustration? Tonight: Perhaps the time has come to clear out bad feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ If you relax some and toss negativity in the garbage can, you'll discover your ingenuity and other such assets. A friend could push you, causing a very strong reaction. Stop internalizing so much, and let another person know how you feel. Tonight: Let go of today. Find fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Be honest with yourself: Did you even want to come to work today? If you can call it an early day or take work home, do. You will accomplish a lot more, and far more quickly at that. An older friend could be demanding.

Tonight: Stay close to home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Attempt to see the other side of questions and issues. When you grasp where someone else is coming from, you could be startled. Don't put off a trip or workshop. You need a break from the here and now. Tonight: Visit over dinner with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Be sensitive to spending, whether the funds are coming out of your pocket or another person's pocket. In the long run, a boss will be pleased to see this conservative approach. A partner flares, and there is little you can do. Tonight: Look at your budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You wake up full of energy. Others easily could trigger you out of the blue. Keep your mind on a project or what might be going on at the moment. Don't allow others to distract you. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might want to follow your instincts and take the day off. On the other hand, you can take out recent frustrations through working on a project. You might get a lot done. Don't allow a trivial incident to trigger you. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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Actor Russell Crowe (1964), director Francis Ford Coppola (1939), British interviewer David Frost (1939)

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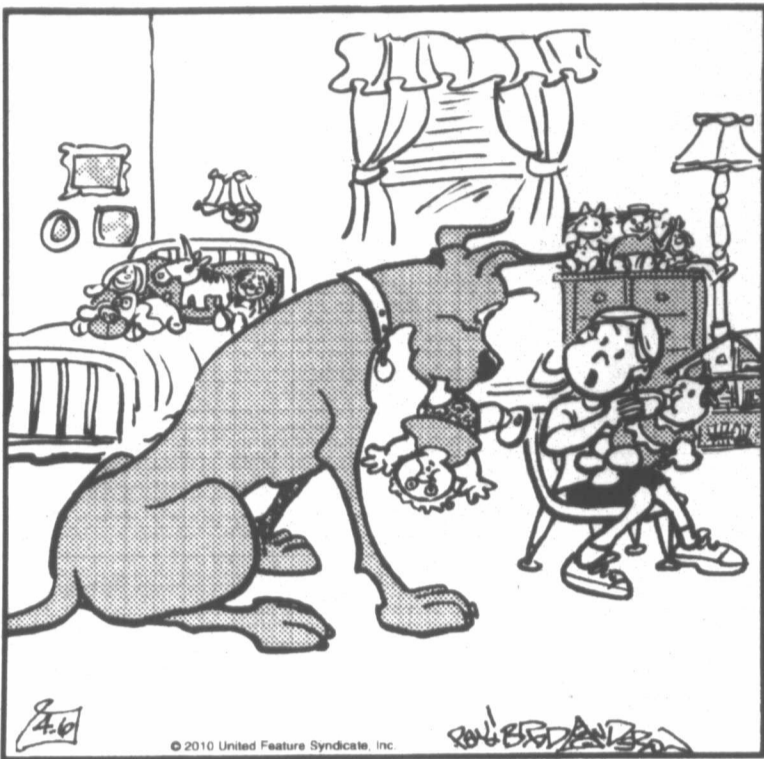
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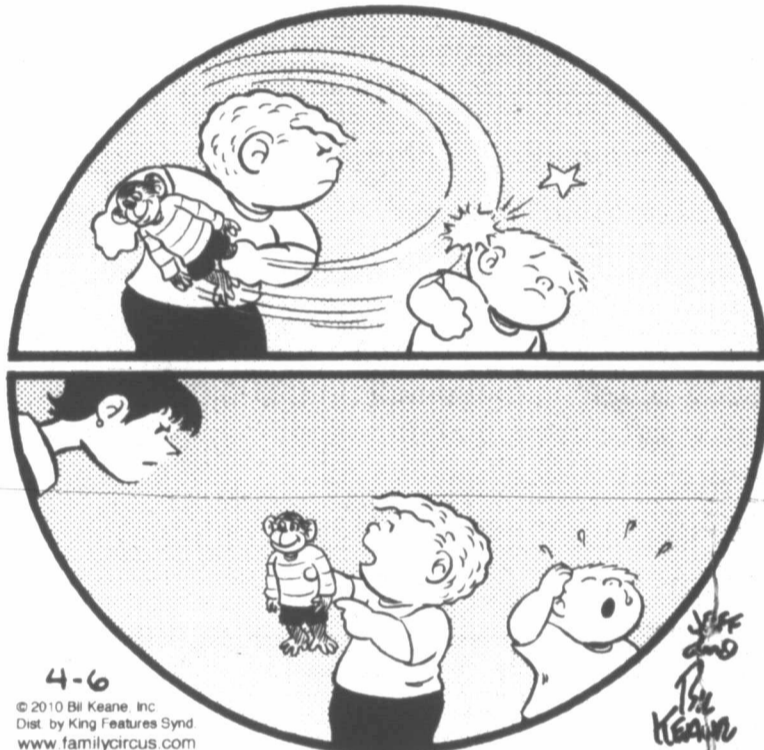
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"Didn't they teach you about babysitting in obedience school?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"But I didn't hit him. My monkey did!"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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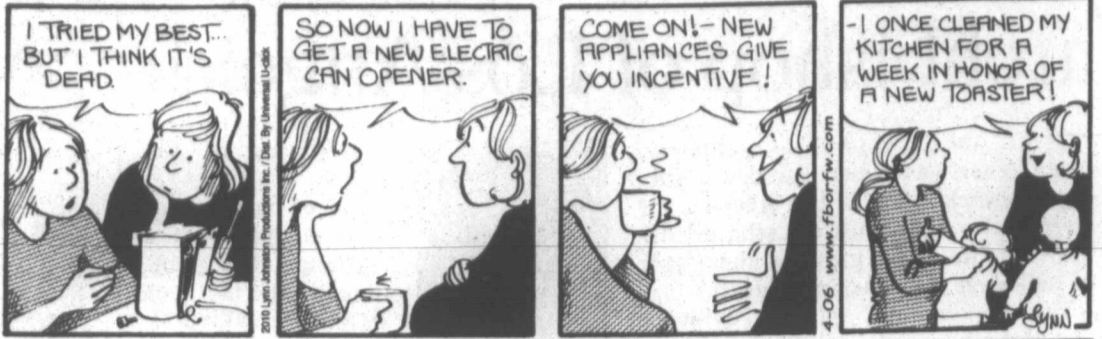
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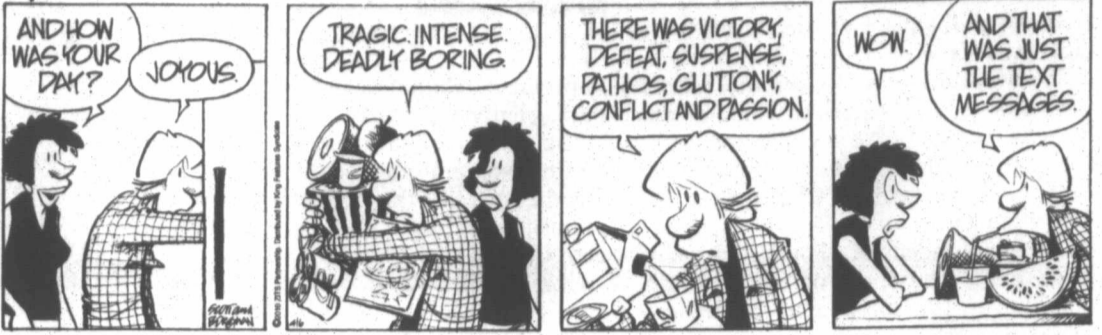
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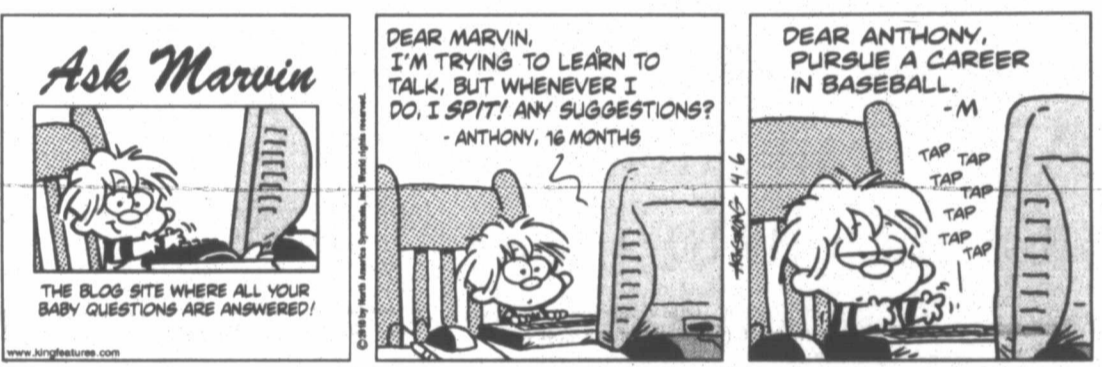
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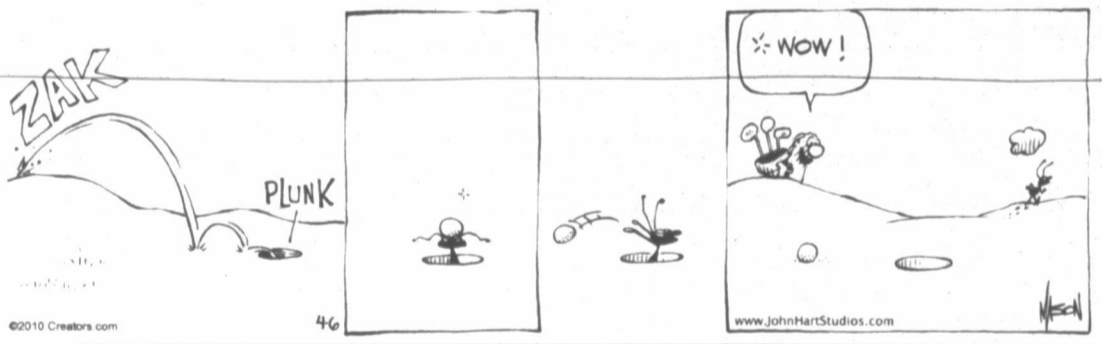
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Sports

JV softball falls to Randall, suffers first district loss

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters junior varsity softball team stranded six runners at third, and suffered their first district loss 3-1 to the Randall Lady Raiders at Lady Harvester Field.

Coach Jim Gill said his team had several missed opportunities on offense.

"You can't get people to third base with nobody out and not score a run," Gill said. "You got to find a way to score, period, end of story."

Randall got on the board first. After their lead-off batter struck out, the next batter doubled and stole third. Randall singled to drive in the run and took a 1-0 lead. The Lady Raiders got one more hit but couldn't get any more across.

Pampa evened the score in their half of the first. Tiffany Brittan led off with a single and advanced to second on a single by Heather Coffee. Both Brittan and Coffee advanced a base on a wild pitch. Callie Brewer drove in Brittan with a single to tie the game. That was Pampa's last hit of the first.

Coffee set the Lady Raiders down in order in the second, with two strikeouts and a popup to second. Pampa's first two batters struck out and popped out to the pitcher. Monica Zubia would reach base with a walk and advanced to second on a steal. A throwing error, would advance Zubia to third but that's where she would stay as Nakayla Hardman grounded out to end the inning.

The Lady Raiders got a couple of hits in the third, but didn't score stranding runners at second and third. Brewer got her second hit of the game with a single and stole second. Later in the inning, Brewer stole third but she would be stranded there as the game remained tied at 1.

Randall was only able to get a hit in the fourth and stranded that runner at second. Kaylene Wyant led off Pampa's fourth with a single. Wyant would advance to second and third by passed balls. Again, Pampa couldn't get the runner home as they grounded out twice and popped up to end the inning.

Randall led off the fifth with two singles. On a foul ball, the Lady Raiders' runner on first was called out



for leaving early. Randall's lead-off batter reached third on a wild pitch and scored on an error by the third baseman to take a 2-1 lead. Randall stole second but would get called out because the runner left early.

In Pampa's half of the fifth, Hardman led off with a walk and stole second. Coffee grounded out but moved Hardman to third. The Lady Harvesters would not score as Brewer and Caylee Steward struck out to end the inning trailing 2-1.

The Lady Raiders were held scoreless in the top of the sixth, only getting two hits. With one out, Wyant singled and then stole second. Wyant would advance to third on a passed ball, but wouldn't be driven in, as Martecia Alexander struck out and Brittan popped out.

Randall would add another run to their lead in the seventh. The lead-off batter doubled and advanced to third on a wild pitch. After Coffee struck out the next batter, Randall doubled to drive in a run, and increase their lead to 3-1. The Lady Raiders' runner on second would be called out for leaving early. Coffee struck out the last batter to end the inning.

With one out in the seventh, Coffee reached on an error by the third baseman, which allowed Coffee to reach second. Coffee advanced to third on a wild pitch but would be stranded. Brewer and Steward struck out to end the game.

The Lady Harvesters (24-4-1, 4-1-1) visit Palo Duro 7 p.m. Friday.

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Callie Brewer hits a RBI single in the first inning against the Lady Raiders Monday at Lady Harvester Field. The Lady Harvesters lost 3-1 for their first district loss of the season. Pampa visits Palo Duro 7 p.m. Friday.

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