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Lack of McLean ambulance service a concern


## OFFSEASON WORK



School may be out, but the work doesn't stop. Brad Hoover of the Pampa Independent School District repairs a broken water line at Pampa High School.

Pampa man ticketed in area wreck


#### Abstract

David Bowser CANADIAN - A Pampa man has been cited for failure to maindriving without a license in connection with a one-car rollove earlier this month. David Ramirez, 41, was tick eted by Texas Highway Patro eted by Texas Highway Patro Troopers following a fiery one troopers foilowing a fiery one- car rollover on U.S. Highway 60 east of Canadian on June Trooper Jason Musick said the eastbound 1999 Toyota Camr eastbound 1999 Toyota Camry that Ramirez was driving crosse that Ramirez was driving crossec the westbound lane of U.S. 60 and rolled in the bar ditch. The vehicle came to rest on it driver's side. driver's side. Arthur Murphy, 51, and Ciriacr Meraz, 35 , both passengers in the car, were able to kick thi windshield of the car out and pull Ramirez out before the car caught fire, Musick said. Murphy was taken to Hemphil County Hospital by Canadian EMS for treatment of minor head and neck injuries, authori head and neck injuries, authori- ties said. The vehicle was totally destroyed by flames, Musick said. The fire was extinguished by the Canadian. Fire Department. The Canadian Fire Department. The investigation is currently ongo- ing.


Gray County Commission approves fireworks ban

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PAMPA FORECAST


Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Some of the storms could be severe. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69 .
Windy, with a south southwest wind between Windy, with a south southwest wind between
15 and 25 mph , with gusts as high as 35 mph . 15 and 25 mph , with gusts as high as 35 mph .
Chance of precipitation is $20 \%$.
Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 102. Windy, with a west southwest wind be-
tween 10 and 20 mph , with gusts as high as 25 mph .
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around
67 . Breezy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 67. Breezy, with a west southwest wind 10 to
15 mph becoming north northeast. Winds could 15 mph becoming north northeast. Winds could
gust as high as 25 mph .
Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near
101. Windy, with a north northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph . 10 mph increasing to between 15 and
Winds could gust as high as 25 mph .
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low
around 66 . Windy, with a west southwest wind around 66. Windy, with a west southwest wind
between 20 and 25 mph , with gusts as high as

Sunday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high
near 101. Windy, with a southwest wind benear 101 . Windy, with a southwest wind be-
tween 20 and 25 mph , with gusts as high as
30 mph

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around
67 . Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 67. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and
25 mph , with gusts as high as 35 mph .

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## Justices halt Balentine execution

$\underset{\text { HUNTSVILLE }}{\text { (AP) }}$ (AP) $\underset{\text { prisoner }}{\text { Balent }}$ Con- $\quad \begin{array}{r}\text { Balentine, 42, was condemned for }\end{array}$ won a reprieve from the U.S. Su- nation of a feud he had with one of preme Court on Wednesday, about the victims. an . an hour before he could have been He would have been the fith in-
taken to the Texas death chamber for mate executed this year in Texas dakent the exas death chamber for
killing three teenagers at a home in executed this year in Ther
Another execution is set for ThursAmarillo more than 13 years ago. The high court said it stopped the
lethal injection to review a petition Iethal injection to review a petition
from Balentine's lawyer that con-
tended hises tended his legal help at trial and in early stages of his appeal was defi-
cient. The Texas Court of Crimina cient. The Texas Court of Criminal
Appeals refused a similar appeal and Appeals refused a similar appeal and
Balentine's attorney, Lydia Brandt, wanted the Supreme Court to look at
that refusal. that refusal.
Last week, the high court agreed to
review an Arizona review an Arizona case about wheth-
er' a convicted offender is entitled to competent legal help in the early
stages stages of an appeal, and Brandt cited
that case in argeal that case in arguments to the justices.
Another appeal for Balentine to Another appeal for Balentine to the
Supreme Court was turned down on Supreme Court was turned down on
Monday.
Mexican journalists seek asylum in U.S.

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) - Three Mexican
journalists facing death threats in their journalists facing death threats in their native country
urged the U.S. goverment urged the U.S. government Wednesday to speed up ap-
proval of their asylum petitions. Emilio Gutierrez Soto said he first received threats in 2005 after writing stories about alleged military involve-
ment in drug trafficking in the northern state of Chihuament in drug trafficking in the northern state of Chihua-
hua. Three years later, his house was ransacked, and he hua. Three years later, his house was ransacked, and he
received more threats. After filing complaints with the national government and getting little response, he fled the country in 2008 with his 15 -year-old son.
Gutierrez was held for more than seven months in a U.S. immigration detention center, until his story was
aired on national television. His son was held for four aired on national television. His son was held for four
months. The next hearing in his case is not likely to hap-
Gutierrez called the drug war a cancer destroying his
country, during a panel discussion at the National As country, during a panel discussion at the National As-
sociation of Hispanic Journalists' annual meeting in the central Florida suburb of Lake Buena Vista. The former
reporter for Ciudad Juarez's El Diario newspaper said losing his country was harder even than the death of his parents. He pleaded with the U.S. government to make a decision in his case and those of his fellow journalists.
"We are living in a legal limbo," said Gutierrez, who has a temporary work permit but has yet to find a job. ".We are unarale to thave any emotional, familial or em-
ployment stability." ployment stability." Chavez Aldana, a native of Ciudad
Reporter Ricardo
Juarez attacked the Juarez, attacked the drug cartels on his radio show un-
til his nephews were killed outside their home. He says

## Forthe record

Pampa Regional Medical Center
Saturday, June 18, 2011

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Proceeds to benefit Relay for Life
he and his wife, mother and son received repeated death
threats until they crossed the border in 2009 into El Paso, threats until they crossed the border in 2009 into EI Paso,
Texas.
"I have covered more than 4,000 killings," he told the "Thave covered more than 4,000 killings, he told the ney's Coronado Springs Resort. "They are destroying Mexico. They are killing chil"They are destroying Mexico. They are killing chil-
dren, pregnant womer, ${ }^{\text {"C Chavez said, his voice breaking }}$ dren, pregnant womer, "Chavez said, his voice breaking
as he talked of the drug war in Mexico.
Alejandro Hernandez Pacheco was a TV cameraman Alejandro Hernandez Pacheco was a TV cameraman
for Televisa when he was kidnapped last July in Duranfor Televisa when he was kidnapped last July in Duran-
go, Mexico along with three other reporters, allegedly by go, Mexico along with three other reporters, allegedly by
one of the country's largest drug cartels who demanded his station no longer broadcast stories about the gang. He was freed a week later and crossed the border in October. acknowledged that while they may be able to document the persecution they've faced as journalists, they face an added challenge because of the U.S. public's concerns But all three said they will not return to Mexic At least 66 journalists have been killed in the last four
ears in Mexico, according to the country's sovern The U.S. receives hundreds of asylum applications from. the country each year, but approves only a handful. Angela Kocherga of Belo TV, who has covered the journalists' asylum cases, as well as life and death along the U.S.-Mexico border said the violence against jour-
nalists in Mexico has created "zones of silence." nalists in Mexico has created "zones of silence."
Added Kocherga: "It's the war next door, and we know
more about what's happening in Afghanistan."

Police Department $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Wednesday, June } 15 \\ & \text { Police }\end{aligned}$ reported ${ }^{\text {un- }}$



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AFTERNOONRUSH
Redistricting map gets OK AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The Republican-controlled Texas House gave preliminary approval on Tuesday to
and
GoP plan to
redraw congressional districts despite

Demmerastas atacked the plan by Republican Rep. Bur
Solmons.
 Votion Riahst Act.The map neads af final procedural vote before it goes back to the Senate for final approval.
Some lawmakers were Some lawmakers were angry that the map splits the
Austin area into multiple districts, saying the move Austin area into multiple districts, saying the move
would divide minority areas and dilute their collective voice. They also said it denies the most Democratic part
of the state a single seat. of the state a single seat.
Washington, not splintered into little pieces," said Rep. Elliot Naishtat, D-Austin. "It doesn't serve our minority
House mulls school supplies
AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas House is considering new system to pay for scertbooks.
The bill would combine the textbook and technology In the past lawmakers
In the past lawmakers approved two different pay-
ments to schools based on the number of students in attendance. One was for textbooks, another for technol gy. If this measure passes, they will get one lump sum to buy instructional materials. The amount spent per
students will depenci on how much money is available in state accounts.
The proposed law requires the State Board of
Education to set aside 50 percent of available funds for instructional materials. The board would no longer have to approve all materials.
Opponents say the new system does not include a
Couple charged in slaying LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - A husband and wife have
been accused of fatally shooting a West Texas woman whose son was also found slain in an alleged money dispute.
Court documents indicate Casey Ledbetter and
Meredith Ledbetter of Lubbock allegedly Meredith Ledbetter of Lubbock allegedly lured 49-year-
old Joanie Parker by saying her son owed them money and she needed to pay them $\$ 4,000$.
Lubbock County Jail records did not list attorneys for
the Ledbetters, who were charged Wednesday with murhe Ledbetters, who were charged Wednesday with murder over Parker's death. Bond is $\$ 00,000$.
Parker's body was discovered May 24 near Idalou. The Parker's body was discovered May 24 near Idalou. The
body of 26 -year-old Derek Hale was discovered May 27 on the same property. An autopsy revealed Hale was tabbed and beaten.
The Leddette
lated counts.
Man sought for bus attack
AUSTIN (AP) - Austin police have released security
video in the search for a passenger seen punching and oughing up a bus driver before allegedly trying to rob
Sgt. Brian Miller says the Capital Metro driver suffered
facial injuries June 10 in an apparent fight over why the facial injuries June 10 in an apparent fight over why the
bus did not stop at a place where the passenger wanted bus did not
Police say the man waited until other passengers bus floor and going through his pockets.
The bus surveillance video was released Wednesday,
as police seek the public's help in identifying the man as police seek the public's help in identifyyng the man
wanted on assault and attempted robbery charges. The company that employs the driver, Veolia Transportation,
offering a $\$ 5,000$ reward for information leading to an offering a $\$ 5,000$ re
Lawmakers meet on energy
 pply are meeting in Sal Lake City. uss model legislation and hear from industry experts. The
two-day gathering begins Thursday.
The committee includes legislators from Alaska, Texas Utah and Wyoming
Utah Republican Rep. Roger Barrus of Centerville says the committee's goals include developing strategies for creating a unified voice for domestic energy policies.
The four states have formed an energy compact and to invite other states to join in the future.
Speakers will include experts from the Idaho Nationa Loboratory, the Science and Public Poicy Institute and
Shrimp captain killed
TEXAS CITY (AP) - A shrimp boat captain has been解 friend and former employee. James Michael Morris was free on $\$ 75,000$ bond
after he was booked into the Galveston County Jail on Tuesday.
The shooting happened before dawn June 3 at a seaThe shooting happened before dawn June 3 at a seasays a dispute over customers between Morris and Kelly Sumner ended with a struggle over a handgun Morris brandished. The gun discharged, wounding Morris in
the leg. Goetschius says Morris dropped the gun, but as he leg. Goetschius says Morris dropped the gun, but as
Sumners loomed over him Morris grabbed it and fired, fatally wounding Sumners in the back.
Jail records do not list an attomey for Morris.
Rep. Giffords released
HOUSTON (AP) - Rep. Gabrielle Giffords returned home to her astronaut husband on Wednesday, leaving behind a Houston hospital where she began to rebuild her
life after a gunman shot her in the head five months ago. life after a gunman shot her in the head five months ago.
:Giffords' release marks a new phase in her recovery. She struggles to speak and walk, and will need daily, intensive therapy. Whether she will ever recover enough

Mexican governor's bodyguards found dead

## MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) - Police on

 (AP) - Police onWednesday found the dis-
membered bodies of two membered bodies of two
bodyguards who worked for the governor of the
Mexican state of Nuevo Mexican state of Nuevo
Leon, the site of a viocartels. Authorities believe Gov. Rodrigo Medina's
bodyguards were killed bodyguards were killed
by a drug cartel. A mes-
sage left near the bodies sage left near the bodies ing a rival drug organizaing a riva
tion.
Medina
the victi Medina confirmed that
the victims were part of
his security he victims were part of
his security detail and
called the killings "c called the killings "cow-
ardly." He told local ardly." He told local
media later that "no mesmedia later that "no mes-
sage, no threat will make us stop in this fight"
against organized crime. The bodies were found
Thanized crime. at an intersection in
Guadalupe, a suburb of the state capital Monterrey. The city, Mexico's third largest and one of its most
wealthy, has been the wealthy, has been the
scene of bloody cartel turf scene of bloody cartel turf
battles that have included frequent attacks on police. The area in northern
Mexico has been a scene Mexico has been a scene
of constant killings and of constant killings and
reprisals since a rupture between the Gulf and Zeta cartels in late 2009.

## County

but since the properties
are within the city limare within the city lim minimum does not apply Lavanda Hill was awarded a lot and
for $\$ 20$ in Lefors. for $\$ 20$ in Lefors.
Kerry Hodges awarded five lots  Ambulance

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"1 gave them the bud
get of what t would cost
Anste Anstey said "They don"
wantit opay for apaid, pro fessional service."
He said that told him that she didn' should have to pay for the ambulance service to be
there.
Anstey said his first priority is to Pampa and Gray County with whom Pampa
EMS has contractual agree"If an emergency comes
up," Anstey said of up," Anstey said of
McLean, "we're going to But routine calls take
resources resources away from
Pampa and the rest of the county, he said.
Dr. James Hall, who is
on the board of director of the Emergency Medi-
cal Services Foundation of Texas, the parent company of Pampa EMS, told commissioners that last week
the ambulance service was the ambulance service was
notified of a possible stroke notified of a possible strok
of a person in McLean. of a person in McLean.
In such situations, the doctor said, time is of the
essence. essence.
That means that the Life That means that the Life-
Star helicopter was also Star helicopter was
dispatched to McLean. Thispatched to McLean. ty getting a landing zone set up for the helicopter because of communica-
tions difficulties and the lack of trained personnel in McLean. There were also
problems directing the hel problems directing the hel "We have a prob We have a problem
there," Hall said. "Potentially a big problem.
Hall said that he would response team in McLean. what's going on dow there," he said.
Judge Peet said he would try to set up a meeting with
the Gray County Commission and the McLean City Council to see if somethin can be done to keep ambu-
lance services available to McLean.

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## Today in History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On June 16, 1911, the Computing-TabulatingRecording Co. was incorporated in New York
State; it later became known as Intemational Business Mach
On this date:
In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in Lochleven Castlee in Scotand, (She escaped
almost a year later
alter but ended up imprisoned almost, asear later but ended up imprisoned
agin.) 1858 , accepting the Illinois Republican
In Pary's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham
Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring. "A house divided against isself cannot stand " ${ }^{\text {In }}$. 903 . Ford Motor Co. was incorporated.
. 1 . 1933 President Herbert Hoover and In 1932 , President Herbert Hoover and Vice
Presiddent Charles Curtis were renominated at the Republican national convention in Chicago
In 1941 . National Airport (now Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport) opened for busi-
ness with a ceremony attended by President

In 1963 , the world's first female space traveler,
Valentina Tereshkova, was launched into orbit by In In 1970 , Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, N.J., a major Northeast city.
In 1978 . President Iimmy Carter and Panamanian
 Ten years ago: Face to face tor the first time,
President (ieorge W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin pledged during a meeting in
Slovenia to deepeit their nations' bonds and to conpsile defense plans.
Five years ago: The House rejected a timetable
 Carl-Henric Sanberg announced the oil giant
was establishing a 820 billion claim fund and sus-
pendine dividend as he insisted. ."We care about The small people".
Today $:$ Birthday: Actor Bill Cobbs is 76 .
 (ieofft Pierson, in 62 Rhythm-and-blues singer
James Smith The Syl haticss is 6 . Boxing Hall of Famer Robetto Duran is 60 Pop singer Gino
Vannelli is 54 Acress Laurico Metcalf is 56 .
Model-actress Jennv Shimizu is 44 . Actor James Patrick Stuarn is 4. Actor Clifton Collins Jr, is
41 . Actor John (ho is 39 . Actor Eddie Cibrian




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|  | LARRY <br> KUDLOW <br> S-Corps or LLC <br> gible for the new <br> Small businesses and brand-new startups have faltered during the Obama years. They should be the engine of job growth, but it's not happening. Under Pawlenty's plan, however, their rewards for new pass-the-hat investments among friends and families would be lifted by more than 40 percent on a take-home-pay basis. The former college hockey player also would reform the personal tax system by moving to two rates of only 10 and 25 percent. And, get this: He would abolish taxes on capital gains, interest, dividends and estates. He'd also sunset all economic regulations. And he'd apply a "Google test," whereby if you can find a fed- eral govemment good or service on the Internet, the federal government doesn't need to run it. That means the Post Office, the Government Printing Office and Amtrak could be sold off, privatized or leased out. <br> The governor also comes out for a strong King Dollar, with a blistering attack on the Bernanke Fed's loosemoney policies. He also offers up an outline for entitlement reform, along with a 5 percent budget-impoundment approach until such time as the budget is balanced. <br> Quintessentially, Pawlenty has delivered a private-sector, free-enterprise vision of economic growth and | Obama's central planning doesn't." <br> It's in this spirit that he would repeal <br> Obamacare, which is one of the great- <br> t iob-blockers of all right now, with <br> aze of tax-and-regulatory inter- <br> ons into the private economy. <br> But let me return to the key point <br> -- Pawlenty's 5 percent growth vision for America. He's not going to accept some kind of "new normal," 2 percent growth rate. <br> Smaller government, lower tax rates, fewer economic regulations and sound money were tried down through the 20th century by Calvin Coolidge, John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. These policies worked. Over the past decade, however, the historic postwar U.S.growth baseline of 3.4 percent per year has been dismantled. Through 2010, actual growth is nearly 20 percent -- or close to $\$ 3$ trillion - below the historical norm. Pawlenty is saying we have to do our best to close that humungous output and jobs gap. <br> He also notes that by reigniting growth and a stronger jobs market that demand for government-spending assistance will come down while tax revenues will go up. In other words, we'll never solve the spending-andborrowing problem without a major increase in growth. <br> Is he serious? Of course he is. And he's pretty darned specific. Remember, this is a guy who said no to ethanol subsidies in lowa, yes to extending the Social Security retirement age in Florida and no to crony capitalism for Wall Street banks in New York. <br> In other words, Tim Pawlenty is a tough hombre. <br> If he stays on message unrelentingly, his growth plan could carry him right to the White House. <br> Lary Kudlow, National Review Online's Economics Editor, is host of CNBC's The Kudlow Report' and author of the dally web blog Kudlow's Money Politics. blog Kudiow's Money Politics. |
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Pawlenty's 5 percent job growth vision
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House gives first OK to health bill
AUSTIN (AP) - Texas lawmakers voted Wednessay to allow the state to oioin a proposed interstate compact
that would let members decipe for thenter that would let members decide er themselves how to
structure and disburse federal health care benefits within their states.
The Texas House tentatively approved legislation in favor of a multistate agreement that, if it were approved
by Congress, would give states power to adot by Congress, would give states power to adopt their own
health care rules rather than federal regulations. The biil now goes to the Senate for approval.
Cowlahoma and Georgia already have passed legisla-
On tion creating the compact, although Congress hasn't given any indication it would accept such a proposal.
States would receive federal health care funding as a States would receive federal health care funding as a Medicaid programs under the Texas bill introduced by Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R -Brenham.
Kolkhorst said the legislation aims to give states more
flexibility to adjust spending, but Democrats argued the flexibility to adjust spending, but Democrats argued the
bill would reduce Medicare funds to senior citizens. bill Would reduce Medicare fands to senior citizens.
Kolkhorst said her bill wasn't intended to put seniors' access to Medicare at risk, but the House did approve an amendment that explicitly prohibits the compact from negatively impacting Medicare entitlements
IIf we're going to join a compact, let's not be the tail II we re going to join a compact, let's not be the tail
on this dog." said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston,
who authored the amendment "When it on this dog. Said Rep. Syester
who authored ente amendment. Whes to mak-
ing policy and running the risk of other states leading ing policy and running the risk of other states leading
Texas, that raises a red flag.,
Otherss remained adamanty opposed to joining the Others remained adamantly opposed to
compact, with or without the amendment.
compact, with or without the amendment.
This bill is designed as an offense to get rid or the guarantee of health coverage," said Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston. "The principle is not to improve
health care. It is to unwind the government health care health car
system."
Firefighting crews in N.M. brace for wind

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. Wednesday to reopen the
(AP)-Some residents near $\begin{array}{ll}\text { (AP) - Some residents near } & \text { park for the evening bat } \\ \text { the New Mexico-Colorado } \\ \text { flight after the roadway was }\end{array}$ border were able to return home Wednesday and a national park on the oppo-
site end of the state reopened site end of the state reopened
just before dusk after crews just before dusk after crews
worked feverishly throughout the day to get a jump on two growing wildfires of worsening weather.
Forecasts Forecasts through the
weekend called for stronger winds, little humidity and above-normal tempera-
tures, or what fire tures, or what fire officials and meteorologists refer
to as critical fire weather. to as critical fire weather.
Temperatures reached the triple digits in the state's
southeastern corner, where southeastern comer, where crews were battling a blaze that surrounded Carls Cavems National Park. done today," fire information officer Joel Armwine said, noting that the Loop
fire was 70 percent confire was 70 percent con-
tained by Wednesday night tained by wednesday night
and the park's visitors center and the park's visitors center
and employee housing were out of danger.
The Loop fire started
Monday and charred about Monday and charred about
30,500 acres of desert scrub by Wednesday. The park, which sees hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, had closed because of
the fire. the fire.
Officials cleared of hazards left behind by the fire. For visitors,
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less bats leave the cave's
natural entrance at dusk is natural entrance at dusk is
one of the highlights of the one to Carlsbad Cavems.

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## ATF: Border gun operation a disaster

WASHINGTON (AP) - Three House committee on Wednesday that they were repeatedly ordered 10 step aside while gun buyers in Arizona walked away with AK-47s and other high-powered weaponry a risky US law enforcement peration that went out of control. Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., said
leaders of the Bureau of Alcohol, eaders of the Bureau of Alcohol,
Iobacco, Firearms and Explosives were fully aware of the details of was designed to track small-time gun buyers up to major weapons
raffickers along the Southw rraffickers along the Southwest
border. At a hearing before the
Oversight and Government Reform Committee. which Issa chairs, Republican. Sen. Chuck Grassley
of lowa said hundreds of weapons At a hearing before the
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Oversight and Government Reform
Comme buyer under scrutiny in the
Remublice. which Issa chairs, Sen. Chuck Grasserey
operation turned up at a shootoont
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Border Protection Customs and
ogent Brian destined for cartels in Mexico were. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Border Protection agent Brian } \\ & \text { Terry was killed. }\end{aligned}$ purchased in Arizona gun shops
One agent. John Dodson, who took ns agent. John Dodson, who took official made a wrong decision estimated that 1,800 guns in Fast
and flurious were unaccounted for
and about mather he three investiga Ar. Peter forcelli, said that "based pon my conversations with agents
ho asubted in this case, surveil

## Justice's inspector general criti cized ATF for focusing "largely

 on inspections of gun dealers and investigations of straw purchasers,rather than on higher-level traffickers, smugglers and the ultimate recipients of the trafficked guns."
The IG said some ATF managers The IG said some ATF managers
discourage agents from conducting discourage agents from conducting
complex conspiracy investigations that target tigh-level traffickers.
"Federal prosecutors "Federal prosecutors told us
that directing the efforts ... toward that directing the efforts $\ldots$ toward
building larger, multi-defendant bulding larger, multi-defendant
conspiracy cases would better disrupt trafficking organizations," the
IG said. IG said.
Operation Fast and Furious came Operation Fast and Furious came purchased by a now-indicted small-
time buyer under scrutiny in the
operation turned up at a shootout
in Accasions I personally requested where Customs and
ot ointerdict or seize firearms, but
Border Protection agent Brian
was always ordered to stand down
Terry was killed.
we knew to be destined for crimi-
nals - this was the plan," said nals -1
Dodson

In one case, Dodson said, he watched a suspect receive a bag filled with cash from a third party, then proceed to a gun dealer and buy weapons with that cash and deliver them to the same unidenti-
fied third party. In that and other fied third party. In that and other
instances,, his instructions were to instances,
do nothing.
"Survilla
"Surveillance operations like this were the rule, not the exception, were the rule, not the exception,
said Dodson. "This was not a matter of weapons getting away from us, or allowing a few to walk so as to follow them to a much larger or more significant targe
The
James Casa, said that "on several and not to seize the firearms."

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& \text { Casa said that "the surveillance } \\
& \text { team followed straw purchasers to }
\end{aligned}
$$ team followed straw purchasers to

Phoenix area firearms dealers and would observe the straw purchasers buy firearms in hand. On many of ous firearms in hand. On many of
those occasions, the surveillance team would then follow the straw purchasers either to a residence,
public location or until the surveil public location or until the surveil
lance team was spotted by the straw purchasers. But the end result was always the same - the surveillance was terminated" by others up the chain of command.
prise and concern with this tactic.

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& \text { prise and concern with this tactic, } \\
& \text { my concerns were dismissed" by } \\
& \text { suneriors }
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## my conce superiors.

"To allow a gun to walk is idi-
otic," said Forcellic."This wat otic,", said Forcellii,
catastrophic disaster.,
catastrophic disaster." Weich, hea
Early this year,
of Justice's office of legislative
affairs, wrote in a letter that ATF affairs, wrote in a letter that ATF makes "every effort to interdic
weapons that have been purchase illegally and prevent their trans portation into Mexico." Issa asked whether Weich now considers tha g to be false

## "I'm not prepared to

## BANaNAGRAMS!



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Dear Abby
By Pauline \& Jeanne Phillips
DEAR ABBY Thave ROCHESTER.N.Y six or more children and ever been moved to write DEAR PROUD MOM: $\begin{aligned} & \text { six or more children and } \\ & \text { living happily ever after in }\end{aligned}$ Thank you for sharing wedded bliss. MY dream was trom a mom who revelation. The follow. dogs in a quiet, rural area.
ing responses may offer "Concerned" may be puta) worrted that while her other interesting insights "ting too much pressure on actra had no for "Concerned" to con- her daughter, causing her
to rush into relationships
Thbtem attracting men, sider. Read on:
 Nenturnur and beautiful tractive frectiend "Jan" has for herself. Then, maybe. nughter had successtul, had two failed marriages the man of her dreams will
handsome and wonderful and four short-term rela- come to her. - REALIS-


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the family circus


They're encyclopedias. When Daddy was a kid he used them to find out stuff.

Non Sequitur


(ip) BIRIHIDAY for Inday. June $\begin{aligned} & \text { Revamp your schedule if need be. Don } \\ & \text { aillow boredom to enter your day. Tonight }\end{aligned}$
(un) hip to meve tex) fast If you are at- $\quad \star \star \star \star$ Let go of worry, It is getting
dings to the heat of the trond ( AP .
The Star Shom the Kind of Day You'll
ARIES (March 21-April 19,
$\star \star \star \star$ People have expectations that
nedto diacels meet. On onvestment with a tam-
It member Still a boss expects only the
nest trom you it now more Can you meet
everyone © expectations'. Tonight. Happy
" head home
TAU RIS (April 20-May 20)
$\star \star \star \star \star \star$ Once more it it
av and how you you sit that detemines the
say and how you say t that determines the
end results. Try to detach and understand
end results. Try to detach and understand
where someore is coming from. Listen to
where someone is coming from. Listen to
what is being said, but also be aware of
what is being left
what is being left out. Tonight: Share with
trends
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
$\star \star \star \star \star \star$ You might want to review a
personal situation more carefully. A part-
personal situatuon more carefully. A part-
ner gives feedback that makes you feel
very good. Be willing to take a stand and
move forward. Your creativity flourishses.
Tonight: Treat someone to munchis and
Tonigh:
a drink.
a drnkk
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
$\star \star \star \star$ Defer to others and listen to
what they share. A meecting could become
a social happening at the last minute. In-
vile a aamily member. loved one or finend
to oin you after work. He or she will like
hanging out with your work buddies. To-
night: Go along for the ride.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
$\star \star \star \star$ Stay even and level with a boss
who keeps making requests. You could
get overwhelmed quickly. News from a
distance proves to be a real eye-opener.
 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Don't share all your ideay with a parther. He or she mught misinter-
pret what you ure saying . You donit want
to create a problem. do you? A partner or to create a problem. do you'. A parther in
associate continues to be unpredictable
Tonight Ever playtul II is the weekend. you know! LBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)


Shoe


Mother Goose and Grim


Beetle Bailey


Marvin
 you realize. Tonight: Stay close to home
SCORPIO OOct $\star \star \star \star \star$ Say the night words, and sofeone could acquiesce. Otherrs make an
effort. They each have their etfort. They each have their own reasons.
and might not be as clear as you would needs to happen in order to clear the airTonight: Hang out
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) $\star \star \star \star \star$ Listen to what is happening $\star \star \star \star$ Listen to what is happening
between you and another person. A conversation could point you in a new direction. A friend could be unusually somber
or touchy. Let go of restraints and stay or touchy. Let go of restraints and stay
centered. Tonight Your treat.
CAPRICORN CAPRICORN (Dec. 22.Jan. 19) $\star \star \star \star \star$ Consider a risk and be creative. News comes in from others. How you put together your needs with another person's reflects your interpersonal skills. ging you down. Tonight: All smiles. The world is your oyster. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) $\star \star \star$ Continue to maintain a low
profile. Your sense of direction tells you profile. Your sense of direction tells you
to go off and do something you have al-
ways wanted to ways wanted to do. No one seems to be
wo

Hagar The Horrible


Peanuts


Blondie door, you are off? Tonight: Knock your
socks off. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) $\star \star \star \star \star$ Zero in on what you want. Others would be only too pleased to not only pave your path, but to celebsate your success at the end. Fuiends and associates
play a strong role in events. Don't overplay a strong role in events. Don't overnight: Where your friends are.


The Pampa News Classifieds


## Sports

Soaking Wet: A Running Diary at the water park


Dallas turns out for Mavericks' parade


Now
ciga
Ten cigar from teammate Jason
Terry before boat loat. "If it hasn't sunk in on the top of the world now so it feels amazing.
For 13 years lve for this moment. It's amazing and we're all going to
enjoy it." enjoy it."
The parade featured three The parade featured three
floats, 10 convertibles and a dozen trucks. It started a few minutes late and was to go less than a mile, end-
ing near the team's arena ing near the team's arena,
where a bash was planned where a bash was planned
for 10,000 season-ticket holders. Police closed the plaza outside the building hours before the parade after it reached its capacity
of 3,000 people. of 3,000 people
Those inside ed to a replay of the chat-pionship-clinching victory
over Le-Bron James and the over LeBron James and the
Miami Heat on Sunday Miami Heat on Sunday.
Temperatures were Temperatures were in of the parade and a high of the parade and a high
of around 100 was in the of around 100 was in the
forecast, according to the
concession stand a try.
Wonder if Wonder if their food will
be Iron Chef quality or be Iron Chef quality or
Worst Cooks of America Worst Cooks of America.
I got a slice of pizza from I got a slice of pizza from
Domino's, which wasn't too bad. At the stand I got to visit with Reid Miller
and Jonathan Polasek about and Jonathan Polasek about Lebron James' failure in
the finals and the articles I wrote for them in the past. After lunch 1 revisited
the blue slide and the blue slide and former Harvester catcher Anthony
Allen was in the pool to make sure participants made it safe party. When I slid
down I accidentally yrough down I accidentally brought
back memories for of his back memories for of his
days behind the plate as I days behind the plate as I
nearly slidi into him. Don't worry, neither of us were
hurt. By the way, don't drink the pool way, don't In the late afternoon, the crowds picked up meaning
longer waits at the slides Being wet, I was feeling
cooler, and I mean tempercooler, and I mean temper-
ature-wise I took a small break from the slides and lald out on my chair to
warm up. After warming up. I went on the slides until 3 when a pool break was
called. After realizing I've been at the park for almost
three hours 1 decided it was
the perfect three hours I decided it was
The perfect time to depart.
Tof my feet wer The top of my feet were
sunburned. Worker's comsunburned. Worker's com-
pensation will pick that up.



To celebrate Father's Day, we are having a tasting this Friday, June 17th, from 4-8pm
We will be tasting various beers from a Ft. Worth based brewery, Rahr \& Son's. We will also be featuring another Texas brewery, Saint Arnold, from Houston. We are also going to have a prime brew from Kirin, a Japenese brewery, called Kirin Ichiban.

For the wine and chocolate lovers, we are going to sample Chocolate Shop, a Merlot
infused with chocolate
A new wine in the store for all the Moscato lovers, is Beringer's Red Moscato.

## 18 Pk Bottles

 or Cans:Bud; Bud Light; Bud Select 55; Miller Lite; MGD 64; Coors Banquet; Coors Light.


Remember we will ice down your cooler with purchase.
Sale prices effective:
6/16-6/18/11.
Easy's Westsicle Package
1300 N. Price Rd. •669-5902


Come away with a lot more than you hargained for with these local garage sale listings!

Ads will be in The Pampa News on Thursday, June 23rd and Friday, June 24th on special pages. Reserve your ad now! \$20 paid in advance including $1 \times 2$ box ad for 2 days. Free garage sale kit which includes 2 signs, pricing stickers, sales record form and some garage sale tips. Use only 1 address per ad. Deadline for ads on the special pages is Tuestay, June 21st, before $4: 00$ p.m.


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