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CRMWA study: Pampa not projected to have shortage

■ *Study took account of five operational wells, with two scheduled to go online*

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In a Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) study that examines its member cities' abilities to meet

water needs well into the future, Pampa was the only city not projected to experience a shortage in dry year conditions without additional supplements from CRMWA. Taking into account projections for population, water use, local

water supplies and CRMWA supplies, the study, which was presented at the group's board meeting yesterday morning at the Plainview County Club, anticipated the cities' preparedness to meet average and peak demand in typical conditions and drought conditions, both without and with additional water from CRMWA.

The projection for Pampa took into account five operational wells and two additional wells to go online in the future,

but the study didn't project for the possibility of equipment decline or changes. The study predicts Pampa will meet water demands between now and 2050, but it does project coming close to a shortage on peak usage days during dry years without additional supplements from CRMWA between 2045 and 2050.

The study anticipates that Amarillo, Lubbock and Slaton will not meet average day demands by 2015 during dry

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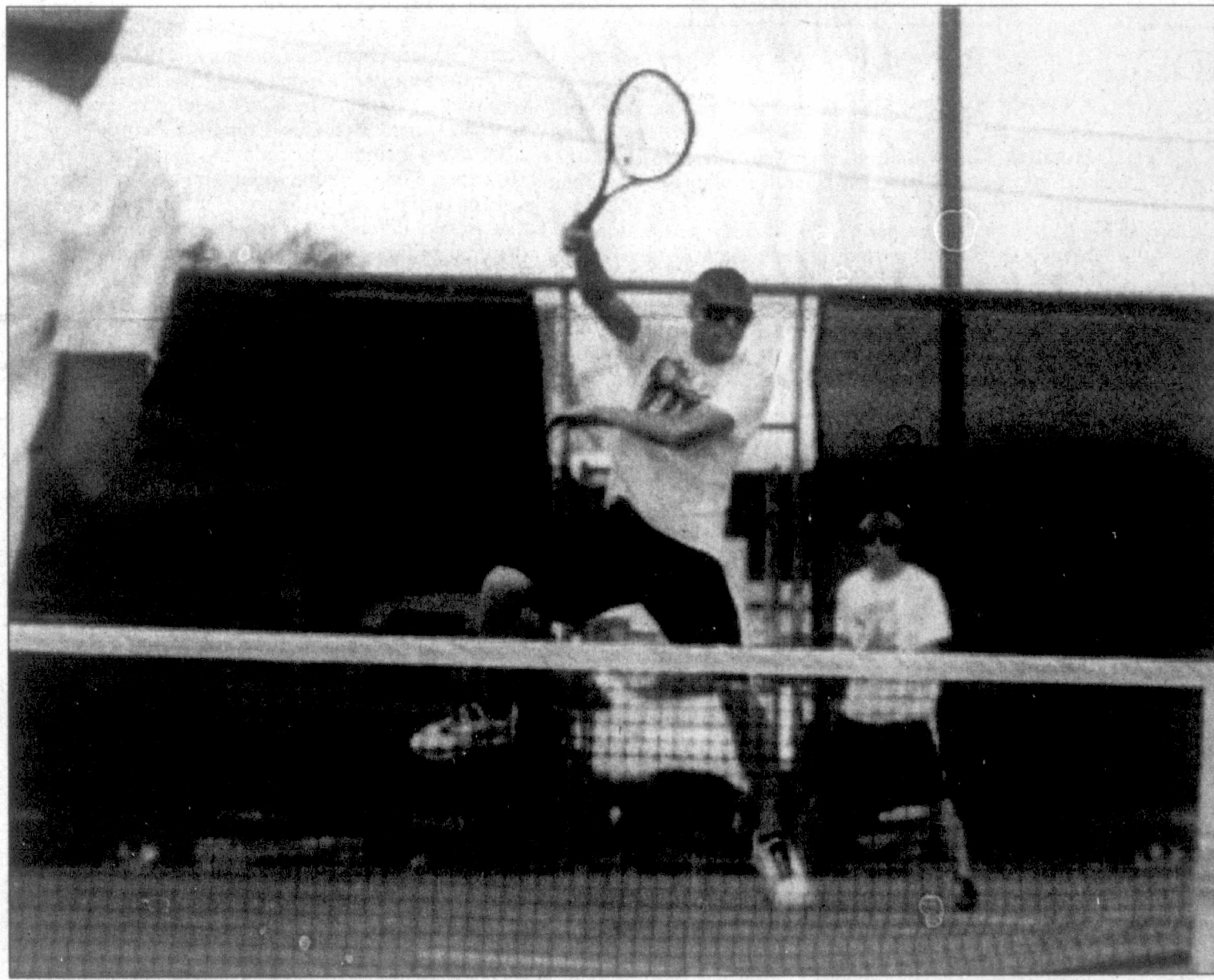


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Boys doubles champs Logan and Landon Karbo show off their court skills in the District 1-3A tennis tournament. The school produced four district champs and two runner-ups. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 9.

Xcel's arcing trailer to be at PD forum

■ *Trailer will show danger of live, high voltage power lines*

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This month's Pampa Police Department Community Meeting, to be held at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, will feature Dru Chidester, Xcel Energy's local community service manager, and the company's arc trailer, which demonstrates the damage that live power lines can deal to the human body.

"It's a trailer that we pull around that has a transformer with a capacitor," Chidester said. "We have it set up where we have a (power) line that goes across, and that line represents a line like what you'd see in your alley. I don't know the exact high voltage that's on the line, but I know that each line in your alley is 7620 volts. The line that they're creating in this arcing trailer is comparable to that voltage."

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Applications for Relay for Life scholarships now available

■ *Two for \$500, one for \$1,000 offered to students*

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In addition to the two previously announced \$500 Relay for Life Gray County scholarships donated by Clarendon College, a \$1,000 scholarship will be backed by Top O' Texas Ice and M&H Leasing, area American Cancer Society chair Christy Robinson said on Wednesday.

"Two \$500s and one \$1,000," said a proud Robinson. "Clarendon College and Top O' Texas Ice/M&H Leasing) were both very excited, and it was just brought

up and they just jumped on it. They wanted to help the youth."

To be eligible for the scholarships, students must be a resident of Gray County and provide a current school transcript. The two \$500 scholarships are open to students who are registered full time with Clarendon College Pampa Center for the upcoming fall semester and can provide an acceptance letter to the school. The \$1,000 scholarship is open to a student registered with any college or university for the upcoming fall semester, with an acceptance letter also required.

All applicants must also write a 500-word essay on "what you know about cancer and the impact cancer has had on your life."

Robinson said that the essay was chosen as a requirement to make the prospective recipients realize how much cancer affects their community -- even at such a young age -- and, in turn, how much benefit can come

from the efforts of the Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society when such tragedy does touch their lives.

"The reason that we really chose that is because our Hero of Hope this year is 18, Ashtin Sackett," Robinson said. "Our Heroes of Hope last year, one of them was 12 and the other one was 11. ... I know two or three seniors (in high school) whose mothers have died just this last year with cancer. I just want kids to know about the Relay or about Pink Out and some of the different things that we do to help. We help families with cancer with gas cards (for traveling to treatments) or wigs, that kind of stuff. A lot of kids, they've never had to experience it, but they know somebody who has. ... I want kids to talk about how it has affected them and (realize) how much the Relay can help when it happens."

The scholarship recipients will be determined by three

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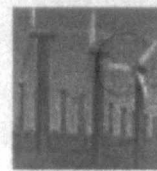

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 79 Low 52	High 78 Low 49	High 76 Low 39

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 79. Windy, with a south southeast wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Breezy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Breezy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

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Firm to bring high tech jobs to rural Texas

BELTON (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry scooped up a shovel full of dirt Wednesday, helping to ceremonially break ground on a private firm's new \$7 million information and technology facility that promises to create at least 350 jobs in a rural corner of Texas not usually known for high-tech opportunities.

CGI Group Inc. is building a 40,000-square-foot center providing technology services in Belton, about 60 miles north of Austin. It is receiving \$1.8 million from the governor's Texas Enterprise Fund, which is designed to attract major business expansion and create jobs statewide.

George Schindler, president of CGI in the U.S., said the company looked at 30 communities across five states before settling on Belton. He said the area offers a skilled workforce trained at several nearby colleges and universities — but one that won't demand the top salaries required by applicants in larger cities.

"We're getting access to talent that is untapped," Schindler said. Before the official

groundbreaking, Belton Mayor Jim Covington addressed Perry and a crowd of dignitaries under a tent in a field where the facility will be built. He likened bringing the firm to town to being in high school and asking out a pretty classmate with lots of suitors.

"CGI is the head cheerleader and we wanted to date her. We asked and she said, 'yeah, maybe,'" Covington said. "Today, we're getting married."

On a more serious note, Schindler said incentives from state and local government helped bring CGI to Belton.

Texas has long attracted large companies, including Apple Inc., to places like Austin, but Belton is the kind of locale that cutting-edge firms likely wouldn't have considered without support from the Texas Enterprise Fund, Perry said.

The governor said the state "has invested ample resources" in enticing prime job creators and academic researchers to Texas — even if it meant luring them away from opportunities elsewhere.

"I don't mind going in

and cherry-picking other states," he said with a wry smile Wednesday. "It's called competition."

Figures including the investment in CGI weren't immediately available, but Perry noted last month that the Texas Enterprise Fund has invested more than \$443.4 million and signed contracts to generate 62,000 new jobs and more than \$15.4 billion in capital investment.

It is one of two pools of state funding designed to bring job-creating firms to Texas, though critics say injecting state dollars into the business market is tantamount to "crony capitalism" and picking private-sector winners and losers.

Founded in 1976, Montreal-based CGI has approximately 31,000 employees in 16 countries. It offers end-to-end information and technology processes and services, meant to provide clients with every step of technological development.

The company already has more than 700 employees across Texas. The new center will cre-

ate at least 350 new jobs, and perhaps as many as 400, by 2016. Schindler said 50 people have already been hired for the Belton facility — which is set to open in December — and there will be about 100 hires for it by the end of the year.

Though it has a presence in places like India, CGI said it is expanding in the U.S. because some of its American clients who have moved production overseas are looking to restart operations closer to home and free from cultural, currency or time zone challenges.

Fort Hood is about a half hour's drive away, and CGI plans to recruit military veterans and their relatives. Schindler said CGI already does a lot of work for the U.S. armed forces.

The area could use an economic shot in the arm. The unemployment rate for Bell County, which includes Belton, was 7.6 percent in February and was as high as 8.6 percent last year. Texas' statewide unemployment rate has fallen for six consecutive months, to 7.1 percent in February.

Obituaries

Amanda Elizabeth Karr and Robert Woodrow Karr

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga.—Memorial services celebrating the lives of Amanda Elizabeth Karr and Robert Woodrow Karr will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2012, at First United Methodist Church in Pampa, with John Curry, officiating.

Bob died on October 11, 2010; Beth died on December 31, 2011. At the time of their deaths, they resided at Park Springs Retirement Community in Stone Mountain, Ga., where they had lived since moving from Craig Methodist Retirement Community in Amarillo in 2005. Before moving to Craig in 1997, the Karrs had been longtime residents of Pampa. Bob joined the U.S. Army and

served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He worked for Portland Gas Co., Kerr McGee, and retired from Celanese Chemical Company in 1982. Beth worked for Texas Furniture Company and was involved in many volunteer activities. The Karrs were active members of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include their children, Bob Karr of St. Louis, Mo.; John Karr of Stone Mountain, Ga.; and Mary Beth Karr of Buffalo, N.Y. Bob and Beth are also survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites memorials to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

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Man kills sister, then self

VENUS (AP) — Authorities say a woman found slain at her North Texas home apparently was killed by her brother who then committed suicide.

The Ellis County Sheriff's Office says the siblings shared a house with their father, who has Alzheimer's disease.

Justice of the Peace Jackie Miller Jr. said Wednesday that the father was at the home near Venus, about 30 miles southwest of Dallas, when the killings happened Sunday morning.

Miller says 49-year-old Diane Stallings was strangled and beaten. Authorities believe 47-year-old Doil McAnally Jr. then fatally shot himself.

Miller says the father apparently was unaware of the deaths. The woman's boyfriend discovered the bodies several hours later.

Authorities are trying to determine why the siblings apparently argued.

Other relatives are caring for the father.

US reviews water finding ideas

DENVER (AP) — Demand for water in the Colorado River basin is expected to overwhelm supply in the next 50 years as the West grows. So the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation asked the public what to do about it.

It got more than 140 ideas, including towing an iceberg to California and capturing what melts and diverting water from the Mississippi River.

The bureau won't single out any options to pursue, but it is reviewing the suggestions as part of its larger study of water supply and demand in the arid basin.

More than 30 million people in Arizona, California, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico get drinking water from the Colorado River system, which also benefits about 6 million Mexicans.

More shrimping waters open

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries says two areas of offshore state waters will reopen to shrimping Saturday morning.

About half of the outside waters already were open. At 6 a.m. Saturday, the only outside waters still closed will be those west of the Atchafalaya River Ship Channel to the western shore of Freshwater Bayou Canal.

The department says that area still has significant numbers of juvenile white shrimp, and will remain closed until further notice.

Inshore waters will remain closed.

The state Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is to consider spring inshore shrimping dates on May 3.

For a map showing which areas are closed and which will open Saturday, go to <http://1.usa.gov/shrimpoutside>.

Woman shot, spouse dies

GARLAND (AP) - Police say a Dallas-area man has committed suicide after shooting his wife in the chest and driving her to a hospital.

Medical City Dallas officials on Wednesday said the family has asked that no additional information be released on 29-year-old Ana Porto of Garland.

Garland police say 32-year-old David Espinosa of Garland died Tuesday night.

Witnesses told police about a disturbance in a coffee shop parking lot in which a man shot a woman and forced her into his pickup, then drove away.

Police began to notify hospitals. Minutes later a pickup pulled up to the emergency room of Medical City Dallas and the seriously injured woman sought help.

A Dallas police officer found Espinosa in his truck and with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. Espinosa died in the hospital.

Group flags First Amendment violations

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - Enacting a law that bars doctors from discussing gun safety with their patients. Slicing the "f-word" from a designated free-speech wall. Blocking websites about non-mainstream religions and gay-advocacy groups from public computers.

Those were some of the dubious achievements that the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression cited Thursday in announcing its "Muzzle" awards. The Charlottesville center bestows the Muzzles annually to mark the April 13 birthday of Jefferson, its namesake, a free-speech advocate and the nation's third president.

Center director Josh Wheeler says several of the 2012 winners earned their Muzzles for engaging in viewpoint censorship, which the First Amendment prohibits.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott and the state's Legislature won its Muzzle for adopting a National Rifle Association-backed law that largely prohibits its physicians from asking patients about firearms in their homes or discussing gun safety. In response to a challenge by physicians' groups and gun-control advocates, a federal judge issued a temporary injunction last fall blocking enforcement of the law, ruling that it infringed on free speech in the context of a doctor-patient relationship.

"This isn't about gun ownership, it's about speech about guns,"

Wheeler said. "They're stepping beyond their role when they try to limit what can be said about guns or gun safety."

The U.S. State Department won a Muzzle for disinviting a Palestinian political cartoonist from a government-sponsored conference that was to highlight, ironically enough, the importance of free speech and freedom of the press. Weeks before the program, State Department officials informed Majed Badra that he was no longer welcome after they found what they regarded as anti-Semitic cartoons on his website.

"That's a disturbing message sent to the rest of the world, that the U.S. just gives lip service to its commitment to free speech," Wheeler said. "There absolutely was no safety issue at all. It was a matter of not wanting to include someone whom allies or friends of the U.S. might find objectionable."

A professor at Sam Houston State University in Texas was cited for cutting the "f-word" from a university-approved "free-speech wall," on which students were invited to express themselves by writing on the wall's parchment paper. Joe Kirk asked the campus groups that sponsored the wall to remove the phrase "F*** Obama," and when they refused, Kirk excised the offending word with a box cutter, leaving intact about 100 other "f-words" on the wall.

After the students complained about Kirk's vandalism, campus police demanded that student organizers remove all the "f-words" or face disorderly-conduct charges for using profanity. The students tore down the wall instead.

Two Missouri groups won Muzzles for blocking websites from a public library and public schools.

The Salem Public Library Board of Trustees employed software that blocked Internet sites that pertained to "the occult," which a library patron learned included sites about Wiccan and Native American spiritual practices - along with sites about yoga, meditation and astrology. However, the filters didn't block mainstream religious sites' viewpoints on those same topics, including the Catholic Encyclopedia's entry on Paganism.

The Lake of the Ozarks Campdenon R-III School District won a Muzzle for blocking websites addressing lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues ΓÇö unless they condemned homosexuality on religious grounds. It had fought a lawsuit filed last year by the American Civil Liberties Union and advocacy groups that challenged the filtering policy, but agreed to a settlement last month.

The Virginia Department of Corrections won a Muzzle for the third straight year, this time

for banning prisoners from receiving non-religious, spoken-word compact discs. Owen North wanted to send inmate Shawn Goode an 11-CD boxed set of Welsh poet Dylan Thomas reading his own works, as well as that of Shakespeare and other writers. Corrections officials denied North's request, saying that they lacked the staffing to properly screen such materials to determine whether they'd been tampered with or contained inappropriate material.

North sued the agency, challenging the ban on secular spoken-word recordings. A federal judge overturned the policy, concluding that the unproven rationale behind it failed to justify "the unauthorized burdening of constitutional rights."

Other winners include Carrollton, Ga., Mayor Wayne Garner for unilaterally canceling a previously approved community production of "The Rocky Horror Show;" the Norfolk, Va., Police Department for prosecuting a man for videotaping an on-duty police officer sitting in his car; and the administration of Catawba Valley Community College in North Carolina for banning a student from campus after he posted critical remarks on Facebook about the school's partnership with a credit-card company and the aggressive marketing of a college-branded debit card.

Rig owner hindering probe, lawyer says

HOUSTON (AP) — The owner of the oil rig that exploded and led to the massive 2010 Gulf oil spill is thwarting a federal board's efforts to make safety recommendations that could prevent such an accident from happening again by not honoring the organization's subpoenas, a government lawyer told a judge on Wednesday.

But an attorney for rig owner Transocean said the U.S. Chemical Safety Board does not have the authority to investigate an incident that happened in Gulf of Mexico waters on the Outer Continental Shelf.

At issue is whether Transocean should comply with five subpoenas issued by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, a Washington, D.C.-based federal agency that investigates industrial chemical accidents at fixed facilities.

U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal heard arguments from attorneys with the U.S. Justice Department and with Transocean, the Swiss-based offshore drilling

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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1606, England's King James I decreed the design of the original Union Flag, which combined the flags of England and Scotland.

In 1811, fur traders employed by John Jacob Astor began building Fort Astoria in present-day Oregon.

In 1861, the American Civil War began as Confederate forces opened fire on Fort Sumter in South Carolina. (The Union troops holding the fort surrendered the following day.)

In 1877, the catcher's mask was first used in a baseball game by James Tyng of Harvard in a game against the Lynn Live Oaks.

In 1912, Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross, died in Glen Echo, Md., at age 90.

In 1934, "Tender Is the Night," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published in book form after being serialized in Scribner's Magazine.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Warm Springs, Ga., at age 63; he was succeeded by Vice President Harry S. Truman.

In 1955, the Salk vaccine against polio was declared safe and effective.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to fly in space, orbiting the earth once before making a safe landing.

In 1981, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off from Cape Canaveral on its first test flight. Former world heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis died in Las Vegas, Nev., at age 66.

In 1985, Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, became the first sitting member of Congress to fly in space as the shuttle Discovery lifted off.

In 1992, after five years in the making, Euro Disneyland opened in Marne-La-Vallee, France, amid controversy as French intellectuals bemoaned the invasion of American pop culture.

Ten years ago: Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law ignored growing demands for his resignation because of sex abuse allegations against priests that began in his archdiocese and spread across the country. (Law ended up resigning in December 2002.) Secretary of State Colin Powell's trip to Middle East was marred by a suicide bombing in Jerusalem that claimed six victims; the White House put on hold Powell's meeting with Yasser Arafat scheduled for the next day (the meeting took place a day later). Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez resigned under pressure from the country's divided military (however, he was returned to office two days later).

Five years ago: A suicide bomber breached security in Iraq's parliament and blew himself up in the dining hall; a Sunni parliament member was killed. CBS fired Don Imus from his radio program for insulting the Rutgers women's basketball team on the air; in the evening, Imus met with team members at the New Jersey governor's mansion in Princeton (Gov. Jon S. Corzine, who was en route to that meeting, was seriously injured when his official vehicle crashed).

One year ago: Japan ranked its nuclear crisis at the highest possible severity on an international scale - the same level as the 1986 Chernobyl disaster - even as it insisted radiation leaks were declining at its tsunami-crippled nuclear plant. The state of Ohio executed two-time murderer Clarence Carter for beating and stomping to death a fellow jail inmate.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ned Miller is 87. Actress Jane Withers is 86. Opera singer Montserrat Caballe is 79. Playwright Alan Ayckbourn is 73. Jazz musician Herbie Hancock is 72. Actor Frank Bank ("Leave It to Beaver") is 70. Rock singer John Kay (Steppenwolf) is 68. Actor Ed O'Neill is 66. Author Tom Clancy is 65. Actor Dan Lauria is 65. Talk show host David Letterman is 65. Author Scott Turow is 63. Singer David Cassidy is 62. Actor-playwright Tom Noonan is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer JD Nicholas (The Commodores) is 60. Singer Pat Travers is 58. Actor Andy Garcia is 56. Movie director Walter Salles is 56. Country singer Vince Gill is 55. Actress Suzanne Douglas is 55. Rock musician Will Sergeant (Echo & the Bunnymen) is 54. Rock singer Art Alexakis (Everclear) is 50. Country singer Deryl Dodd is 48. Folk-pop singer Amy Ray (Indigo Girls) is 48. Actress Alicia Coppola is 44. Rock singer Nicholas Hexum (311) is 42. Actor Nicholas Brendon is 41. Actress Shannen Doherty is 41. Actress Marley Shelton is 38. Actress Sarah Jane Morris is 35. Actress Jordana Spiro is 35. Rock musician Guy Berryman (Coldplay) is 34. Actress Claire Danes is 33. Actress Jennifer Morrison is 33. Contemporary Christian musician Joe Rickard (Red) is 25. Rock singer-musician Brendon Urie (Panic! at the Disco) is 25. Actress Saoirse Ronan is 18.

Thought for Today: "The surest test of discipline is its absence." - Clara Barton (1821-1912).



The moral consequences of politics

Listen to any politician today, whether it's President Barack Obama or GOP challengers Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum, and he will be quick to extol the words of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Yet quoting King is one thing; taking up the mantle of King's work is another. And whether we want to admit it or not, Dr. King was a man who didn't focus on the middle class and upper-middle class without regard to the condition of the nation's most vulnerable.

Most folks don't even remember that when he was gunned down 44 years ago last week on April 4, 1968, he was fighting for better wages for sanitation workers. For many of us, we would turn our noses up at the sight -- and smell -- of a garbage worker. But King locked arms with them as they wore "I Am A Man" signs over their chests.

For Harry Belafonte, one of his closest friends and advisers, America is still unwilling to focus on the poor. Most political leaders repeat "middle class" ad nauseam. GOP candidates fight hard to protect tax breaks for the richest Americans. Yet try to find evidence of Republican or Democratic candidates speaking passionately about the poor. You'll have a tough time looking for it.

I recently sat down with Belafonte -- an actor, singer and humanitarian -- for a nearly 90-minute interview.

Belafonte, still as feisty and passionate as he ever has been in his 85 years on this earth, talked about his dear friend and comrade Dr. King, as well as why the poor should stop being demonized.

"I don't think there's any group in the world that works harder than do the poor. I think the poor are the hardest-working citizens in the global family, wherever you find them -- the poor in Asia, the poor in India, the poor in Africa, the poor in Latin America,

the Caribbean, the poor in America," said Belafonte, who has traveled to poor countries across the world, imploring political and business leaders not to ignore the disenfranchised.

"All day long is spent (doing) nothing but trying to find a way to break

out of that bottleneck of oppression that poverty represents. And I think it is absolutely ludicrous that somebody could ever say that people in poverty are there because it is their choice to be there -- that they're lazy, that they're indifferent, that they want to live off the state. Nothing could be further from the truth."

Belafonte witnessed firsthand the plight of the poor because that's how he grew up in New York and in Jamaica. He says that no matter how hard his mother worked -- even multiple jobs -- she never could seem to be able to get out of the crippling condition.

He concludes that the one fatal flaw in America's capitalistic system is that in order for the nation to be rich, it has to be at someone else's expense.

"If the system has got to find cheap markets in which to build its power, in which to build its future, that means somebody has to be poor," he said. "Somebody has to be at the bottom of the ladder. Where do you find cheap markets? Where people are undereducated, people are undernourished, people are suffering deeply."

He added: "King would say, 'I have nothing against the rich -- nothing at all. I just want everybody to be rich.' And when you take a look at capitalism, the minute I hear you have to go to India or China or the Caribbean and find cheap markets in order to out-



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source ... something's flawed. And I look at that as one of the greatest difficulties in trying to extricate ourselves from poverty."

And it is on this point that Belafonte, who was a close adviser to President John F. Kennedy and has worked with and fought against other presidents, says Obama, a former community organizer, needs to be a stronger advocate for the nation's poor.

"There is a moral consequence to what you do politically; there's a moral implication. And if you do not make your decision on what to do politically based upon some moral measure, you're more often than not prone (to) perpetuate the evil or perpetuate the pain," Belafonte told me.

"I think what ... Barack Obama has failed to evoke is a strong, moral point of view on the plight of the poor. He hardly ever mentions them at all. He mentions (the) middle class. He mentions losing the middle class to the poor. He mentions everything but the poor."

"What is your difficulty here? Why can't you talk about the plight of the poor and let the rest of the world see that, perhaps, there's a moral undergirding to your view of how to fix what's wrong politically? If you fix what's wrong for the middle class, that means you've still got a whole class of people that are to be exploited at the bottom rung of the ladder, because you have to have a cheap market. That's the whole conflict with work, the whole conflict with labor."

"Most of the 1 percent believe that the workers are getting too much money. Well, I don't know too many workers that have yachts. I don't know too many workers that are finding themselves living the luxury in the south of France and going away for vacations."

Roland S. Martin is a nationally syndicated columnist.

What's the best part of a cowboy's job?

Down at the sale barn Saturday, the think tank had coagulated there with coffees to go to celebrate spring. Doc and Dud had their dogs with them, while Bert and Dewey and Steve went stag.

Dud tried to start a conversation, but the loudspeaker soon drove them outside, where they arrayed themselves on dropped tailgates and waited to hear what Dud had in mind.

"I thought about it a lot," Dud said, "and I wondered what the favorite part of my job was, and wondered if you fellas ever gave that any thought, too."

They nodded. Yes, by mutual consent a worthy subject.

"With me," Dud continued, "it wasn't so much my job as my hobby. Writing that book. I'm claiming it as the best part of my job, anyway."

The assembled were still waiting to read "Murder in the Soggy Bottoms," as it had yet to see print, and was really a work in progress.

"Of course I'm retired now," said



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more on it than you thought you would, too," said Doc. Bert grinned and nodded.

"Yep. That was good too. Dewey?"

"The best part of the fertilizer business," Dewey said, "is seeing the

difference it makes in the flower gardens around town. Maybe it's just my imagination, but I kinda like to take a little credit for a prettier town."

"You deserve it, Dewey." Doc said kindly. "Well, with me it's a little different. I have doctoring skills, of course, and it's good when I can help someone, but these days the most satisfying part of my job is to check someone out thoroughly and find there's absolutely nothing wrong with them. Now that's special."

They looked at the tall cowboy, Steve.

"Digging postholes," he said.

"What? That's your favorite?"

"Sure," and Steve grinned. "That's the only job a cowboy has where he can start at the top and work down."

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Judge: Evidence of bias in Texas voter identification law

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department said Wednesday there is substantial evidence Texas' voter identification law will discriminate against minorities.

The department's assertion came in papers filed in a Washington federal court explaining why Texas lawmakers should have to testify and turn over their communications regarding the law to a panel of judges considering whether the law can be implemented by the November election.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott

has argued lawmakers should not have to reveal internal deliberations.

"These discovery requests represent an unwarranted federal intrusion into the operations of the Texas Legislature," Abbott said in his effort to prevent U.S. attorneys from acquiring the paperwork they requested and interviewing lawmakers and their staff. He argued lawmakers can only do their work if they are confident their deliberation cannot be brought up in court.

But the Justice Department says no such privilege exists and that evidence pre-

sented in the case so far shows 600,000 people will be unable to vote if the law is enforced and that minorities would be impacted the most. The department said the court needs more information to determine whether lawmakers intended the law to discriminate against minority voters.

"The record available to the United States at this point already contains significant circumstantial evidence that could support a finding of discriminatory intent," the papers filed Wednesday said.

Texas law currently requires a voter

to present a registration card or a photo identification card to vote. The law passed last year would require everyone to present an official photo ID before voting.

Texas is one of nine states, most of them in the South, required to submit all changes to electoral law for federal approval, either by the Justice Department or the federal court in Washington. Texas has sued in federal court to have the voter ID law approved in time for the November general election.

Arlington mayor targeted in alleged murder-for-hire plot

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas mayor and city attorney were the targets of an alleged murder-for-hire plot that federal authorities say was orchestrated by the owner of a topless club embroiled in a licensing dispute, officials said.

Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck confirmed Wednesday he was one of the targets of the plot allegedly initiated by Ryan Walker Grant, co-owner of a club facing revocation of its license to operate as an adult business in the city of more than 365,000 between Dallas and Fort Worth.

"When I heard the facts from the FBI, I was concerned," Cluck acknowledged during a public appearance Wednesday, though he declined to take questions. "I'm still concerned. But (Grant) is in federal custody and will remain that way for the foreseeable future."

Security around the mayor hasn't been increased, an Arlington police spokesman said Wednesday.

An FBI affidavit made public this week claimed Grant, 34, had contacted an intermediary and requested that men from Mexico kill two unnamed city officials for \$10,000 apiece. He was arrested Monday, and a judge will hear a government request Friday to keep him in custody until his trial.

Steven Swander, Grant's attorney in previous matters, said no decision has been made on who will represent him in the federal case.

A statement from the city of Arlington said attorney Tom Brandt was the second official targeted. Brandt, a Dallas attorney who works for Arlington on a contract

basis, told The Associated Press he has been advised by the FBI not to comment.

The FBI's affidavit alleged Grant initiated the plot April 3 with a text message to the intermediary and followed up with a series of calls and face-to-face meetings.

"I really need somebody to take a vacation up here to do a job from down south, man," Grant told the intermediary on a call that was recorded, according to the affidavit.

Grant and his club, Flashdancer Cabaret, have been embroiled in a long-running dispute with Arlington as the city has worked to reign in sexually-oriented businesses.

Grant agreed in January to close the club for a year to settle a legal dispute in which the city and state called the business a nuisance, linking it to drugs, prostitution, assaults and other offenses. The city has since indicated it wants to close the club permanently by revoking its license.

According to the FBI, Grant told the intermediary he would lose \$800,000 a year if he were prohibited from operating the club.

Before the January agreement, Grant had filed a federal lawsuit against the city claiming it was "methodically" forcing sexually-oriented businesses to close to accommodate the Dallas Cowboys, whose stadium is one of the city's major attractions.

The lawsuit said the number of sexually-oriented businesses dropped from 11 to two after the Cowboys announced in 2004 that they were relocating to

Arlington from the Dallas suburb of Irving.

It also alleged Grant was beaten without provocation by Arlington police officers during a traffic accident investigation. As a result, he suffered symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, including anger, depression, nightmares and flashbacks to the alleged beating, according to the suit.

"Plaintiff's grandfather and great-grandfather were both Arlington police officers, and this incident has (caused) him to lose a great deal of faith in law enforcement and this city," the suit said.

The suit has been dormant since the settlement was reached, and Arlington never filed a response, records show.

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contractor, over whether the subpoenas, issued by the board on Nov. 24, 2010, to April 7, 2011, should be honored.

The Justice Department filed a civil complaint last year against Transocean to force it to comply with the subpoenas, which are requesting information that includes work schedules and all records gathered by the company's internal investigation team.

Don Holmstrom, the safety board's chief investigator in the case, said Transocean is the only one of 15 companies that failed to comply with the subpoenas.

The board is one of several agencies investigating the April 20, 2010, explosion, which occurred about 50 miles off the Louisiana coast and killed 11 workers. It also led to more than 200 million gallons of oil being released from BP's undersea well. Transocean had leased the rig to BP PLC to drill a deep-sea well.

Prior investigations of the accident concluded BP, Transocean and cement contractor Halliburton deserve to share the blame for a string of risky decisions that were designed to save time and money.

Government lawyer Adam Goldman told Rosenthal the safety board is not focused on the spill but how it can make sure the explosion that killed the 11 workers doesn't happen again.

"Eleven people that lost their lives because of the gas explosion that occurred," Goldman said.

The safety board, created in 1990, does not issue fines but instead makes recommendations to plants, regulatory agencies, industry organizations and labor groups.

But David Baay, an attorney for Transocean, argued the federal statute which created the safety board, the Clean Air Act, does not give the agency jurisdiction to investigate on the Outer Continental Shelf.

Baay said the accident site is under the jurisdic-

tion of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which has already conducted a thorough investigation.

He also argued prior court rulings have determined the Deepwater Horizon rig was a mobile

vessel, which would not make it fall under the safety board's jurisdiction.

Goldman countered the rig was part of a large structure that was anchored and not func-

tioning as a moving vessel at the time of the accident, making it a stationary site. Rosenthal was expected to make a ruling at a later date.

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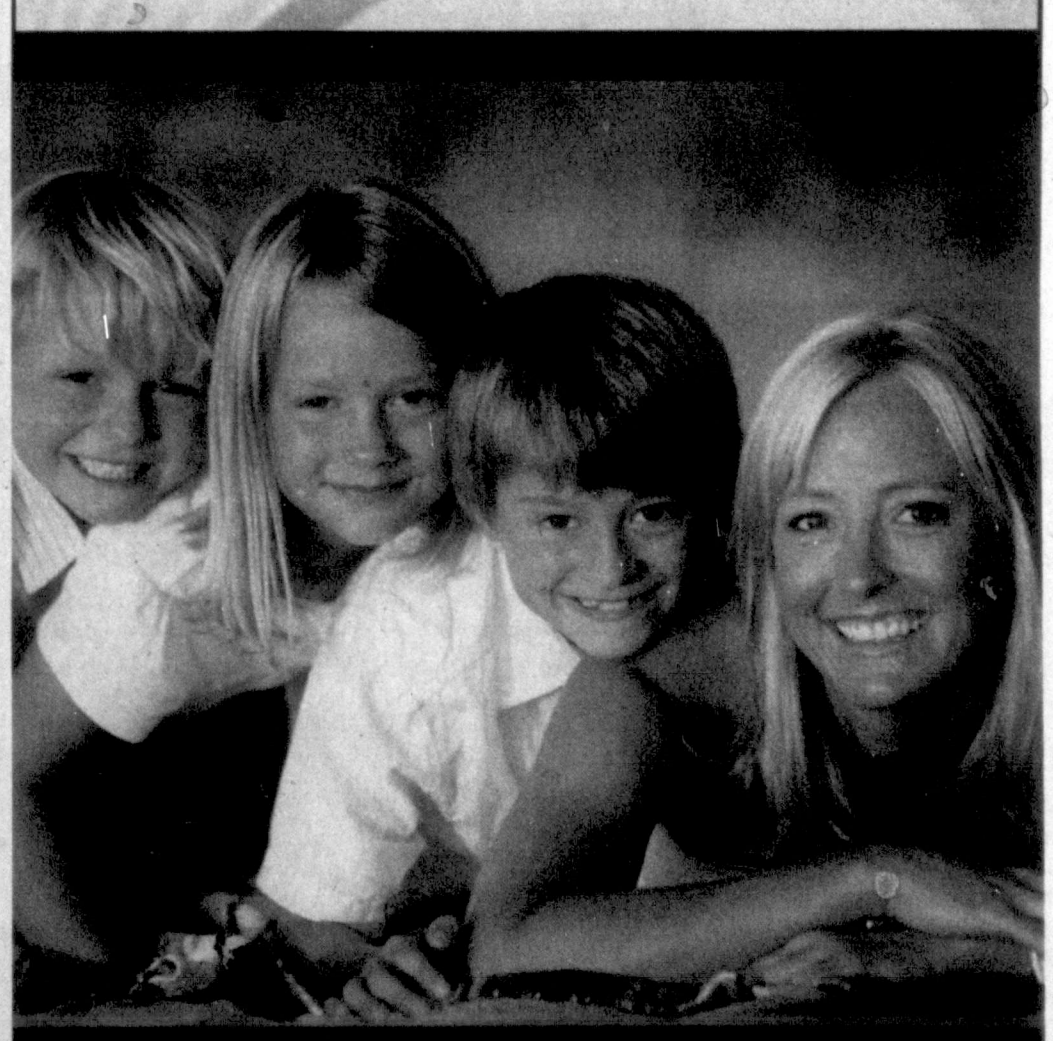
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U.S. counters drug smugglers with ads in Mexican classifieds

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The war on drugs is going to the classified sections of Mexican newspapers.

Smugglers have long advertised work as security guards, housecleaners and cashiers, telling applicants they must drive company cars to the United States. They aren't told the cars are loaded with drugs.

Starting this week, U.S. Immigration and Customs and Enforcement began buying ad space in Tijuana newspapers to warn job-seekers they might be unwitting pawns.

"Why don't we do the same thing that (cartels are) doing? It's successful for them. Why wouldn't it be successful for us?" Lester Hayes, a group supervisor for ICE in San Diego, recalls his agents telling him.

There have been 39 arrests since February 2011 at San Diego's two border crossings tied to the ads for seemingly legitimate jobs, according to ICE, which hadn't seen such significant numbers before.

Those arrests have yielded 3,400 pounds of marijuana, 75 pounds of cocaine and 100 pounds of methamphetamine — a tiny fraction of total seizures but enough to convince U.S. authorities that smugglers are increasingly turning to the recruitment technique.

Drug smugglers always look to exploit weak links along the 1,954-mile border, even if the window of opportunity is brief. In the past several years, they have turned to makeshift boats on the Pacific Ocean and ultralight aircraft in the deserts of California and Arizona. In the San Diego area, there has been a spike in teenagers strapping drugs to their bodies to walk across the border from Tijuana.

Some suddenly popular techniques are limited to particular pockets of the border. ICE has not spotted significant spikes in newspaper ads outside of San Diego.

Ads that authorities connect to drug smugglers appear innocuous. They offer work in the United States — an invitation that only people who can cross the border legally need apply — with a phone number and sometimes a location to apply in person.

New hires are told to drive company cars across the border, typically to a fast-food restaurant or shopping center in San Diego, according to ICE. When they arrive, they are often told there will be no work after all that day and must leave the car and walk back to Mexico after being paid a small amount.

The drivers are typically paid \$50 to \$200 a trip — much less than the \$1,500 to \$5,000 that seasoned

smugglers are typically paid for such trips, Hayes said.

For drug traffickers, the tactic lowers expenses and, they hope, makes drivers appear nervous when questioned by border inspectors, said Millie Jones, an assistant special agent in charge of investigations for ICE in San Diego.

The drugs are stashed in the usual ways. Fifteen pounds of methamphetamine were found in a pickup truck's phony exhaust pipe in November. More than 250 pounds of marijuana were discovered in a van's overhead compartment last April.

More than 200 pounds of marijuana were found in vacuum-sealed plastic bags smothered in grease. Drugs are typically mixed with mustard, ketchup and fabric fresheners to defuse odors and ward off dogs used by authorities.

For years, U.S. authorities have bought newspaper space and broadcast airtime south of the border to deter illegal border crossings. The Border Patrol has a long-running media campaign in Mexico and Central America that includes musical "corridos," short documentaries and public service announcements.

The ICE ads that began appearing Sunday in classified sections of Tijuana's Frontera and El Mexicano are nothing fancy. Bold black letters say, "Warning! Drug traffickers are announcing jobs for drivers to go to the United States. Don't fall victim to this trap."

Mexican newspapers have faced online competitors but the papers' classified sections are rel-

atively robust compared to U.S. publications.

Victor Clark, director of Tijuana's Binational Center for Human Rights, doubts the ads will work without specific instructions on how to confirm whether a company is legitimate, such as calling an ICE telephone number.

"It's very difficult for someone who is unemployed to know whether it's a trap," Clark said. "I don't think many people are inclined to investigate if they are desperate for work."

The cases can be challenging for prosecutors because drivers may not know they are smuggling drugs.

Debra Hartman, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in San Diego, declined to say how many cases have been prosecuted or cite any examples. Rachel Cano, assistant chief of the San Diego County district attorney's southern branch, said each case is different.

"Just like any other case, a theft case, we look at all of the facts and if there are sufficient facts that meet the elements of a crime and we can prove it beyond a reasonable doubt, then we file charges," Cano said.

Guadalupe Valencia, a San Diego defense attorney, said the ads by U.S. authorities might inadvertently help defendants. Attorneys will argue it is an acknowledgment that people are often tricked.

"It has always been my opinion that there are many unknowing couriers," he said. "The challenge for the prosecution is you always have to prove knowledge."

What price love, literally

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Over the years, I've asked the question "What price love?" many times and usually in a context in which the "price" paid is physical safety and emotional and psychological well-being. The threat of injury to loved ones, the stress of living in fear, the potential for lawsuits, loss of homeowners insurance and loss of the home itself are all "prices" some people pay because they cannot admit that their dog needs more help than they are equipped to give.

Not this time. This time I'm talking actual dollars and cents. How much does it cost to bring a dog into your life?

A few weeks back, I shared the story of a couple whose puppy suffered a serious medical trauma. Unbeknownst to them, the pup was napping behind the wheel of the husband's van, which was parked in the driveway. When the man backed up, he ran over the pup. Multiple surgeries and two years' worth of intensive time and therapy later, the dog was a happy, leaping, bounding furry miracle of modern medicine. But the costs were enormous.

This is an extreme example, but the reality is: Stuff happens. Be prepared.

The annual cost of caring for a dog varies according to size, breed and the individual dog. Smaller dogs eat less, so your food costs will be lower. Purebred dogs are known to have more health problems because of their narrower gene pool, which means you could end up spending more on medication and veterinary visits than you would with a Heinz 57. And you're going to pay more to board a Newfoundland than you would to board a Yorkie.

Most canine professionals estimate the average annual costs of raising a dog to be:

- about \$800 for a toy breed;
- about \$1200 for a small to medium-sized dog;

recurring medical, toys and treats, licensing, grooming, health insurance and miscellaneous supplies such as food and water bowls, leashes, collars, crates and bedding, which do not necessarily require replacement annually.

Your dog's first year will likely exceed the annual average, as this year brings the one-time initial costs of the adoption or the purchase price of the dog, plus the spay or neuter procedure, initial shots, microchipping, ID tags and training.

A few of these expenses can be eliminated with some good old-fashioned DIY. Bathe your dog at home, brush his coat and teeth regularly, and learn to clip his nails yourself, and you'll save a pretty penny on grooming. Socialize your dog properly from an early age, and teach him good manners, and you'll find he's welcome at the homes of friends and family when you need to leave town. This could save you money on boarding and doggie day care costs.

Finally, health insurance is optional. There are pros and cons to buying health insurance for your dog. Do some research and discuss it with your vet to determine whether this is a necessary expense for you and your dog. The good news: no college! Keep these costs in mind when considering whether to get a dog and what kind. Most people bond with their dogs instantly, so you want to be sure you're able to fully commit from Day One. The difference between involved and committed is seen in the ham and eggs breakfast: The chicken was involved. The pig was committed.

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Perry: Feds erring over plans to move disaster relief planes

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry and other officials Wednesday promised to ratchet up pressure to keep eight Air Force planes used for disaster relief from being moved from Texas to Montana, a proposal Perry called "one of the worst decisions" the federal government has made in some time.

The eight C-130 Hercules planes now based at a naval air station in Fort Worth would be shifted to Montana in two years due to Air Force budget cuts. The planes are often used to ferry personnel and supplies to disaster zones. Perry and other Gulf Coast governors have protested that moving the planes would delay response times in urgent situations.

Perry, a former C-130 pilot in the Texas National Guard, said he could now call on the planes to be deployed to a hurricane zone in a few hours instead of the days he said it could take to mobilize them from Montana.

"You try that with the regular Air Force 130s," Perry said, standing in front of one of the gray, bulky planes. "It doesn't happen

with just one phone call."

If the planes are moved, the state National Guard would likely respond to future disasters with helicopters, which can't carry as much cargo or perform the same type of evacuations, said Maj. Gen. John Nichols, chief of the Texas National Guard.

"The states may have to pay for it," Nichols said. "Why would a state go out and have to buy its own airplanes when you have a National Guard?"

But Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer, in an interview with The Associated Press, defended the planes' move and denied it would take much longer to mobilize them. Schweitzer said Montana and surrounding states in the Pacific Northwest and Upper Midwest have their own share of natural disasters — from forest fires to floods — when the C-130s could be used.

"In a place like Montana, we have a long distance from place to place with not a lot of infrastructure in between," Schweitzer said. "Our distances are a greater challenge than in Texas."

U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, said the state's congressmen and senators were united in trying to save the planes from being moved. Granger, chairwoman of a House appropriations subcommittee that oversees defense funding, said she hadn't gotten adequate answers from Air Force officials about the move, which would require the construction of new hangars and training of pilots in Montana.

Granger said she would seek to add a provision to the Air Force's next budget barring the move. Officials have also sent letters calling on the department to reverse the decision.

"It's not just these C-130s," Granger said. "The overall plan for the C-130s doesn't make sense to us. And not just me, the entire subcommittee."

The C-130s have carried more than 3,100 people and delivered more than 900 tons of emergency supplies along the Gulf since 2005, and were among the first into New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, according to a letter that Gulf Coast governors sent to Obama last month. The planes also evacu-

ated 800 hospital and nursing home patients before Hurricanes Ike and Gustav made landfall in 2008.

National Guard spokeswoman Rose Richeson could not immediately provide a cost estimate on moving the planes, but said "hard choices" went into the decision. As part of the moves, Fort Worth's Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base will get nine to 11 MC-12W Liberty planes used for intelligence and surveillance, she said.

Perry, a Republican who ran in the Republican presidential primary to challenge President Barack Obama this year, acknowledged he has had disagreements with federal officials before. "But moving aircraft that are so vital to a hurricane-prone part of the United States, the Gulf Coast, almost a thousand miles away ranks as one of the worst decisions and ideas that I've seen out of Washington in some period of time," Perry said.

Schweitzer, a Democrat, said he would work to make sure Texas had the C-130s whenever they were needed.

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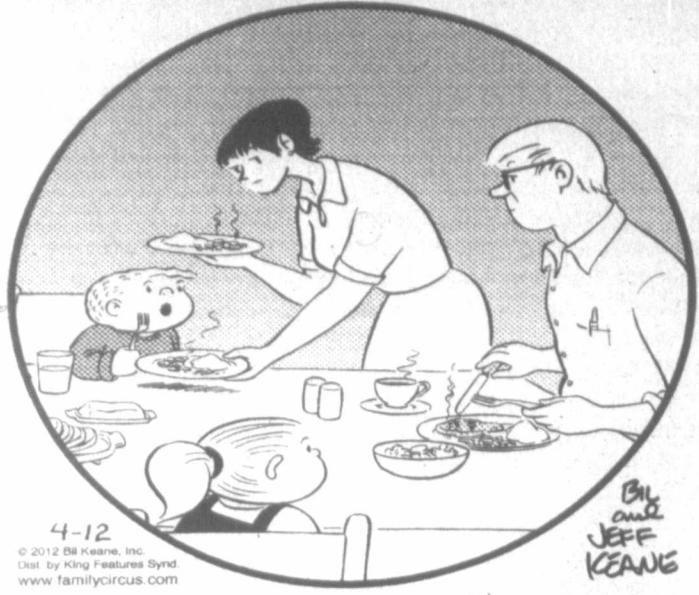
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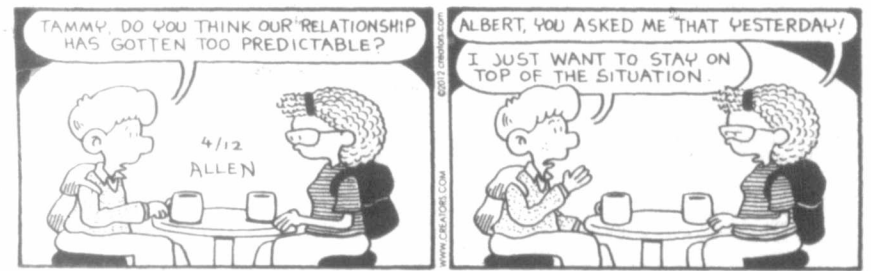


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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 13, 2012:

This year the more conscious you are of your feelings, the greater success you will experience. Know that you cannot sit on your anger. You will learn to express your feelings in an effective manner. Sometimes, if you are honest with yourself, you feel overwhelmed by your responsibilities. If you are single, you will have a lot to work through personally. Choose a person with understanding. If you are attached, the two of you are more connected than in the past. You might choose to make a commitment together to your family or community. AQUARIUS is a loyal friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might feel as if everyone is throwing boulders in your path. Surprise! You'll just skip over them as you clear out a lot of issues. You have an unusual opportunity to start the weekend early. Tonight: Join friends for a dinner and maybe even a movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ How you deal with a commitment could change. Use your excellent sense of timing. Your fatigue with the status quo comes through. Others finally agree with you, once they get your logic. Tonight: Out and about. A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for an important person in your life. You might feel as if you could lose the connection between you. That won't happen if you relax and refrain from standing on ceremony. The other party will sense a change in your perspective. Tonight: Break past a self-imposed barrier.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Rethink a personal decision. Deal with others on a one-on-one level. You might not be sure about what you want. Once you can nail that down, you will have a sympathetic audience. Tonight: Be around music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Stay mellow, despite what is going on. Others seek you out, but they might not be as positive or upbeat as you would like. In fact, you might need to deal with someone who is depressed. You could be surprised by how much anger this person unleashes. Stay on top of your priorities. Tonight: Where the

crowds are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Remain sure of yourself. Recognize that someone who always makes you feel a bit insecure could be projecting his or her issues onto you. If you have kept a situation bottled up for too long, do not be surprised if you let it out now. Tonight: Pace yourself, and do not push.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Curb any negativity, and you'll make yourself and others happier. Sometimes, by not feeding into negativity, you can move through your feelings quickly. Allow lighter thoughts with more mirth to come out. Others gravitate toward you. Tonight: Play up the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ If you can take some much-needed personal time, please do. You have pushed past what is normal. Note the slant you put on different solutions. Look at the same issues next week at a happier moment. See the difference. Tonight: Spending a lot of energy on a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Listen to news, return calls and ask questions. You might understand why someone has been pushing you away. Realize that you cannot do anything to change the situation. Someone you look up to clearly expresses his or her thoughts. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Sometimes you need to build yourself up to make yourself feel better. Today, take stock of what you have done this week and all that you have to offer, and reconsider a judgment. You are your harshest critic. Decide to toss yourself 100 percent into all areas of your life. Tonight: Meet a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Consider your options more openly. The feedback you get during a discussion with your friends might surprise you. A friend or loved one finally tells you exactly where he or she is coming from. This person could surprise you. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ If you're feeling off, just say so. Everyone needs some time off from their lives. You are no exception. Listen to a friend and what he or she says. This person is trying to help you out. Allow others to carry the ball. Tonight: Play it low-key.

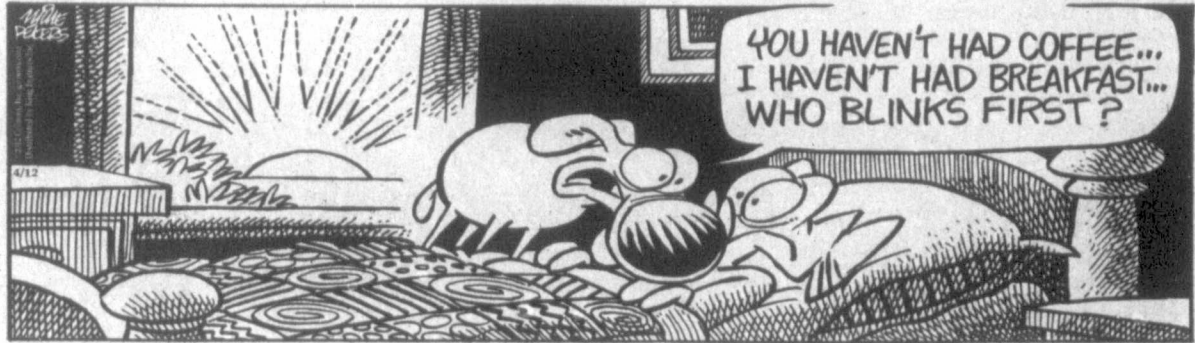
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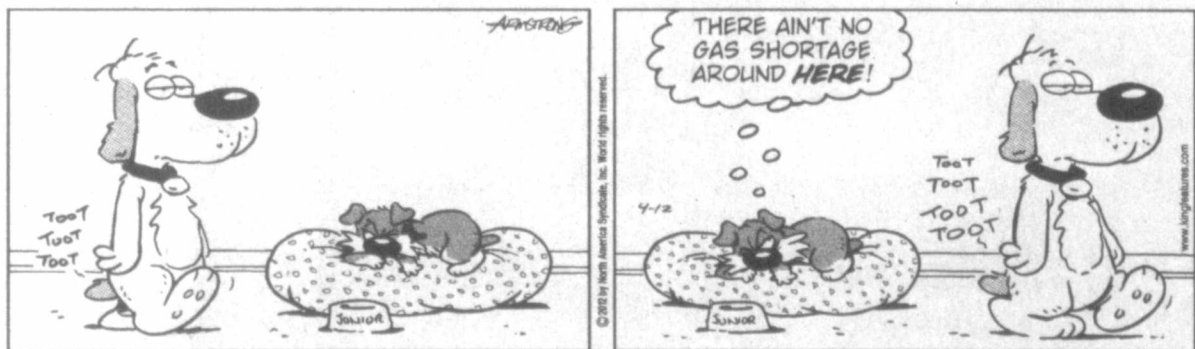
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Sports

Harvester tennis earns six of 10 regional qualifiers

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The District 1-3A tennis tournament ended Wednesday at Pampa High School with two Harvester doubles teams opposing each other to clinch the final spot at regionals. Seniors Collin McClendon and Delaney Clendening edged senior Elizabeth Terry and junior Hunter Hucks to join four district champions and a runner-up at regionals.

"District went great," head coach Sarah Corse said. "We took four of the five champions."

The tournaments were boys and girls singles, boys and girls doubles and mixed doubles. The top two in each tournament advanced to regionals.

Senior Delaney Clendening said it was unique experience to oppose a teammate. "I've never really done it before," Clendening said. "It was kind of weird not knowing what to expect. It was intense."

The mixed doubles match was back-and-forth. Clendening and McClendon won the first set in a tie-breaker. The second set was the same way. Clendening and McClendon held a 3-2 lead until Hucks and Terry won two sets to take the lead. Clendening and McClendon won the next three.

Terry cried after the match, as it could be her final match with the Harvesters.

"It's tough," Terry said. "(Hunter and I) played a good game and so did (Clendening and McClendon). They got better off in the end and we will cheer them on in regionals."

Terry thought they played well in district.

"We just got a tough break there," Terry said. "The champion and second place beat us. We played really well."

Borger's Alix Whitworth and Abbie Madden beat Hucks and Terry in the

semifinals. Madden played on the state champion mixed doubles team last season.

Terry and Hucks will be alternates at regionals, along with junior Diamond Marrufo and freshman Genevieve Zavala. The doubles teams will get to play if someone drops out.

Senior David Moore won boys singles. Moore won his first and second matches with 6-1 and 6-0 victories in each. Moore said he is confident about regionals.

"I'm really excited," Moore said. "I think I will be ready, especially since I have that win against Abilene Wylie. That win is going to give me a really good seed going into the tournament."

Junior Makayla Hampton won girls singles and only allowed one set point in the tournament.

"I think I did really well on all my matches," Hampton said. "I had to think about hard I worked for this. I kept telling myself I wanted it more than they did."

This is Hampton's first time competing in regionals. Last year, she went as an alternate.

"I'm excited and nervous," Hampton said. "I think I'm ready."

Seniors Landon and Logan Karbo won boys doubles. Junior Maddie Fatheree and sophomore Emily Terry won girls doubles. Senior Braden Russell and junior Nick Nelson were runner-ups in boys doubles.

Regionals will be Wednesday. Corse said she's looking forward to regionals, adding it will be a challenge.

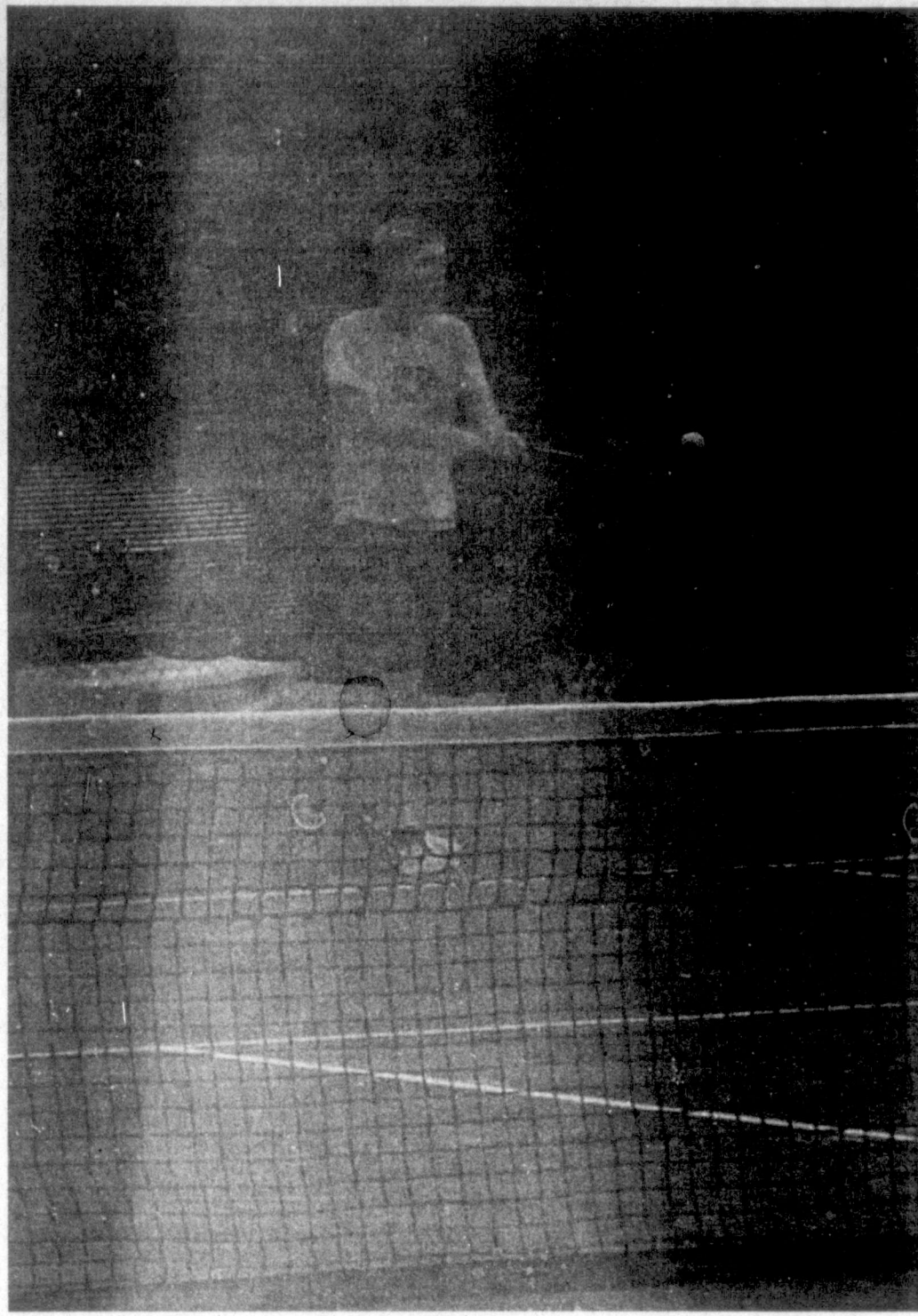
"You got Abilene Wylie and Vernon, of course," Corse said. "You got a flock of individuals. Andrews has a good team from what I've heard. Sweetwater. Monahans has that mixed doubles team. It's going to be tough, but we will see what happens."



Moore



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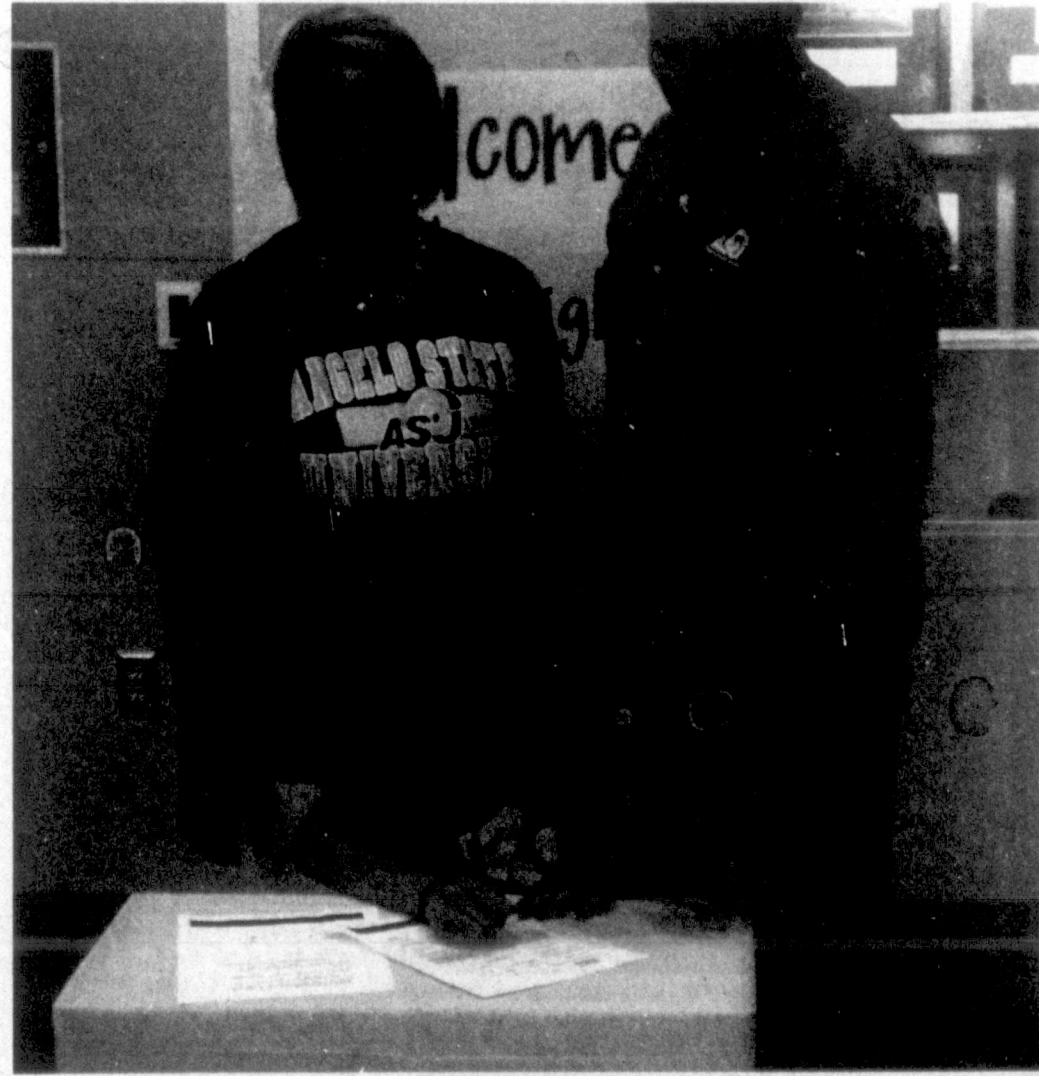


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Senior Collin McClendon connects on a ball at the district tournament Wednesday. McClendon and doubles partner senior Delaney Clendening advanced to regionals. Six of the 10 qualifiers were from Pampa.

PHS seniors Troxell and Allen to continue volleyball careers

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Senior Kailyn Troxell signs her papers to play for San Angelo State as parents Jill and Scott Troxell look on at the PHS rotunda Wednesday.

The Pampa Lady Harvesters volleyball team will see two of their players continue their careers at the next level, as senior Kailyn Troxell signed with San Angelo State and senior Stephanie Allen signed with Northwestern Oklahoma State Wednesday in the high school rotunda.

"I'm really excited," Allen said. "I'm glad I took the opportunity to pursue volleyball in college."

"I'm just excited about the experience," Troxell said, "getting to play with new girls and a new team."

Allen said she tried out and felt the program was a good fit.

"It was a good practice," Allen said. "I really liked the coach. It was really fun."

Troxell said she felt Angelo State was right for her.

"The team was really welcoming," Troxell said. "The coach is really good and the program is really successful."

Allen played on varsity in her junior and senior season. Last season, Allen had to battle through a knee injury. The future Lady Ranger said she's glad she has the opportunity.

"It was really tough," Allen said. "I

pushed myself and told myself I can do it."

Troxell said she is looking forward to playing at the next level.

"It's exciting," Troxell said. "I felt that I was prepared playing for Coach (Libby) Garza. My teammates helped prepare me."

Garza (now Rodriguez) wasn't at the signing because she is now coaching at Lewisville, but said last month that she was happy for both athletes.

Allen said she doesn't know if she will play next year, but knows she has a spot on the team.

"I have a number and I'm set," she said.

Troxell, a four-year varsity player said she is unsure but will work towards it.

"It depends on how it goes next August," Troxell said. "I will have to go earn my spot."

At Pampa, Troxell and Allen helped lead the Lady Harvesters to two district titles and two playoff berths. The athletes were the second and third volleyball players to continue in college this season. Senior Ramie Hutto signed with Frank Phillips last month.

"It's really cool that we are getting to play," Troxell said.

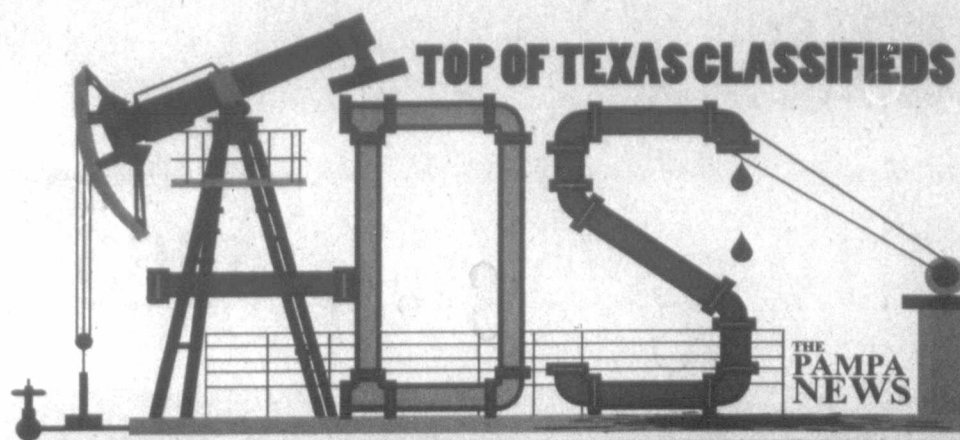


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Senior Stephanie Allen signs with Northwestern Oklahoma State as parents Carla and John Allen look on.

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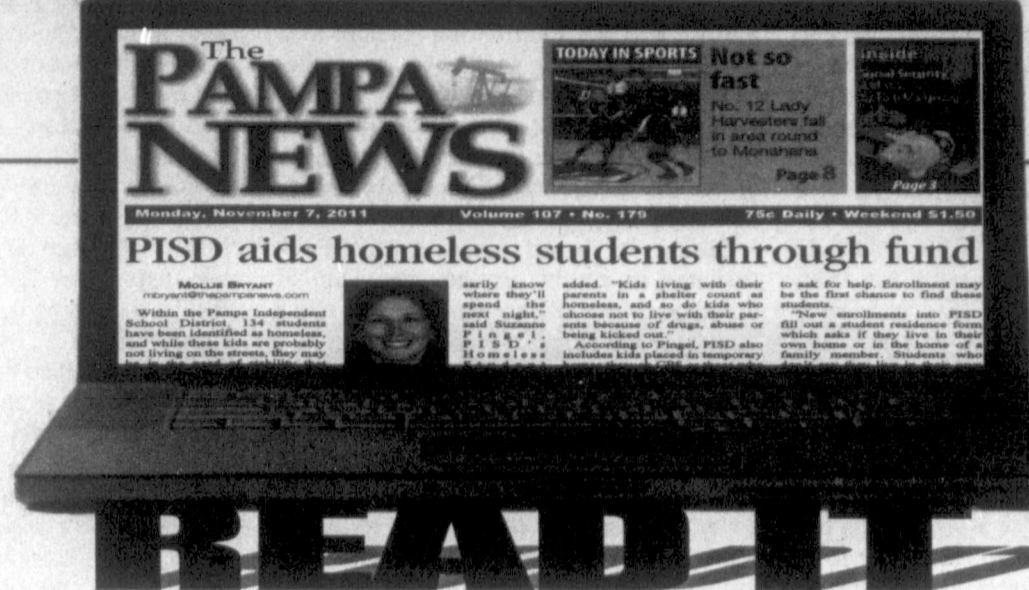
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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to respond to the letter from "Hurting in Virginia Beach, Va." (Feb. 6), who complained that the smell of mint chewing gum triggers her migraines. Many gum chewers, like me, have good reasons for doing it. I chew gum on planes because it helps reduce sinus pressure, thus preventing my own headaches. I am also a former smoker, and gum-chewing is a healthier alternative to tobacco.

If "Hurting" explained her situation to me, I would certainly abide by her request to not chew, although I would find it uncomfortable to go without for long. I recommend she carry several packs of non-mint gum in her purse. When forced into close proximity with a gum-chewer, she could then offer him or her an acceptable alternative. I believe she will almost certainly find people more receptive to her needs that way. — **DAVE IN SPRING HILL, FLA.**

DEAR DAVE: Your commonsense suggestion was the one most often repeated by my readers. I advised "Hurting" that whether at a concert or on a plane, she could ask to be moved away from an "offender." My readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: I propose a different solution. She should purchase one (or several) of those surgical masks that cover the mouth and nose. They come in a variety of styles, and she could surely find one that would block her sense of smell. This way she won't have to risk a confrontation or depend on a third party to get involved. Once she detects the offensive smell, she can just put on her mask, no one gets bothered and everyone's happy. — **TIM IN SALEM, ORE.**

DEAR ABBY: I sympathize with "Hurting." I am a migraine sufferer myself. The smell of many perfumes, lotions, cleaning agents, tobacco smoke

— even some foods — can trigger a migraine. Because it is nearly impossible to control what other people wear, clean with or eat, I have found it much easier over the years to make sure I always carry some medication with me whenever I go out. Being able to take my medication the minute I sense a migraine coming on has prevented many events from ending badly for me. — **FEELING HER PAIN IN NEW YORK**

DEAR ABBY: I have a deadly allergy to oranges. The smell alone can bring me very close to anaphylactic shock, but more often just causes a migraine like "Hurting's." I have a small bottle of eucalyptus oil I take with me and place a drop or two under my nose. This will stop the reaction. Hope this information helps. — **VERNELLE IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR ABBY: Your advice was spot on as far as asking the gum chewer to discard the gum, or to be

re-seated in a theater. But often the house is full, or the plane has no empty seats and no one will switch. As I suffer from similar issues, my father found me a device called a personal air purifier. It hangs around your neck (or sits in your lap) and literally cleans the air you breathe. It is battery-operated and goes everywhere. It has saved me tons of embarrassment when dealing with other people in small spaces. — **RACHEL IN CHERRY HILL, N.J.**

DEAR ABBY: "Hurting" needs to take preventive action when she makes her concert reservation. Simply ask for an aisle seat (for her) and the one beside it (where her husband will sit). Of course, it will be slightly more difficult on a plane because of closer quarters, but she can still make sure her husband is sitting between her and the offender as a buffer, which might help a little. — **LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION**

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 45 Like some cheeses
 - 1 Tug-of-war need
 - 5 Bog
 - 11 Leave out
 - 12 Police order
 - 13 Flying speed ratio
 - 14 Director Lumet
 - 15 Hot Springs setting
 - 17 Hydro-carbon suffix
 - 18 November birth-stone
 - 22 Stuffed
 - 24 Send away
 - 25 Paris pal
 - 26 Country singer David Allan
 - 27 Actress Hunt
 - 30 Trout homes
 - 32 Painter Degas
 - 33 Bar order
 - 34 Snape's school
 - 38 Pat Nixon's real first name
 - 41 Royal address
 - 42 Antenna
 - 43 Pants part
 - 44 Axle gunk
- DOWN**
- 1 Capital of Italia
 - 2 Poet Khayyám
 - 3 Strike activity
 - 4 Fuel gas
 - 5 Rock cover
 - 6 Morphine, e.g.
 - 7 Fenway team
 - 8 Curry of "Today"
 - 9 Take to court
 - 10 Bond, for one
 - 16 Newsman Potter
 - 19 "My Fair Lady" colonel
 - 20 Lotion additive
 - 21 Last letters
 - 22 Store event
 - 23 Surrounded by
 - 28 Showy flower
 - 29 Scents
 - 30 Bar study setting
 - 31 Denali
 - 35 Strong wind
 - 36 Forest unit
 - 37 Canary snack
 - 38 Luggage add-on
 - 39 That lass
 - 40 Before, in verse

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- Yesterday's answer**
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 - 28 Showy flower
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Each of the following six-letter sets can be rearranged to spell out a common word that starts with C or B and/or ends with D or T.

- ACDDIN
- ADEGKW
- ABDINT
- ABBCOT

Yesterday's Answer: **CELESTIAL** **QUAKE**

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Water

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years without additional water from CRMWA, and Amarillo is also projected not to meet average day demands during a 2015 with typical weather conditions if the city receives no additional water from CRMWA.

However, the projections don't take into account infrastructure improvements or conservation measures. John C. Williams, former CRMWA general manager and a current special advisor who prepared the study, took this up during mention of a projected water shortage in Amarillo.

"That simply means that the city might have to produce more groundwater from their own resources than they may have initially planned to meet, or that they will need to call some conservation managers to discourage as much water use as they can," he said.

Although the study provided projections for a renewed Lake Meredith, the lake is not there yet. A 36-month record drought and an additional record for lowest inflow for 12 consecutive months has left the lake at an all-time low this month of 29.8 feet. This summer will be the first that CRMWA member cities will not receive any water from the lake.

"It's interesting how the lake depth has held steady since November," said Chad Pernell, deputy general manager of CRMWA. "... We tend to think (the channel work we've done) has had some influence on what has happened to the lake."

The channel project, an effort to increase water flow into Lake Meredith, has cost \$171,000 so far this fiscal year. When the project neared a natural gas pipeline recently, work on the project halted.

The pipeline, which belongs to Pioneer Natural Resources Company and was originally installed under the lake, is about three feet deep and five miles from the upper end of the lake. The CRMWA board approved an agreement that would allow CRMWA to cross the channel over the pipeline, as long as it leaves six inches of soil above the line.

In the agreement, Pioneer emphasized that damage to the line could negatively affect the environment or create unsafe conditions.

During its board meeting, CRMWA revisited its recent groundwater acquisition from Mesa Water, which covers more than 211,000 acres in Roberts, Hemphill, Lipscomb and Ochiltree counties.

"We have about \$2 million leftover to try to fill in some of the holes in our water rights areas," said CRMWA general manager Kent Satterwhite. "The way we're approaching this, we're trying to affirm which areas are the most important to us, making basically \$2 million worth of offers. These people have already been offered twice — once by us and once by (T. Boone) Pickens, and turned down both times, so many of them are turning us down again."

Currently, CRMWA has three pending contracts for 720 acres of water rights in Roberts County, for a total of \$270,790, and the group has put out three additional bids for water rights.

"This is people's last chance, as I see it," said Satterwhite. "We're trying to do what's right, and we'll be pumping their water either way."

Arcing

"We go through a series of demonstrations to let people see what that (voltage) means. They'll burn an apple, and that apple represents the heart. It gives you an idea of what it does to human organs. They'll take hotdogs and they'll burn them, and that'll give you the sense of when a finger touches a line, what happens. ... They'll put (flame retardant) clothing to show the difference of burning normal cotton clothing to F.R. clothing. They'll have a lot of little things."

Chidester said that the trailer provides a safe, controlled environment in which the destructive effects of such high voltage can be observed.

"I'll talk through it, and the guys that will be doing (the demonstration), they've done it several times. They know what they're doing. What it

does is it creates a good effect. We see people all the time going up there and trimming trees near these power lines or doing things near these power lines, because when you look at them, you look harmless. But you don't realize the danger they're in when you're close to (the lines)."

It will be the first time in five years that the arcing trailer will be in the Pampa area, according to Pampa PD crime prevention officer Stormy McCullar, who coordinates the department's community forums. The demonstration is coming at a very appropriate time, too, she said.

"Right now's really actually the perfect time," McCullar said, "because of the fact that storms and things like that may be coming up. The tornado season's coming up. There

have been incidents in the past where power lines have fallen, and if people don't understand and recognize what they are and the actual danger of them and what they can do, then they can hurt themselves or worse, die."

"When storms hit, these lines go down and we've had people go over and move them out of the alley," Chidester said. "They don't realize what they're doing and how much danger they really are in."

Chidester lauded McCullar and the police department for their efforts in informing the public and thanked them for working with Xcel in getting the word out about the dangers of live lines.

"What Stormy is doing is great," Chidester said. "As community service manager, I started going to these meetings and I'm

Scholarships

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undisclosed judges, and Robinson said that the winners will be invited to address the Relay for Life's Survivor Dinner on June 18, to be held at Briarwood Church with a dinner sponsored by Altrusa International, Inc.

"We're going to have notified the families of the winners and just ask the families if maybe they can get their kids to come," Robinson said. "We're going to read the (essays) at the dinner. It'll be something really nice for that night."

Robinson added that some form of involvement in raising cancer awareness is also a prerequisite for the scholarships, although she said she didn't anticipate it being a problem given how active Gray County's youth has been through school and community events.

"All of the seniors in Pampa, all of the seniors in Lefors and McLean, they really have been involved," Robinson said. "They all raised class money. A lot of them have walked the Relay. It's not something they had to necessarily go outside of school or the things they've already done to participate. We would just like some kind of involvement to show

that it does affect people."

The scholarship applications are available at Pampa, Lefors and McLean high schools. Applications and any attached documents for the Clarendon scholarship should be mailed to: Scholarship Committee, CC/PC, 212 N. Wynne St.,

Pampa, Texas 79065. For the Top O' Texas Ice/M&H Leasing scholarship, documents should be sent to: Scholarship Committee, TOT/M&H, 212 N. Wynne St., Pampa, Texas, 79065. Applications must be postmarked by May 11 to be considered, Robinson said.

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seeing what she's doing. She's really reaching out to the community in the police aspect to let them know what's going on, and I just think this was a great opportunity to bring this trailer here. We're doing the same thing. We're trying to reach out to the community. I think this is a good opportunity and we're encouraging anybody that's interested to come out and observe the presentation."

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