

## Redistricting saga a headache for election office

## - Voter registration mail-out, election school, securing polling places all held up

(Editor's Note: This story is part of a "Elections are never easy at best, but series examining the difficulties posed when you factor in not knowing when locally by the prolonged redistricting process.] your election date is, it becomes the most difficult thing.'
Not knowing the primary election date bad enough for casual voters, but when our job essentially hinges on schedulin
Arnie Aurellano editoretheparmpanews.com With Texas repeatedly moving its primary date as the redistricting debate has raged over the last few months; Lind Lewis, Gray County election administrator, has had a lot of practice with a mov ing target. "We're constantly having to readjus our sights," said Lewis with a laugh events around th
be overbearing.
"Knowing that date is actually our springboard for getting that election launched," Lewis said. "Not having that date nailed down and not being able to schedule every little thing that revolve around that date, it's frustrating. Your
 Linda Lewis, Gray County elections staff photo by Arnie Aurellano istration cards that have yet to be mailed because of the chaos caused by istrationged redistricting.

## WIND INSTRUMENT


staff photo by Mollie Bryant
Joel Hart of Hydro-Star Energy, LLC of Amarillo surveys the recently delivered wind turbine at Pampa Junior High School. The turbine, which is currently laying on its side on the PJHS grounds, will be erected on Monday morning on the south side of the campus.

Five drug arrests from Wed. to Fri.


Hungarian Child Evangelism Fellowship director to visit

## Anderew Glover

Faith Bible Church, Harvest Bible Church and The Good News Club at Lamar Elementary will have a special visitor Tuesday and Wednesday, when Gábor
Ferenci, national director of Hungary's branch of the Ferenci, national director of Hungary's branch of
Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), stops by.

Ferenci will speak at Lamar Elementary's Good News Bible Church member Pat Kennedy said. Club at $3: 30$ p.m. Tuesday. At 7 p.m., he will speak to a Kennedy said CEF is a worldwide missionary effort group at a Faith Bible Church's member's home on the that stemmed from an old ministry in the United States. 200 block of N. Walnut Street. On Wednesday, Ferenci will speak at Harvest Bible Church's children's group "It will be interesting to have someone come from Hungary and hear what is going on in Hungary," Faith Hungary and hear what is going on in Hungary," Faith

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## PAMPA FORECAST

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Today: Sunny, with a high near 55. Wind chill values between 16 and 26 early. West northas high as 25 mph .
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. Wind chill values between 20 and 25 . West wind between
high as 20 mph .
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 65. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around
36. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph .
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 71 . South
southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph , with southeast wind between
gusts as high as 20 mph .

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around
39. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph , with gusts as high as 25 mph .
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## Ohio emerges as microcosm of GOP race

WILLOUGHBY, Ohio (AP) is proving to be the perfect microcosm of the nation's unruly race for
the Republican presidential nomina the Republican presidential nomina-
tion: Mitt Romney is spending lots
of money, Rick Santonm is of money, Rick Santorum is aggressively courting conservatives and
Newt Gingrich is counting on big ideas to swing votes his way.
of the 10 states weighing in Tuesday, Ohio offers the hotest con test. And with its diverse population, reputation as a presidential battleground and preoccupation with the
same economic worries that nag the nation at large, Ohio seems destined to foreshadow the shape of the campaign as it heads toward November. of the political universe in America," of the political universe in America,"
Santorum declared Friday night during a packed campaign stop in this northeastern Ohio town set along
Lake Erie. Lake Erie.
And despite the vast territory in
play across the country, from Alask play across the country, from Alaska
and Idaho to Vermont, Virginia and Georgia, Romney will sleep in Ohio every night until Tuesday. It's that
important to him. important to him.
Even so the race
in similar fashion in the other states with contests Tuesday. The former Massachusetts governor and his allies were flooding the airwaves,
outpacing his rivals in every Super Tuesday state except in North Dakota, where Santorum was alone on the air but spending less than $\$ 8,000$.
Romney campaigned in Washingto Romney campaigned in Washington
on Friday, the day before the state's on Friday, the day before the state's
caucuses, as he closed a Western
swing.
Romn
Romney has much of Ohio's Re-
publican establishment behind publican establishment behind him
after years of courting the party's ater years of courting the
county chairmen and donors.
"When early on a proarty chairman gets a cal.
the front-runner and perceived as the front-runner and they ask you to
sign on as a county chairman, it's sign on as a county chairman, it's
easy to say yes and it's hard to say easy to say yes and it's hard to say
no," said Mark Munroe, the Mahon-
ing County GOP ing County GOP chief who is leading Romney's efforts in the northeastern
Ohio county. "We've seen the Rom Ohio county. "We've seen the Rom-
ney campaign in action since late
last year He was ney campalgn in action since late
last year. He was able to start early
and that makes such and that makes such a huge differ-
ence."
Romney's camp insists he does not
need to need to win Ohio to get the presi-
dential nomination or even to keep alive the expectation that he even-
tually will. Losing here, however

## Obituaries

Cecilia Ann Rapstine, 68
 chidren. She was preceded one brother, Ray Cole Johnson
Survivors include her
would drive persistent doubts about
the strength of Romney's candidacy
after a closer-than-expected race in
Michigan and a string of comments Michigan and a string of comments that have drav.
sonal wealth.
Clevelainging Friday night in standard spomney delivered his on the economy, though he fited trade - a critical issue in a manu-
facturing state that's been hurt by foreign competition.
"When we have trade with other nations it's good for us ... we do bet-
ter as a society. We're able to have ter as a society. We' re aboe to have
more stuff and have a more prosperous life," he said. "But that's only the case as long as the people we trade
with don't cheat. And in the case of with don't cheat. And in the case of China, they're cheating." The crowd
cheered, with many nodding their heads.
Romn
Romney, who's visited Ohio,
North Dakota, Idaho and Washing North Dakota, Idaho and Washing-
ton state in the past two days also ton state in the past two days, also
said the campaigning allows him to meet people who aren't regularly in the news. "When you get to do what I do and you meet, you know, aver-
age, ordinary citizens like ourselves, age, ordinary citizens like ourselves,
well, you get a sense of ally at the heart and at the core of the American people," he said.
Figures provided to The Associatis spending more than $\$ 1.5$ million is spending more than $\$ 1.5$ million
in television ads this week in Ohio and his allies are on the air with almost $\$ 1.5$ million. In total, Romney
and his supporters planned to spend and his supporters planned to spend
more than $\$ 3.8$ million on cable and broadcast television ads.
His rivals dismiss the spending.
"The Romney organization is nothing more than money," said Ohio
Attorney General Mike DeWine, an early Romney backer who defected to Santorum just as the former Pennsylvania senator's late rise captured the interest of conservative leaders
who were lukewam, at best who were lukewarm, at best, about
Romney's record. Santorum and his allies are spending only $\$ 796,000$ in total on Ohio. Yet a Quinnipiac University poll
released Friday found Santorm released Friday found Santorum
polling at 35 percent support and polling at 35 percent support and
Romney at 31 percent support - essentially a tie.
"When Ohio whispers, people lis-
ten," Santorum said Friday night ten," Santorum said Friday night.
"When Ohio shouts, 'We want a "When Ohio shouts, 'We want à
conservative,' this country will stand up and join you."
Ohio's Republican electorate
similar to that of the most recent
hard-fought state, Michigan, con-hard-fought state, Michigan, conas well as churchgoors focused heav-
ily on social issues. Here, as in the ily on social issues. Here, as in that
fellow Rust Belt state narrowly won by Romney, the economy dominates voters' concerns, and Romney and Santorum both were playing to them.
And, as they could in Michigan, And, as they could in Michigan,
voters in Ohio will be able to declare party affiliation at the polls. "Warty got the same problems
"We everyone else does," said Gary as everyone else does," said Gary
Green, a 56 -year-old Chillicothe Green, a 56 -year-old Chillicothe
business owner who attended a Santorum event Friday but still is leaning toward candidate Ron Paul. "We need jobs."
Sen. Rob P
Sen. Rob Portman, a Romney sup-
porter who plans to campaign with porter who plans to campaign with
him at four events on Saturday, said homney "doessn't have to win in Ohio, but it sure would help."
"I don't think people in "I don't think people in Ohio
thought this primary was going to hought this primary was going to thought this thing would be wrapped up in Florida."
It ins't clear whether Santorum has
any paid staff on the ground As is the any paid staff on the ground. As is the
case elsewhere, Santorum is relying on volunteers and local leaders such as DeWine to power his campaign. Santorum's top aides still don't have a national campaign headquarters.
Highway rest stops and advisers' tel rooms are the base of their ragtag yet oddly durable operation. His campaign faces another prob-
lem in Ohio. He failed to qualify for lem in Ohio. He failed to qualify for
the ballot in three congressional districts, and party officials said Friday he filed an incomplete slate of delegates in another six districts, costing him up to nine delegates more. The
state Republican Party would make the final determination on what to do with unallocated delegates based on party rules.
Santorum
day evening, hoping rally late Friday evening, hoping to generate the
enthusiasm that helped him win the lowa and Minnesota caucuses, as well as the Colorado primary and Missouri's nonbinding primary.
He'll spend Saturday in the state He'll spend Saturday in the state
as well, before traveling to Tennesas well, before traveling to Tennes-
see and Oklahoma. He's tentatively scheduled to return to the state Monday and stay through Super Tuesday. Gingrich is short on cash and has
been camped out in Georgia trying to prevent an embarrassing home state loss on Tuesday. But he's still a OHIO cont. on page 7A

## Fortherecord

Police Department $\begin{gathered}\text { A violation of city ordi- } \\ \text { nance occurred at the } 600\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { A suspicious vehicle was garding charges of driv- }\end{gathered}$ The Pampa Police De- block of North Faulkner. of North Duncan. a child passenger, theft by partment reported the fol- A burglary occurred at Suspicious persons were check, possession of a con-
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Charles Edmond Wil-
liams III, 31, was arrested
by police for possession of
controlled substance
a controlled substance.
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21, was arrested by police,
for failure to identify a
session of a controlled sub-
stance.

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Kingsaland and cen
 Falls, Gaugher, Holly Bergeron and husband Clayton of
Granite Shoals; four grandchilderen.
 home health nurse, Lorie Northame, Dr. Ryan Morris
and CNA, Tina Herren

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Sheriff's Office The Gray County Sher-
iff's Office reported the iffrs Office reported the
following arrests for the 24 following arrests for the 24
hour period ending Friday, March 2 at 7 a.m. was arrested by deputies
for insufficien bond re-

## MORNINGRUSH

HOA to teen: Lose the kangaroo SPRING (AP) - A suburban Houston homeowner assciaition has rescinded orders hata a family get rid of 16 yearol old birt with Dowo ne yydiove.
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Jeni Dreis last week to demand removal of like the
 ter Kayla's pet.

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-ng him to a w widdifife peark they rece planning
Teacher gets 5 years for abuse
WACO (AP) - A former Central Texas kindergarten prison for sexual abuse of students.
A plea agreement reached Thursday night in Waco means 41 -year-old Fernando Antonio Campos
Monterrey, Mexico, faces deportation after prison.
Monterrey, Mexico, faces deportation after prison.
The former Alta Vista Montessori Magnet School teacher preaded guilty to two counsts of indecency with
a child. Each count carries a five-year prison term, to be erved concurrently
Investigators say that Campos, who was hired as a
bilingual instructor dents in his classroom during 2009,
The plea agreement came as jurors reported being deadlocked. Campos has spent nearry two years in custody. Officials say Campos must serve about six months n a Texas prison be
lowed by deportation.
Firm aims to build NG pipeline ATLANTA (AP) - A Texas-based firm hopes to build
atural gas transmission line to distribute shale gas to Georgia and other states in the South.
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that Spectra
Energy also said it has signed a non-binding letter of usiness deals that could include trasporting tha bigle-owned companies that operate near the pipeline. AGL, which transports natural gas from interstate
pipelines to residents and businesses, said in a statement pipelines to residents and businesses, said in a statement
that it is "currently exploring the advantages this project may offer."
Spectra must secure natural gas contracts before it
can build the proposed transmission line. The propose pipeline, known as the Renaissance Gas Transmission roject, would start at a connection point at Spectra's
Grid operator expects pinch
AUSTIN (AP) - The operator of the main Texas elec-
tric power grid says it expects a slim margin this summer ric power grid says it expects a slim margin this summer In its annual preliminary summer assessment released Thursday, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas says efforts are already under way to enhance voluntary
reductions in power demand during peak hours this coming summer.
In a statement, ERCOT Vice President Kent Saathoff
said above-normal temperatures are expected this sumsaid above-normal temperatures are expected this sum-
mer, although not as extreme as last summer's. If those expectations are borne out, he says ERCOT expects to be abre to meet peak demand for electric power unless there
are an unusual number of generation outages.
Dallas/Shreveport line studied MARSHALL (AP) - Amtrak and Texas transportation
officials are studying starting passenger rail service from Dallas-Fort Worth to Shreveport-Bossier City, La. In a joint statement, Amtrak and the Texas Department I Transportation said they've agreed on the scope of a
feasibility study of adding the service. Amtrak already runs its San Antonio-to-Chicago Texas Eagle service on the Union Pacific route from Fort Worth The proposal would add Longview, Mineola and Dallas DFW Airport station of the Trinity Railway Express, as well as stops in Mesquite, Forney, Terrell and Wills
Point. Amtrak says that if the study shows state-funded Amtrak service should be considered, the final decisions HIV soldier sentenced

ABILENE (AP) - A West Texas jury has sentenced a soldier to 10 years in prison after convicting him of knowingly spreading th
o an Abilene woman.
The Abilene Reporter-News reports the Taylor County The Abilene Reporter-News reports the Taylor County
ury deliberated a little over a half-hour Thursday before sentencing Johnathan McCain. Earlier Thursday, juror deliberated a little more than an hour before finding the 33 -year-old soldier guilty of aggravated assault.
According to trial testimony, the Fort Sill, Okla.-based soldier spread the virus that causes AIDS in 2009 to a
woman stationed at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene. woman stationed at Dyess Air Force Base near abilene.
McCain could have been sentenced to 20 years in prison.

## Owner sentenced in horse deaths

WAXAHACHIE (AP) - A North Texas woman con-
victed in the starving deaths of two horses has been entenced to a year in jail
A judge in Wurahachie later suspended the sentence and put 52 -year-old Barbara Renee Lee of Denton on community supervision for a year
Lee must also pay a $\$ 2,500$ fine, serve 30 days in jail as part of her supervision and has been barred from owning any more horses.
An Ellis County jury on Wednesday convicted Lee of
cruelty to animals over the horse deaths when she lived in crued yak. Two other malnourished horses were rescued. Prosecutors on Thursday said that Lee testified she
believed she did nothing wrong Priosecutors on she did nothing wrong.

## N.M. agrees to protect Permian Basin

## AlbueUgroue, N.M. (AP) - New Mexico on ing to sigm y.

riday signeds conservation agreement with hef federal "We believe these agreements are producing real
 bitter battle among environmentalists, politicians and oil and gas developers in New Mexico, and West Texas.
New Mexico Land Commissioner Ray Powell said New Mexico Land Commissioner Ray Powell said the ing a way to protect the lesser prairie-chicken and dunes sagebrush lizard while allowing for oil and gas development to continue in the Permian Basin.
"We've had enough of the circular firing squads,"
Powell said during a signing ceremony attended by Powell said during a signing ceremony attended by biologists, project managers and others from state and
federal agencies who have worked for nearly a decade to line up conservation agreements with oil companies ranchers and private land owners.
With New Mexico signing on, nearly 248,000 acres
are being added to the conservation effort are being added to the conservation effort. Offficials
with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said that is the largest area to be set aside by a single state as part of a conservation agreement.
In all, 29 oil and gas companies and 39 ranchers have 2.5 million acres.

Fish and Wildlife Service Southwest Deputy Director Joy Nicholopoulos said the agency recently approved

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Having more people on the ground monitoring the wners a betis also helped give the agencies and landizards are out idea of how many prairie-chickens and habitat.
The agency is expected to decide this summer whether chist the lizard as an endangered species. The prairieWith has been on the waiting list since 1998 . energy developers and landowners take voluntary steps oo protect habitat for the two species. In exchange, the the species not to require more conservation efforts if Nicholopoulos said saving the prairiechicken and liz Nicholopoulos said saving the prairie-chicken and lizard are important because the two are indicator species hat can signal changes in the environment. Learning
more about those changes and how to adapt will ensure future generations can continue to benefit from the
region's resources, she said. egion's resources, she said.
The listing of the lizard
The listing of the lizard has been a hot button issue for
U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., and some elected offiU.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., and some elected offi-
cials in Texas. They're concerned a listing would mean curtailed development and job losses across the Permian Basin, which makes up a large chunk of New Mexico's PERMIAN cont. on page 5A

## Ex-FLDS leader's bigamy trial gets new judge

SAN ANGELO (AP) - The West
Texas judge assigned to the bigamy trial of a former lieutenant to polyg-
amist sect leader Warren Jeffs has amist sect leader Warren Jeffs has
been replaced. been replaced.
Senior state Senior state District Judge Rober
Moore of Big Spring will replace District Judge Barbara Walther as presiding judge of Wendell Loy
Nielsen's trial, scheduled to Nielsen's trial, scheduled to begin
March 21, the San Angelo Standard Times reported.
Judge Dean Rucker, presiding judge of the 7th Administrative Judicial Region, ordered the chang
in a terse court order. The document in a terse court order. The document
gave no reason for the change, and
compound in West Texas. Jeffs, the
ecclesiastical head of the church, was convicted in August and sen-
tenced to life in prison tenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting two of his child brides.
Prosecutors said Jeffs had two dozen Prosecurate wives in all.
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Walther has presided over all of Walther has presided over all of
the FLDS trials to date. Sect attorthe FLDS trials to date. Sect attor-
neys have repeatedly asked that neys have repeatedly asked
she be replaced, accusing her of bias against sect members. Walther signed the search warrants that led to
the April 2008 raid on the Yearning For Zion ranch near Eldorado, about 45 miles south of San Angelo.

Mistakenly released N.C. killer recaptured in Dallas

YORK, S.C. (AP) - A
convicted
killer Authorities didn't realize
the mistake until the next
afternoon. afternoon.
Bryant has said he's $\begin{aligned} & \text { victed in May of second- } \\ & \text { degre murder in the } 2009\end{aligned} \begin{aligned} & \text { charges in South Carolina. } \\ & \text { Whitlock }\end{aligned}$ evaded $\begin{array}{cl}\text { Bryant has said he's } & \text { shooting death of Jamie } \\ \text { stared an investigation for months after } \\ \text { Thtrempson in Charlotte, Thompson's death but was } \\ \text { into how the mistake }\end{array}$ into how the mistake hap- N.C. Whitlock also has also eventually arrested in pened. prior convictions for bur- Texas that time.


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## Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Saturday, March 3, the 63
2012. There are 303 days left in the year Today's Highlight in History
On March 3, 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution making "The
Star-Spangled Banner" the national anthem of the Star-Spangled
United States.
On this date:
In 1845, Florida became the 27 th state. In 1849,
established
In 1887 . 18 Suliva Ala., home of Captain and Mrs. Arthur H. Keller to Ala., home of Captain and Mrs. Ar
become the teacher for their blind and deaf 6-yearold daughter, Helen.
In 1894, British Prime Minister William
Gladstone submitted Gladstone submitted his resignation to Quee
Victoria, ending his fourth and final premiership. Victoria, ending his fourth and final premiership.
In 1923, Time magazine, founded by Briton In ${ }^{\text {Indden and Henry R. Luce, made its debut. }}$ In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded Freness
In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine In 1945, the AAlies fully secured the Philippine
capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.
In 1961, King Hassan II acceded to the throne of
Morocco, following the death of his father, King Mohammed
vollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kenned on a mission to test the lunar module In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shorty after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing In 1987, comedian Danny Kaye died in Los Angeles at age 74 . In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely
beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene
captured on amateur video. Twenty-five people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing $737-200$ crashed while approaching the Colorado
Springs airport. Springs airport
Ten years ago: Voters in Switzerland approve
joining the United Nations, abandoning almos 200 years of formal neutrality. Country songwrite Harlan Howard, whose hits included "I Fall to to
Pieces" and "Busted" died in Nashville at age 74 .

Five years ago: President George W. Bush hand ed out hugs to residents who survived killer tornadoes that ripped through Alabama and Georgia
and offered encouraging words at Enterrorise High and offered encouraging words at Enterprise High
School, where students were grieving the loss of School, where stu
eight classmates.

One year ago: Seeking to repair damaged rela tions, President Barack Obama and Mexican
President Felipe Calderon agreed during a White President Felipe Calderon agreed during a White
House meeting to deepen their cooperation in combating drug violence and declared a break. through in efforts to end a long-standing dispute ver cross-border trucking. Soldiers backing Ivory Coast's defiant leader, Laurent Gbagbo, mowed down women protesting his refusal to leave power
in a hail of gunfire, killing seven.

Today's Birthdays: Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 89. Socialite Lee Radziwill is 79 Actress Hattie Winston is 67. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 65. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 62. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 59 . Actor
Robert Gossett is 58 . Rock musician John Lilley Robert Gossett is 58 . Rock musician John Lilley
is 58. Actress Miranda Richardson is 54. Radio personality Ira Glass is 53 . Actress Mary Page
Keller is 51 Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee is 50 . College Football Hal of Famer Herschel Walker is 50 . Rapper-actor Actress Julie Bowen is 42. Country singer Breti Warren (The Warren Brothers) is 41 . Actor David Faustino is 38 . Singer Ronan Keating (Boyzone is 35 . Rapper Lil' Flip is 31. Actress Jessica Bie
is 30 Rock musician Blower (aka Joe Garvey) (Hinder) is 28 .

Thought for Today: "Nothing is really real unless it happens on television." - Daniel $J$. Boorstin
educator and onetime Librarian of Congress (1914-2004).

## We welcome your letters

## To enure publicaion, pleses adher io the fol. <br> Iowing zuiditios: <br> Letters should be brief and to the point. All <br> - All letters must be signed. Submit your name, address and telephone number with the letter fo verification, Only your name and city will be <br> Uibefinmory comments whil not be published <br> - The views and opinions expressed here do not iecossarily reflect those of The Pampa News of

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Looking forward to a future ahead of me

Showers of Blessings
This has been

ings, and I don't use that term light-
ly. It started with
connect with some old friends, and developed into a way to expand $m y$ business.
But most of all, I received severa positive comments on the Weavers
staying in Pampa and a staying in Pampa, and a couple out of
the blue expressing gratitude for the the blue expressing gratitude for the
column. Like Mark Twain, I can live for two months on a good compliment. Not wanting to leave anyone out,
I try to avoid names when there I try to avoid names when there
are so many to thank, but I would
be remiss are so many to thank, but I would
be remiss not to mention Sandra
Bronner. Sandra was one of the be remiss not to mention Sandra
Bronner. Sandra was one of the
few people I met before I actufew people I met before I actu-
ally started the job. Our paths have ally started the job. Our paths have
not crossed often, but those crossings have always been pleasant, and her card and attached note struck
chord. Thanks, Sandra and all.
It's All Greek to Me
Pampa is no stranger to Greeks,
with the Gikas trothers being long
with the Gikas brothers being long. time residents and entrepreneurs,
but Greek names are not exactly but Greek names are not exactly
common here, either. Here's one to watch for - Demetriades, Keith, by
name. His name may sound unfamiliar, and he's not a native to our fair
city but he's not exactly city, but he's not exactly an outsider
His wife is the former Christie Jones, daughter of JoAnn Jones,
daughter of Jones, daughter of JoAnn Jones,
daughter of Clotille Thompson, sec-
retary to M. K. Brown The fanily retary to M. K. Brown. The family
goes back at least to the goes back at least to the 1930s in the
area, so be sure that if Keith doesn't area, so be sure that if Keith doesn't
already KNOW everybody's story aready he certainly has access to it. Keith is a recently retired US Navy
pilot and has signed on with Edwar pilot and has signed on with Edward
Jones as an investment counselo Jones as an investment counselor,
mentored by Duane Harp. There mentored by Duane Harp. Ther are Demetriadi...uhh ...Keith and
uh,
Christie have two elementry Christie have two elementary-age
daughters, Jordan and Peyton daughters, Jordan and Peyton
G-o-o-l-l-d-d-d-FINGER (well, not exactly)

## Does GOP race mirror Obama-Clinton race?

Does GOP

## Warp \& Woof

 - BUTTERFINGER". Now I love Butterfinger blizzards, but wha
really caught my eye really caught my eye - and my
weird sense of humor - was that the middle "ER" was missing from
the sign. So help me, I wanted to go in and order one just to see how they Hey Good Lookin', Whatcha Got On May 15, the Altrusa Club is
Oosting "A Taste hosting "A Taste of Pampa". You'll
be hearing more about it, but they we hearing more about it, but the
want to make sure that every res taurant, café, grill, caterer, food provider, chef, and backyard griller gets a chance to show off their wares and
skill. If you make (or sell) skill. If you make (or sell) a great
tart, iorte, tartar, tartare, torta, tortart, iorte, tartar, tartare, torta, tor-
tilla, tortellini, or truffle, come strut your stuff. (Sorry, no torts-or lute fisk-allowed.) For full informa-
tion, call Sue Pribble at The Pamp tion, call Sue Pribble at The Pampa
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Leftovers
Dang it,
Dang it, it seems like I leave column and have to pick it up the next week. Last week I intended to include the most recent acquisition
of The Citadelle in Canadian, a large

For Sarah Bernhardt by Alphonse
Mucha (1860-1939).
Back to the Future?
It would be nice, maybe, if I would cut a little slack for those who make heir living speaking-lawyers and nice, but it wouldn't be me. A few Sundays ago, Reverend Matthews (pretty sure it was Nick) said, in a of him." "That's good," I thought. "It would him-or his past in front of him." (1) think Nick said it. It could have been Blossom. Or I may have dreamed
it-I do a lot of dreaming when he. or she...or anybody else...preaches. Speaking of Dreams.
Everybody has weird dreams, guess, but occasionally I dream pretty good, and sometimes...well, let's leave it at that... and I'll let you I dreamed that I had invented a ew digital electronic notebook spe-
cifically for angry people. I called it the imad. (Ron Hurst said he was ready to order!)
What's in a Name.
Last month we went to the "First Friday Art Walk" at The Galleries in mend Center in Amarillo (I recomartist Nelda Sheets. I couldn't by but think that it sounded more like an action than a name: "My feet are name so the Nelda Sheets to the or "Nelda Sheets of drywall to da
studs."
$\qquad$ Joo Weaver lives in Pampa and is
columnist at liageo (or large acoumnist
lor The Pamp News. He Is also a greai
storteler. He may be reached at warp. stortiller. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Pe may } \\ & \text { woorequatoo.com. }\end{aligned}$


## Sunday in History

Today is Sumday, March 4 , the 64th day of 2012. There are 302
Today's Highlight in History
On March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)
On this date:
In 1681, England's King Charles II granted a charter to William Penn for an area of land that later became Pennsylvania.
In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.
In 1858, Sen. James Henry Hammond of South Carolina declared "Cotton is king" in a speech to the U.S. Senate.
In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president
of the United States. The U.S. Govermment Printing of the United States. The U.S. Govermment Printing Office began
operation. The Confederate States of America adopted as its flag the original iersion of the Stars and Bars.
In 1912 , rgoundbreaking took place in
In 1912, groundbreaking took place in New York for Ebbets Field,
home of the Brooklyn Dodgers home of the Brooklyn Dodgers. the first woman elected to the U S . In 1930, Coolidge Dam in Arizona was dedicated by its namesake, former President Calvin Coolidge.
In 1940, Kings Canyon National Park in California was estab-
In 1952, Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were married in California's San Fernando Valley
In 1960, an explosives-laden French freighter, La Coubre, exploded in Havana's harbor, killing at least 75 people. shook southeme and eastern Europe.
In 1981, a jury in Salt Lake City an avowed racist ind Salt Lake City convicted Joseph Paul Franklin, black men who'd been shot to death. (Franklin received two life sentences for this crime; he is currently on Missouri's death row for sentences for this crime; he is currently on Missour)
the 1977 murder of a Jewish man, Gerald Gordon.)

Ten years ago: Seven American soldiers were killed, 11 wounded, in Afghanistan at the outset of Operation Anaconda against remnant the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, but failed to set pollutantemission levels to meet the accord's tergets.
Five years ago: NAACP President Bruce S. Gordon announced he wes quarm citing growing strain with board members over the roup's management style and future operations. Former Sen. Thomas Eagleton, who resigned as George McGovern's running mate in
1972 after it was revealed he'd been hospitalized for depression, 1972 after it was revealed he'd been hospitalized for depression,
died in St. Louis, Mo., at age 77 . died in St. Louis, Mo., at age
One year ago: Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's regime struck back at its opponents with a powerful attack on Zawiya, the closest
opposition-held city to Tripoli, and a barrage of tear gas and live ammunition to smother new protests in the capital. NASA launched its Glory satellite from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California how airborne particles affect Earth's climate; however, the rocket carrying Glory plummeted into the southern Pacific several minutes
after liftoff.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Paula Prentiss is 74. Movie director Chris Squire (Yes) is 64 . Singer Shakin' Stevens is 64 . Author James Ellroy is 64. Texas Gov. Rick Perry is 62 . Singer Chris Rea is 61 Actor Ronn Moss is 60 . Actress Kay Lenz is 59 . Musician Emilio
Estefan is 59 . Movie director Scott Hicks is 59. Actress Catherine ${ }^{\prime}$ 'Hara is 58 . Actor Mykelti Williamson is 55 . Actress Patricia Heaton is 54. Actor Steven Weber is 51. Rock musician Jason Newsted is 49. Actress Stacy Edwards is 47. Rapper Grand Puba
is 46. Rock musician Patrick Hannan (The Sundays) is 46. Rock is 46 . Rock musician Patrick Hannan (he Sunds) Actress Patsy Kensit is 44 .
singer Evan Dando (Lemonheads) is 45 . Actar
Gay rights activist Chaz Bono is 43 . Actor Nick Stabile is 42. Rock musician Fergal Lawler (The Cranberries) is 41 . Country singer Jason Sellers is 41 . Jazz musician Jason Marsalis is 35. Actress Jessica Heap is 29 . TV personality Whitney Port is 27 . Actor Joshua Bowman is 24. Actress Andrea Bowen ("Desperate Housewives") is
22. Actress Jenna Boyd is 19.

Thought for Today: "I want to live my life so that my nights are
not full of regrets." - D.H. Lawrence, English author (1885-1930).

## Campaign

the former House speaker thically tainted. "More baggage than the airlines, is how
one widely aired ad run by the pro-Romney super PAC
Restore Our Future characterRestore Our Future character-
ized Gingrich.
Geoff Garin, a Democratic Geoff Garin, a Democratic
pollster who was Clinton's pollster who was Clinton's
chief strategist in the final chief strategist in the final months of her campaign, said
the former New York senator made sure there was no
strategy that would undermine strategy that would undermine Obama's viability in a general "Both Democratic and independent voters looked at Obama and Clinton and said to themselves, 'These are two really good candidates.' ${ }^{\text {In }}$ In a
very hard-fought contest. both very hard-fought contest, both
candidates managed to elevate themselves," Garin said. "The Republican contest this year is the complete opposite a complete demolition derby, is exponentially greater than anything that happened on the
Democratic side in 2008." Democratic side in 2008." Romney, the establishment
favorite, has presented himself as a successful businessman who knows how to fix the stillfragile economy. But he's been unable to steer past Santorum, has delighted social conservatives and whose denunciation of Romney's support for an
individual health care mandate
as Massachusetts governor has resonated with tea partyers. In 2008, Clinton and Obam issue - though parting ways over the war in Iraq, which
galvanized Democratic voters in the early part of the campaign before being overshad-
owed by economic concerns. owed by economic concerns.
Clinton, as a senator from New York, voted in 2002 to authorize the U.S. invasion. Obama, time, strongly opposed the intervention.
The GOP
The GOP primary calendar, won't vote until late in the contest, has made it all but impossible for any candidate to assemble enough delegates
to sew up the nomination anytime soon.
The long Democratic contest four years ago gener-
ated heavy voter turnut in most states. Turnout in the Republican race this year has been down in many places compared to 2008, despite Republicans' intense desire to
defeat Obama. Voter participation did pick up in Michigan and Arizona's primaries this week compared to 2008, but turnout in other states so far
has been lower or about the same as it was that year. The Obama and Clinton
campaigns were both flooded
cont. from page 4A in 2008 . Obama brought in $\$ 237$ million in the first half of the year when he was batCling Clinton drew $\$ 117$, million Clinton drew during the same period. None of the Republicans this time
is remotely on track to raise is remotely on track to raise
comparable cash, forcing them comparable cash, forcing them
to rely more heavily on their super PACs, which can raise
and spend unlimited donations as long as they don't coordinate directly with the candi-
dates. dates.
Obama
Obama and Clinton remained popular during their drawn-out
contest, while this year's race contest, while this year's race
has taken its toll on Romney's favorability. A Qunnipiac University poll released last week found 43 percent of
voters viewed him unfavorably, up from 31 percent in November.
Still, so
Still, some Republicans
insist that the lin insist that the long primary will
toughen the party's eventual toughen the party's eventual
standard bearer, much as the prolonged faceoff with Clinton was credited with preparing battle with Republican Sen. John McCain.
"lt's a healthy thing we're having a competitive primary race," said Louisiana Gov
Bobby Jindal. "A contested primary is a good thing; it'll make our nominee stronger for it."

Austin leaders approve 2013 disposable bag ban

AUSTIN (AP) - The Austin with handles.
City Council has approved a City Council has approved a The ban has exemptions, paper bags at checkout coun- newspapers, bulk foods and ters for retailers.
The The ban approved early
Friday takes effect next March Friday takes effect next March.
Reusable bags that are allowed include those made of cloth, durable materials o thicker paper and plastic bags
carry-out items from restau rants. Charitable groups rely
ing on single-use bags to dis ing on single-use bags to dis
tribute food and other assis tance are also exempt.
Supporters of the disposable
Supporters of the disposable
environmental concerns.
Leaders of the Leaders of the Texas
Retailers Association and other critics have said they
fear the bag ban fear the bag ban will affec
business. Austin city officials plan to spend $\$ 2$ million on an education campaign about the ban.

## Permian

oil and gas industry and accounts for more than two thirds of Texas' total oil pro-
duction. duction. Nearly one-third of the
basin's 8.1 million acres is basin's 8.1 million acres is
made up of New Mexico trust land. State officials said ther are more than 6,000 oil and
gas leases in this area gas leases in this area. As part of the agreement,
the state land office is classifying about 66,000 actes as off-limits to development to protect the species.
Pearce said Friday he Pearce said Friday he look
forward to reviewing the forward to reviewing
details of the agreement. "My issue is whether a list-
ing is warranted. I believe it

is not," he said. "I hope this agreement with the state, in addition to the one already in place with the counties and ocals, will be taken seriously
by Secretary Salazar before making a aush to jo jugmentor on Bisising in June.
Powell sid
Powell said protection of
the environment and energy development should not be viewed as mutually exclusive. He pointed to the industry as an economic driver and conributor to the trust that funds
ducation, hospitals and state initiatives. "The bottom line is by creating this partnership and work and the industries that are so important to the prosperity of he state, we're going to mak sure we take care of the health of all species while we gen-
erate revenues and maintain


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## Two Houston pilots home after detainment in Panama

HOUSTON (AP) - Two Houston pilots are back
in the United States after a 10 -month ordeal in which in the United States after a 10 -month ordeal in which dering investigation.
Kenneth Chonoski and Carl Moody were conditionally released and allowed to temporarily return home on Thursday. Both were arrested last May on suspithe Central American country.
The Houston Chronicle (http://bit.ly/xnAIHt reports customs inspectors found $\$ 2.3$ million in the ags of a passenger from Honduras.
Arter their arrests, the men were eventually trans
ferred to penitentiary where each lost about 20 pound and neither could speak Spanish.
"Prison is a very bad place, and 1 don $t$ wish it on anybody, Chonoski, 28 , told the newspaper after nd friends at a local airport "We are looking forwa o getting back our good names and getting on with our lives."
After four months of confinement, Moody, 67 , who After four months of confinement, Moody,
was battling health issues, was released from priso but ordered to stay in the country pending the case

## Chonoski

December.
Ida Miroled under similar conditions in Ida Mirones, a Panamanian prosecutor, told The
Associated Press on Friday the two men permission to temporarily return to the United States so they could renew their pilot licenses. "They (the pilots) continue being investigated with
other persons," she said. The pilots will return or so after they finish their a spokesman finsh their training, Bruce Hicks, employer, said Friday The two men will then remain in Panama until their case is resolved. Hicks said the men are hoping an agreement can be reached allowing them to return permanently to the U.S. until their case is done. "They have absolute trust in the Panamanian justic system. They believe it's a fair system," Hicks said.
The case won't be considered closed until charge The case won't be considered closed until charges
are resolved against all those originally accused. Three passengers, including a Colombian who claimed to be working secretly for the Drug Enforcement Administration, remain in custody. Also accused
in the case are a Panamanian customs officer and a chauffeur.

Man condemned in east Texas calling for new DNA testing
TYLER (AP) - A man who served sic evidence in the case, contending
His first conviction, a year after is not Mr. Cook's and which will
ore
 killing of an east Texas woman and
who took a plea deal to avoid a fourth
stal volume of additional untested
evidence that will further corroborate U.S. Supreme Court. $\quad$ A second trial ended with a hung McPeak said in the statement. $\begin{aligned} & \text { David } \\ & \text { Dobbs, another prosecutor }\end{aligned}$ murder trial has called for new DNA
Mr. Cook's innocence."
Smesting that he believes will prove his County district attorney Matt
Sury. Cook was convicted a third 1994, but the Texas Court of during the third trial who is now a
timene attorney in Tyler, said that testing that he believes, will prove his Smith County district attorney Matt time in 1994, but the Texas Court of defense attorney in Tyler, said that
innocence.
Bingham said he was unfamiliar with
Criminal Appeals overturned the con- prosecutors committed some "seriinnocence. Kerry Max Cook was twice sen-
tenced to death for the 1977 rape tence to death for the 1977 rape
and killing of 21 -year-old Linda Jo Edwards, of Tyler. Courts overturned both convictions. In 1999, Cook
agreed to plead no contest to murfor a sentence of time served, which allowed him to go free.
A no contest plea is not an admission of guilt but is treated as such for the purposes of sentencing.
Cook has become a speaker and author on the topic of wrongful con-
victions. His attorneys filed a motion victions. His attorneys filed a motion
this week in Smith County District

## Drugs



Galaviz


Tosh
 Williams

Bingham said he was unfamiliar with much of the case but would not oppose
the motion. He said he would look into whether any untested evidence
remains in storage. "If items exist that can be tested that shed some light on the case, I I plan on
having them tested," Bingham said having them tested," Bingham said.
Cook also filed a motion calling on District Judge Jack Skeen, who prosecuted the case, to recuse himself.
Skeen could not be reached. but Skeen could not be reached, but
Bingham said any criminal cases from
when Skeen was when Skeen was district attorney typically go to another judge.
Cook was tried three times for

Criminal Appeals overturned the conviction because prosecutors read the
testimony of a witness at the first trial testimony of a witness at the first trial
who had died. Weeks after the plea, prosecutors said semen found on Edwards' underpants matched James Mayfield, who
was Edwards' boyfriend
$\qquad$ its inquiry into the slaying shortly thereafter without charging Mayfield or anyone else.
Marc McPeak, an attorney Marc McPeak, an attorney for Cook, ing laws have changed since the nocontest plea.
"The belief is that there is additional

All those arrested in the case were charged with
money laundering, Mirones said. money laundering, Mirones said.
The pilots' Panamanian lawyer, Rosendo Miranda; The pilots' Panamanian lawyer, Rosendo Miranda;
said it was rare for the men to be allowed to leave the country when charges against everyone accused in the case had not yet been resolved.
"We are absolutely innocent of any wrongdoing," Moody, an ex-Green Beret, told the newspaper. "We
have proved our innocence. (Prosecutors) believe us and are letting us start to get back to our lives." During the ordeal, American Jet International has
been been paying their salaries, legal costs, housing and
ther expenses. ther expenses.
The men's
The men's situation was addressed by Attorney
General Eric Holder at a congressional hearing last General Eric Holder at a congressional hearing last
month in which he denied claims the pilots were part of a U.S. undercover operation.
Moody, who had only been with the company only a way, including his son graduating from Army Ranger
wast chool and being son graduating from Army Ranger school and being deployed to Afghanistan.
Chonoski, who had only been with the company seven years, said he'd had to put his life on hold as well, including having to postpone his wedding.
prosecutors committed some "seri-
ous misconduct" during the first trial ous misconduct" during the first trial
that hindered future efforts to convict
Cook.
He said Cook was entitled to test
any available evidence, though he still believes Cook was guilty. "If there's anything that can be late a date, then certainly it should be tested," Dobbs said.
New DNA testing could help exonNew DNA testing could help exon-
erate Cook. If he's formally declared innocent, Cook could seek $\$ 80,000$ for each year that he was incarcerated under the state's compensation la
for wrongfully convicted inmates.

Construction workers in kickback ring
 ossession of less than two ounces of marijuana, and charged him with
both public intoxication and posses-
sion sion of marijuana.
Bond for Galaviz was set at $\$ 1,750$.
On Thursday at 5 a.m.. officers On Thursday at 5 a.m... officers
stopped a vehicle for a t taffic viola-
tion in the 700 block of Monta tion in the 700 block of Montague
The driver. Marie Tosh, 48 , of
Perryton, consented to a search of
her vehicle. during which officers
found a substance believed to be meund a substance
Tosh was chare.
Torged with posse sion of a controlled substance, in
an amount greater than one gram,
but under four. Her bond was set at but under four. Her bond was set at
$\$ 4,500$. About midnight on Friday, officers
stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on the 3100 block of Perryton.
Officers performed a search, finding Officers performed a search, finding
a substance believed to be methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia
Charles Williams, 31, of Mansfield, La., was arrested and charged with
 The 91-count indictment filed Laguna Construction Co. and four including conspiracy, wire fraud
and money laundering after a four year, international investigation
involving US. for wartime rebuilding projects in Iraq.
The scheme sought to defraud
the U.S. Department of Defense out of millions of dollars by submitting false subcontracting claims
from offices in Albuquerque from offices in Albuquerque, San
Antonio, Texas, Iraq and Jordan, authorities said.
The indictment charges former
company president Neal company president Neal Kasper,
62, of Cibolo, Texas, former vice president Bradley Christiansen, 46 of Albuquerque, N.M., and manager Tiffany White, 45, also of
Cibolo, with conspiracy, Cibolo, with conspiracy to defraud
the U.S. of more than $\$ 5$ million the U.S. of more that
through wire fraud.
Christiansen's Christiansen's wife, Sara Christiansen, was charged with
money laundering and conspiracy Mustapha Ahmad, who is a
Lebanese citizen, Ali Al Aridhi, Lebanese citizen, Ali Al Aridhi,
who is a citizen of Iraq, and Jordanian citizens Ramzi Snobar and Yacoub Snobar also were
charged with participating in charged with participating in the
wire fraud conspiracy "The indictment alleges that the
defendants flagrantly enriched defendants flagrantly enriched
themselves at the expense of the Iraqi people - the very people
they were there to help and
American American taxpayers,
said. "The message here is simple: Stealing from our government is just as intolerable whether done
here or abroad." here or abroad."
It was unclear whether any of It was unclear whether any of
the indicted former employees
had hired attorneys. There was no answer at a phone number listed for Kasper. A phone message left
at the Christiansens' home was not at the Christiansens' home was not
immediately returned, and White did not have a phone number listed at her address. Laguna Construction Co., a feder-
ally designated minority ally designated minority disadvan-
taged business owned by Laguna Pueblo, said in a statement Friday evening that it was pleased with the indictments, saying it had worked
extensively with investigators extensively with investigators
bring the individuals to justice. bring the individuals to justice.
"We are victims of this schem as much as the federal govern-
ment and American taxpayers. The
malfeasance of these individu malfeasance of these individu-
als, in whom we placed our trust, led to the destruction of Laguna Construction Co. and the unemployment of innocent, hard-working employees," the company said.
Pueblo Gov. Richard Luarkie said he was pleased justice would be served. According to the indictment the Defense Department funded numerous construction and rebuildduring the Iraqi war and through 2011. The contracts included ones administered by the United States Air Force Center for Engineering
and the Environment. Authorities said Laguna Construction Co. successfully bid and was awarded more than $\$ 350$ million in contracts for wartime But federal authorities said from January 2004 through February 2009, Kasper, Bradley Christiansen and White colluded with the foreign nationals to defraud the U.S.
of more than $\$ 5$ million through overcharges, subcontractor kickbacks and money laundering. The indictment said Kasper, White and the Christiansens tried
to conceal the kickbacks by trans to conceal the kickbacks by trans-
ferring money into bank accounts KICKBACK cont. on page 7A


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## Full Ohio delegate slate could be out of reach for Santorum

calumbuS, Ohio (AP) - A wrinkle in his early tial hopeful Rick Santorum without almost a third of the available Ohio delegates even if he wins Super
Tuesday's primary election. Tuesday's primary election. Santorum, who took a campaign swing through the
state Friday, has already forsaken nine delegates by not being on ballots in three Ohio congressional districts. Each district merits three delegates.
Party officials said Friday the problem goes deeper.
Santorum failed to file a Santorum failed to file a full complement of del
egates in six additional districts member Bob Bennett. The holes add up to another nine delegates, for a total of 18 out of the 63 up for grabs. Santorum also did not file all 18 of his at-large delegates.
"He may very well leave delegates "He may very well leave delegates on the sidelines,"
Bennett said. "Say he would win 70 percent of the state. He doesn't have that many delegates." Chris Maloney
Ohio Republican Party spokesman says party rules call for spppointing a three-member Committee on Contest to decide what to do with the would go back to the GOP's state central committee for a final ruling.
"The leftover delegates will be considered unallo-
cated, and the presidential campaigns will cated, and the presidential campaigns will be able to file
a contest with the GOP to claim them," Maloney said. a contest with the GOP to claim them," Maloney said.
An email was not immediately answered seeking comment from the Santorum campaign.

## BP, plaintiffs reach settlement on spill

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - BP and a committee representing plaintiffs suing over the 2010 Gulf oil spill have
reached an agreement, a federal judge said late Friday night.
As a result of the agreement that will be filed with the
court for approval, the trial that was scheduled to begin court for approval, the trial that was scheduled to begin
Monday has been postponed for a second time Monday has been
Carl Barbier said.
No new date was immediately set.
The settlement will likely result in a realignment of the parties in this litigation and require substantial changes
to the current trial plan, Barbier said. He didn't elaboto the current trial plan, Barbier said. He didn't elabo-
rate, and there was no mention in his order of anything
about the status of BP's talks with rate, and there was no mention in his order of anythin
about the status of BP's talks with the federal govern ment and other parties.
The Deepwater Horizon rig exploded in the Gulf of
Mexico off Louisiana in April 2010, killing 11 workers and spewing more than 200 million gallons of oi
from an undersea well owned by BP. The spill soilin from an undersea well owned by BP. The spill soiling
sensitive tidal estuaries and beaches, killing wildlife and shutting vast areas of the Gulf to commercial fishing.
For BP, the settlement represents only a fraction of its overall liability
overall liability.
The company reported profits of $\$ 40$ billion, $\$ 77$ The company reported profits of $\$ 40$ billion, $\$ 7.7$ dividend to shareholders by 14 percent. BP recently said it has 5 deep water rigs operating in the Gulf of Mexico
and expects to be operating an additional three by the and expects
end of 2012 .
Arms-to-Iran suspect seeks bond release

En pso nip - A
 0 on bond, agreeing to com-
ply with any measures the ply with any measures the court deems Christopher Tappin, 65, is accused of trying to buy
specialized batteries for surspecialized batteries for sur-face-to-air Hawk missiles
for $\$ 25,000$ from undercover American agents, with the intent to export them to Iran. Federal judge Rober
Castaneda is expected to Castaneda is expected to
announce his decision Monday.
Tappin was escorted into the courtroom wearing an orange-red prison jumpsuit,
with his feet and one hand allowed the other hand to remain free so Tappin could use a cane he needs to walk strongly opposed by assis-

## Kickback

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of relatives and companies they controlled
Authorities said they accepted kickbacks in th cash on automoviles and to remodel residential real property. American defen dants are scheduled to appear in U.S. District
Court in Albuquerque on March 15 for arraign ments. Federal authorities said the whereabouts of the foreign nationals are
unknown.
said he didn't view not being on the ballot in three
Ohio congressional districts as an impediment to his carmpaign.
The party
The party doles out 48 delegates from the March 6 primary based on how well candidates do in each of are awarded at large. are awarded at larg
Ryan Williams, a former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, criticized the lack of delegates.
"Rick Santorum has failed to get on the ballot in Virginia, has failed to file full delegate slates in Tennessee, New Hampshire and Illinois, and has failed to submit enough delegates in several Ohio congressional districts, he said in a statement. "The fact that he

## Santorum wants Mich. split investigated

LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Rick Santorum's presidential campaign asked Friday that the Republican National
Committee's legal counsel investigate the Michigan Committee's legal counsel investigate the Michigan GOP's decision to give a delegate Santorum thought
he'd won to Mitt Romney. State party rules said 28 de
based on Tuesday's results in each of the state's 14 congressional districts. Two at-large delegates were to be awarded based on the statewide vote in the GOP presidential primary
But the state
But the state party's credentials committee said
Thursday that it changed the rules Feb. 4 to give both at-large delegates to the overall winner. As a result, rather than a 15 -15 split. Crer than a $15-15$ split.
supporter, said a party memo saying the at-large delegates would be awarded proportionally was wrong. "It is clear now that the memo did not properly com"Could you interpret it both ways? Yes. But this is what we decided." The decision angered Santorum supporters in Michigan and nationally, with some accusing party leaders of trying to make the switch so Romney could declare victory in his native state.
This request is not about the allocation of a single
delegate; it is about ensuring a transparent electoral process, avoiding unscrupulous tactics and backroom not have received the result they hoped for at the ballot
,. Santorum campaign lawyer Cleta Mitchell said in a letter sent to RNC Chairman Reince Priebus requesting the investigation.
The Santorum
The Santorum campaign said the decision to change election, a charge Michigan GOP spokesman Matt Frendewey denies.
Still, credentials committee member Mike Cox voted Thursday against giving Romney 16 delegates because he said the candidates went into Tuesday's electio
thinking the at-large delegates would be awarded proportionally because that's what a memo sent to the campaigns said.
During a conference call with reporters Friday, the
Santorum campaign's Santorum campaign's Michigan chairman said the cre dentials committee should reverse its decision giving
Romney both at-large delegates and split the delegates $15-15$ rather than allow the dispute to drag on to a fight before the RNC rules committee at the national conven"Now is the time ... to make sure this is resolved," Glenn Clark said. Frendewey said the committee can't change the rules at this point.
"They have
"They have the right to challenge the allocation of the delegates, but we've allocated them by our rules,",
Frendewey said. "The rules never changed Frendew
settled."
Michi
Michigan originally had 59 national convention dele6 , in viol lost half 6 , in violation of national party rules.

Ohio
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player of sorts in Ohio, where he plans one day of campaigning as well as a 30 -minute, policy-thick cable $\$ 2,750$ to run five times through Monday. The poll that out Gingmey and Santorum vying for the Ohio lead Paul, the favorite of the libertarian wing of his party, had 12 percent support in the poll. He planned no television ads or serious campaigning yet was sure to draw his
fervent supporters to the polling stations for a campaign fervent supporters to the polling stations for a campaign
that has yet to win a state.
Gingrich planned to visit Ohio on Saturday to appear
in a forum with former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and give remarks to a National Rifle Association event
in Findlay and a GOP dinner in Bowling Green in Findlay and a GOP dinner in Bowling Green.
Campaigning in Savannah, Ga., Gingrich called
the Republican nomination proves that Rick Santorum
is incapable of taking on President Obamg's formidable is incapable of take.
political machine."
Santorum fited two of three delegates in Ohio's 3rd, 8 th, and 12 th congressional districts and one of three delegates in the 4th, 10 th , and 16 th districts.
Bennett said Santorum didn't file altermates in all
those districts, but where they're available he believes Santorum should be allowed to use them if he wins. "I think that common sense would say that if he carries a district, you're going to give him the ability to have all three delegates (by using alternates)," Bennett said people bey opinion. You'd have to check with other people because there are going to be a whole variety of
opinions on that"" opinions on that."

Romney the "inside, establishment candidate", who would go to Washington "to manage the decay," and
said Santorum would not change the status quo, either. "We're "aid Santor would nor change me stavus ", Tyler, a former Gingrich aide who is with a pro-Gingrich Tyler, a former Gingrich aide who is with a pro-Gingrich
political committee that is spending almost $\$ 740,000$ in advertising in Georgia. "But at the same time, he has to do well in Georgia." Tyler described the state as "a lot like South Caroling to date. victory to date.
In Bellevue, come out for the Saturday caucuses, promising them 'it won't take a long time, it'll just make a big difference." His Western campaigning included stops in
North Dakota and Idaho. Massachusetts, Oklahoma and Tennessee are among the other Super Tuesday states.


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early voting is so many days out, your candidates' filing
period is so many days prior to the election - every-
thing revolves around that election date. When we don't
know when the election itself is, we're in limbo about when we can schedule all that other stuff."
On Thursday, much to Lewis' relief, Texas finally established its primary date. A panel of three federal
judges in San Antonio issued an order Thursday that sets primaries for May 29 . Candidate lists across the state may see some late additions due to the delay, as the filing period was also reopened and will close at 6 p.m.
( 5 p.m. here in Gray County due to the election office's ( 5 p.m. here in Gray Count.
closing time) next Friday.
Currently, Lewis' office is proceeding with preparations revolving around the May 29 date, although appeals from several voter interest groups may yet com
"Wlicate the process. (May 29), because there's word from San Antonio," Lewis said. "There's rumors that the entities that be are going forward with their opposition on a federal level, so we may get word to stop wh we're doing. For now, though, we're going with it."
Despite the election date finally being nailed down, though, the prolonged wait has already caused a number issues for Lewis and the election office. For one, the redistricting chaos has caused a lengthy delay in the,
mailing of voter registration cards, a source of confusion mailing of voter registration cards.
for many Gray County residents.
for many Gray County residents.
Since the new year, the election office has already released several statements through the media to let Gray County residents know that registration cards will be mailed out once a green light to do so is received
from the state. from the state. "Gray County's voters are very active," Lewis said. "They want to know what s going on, and when's a big cause for concern that, unfortunately, we just haven been able to address except for saying bear with us
They are coming, but we just haven't been able to mail them out yet." about whether her polling locations would be available. "Another thing we've had to do' is keep in constant contact with our polling places, because we' ve had to
keep rescheduling when we're going to be there," she keep rescheduling when we're going to be there," she
said. It's like, can you keep the M.K. Brown (Civic Center) open for us on this date also?"
The long wait has also delayed the reeducation of
election officials, who Lewis said often need to review election officials, who Lewis said offen need to review
procedures and equipment use because of the large procedures and equipment use because of the large
intervals between elections:
"It's created a problem in the fact that we couldn't Ferenci
have permission from their parents and principals."

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be a full-time worker with CEF starting as a trainee. Ferenci was promoted to local worker then to instructor Kennedy said she is excited about him coming. "It's a great opportunity to meet a man like that," Kennedy said.
After visiting After visiting Pampa, Ferenci will visit Amarillo, then
continue to Alabama., Ohio. Missouri and North Carolina continue to Alabama, Ohio, Missouri and North Carolina
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go forward with our election school," said Lewis.
"Normally) we bring everybody in. We take all of our (Normaily) we bring everybody in. We take all of our look at the equipment, tear down the equipment, work with the equipment - know how to do everything on Election Day to feel like they have a working knowledge. They refresh because they only do it once an
eiection, once every six months to a year. They need that refresher.
do it too har out. (Election officials) need don't want to do it too far out. (Election officials) need it as fresh as they can get it, so we've postponed it."
Those election schools, according to Lewis, are usually scheduled on the Friday before early voting starts. The secretary of state's office has yet to issue a concrete early voting date, so as of now, the election school's. cheduling remains in a holding pattern.
The primary's late spring date, Lewis said, has created
"It's condensed everything into that May turnaround time," Lewis said. "For one month, we're going to be very super busy, and it's a month when we've histori-
cally had a hard time manning the elections." "We have a difficult time having those May elections manned because we have Mother's Day and gradua-
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or further.
"We kept our strikeouts down but we
wen't weren't able to get hits," Snelgrooes said. "(Wichita Falls) defense made plays
behind their pitcher." Killgo made his second start of the season and threw strikes on 29 of 45 pitches. Wichita Falls made good use of those strikes, though, racking up eight hits in two innings. The Coyotes batted a rourv in tre' first and second innings. The favors, as it recorded three errors in those innings and six for the game. Killgo only last 1 and $2 / 3$ innings, giving up 10 runs (six earned) on eight hits and struck our one. The Coyotes led 12-1 after two.

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"(Killgo) filled the zone up and they ust hit the ball," Snelgrooes said. "When we had a chance to make plays behind him, we didn't. They are a good team and are going to go a long ways in the Junior Tyler Powell finished the game and allowed two unearned runs on four hits, walked two and struck out one in 2 and $1 / 3$ innings. The game was called
in the fifth because of the 10 -run mercy The Harvesters finished Friday with the defending 4A state champion Wichita Falls Rider Raiders. Pampa closes the Caprock Longhorns.

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## Sports

## WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

Varsity Girls Basketball

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K. Rodriguez
C. Webb
S. Acuna
A. Russell
J. Montoya
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Varsity Baseball
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Sanford-Fri
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| S. Hamifan | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

S. Hamifan
C. Ward
T. Murray
C. Manzella
C. Valle
T. Henry
J. Frost
R. Melton

Totals

| 22 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 |
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| PAMPA BATTER | AB | H | RBI BB |  |  |

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J. Thompson
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C. Killgo
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D. Coleman
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Graves 2. C. Killgo. HR - J. Lusk. SB -S. Hamifan Ward, T. Murray, C. Manzella, C. Valle. C. Engle 2

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S. J. BATTER $\quad$| 6 | 11 | 7 |
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T. Fuller
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Woods. CS - T. Fuller
S. J. PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO
Brandon OGrady
PAMPA PITCHER IP H R ER BB SO

| PAMPA PITCHER | IP | $H$ | $R$ | ER | BB SO |  |
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| Collin Killgo | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 10 |

Jordan Lemons
James Thompson $\begin{array}{llllll}1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \text { Win - O'Grady. Loss -Thompson. Save - None }\end{array}$
Win - O'Grady.
SATURDAY

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I. Guzman

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-C. Burrier
T. Bradley
T. Washingto
T. Washington
E. Maldonado
T. Jackson
M. Monge
K. Mitchell
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { K. Mitchell } & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \text { Totals } & 29 & 16 & 7 & 14 & 11 & 14\end{array}$
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| DEAR ABBY: My | DEAR ABBY: I got into a | Isaac, on the other hand, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| year-old son has a school | fight with my best friend. I'm | doesn't care much for tra |
| friend. "Jeremy." who seems | 12, and she's 13. We could | and doesn't enjoy the oc |
| like a sweet. smarr kid I I have | have solved our own prob- | He also doesn't like my friend |
| seen Jeremy's dad interact | lems, but she got her parents | or her husband. They are the |
| h him both in and out of | involved. They started saying | ones who are coordinating the |
| hool. The man talks dow | stuff on Facebook about me | trip |
| him and speaks harshly. | and my parents. I forgave her. | Isaac rarely socializes |
| This sweet boy appears to be | but I don't want to forgive her | with anyone who isn't in his |
| verbally beaten down, and it | parents. Abby, what would |  |
| kes my hear ache | you do? - CAN'T FOR | want to go and thinks I |
| What can I do? I realize I | GIVE | shouldn't go, either. Isr |
| n't know what's going on | DEAR CAN'T FOR- | unfair of him to tell me I |
| in their home. There could | GIVE: Your friend's par- | go? Would |
| be other factors causing Jer- | ents appear to be immature | to |
| emy's father to act this way. | and overly involved in their | ises that if I don't go, the two |
| But every child deserves love | daughter's life. Most tween- | of us will go together next |
| and encouragement. Any a | age tiffs are resolved by the | year. (I don't believe him.) |
| vice you can give would be | individuals having the argu- | - LANDLOCKED IN ARI- |
| appreciated. - ADVOCATE | ment. What her parents did | ZONA |
| FOR KINDNESS IN KEN- | was wrong. | DEAR LAND- |
| TUCKY | If they haven't posted | LOCKED: If you don't |
| dear advocate: | an apology on Facebook, | believe Isaac when he tells |
| Make Jeremy welcome in | they should. And if they | you he'll do something, you |
| your home as often as y | don't, my advice is to keep | must have good reason for |
| can, praise him when the | your distance from ALL |  |
| opportunity arises and give | them, because regardless of | to |
| him a willing ear if he needs | whether you have forgive | tell you that you can't take |
| to talk. Whatever "factors" | your friend, this could hap- | the cruise with your friend |
| are causing his father |  | It is also controlling. If you |
| treat him this way, they are | DEAR ABBY: A group | think you would have a |
| excuse for verbal abuse. | of about a dozen friends are | good time without him, you |
| Your kindness to that boy | planning a Caribbean cruise | should go. It's not like you'll |
| won't fix his problems | My boyfriend, "Isaac," and | be leaving for a month. He |
|  | I have been invited to join |  |
| membered all the day | the |  |
| his life. Your hospitality | get to go on trips very ofter | to discourage you, he should |
| may be the only exposure | and have never been on a | wish you "bon voyage" - |
| Jeremy has to a normal, | cruise or to the Caribbean, so | but the odds for that aren't |
| tional family. | I'm excited. | high, so don't expect it. |

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## BANWNGRAMS!

## Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then Uver letters that appears in the bottom word, the rearrange the ties to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you artive at Dhe bottom word. For example, the path from BARM to PUUM is BARK, MARK. RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

QUACK


BELLY
Yesterday's Answer 17: 2:-5; ;-8:4:


## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH
ACROSS 42 Oryx's

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"Mommy, PJ spilled his juice. Should I wipe it up or just

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday March 5, 2012: This year youn from a partner and loved ones in the ous areas of your life. You express yourself present moment will work agoinint you the in a solid, appealing manner, and you make stead, express your fatigue at this behavio your interactions effective and clear. Deal and your willingness to walk away. Towith unexpected insights, which could night: Head home quickly.
be nearly perpetual if you jot them down
LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 22)
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { be nearly perpetual if you jot them down } & \text { LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) } \\ \text { immediately. If you are single, your ap- } \\ \star \star \star \star \text { Follow your knee-jerk re }\end{array}$ inmediately. If you are single, your ap- $\quad \star \star \star \star$ Follow your knee-jerk re
peal reaches many people. Make sure you sponse with a friend who often surprises peal reaches many people. Make sure you sponse witn a friend who tached, express your caring more often, and be more willing to adjust to this person a new bond will appear in the relationship. and his or her innate swings than you are, Count on LEO to energize you. but they will start expressing feelings like ARIES (March 21-April 19) yours soon enough. Being honest will es to deal with a promising and dynamic the fun is.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) $\begin{array}{ll}\text { idea. Share what you are hearing, and get } & \text { SCORPIO (Oct. 22-Nov. 21) } \\ \text { at much feedback as possible. Someone }\end{array}$ you care about could be extremely security ers will envy your thoughts and courage. minded. Accept this person as he or she is. onight: Radiate your high energy
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) $\star \star \star$ You might prefer to mainain - Are you willing to negotiate and head srong, near-silent presence rather than act down a new path? Your flexiblity count. or take a leadership role. Know how imporant it might be to express your knowledge, caring and concems in a manner that can heard. You will opt for the conservaive route. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way
GEMIN (May 21-June 20)

| GEMIN (May 21-June 20) | $\begin{array}{l}\text { and you can only gain. Put in the extra ef- } \\ \text { fort. Tonight: Detach from your day, then }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | you cannot expect others to be mind-read- CAPRICORN (Dec.22-Jan. 19) ers. Verbalize yourf feelings. You are more $\quad \star \star \star \star$ Deal directly with others. Your ikely to be hurt if you do not express your individual focus and attention could make wulnerabiitites. You aso can docider nat out could be surprised by inal outcome. You do about someone who doesn't care about could be surprised by a real estate matter

or honor these same sensitivities. Tonight: or domestic issue. Know that you can deal or honor these same sensitivites. Tonight: or domestic issue. Know that you can d deal
Be among fiends.
with . Worry less. Tonigh: Spend quality CANCER (June 21-July 22).
$\star \star \star \star$ Zero in on what feels important,
and don't allow someone to distract you.
Be aware of this person in your envimo-
Be aware of this person in your esviron-
ment. Demonstrate kindness and sensitivity to his or her needs, and it might help end the demands. Tonight: Do some shopping. LEO (July 22-Aug. 22) $\star \star \star \star$ You can deal with nearly
anything, even if it is Monday! Express your capacity to work under pressure and digest a lot of new infomation, then act appropriately, You see beyond the obvious. omeone lets you know how much he or she trusts you. Tonight: Dream up plans,
and you might be surprised at the response. VIRGO (Aug. 22Sept. 22)

Beetle Bailey
 Marvin


Hagar The Horrible


Peanuts


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Word Search - Musically Inclined



Word Search Answers

＇Project $X$ a fun 90 －minute ride
that＇s forgettable after the fact

## HOLIWWOOD INSIDER <br> Ex－Monkee Jones left behind stage musical－will it get produced？



Sony Pictures leaving Albuquerque ALBUQUERQUE，N．M．
（AP）－Sony Pictures
Imageworks is closing its
downtown Albuquerque stu－
dio this July when the com－
pany＇s lease expires．
Sony spekesman Don
Levy declined to discuss rea－
sons for the closure，but said
the nearly 60 workers at the
studio in Albuquerque will
be offered jobs at other Sony
facilities in Canada and the
Los Angeles－area．
The studio is currently
doing post－production and
visual effects on＂Men in
Black 3？and＂The Amazing
Spider－Man．＂
Nick Maniatis，director
of the New Mexico Film
Office，said Sony＇s decision
to leave New Mexico is not
a total surprise．
＂From what I understand
it came down to an eco－
nomics deccision，＂Manaiatis
said in an interview with the
Albuquerque Journal．＂We
offer the company 25 per－
cent film incentives，while
Vancouver is going to offer
them 46 percent．It just
makes sense for them．＂
Crews at the Albuquerque
studio have worked on
films such as＂I Am
Legend，＂＂Green Lantern，＂
＂Alice in Wonderland，＂
＂Cloudy With a Chance of
Meatalls，＂＇＇The Smurfs＂
and＂G－Force．＂
Levy said the Albuquerque
office had work immediately
when it opened in 2007 and
said the hope was that digital
media would develop a hub
around the company． Even with Sony here，＂it＇s
been a challenge （animators）in the absence of （more）digital media，＂Levy said．＂Productions do ebb
and flow and and flow and artists want the opportunity for other work
when there is little work．It＇s when there is little work．It productions in a single area，
it＇s based on the decline of it＇s based on the decline of productions all around．＂of Maniatis said he had been
working to keep the com－ working to keep the
pany in Albuquerque． ＂We just couldn＇t compet with the offer that Vancouver was giving them，＂he said．
＂We tried to offer differ－ ent things to them but jus eouldn＇t keep them．＂

Will the World War II－era stage musi－and I know how the actors should be
cal that the late Davy Jones wrote ever be
speaking．And that＇s all there is to produced？Last year，the former Monkee said that he and a partner，Chris Andrews， told us he＇d written a a show in the tradi－
tion of＂Hello Dolly，＂＂West Side Story＂
money - ．－to fet it m＂－－other people＇ tion of＂Hello Dolly，＂West Side Story＂money－to get it mounted，and the

- and him，＂Oliver！＂＂Florida，Ohio－－every time I＇ve talked
 great songs，＂he enthused．＂Each charac－
sing．＂
He didn＇t have a title，but the energetic performer，who had a way of interrupting himself－a lot－－did start to perform the show for us，even singing part of a song：
＂I＇m going to move away from this town． I＇m going to go where no one＇s going to find me．And when I do，they＇ll under－ stand，they＇ll know who－－who I really
Davy said，＂The music is finished；the book＇s finished．＂He expected to direct the show，because，he said，＂I know every
character，I know how it should sound， said，＇Oh，please bring it here．＂＇ Whether his dream will go on now
hat Jones has passed away after a heart that Jones has passed away after a heart
attack at age 66 remains to be seen．It cer－ ainly shows that even though last year＇s Monkees reunion tour was cut short，
Davy was not slowing down．He was full Davy was not slowing down．He was full
of talk about his daughters，his horses， his tomes in Pennsylvania and Florida．
horse In words that seem especially meaningful now，he also gave his own take on the old
saying that today is the first day of the saying that today is the first day of the
rest of your life：＂Today is the only day in the rest of your life，＂he said，and added Life is very interesting if you want it to be interesting．＂


## Gilbert credits surgeon for DWTS

Former child star
Melissa Gilbert comfort，but somehow，I can run．I can jump
she finished the tour．I can do yoga．I can do her back surgeon for the When she returned home whatever I Im asked to fact that she＇s become one and went to the doctor，do．＂Including＂Dancing of this coming season＇s she says，＂I found I had contestants on＂Dancing
With the Stars＂－and not
the disc was werniated． just because he healed her I didn＇t know the back broken back．was actually broken．If I ＂It actually started with had，I＇m sure the doctors
him，because my final day
would have said，＇Don＇t him，because my final day （orpost－operative appoint－ Jennifer Grey won．He＇s her surgeon too，＂recounts
the amiable actress．＂He the amiable actress．＂He
started saying，＇Now you started saying，＇＇Now you
need to do it．＇I said，＇I＇m glad you think my back
is healed enough so that is healed enough so that
I can do that．If I injure I can do that．If I injure
myself，though，you have to operate for free，＇and
he laughed．＂ he laughed．
You can count on the
show highlighting her story of conquering tough physical challenges．As
you may recall，Melissa toured the country through much of 2008 and 2009，
playing Ma Ingalls in the playing Ma Ingalls in the
popular stage musical ver－ popular stage musical ver－
sion of＂Little House on he Prairie．＂For months， can＇t do．I can do Pilates．

Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Panhandle Rural Planning Organization will host an Informationa Meeting on March 13， 2012 concerning the planning of future projects．

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects．We would like to receive the public＇s input regardin
District．

The meeting will be Tuesday，March 13， 2012 at 1：30 p．m．It will be located at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission，located a ocated at the Panhandie Regio
415 SW Eighth Ave in Amarillo．

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo．An overall view of the planning process will be Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment．

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed．Speakers will be limited to five minutes．Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting．Written statements and othe Drive（P．O．Box 7368）Amarillo，Texas 79114－7368．Comments must be received no later than March 26， 2012.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting．Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication o 806.356 .3246 ．Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting．TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs．

## Community



Furgasons celebrate 50th anniversary


Walkers celebrate 35 years of matrimony J．B．and Bethel Walker for 35 years．J．B．is retired Unit．
are celebrating their won－from Exxon Mobil and The children of the cou－Junction，Colson，and Matt
derful 35 th wedding derful 35 th wedding anni－Bethel is retired from pie are Sheryl and Chuck and Elyse Ammerman versary．J．B．Walker mar－Pampa Independent School Gray，Dirk and Lori of Borger．The Walkers
ried Bethel Matthews District．They are both Ammerman all of Pampa；also have 19 grandchil－ Mathews District．They are both Ammerman all of Pampa；also have 19 grandchil－
Ammerman on March 5，active in First Baptist Mike Walker，Amarillo；dren（one deceased）and 12 1977，at Central Baptist Church and Pampa Prison Keven and Larry Rumrill，great－grandchildren，（one Church here in Pampa． J．B．and Bethel have

## Weekly <br> Menus

Pampa Meals
on Wheels
MONDAY，March Steak fingers／gravy，
broccoli casserole，car－ rots，pears TUESDA Turkey， enlish rice pilaf， toes，plum．
WEDNESD Hemburger pattie mashed potatoes，pinto beans，cornbread，peach－
THURSDAY，Mar． 8 Oven－fried
corn，bhicken， corn，baked potatoes， pudding． FRIDAY，March 9 Fish sticks，green beans， garlic bread，apricots．


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Weekly Menus
Pampa Independent School District MONDAY，March
ig in a blanket or chicken nuggets，whipped pota－ toes，English peas，peach cup
Breakfast－Break fast pizza
TUESDAY，March 6
opcom shrimp，or chicken noodle，spinach，carrot （ricks，tresh fruit，pudding，hot rol
Breakfast－Waffle stic
WEDNESDAY．March
Spaghetti \＆meatballs or popcorn chicken，green beans．tossed salad，mixed fruit，garlic toast Breakfast－Donut，sausage patty
THURSDAY，March 8 ，broccoli florets，applesamer
Breakfast－Biscuit，sausage patty
RIDAY，March 9
Chicken Fajitas or hamburger，french fries，burger Breakfast－Cereal，toast


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## Let's Eat!



Cooking with the fungus among us
ABOVE: Mur
to any meal.
 a tender texture, they readily absorb the flavors of whateve lish in which they find themselves, making them a grea
way to add buik and texture to recipe without dramatically hanging the flavor.
Portobello, and baby belfimm, meaty texture and flavor They are great sauted in a bi of olive oil, or marinated and grilled. The big ones serve as requent stand-in There are porcini, woodears, shitake, morels, crimini
oyster, enoki and chanterelle oyster, enoki and chantereiue
which are available in many grocery stores. The more exot
ic chicken-of-the-woods is :so famed because it tastes and even shreds like chicken meat As such, it is popular amon, vegcarians as a meat substi-
tute. The hen-of-the-woods, o matake, gets t's name from it'
look, sort of like the feather
head of a hen.
Truffles are a type of mushoom that grows underground
They cannot be cultivated mus cannot be cultivated, so musce they grow about one foot underground, and are undeectable to humans, specially trained dogs or pigs are used to
locate them. For these reasons, truffles may sell for thousands of dollars per pound. Luckily, ince they have a very strong flavor, a little goes a long way hey are typicaly shave, over pastas, salads, and mashed potatoes, or infused into oils to make their flavo
stretch even further stretch even further.
A fungus that is
A fungus that is quickly gaining culinary ground is called
Huitlacoche. It is a fungus that grows on ears of corn that have not been treated for fungus,
causing the kernels to swell causing the kernels to swel Rat turn green-black in color. a blight, It has long been considered a delicacy in Central America, where the Aztecs
earned to cultivated it With very deep, earthy, truffle like flavor, and due to the growing interest in diverse food sources Huitlacoche is becoming popu-
lar outside of it's home territory. ar outside of it's home territory
It is also called corn smut, corn truffles, or corn mushrooms.
There are some mushrooms or "shrooms" that are made into
a hallucinogenic tea, but that is a hallucinogenic tea, but that is post for someone else's blog.
Whatever you call them, and wherever you find them, I love mushrooms. I'll have a plate of ungus please, with a side of
A note of caution....The right kinds of mushrooms are both delicious and healthy. The wrong kind can make you high, quite sick, or very dead. Only gerous varieties apart from the safe ones. Unless you are such an expert, do not eat, or even louch, mushrooms that you find
growing wild.... Beef Mushroom and Wild
Rice "Stoup", With Sherry Rice "Stoup", With Sherry and Cream
-serves 8
-serves 8
$1 /$ cup butter
12 oz sliced fresh mush$\mathrm{romm}^{*}$
$1 / 2 \mathrm{cup}$ $1 / 2$ cup minced shallot 3 staiks celery, sliced thin brown, wild, red and black fices)
8 cups beef stock
$11 / 2$ pounds roast beef (from your grocery deli, or leftover),
cut in $1 / 4$ " cubes 1 cup sherry
2 cups fat-free half and half
In a large stockpot over mediIm heat, saute mushrooms, celsoff. Add beef and stir. Add rice and beef stock. Stir, cover, and simmer slowly for one hour
Stir in Sherry and cream. Heat Stir in Sherry and cream. Heat
for 10 more minutes before serving. This dish will be very thick...almost like a stew, rath-
or than a soup.

* use whatever fresh mushrooms you like, or an assortment. I used button and crimini. Beef Wellington Bites, with ort Reduction
Typically, Beef Wellington is a very expensive, fussy dish, which may require a second mortgage, or the selling off of hildren to pay for it. The beef is spread with the foie gras
and the mushroom duxelles wrapped in whole sheets of puff pastry, and baked to medium rare. This bite sized version uses easier to source ingredi-
ents, and quick preparation to ents, and quick preparation to
create an accessible version of a highbrow classic.
2 cups beef consomme, divid-
1 cup port wine
1 cup port wine 10 oz minced mushrooms (button, crimini, or a combinaion of the two)
1 minced shallo 2 packages puff pastry shells 6 oz foie gras*
6 oz foie gras*
8 oz roast beef, sliced $1 / 4 "$ 8 oz roast beef, sliced
thick, cut into 12 portions

Place one cup consume and the wine in a small saucepan over medium high heat. Bring
o a simmer, and simmer until 0 a simmer, and simmer until
reduced to about $1 / 3$ cup. This should take 20 minutes or more.
While the port sauce is reducing, make the Duxelles. Sautee large skillet over medium heat until softened. Add remaining ne cup beef consume, and simmer until most of the liquid
has cooked out of the mixture. Remove from heat and set aside.
Place the pastry shells on a baking sheet, and bake accord-
ing to package directions. ing to package directions.
Remove the center portion once baked.
Place $1 / 2$ oz ( $1 / 12$ th ) of the oie gras into each shell. Fill remaining space in the shell
with mushroom mixture (duxwith mushroom mixture (dux-
elles). Top with one 1 piece of beef. Place on serving platter,
and serve Port sauce on the and s
side.

* Fole gras (liver pate) is usually available in the same section as the import cheeses,
if you have a good deli departif you have a good deli depart-
ment. Goose or even duck foie ment. Goose or even duck foie
gras would typically be used in gras would typicaly be used in
this dish. However, if it is not available in your area, or if you simply wish to save money, you
may substitute pork liver saumay substiute pork iiver sau-
sage which is very inexpensive, sage which is very inexpensive,
and sold next to the hot dogs in your grocery store. It is called
braunschweiger. It comes in a braunschweiger. It comes in a
small tube-shaped container. small tube-shaped container,
and can be simply sliced and laid into the pastry shells.

Chile demand means N.M. imports at times ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - The official state quesquestion: "Locally grown or foreign?"" Fifteen or 20 years ago, you might have been able to walk into a restaurant or grocery store in New Mexico and safely
assume that fresh green or dried red chile products were That's no longer the case. More than 80 percent of all chile currently consumed in the United States is imported, accord ing to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
Most fresh green chiles come from
Most fresh green chiles come from Mexico and some
Central and South American countries, while the Central and South American countries, while the majority of
dried red chile products come from India, China and othe Asian countries.
There is no way to accurately track how much foreign
chile is consumed in New Mexico chile is consumed in New Mexico, but a fair amount wind
up here, says Carol Wight, chief executive officer of the "Most New Mexico restaurants try to use New Mexic grown chile, but I don't think there's enough grown in New
Mexico to supply even all our restaurants," she says. And "green chile is seasonal so it's not always possible to get it As for taste, New Mexico beats the competition hand down, says Danise Coon, program coordinator at the Chile Pepper Institute, New Mexico State University "It's our environment and soil and the way people grow
them around here that makes them different, and the chiles we produce have been grown here for hundreds of years and have adapted to the climate," she says. Restaurants' "dishe won't taste the same if they're using chiles that are not from
New Mexico." Even as U.S. consumption of chile has been rising Even as U.S. consumption of chile has been rising,
New Mexico's chile acreage has been declining. The New
Mexico Chile Association, a consortium of growers and Mrocesco Chile Association, a consortium of growers and processors, says planted acreage has dropped by 75 percent
from its 1992 peak of about 35,000 acres to a 2010 low of The industry made a slight comeback last year with 9,500 The industry made a slight comeback last year with 9,500 tion and managing vice president of Cervantes Enterprises, a farming and chile processing business in La Mesa. the early ' 90 s , that would be great, but. we have some hug hurdles to overcome." is a shrinking labor force and the cost The biggest of them is a shrinking labor force and the cost Chile has traditionally been harvested by hand, a job provided largely in the past by migrant farm workers fron
Mexico. Tightened border patrols and animosity surround ing immigration issues have shrunk the pool of migrant workers; meanwhile, U.S. workers haven't been inclined to do this kind of work, even in a bad economy and where the jobs pay more than minimum wage, he says.
"The labor force we do have is older and dwindling. We'r seeing people in their late 50 s and early 60 s , and we don see a lot of younger people moving in to take their place."
One thing that may revive the industry, Cervantes sug One thing that may revive the industry, Cervantes sug
gests, is increased mechanization. gests, is increased mechanization.
The value of the state's chile crop last year was abour $\$ 46.8$ million, up a little from 2010, according to Longino Bustillos, deputy director of the USDA's Nationa Agricultural Statistics Service in Las Cruces.
Because fresh green chile is highly perishable, it can't be Because fresh green chile isped tho far. That's why most imported green chile has
shipped been coming from Mexico, says Cervantes. Red chile that has been dried and ground or powdered represents the larg est segment of the state's chile industry, he says.
So how can customers who prefer New Mexico chile be sure that's what they're getting in restaurants and stores? ly state New Mexico grown; and at restaurants, ask wher the chiles come from. By doing these things, says Ana Baca, a vice president for Albuquerque-based Bueno Foods, a per son "can be part of the solution to help save New Mexico'
cultural heritage." Bueno Foods buys all its chile products from New Mexico
farmers, "because we believe New Mexico grown chile is farmers, "because we believe New Mexico grown chile is the best in the world," she says.
Likewise, Jim Thomas, a co-owner of El Pinto Restaurant in Albuquerque, says the restaurant buys its chile from growers in Hatch, N.M. and then taste ours will immed Mexico or China or India he says. "You simply cannot replicate the flavors of New

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## CONTEMPLATING ASH WEDNESDAY



## CLUB NOTES

| Altrusa International <br> meets Feb. 28 | Safety. Tips were given <br> on preventing dangerous <br> osituations and ways of pro- |
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| Altrusa International, | tection. |
| the |  |


P.E.O. members and guests atending Feb. 14 P.E.O. Friendship Luncheon are: (from left) member Marty Price and her guest, Sue Derrington
Helen Bums, guest of member Ruth Riehart. POE holds
Friendship Luncheon $\begin{gathered}\text { The Valentine-themed } \\ \text { luncheon was attended by }\end{gathered}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { The annual Friendship } & 20 \text { P.E.O. members and } \\ \text { seven guests. All those }\end{array}$ uncheon of the P.E.O. present enjoyed a vari-
isterhood Chapter CS ety of delicious salads was held on Feb. 14 at and desserts prepared by the lovely home ofP.E.O. P.E.O. members.
member, Karen Bridges.


