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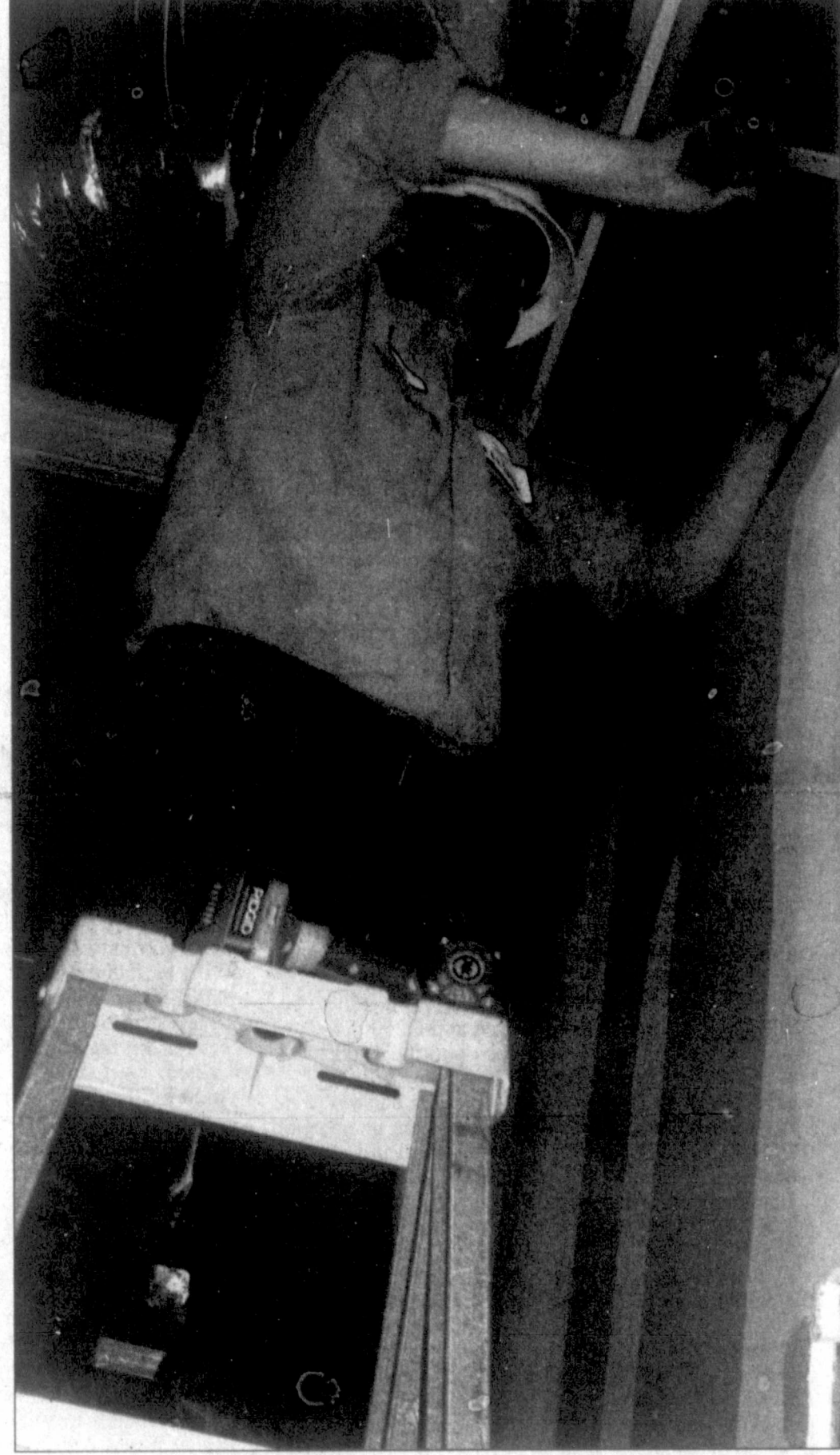
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 \$1.50 weekend

HIGH WIRE ACT



staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**
Joel Alvarado of Pampa's B&G Electric works on wiring at the soon-to-be new Enbridge office in the northwest corner of the Coronado Center.

Young Professionals to hold networking event Thursday

■ *Organization looks to build on momentum from successful Feb. mixer*

MOLLIE BRYANT Young Professionals. *ing camaraderie," he said.*
 mbryant@thepampanews.com "It's a networking event and opportunity for people to get together and get to know each other. It's also a chance to involve those who may not be able to make our normally scheduled meetings." County attorney Josh Seabourn, a co-organizer of the mixer, is looking forward to the event. "The goal is to bring young people together for purposes of helping relationships outside of the workplace and build-

Local businessman and current Texas House candidate Mac Smith, who also helped organize the event, said he was happy to see growth of the organization during the February mixer. "It demonstrated there are more young people in Pampa than people perceive," he said. "We're seeing quite a few people from a younger generation returning to Pampa."

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County mulls pair of airport runway rehabilitation projects

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At its regular meeting on Monday at the Gray County Courthouse, the Gray County Commissioners' Court considered the possibility of undertaking a runway rehabilitation project at Perry Lefors Airport, an issue which the court will return to at its next meeting. Commissioners are considering work on a pair of runways, with an estimated cost of \$4.5 million for constructions and an additional \$415,000. Both would qualify for a 90/10 grant from the Texas Department of

In other business, commissioners:

- approved 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer's forfeiture expenditures;
- declared some county property surplus;
- approved a copier contract with Konica Minolta;
- approved the ending of a contract with SimplexGrinnel;
- approved bids by Frank Sparling and Mark and Page Tate for property in McLean;
- approved the County Clerk's report;
- approved line item transfers; and
- approved budget amendments.

TOTRW reminds public of Republican chairman Munisteri's visit

■ *Head of Texas GOP to speak in Pampa on Wed.*

ARNIE AURELLANO
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With Texas Republican Party chair Steve Munisteri coming into town for the Top of Texas Republican Women's next meeting tomorrow, the organization is doing all it can to get let the public know they're invited. "We're just trying to get the word out to everybody to make sure they know about it and that they feel welcome to come," said Jana Vinson, president of the TOTRW. "Sometimes they hear 'Top of Texas Republican Women's club' and they think, 'Oh, the men aren't invit-



Munisteri

ed," she added, laughing. "Well, I've tried to let everybody know that there will be men there. (Steve Munisteri) is a man, so he'll be there. I just want everyone to feel welcome." The meeting will be held — as the TOTRW's regular meetings are — at noon at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 E. Francis. The center will be serving a meal as usual, priced at \$6 for center members and \$6.25 for everyone else. Munisteri will speak promptly at noon, so Vinson suggested arriving by 11:30 a.m. for those who want to eat lunch. Munisteri, whose involvement in GOP politics reaches back to 1972 (when he volunteered for Richard Nixon, **MUNISTERI** page 3A

Steve Munisteri fact sheet

- Elected chairman of the Texas Republican Party at the state convention in Dallas on June 13, 2010
- 39-year veteran of Republican politics in Texas
- Active volunteer for Ronald Reagan's 1975 campaign
- State chairman for Young Americans for Freedom in the late 1970s and was elected to YAF's board of directors
- Founded the Young Conservatives for Texas in 1980 and served as the group's first state chairman
- CourtTV legal contributor and on-air personality from 1995 to 2001

Sources: texasgop.org, yct.org

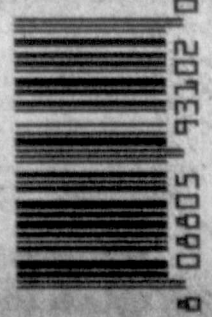
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 78 Low 48	High 83 Low 51	High 75 Low 47

Today: Sunny, with a high near 78. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 83. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Arthur Rudolph Hernandez, 75

Arthur Rudolph Hernandez, 75, died Friday, April 13, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hernandez was born November 29, 1936, in Higgins and has been a lifelong resident of Pampa. Arthur was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during the Korean Conflict. He married Mary Carman Luna on November 7, 1956, in Pampa. Arthur retired on May 31, 2001, from the City of Pampa as a Sanitation Supervisor.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Hernandez of the home; two sons, Eddie Hernandez of Amarillo, and Mark Hernandez of Pampa; one daughter, Debbie Hernandez of Amarillo; one brother, Manuel Hernandez of Guymon, Okla.; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



Hernandez

Arthur was preceded in death by his parents.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Gary Gene Herr, 73

Gary Gene Herr, 73, died April 13, 2012, in Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Gary was born July 23, 1938, in Lawton, Okla. He moved to Pampa in 1989 to co-found Progressive Sales: He formed Hi Plains Measurement Co. in 2001. He married Ruth Robinson in 1957 and she preceded him in death in 2005. He was a longtime member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church as well as the Moose Lodge #1385. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved his wife Marlene with all of his heart.

Survivors include his wife, Marlene Herr of the home; two sons, Patrick Herr and Lance Herr of Pampa; for grandchildren; Josh Herr and wife Kandice; Hannah Ball and Leslie Ball all of Pampa, and Kris Madrid of Austin; one sister, Donna Winborn of Midland. Gary was preceded in death by his parents and two sons, Steven Herr and Michael Herr.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whately.com.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending April 16 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 47 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 21 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa PD responded to 12 medical calls.

Friday, April 13

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1100 block of South Faulkner.

Burglaries occurred at the 900 block of South Wells and the 1900 block of North Coffee.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2400 block of North Rosewood.

An assault occurred at the 400 block of North Doyle.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1200 block of Bond.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

A violation of a city ordinance occurred at Zimmers and Buckler.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of Village.

Identity theft was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of North Davis.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1100 block of South Nelson.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 2200 block of North Williston.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Christy and Dwight.

A suspicious person was

reported at the 200 block of Randy Matson.

A hit and run occurred at the 400 block of North Nelson.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 800 block of East Beryl.

A suspicious person was reported at Buckler and Rider.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of West Foster.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1700 block of North Coffee.

Saturday, April 14

Suspicious persons were reported at the 100 block of East Harvester and the 2100 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of West Foster.

Driving while intoxicated occurred at 19th and Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block of South Varnon.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of North Christine.

A theft occurred at the 2200 block of North Nelson.

A domestic disturbance was reported.

An accident occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Harassment was reported at the 300 block of West 30th.

A threat was reported at the 1200 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of East Murphy.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of South Nelson.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of North Sloan.

A prowler was reported at the 100 block of South Faulkner.

Criminal mischief oc-

curring at the 400 block of North Summer.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of West Cinderella.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of South Summer.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person was reported at Somerville and Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at 29th and Aspen.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the intersection of Beech and Linda and the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Disorderly conduct occurred at Juniper and North Crest.

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of West Foster.

Disorderly conduct occurred at Brunow and Reid.

Sunday, April 15

A domestic disturbance was reported at the 200 block of South Starkweather.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of Huff.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2500 block of Aspen and the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Suspicious persons were reported at the intersection of Atchison and Wynne and the 1000 block of West Wilks.

A theft occurred at the 300 block of South Gray.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 600 block of North Wynne.

A burglary occurred at the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of Sierra.

A suspicious person was reported at the 200 block of North Starkweather.

Stalking was reported at the 1700 block of West Buckler.

A suspicious vehicle was

reported at the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of North Summer and the intersection of Zimmers and Lincoln.

Monday, April 16

An accident occurred at the 100 block of North Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of North Wells, the 600 block of West Foster and the 700 block of North Faulkner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 100 block of North Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of North Faulkner.

A theft was reported.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, April 16 at 7 a.m.

Friday, April 13

Mick Pendergrass, 55, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant involving theft under \$50.

Paul Edward Kindle, 57, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

Andrew Shane Johnson, 27, was arrested by DPS officers on a capias pro fine warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Victor Manuel Contreras Jr., 23, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

Michael Dan Boyd, 46, was arrested by police for terroristic threat, impairing public or government service and evading arrest.

Lesley Wayne Alexander, 49, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

Saturday, April 14

Jay Gene Kelly, 47, was arrested by police for public intoxication.

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Date set in school finance trial

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' school finance lawsuits are set to go to trial Oct. 22.

State District Judge John Dietz signed an order Monday establishing the tentative trial date.

Four lawsuits on behalf of hundreds of school districts statewide have been filed in response to school finance legislation passed by the Texas Legislature last summer. They charge that the way Texas distributes funding to school districts is inadequate and inequitable.

Dietz, who handled school finance lawsuits in 2004, has consolidated the cases. Some charter schools, as well as a group of parents arguing that Texas' schools are inefficient, have also sought to intervene as part of the suits.

Legal fights over Texas school finance have raged for decades. The current suits are the eighth round of litigation filed in the state since 1968.

Great Plains hit with 75 storms

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Forecasters say it appears about 75 tornadoes touched down in four Great Plains states Saturday.

Greg Carbin, a meteorologist at the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., said Monday most of the tornadoes were in Kansas, followed by Oklahoma, Iowa and Nebraska. The tornadoes hit during a 24-hour period from 7 a.m. Saturday to 7 a.m. Sunday after forecasters warned of a "high risk" of severe weather.

At least six deaths were blamed on a storm that went through the northwest Oklahoma town of Woodward and destroyed more than 100 homes and businesses. Dozens of people were injured.

Many tornadoes hit in unpopulated rural areas in Kansas and Oklahoma, and Carbin says researchers are still collecting data.

Initial observations from spotters produced an estimate of more than 100 twisters.

Possible water contamination at site

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawmaker says he has confidential documents about possible groundwater contamination at a radioactive waste dump in West Texas, and is asking the state for permission to release them.

State Rep. Lon Burnam on Monday asked Attorney General Greg Abbott whether documents detailing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's concerns about Waste Control Specialists' application to build the site can be released.

The Democrat from Fort Worth says he obtained the documents using open records requests but is prohibited from sharing them publicly under a 2009 confidentiality agreement.

But Burnam said they indicate that groundwater has seeped into a 100-foot buffer zone around the facility.

The site is awaiting final state approval to open, but Burnam said it should not be allowed to do so until safety can be guaranteed.

Crime victim's fund faces deficit

AUSTIN (AP) — Experts have told Texas lawmakers that the crime victim's fund is facing major financial problems due to a drop in revenues.

First Assistant Attorney General Daniel Hodge told lawmakers that court fees that fund the program have dropped 3 percent since 2008. The result is a short-term deficit in the current two-year budget and a longer term problem keeping the fund going.

The House Criminal Justice Committee must decide whether to keep funding the program, which provides direct financial aid to victims and also supports non-profit groups that provide services to victims. About 65 percent of the fund relies on court fees and fines, but could require more taxpayer money.

Texas lawmakers had to cut \$15 billion in state spending in 2011 and expect to face another shortfall in 2013.

Teen faces murder charge in crash

PALMVIEW (AP) — A 15-year-old South Texas boy has been charged with nine counts of murder among other charges after a van he was driving crashed, killing nine of the suspected illegal immigrants packed inside.

The boy, who is not being identified because he is a juvenile, appeared at a probable cause hearing Monday. He was also charged with 17 counts of smuggling a person and causing serious bodily harm including death, and one count of evading.

The boy told investigators he drove the van because his family had been threatened, Palmview police Chief Chris Barrera said.

Barrera said prosecutors would decide whether to try the boy as an adult.

The nine killed in the rollover crash last Tuesday were all Mexican citizens. Barrera said the ground around the van was scattered with bodies.

He said the boy told them he had not done this before, but he did have a previous record.

Stand raises funds for sick dad

LIBERTY CITY (AP) — What appeared to be the classic child's lemonade stand has given a big lift to an East Texas father's cancer treatment.

Six-year-old Drew Cox was charging 25 cents per glass of lemonade at the stand he set up Saturday in front of his house in Liberty City. KLTU-TV of Tyler reports his father, Randy Cox, has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, and Drew came up with the idea to help his dad feel better.

Instead, a block party swelled around the stand, with cars and people lined up around the block for lemonade. Drew's family says he raised his trade came from as far as 70 miles away for a glass of lemonade, generating more than \$10,000 to help with Randy Cox's medical bills.

Save-Up.com to stash cash, win prizes

TERRY SAVAGE
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The Savage Truth on money



Would you take a bribe? To do the right things? Things like saving and paying down your debt?

That's part of the interesting psychology behind SaveUp.com — a free website that lets you earn a shot at cash and other prizes, just for doing the right thing.

The concept has taken off since the site was launched Nov. 1, 2011. In less than six months, SaveUp users have deposited \$25,752,249.51 into their savings and paid down \$22,278,973.93 in debt.

Priya Haji, one of the company founders, likens the incentives offered by SaveUp.com to credit-card rewards points and miles, and acknowledges in that sense, the incentives are indeed a bribe designed to reward positive financial behaviors.

But, she explains, the site is based on solid behavioral research out of Harvard, which demonstrates the concept of "skewed rewards" vs. incremental savings. That is, people will act when the perceived potential gains are impressive enough.

Motivation based on the small possibility of a big reward is similar to the behavior that makes people buy lottery tickets. Haji explains that the long-term benefits of compound savings returns — something I find very attractive — is just not enough to get most people to take action to save more and pay down debt.

But when you post a \$2 million monthly prize, for which you can compete by "earning" rewards credits as you pay down debt and add to savings, then people really get excited. Other potential rewards

for which you can compete include cash, cars, vacations, electronics and things such as a "makeover" from Banana Republic.

Each reward has different odds of winning. For example, the odds of winning the \$2 million monthly prize are one in 1.175 million. The odds of getting "double your tax refund" (up to \$10,000) are one in 2 million. Some drawings are held weekly. And there are "instant" rewards for some prizes and cash.

SaveUp.com can offer these kinds of rewards while banks are prohibited from doing so. But banks and other financial institution partners, totaling more than 18,000 institutions, do help you link your accounts to SaveUp.com, using the secure technology created by Intuit, parent of Quicken.

And that's how you get started. Just go to SaveUp.com and create your own "account" by setting up a username and password. Then you can securely link to your existing financial accounts. It takes just moments.

None of your money moves to, or through, SaveUp. But SaveUp is notified every time you pay down a credit card or your student loan and add to your savings or even to your retirement plan at work — because you've linked to those accounts. And each of those positive steps earns credits — which you can use to compete for prizes.

Yes, some of the big numbers above come from things people are

already doing, such as making payments on student loans or contributing to an IRA. But the more you save, and the more you pay down, the more credits you earn — and the more chances at prizes.

Says Haji: "SaveUp lights up your brain once a day, making you think about money, whether you're logging in to check your balance or use your credits to play for a prize. The goal is to get you to engage daily and become more involved in your personal finances."

SaveUp.com is free to consumers because the brands offering prizes get advertising and because they can offer you special deals, such as lower-rate credit cards, through the website.

It appears that those already connected are finding it almost addictive. And recognizing that possibility, SaveUp limits you to three "plays" a day.

That means people keep coming back every day, to see the credits they've earned and to spend some of them on a chance at a prize. The site even offers helpful videos so members can learn more — and earn credits by watching them.

Who can argue with this kind of "bribe" — if it gets people motivated to do the right things with their money. It's a different approach, but clearly it works.

And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?"

Deadline for BP spill settlement extended

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal judge on Monday extended a deadline for BP and a team of plaintiffs' attorneys to file details of a proposed settlement designed to resolve billions of dollars in economic damage claims spawned by the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The company and lawyers representing more than 100,000 individuals and businesses were expected late Monday to present the formal terms of the settlement agreement to U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier in New Orleans and ask him for preliminary approval.

Early Monday evening, Barbier extended the deadline to Wednesday morning. He said the parties needed more time to finish compiling supporting documentation and exhibits.

London-based BP PLC estimates it will pay about \$7.8 billion to resolve

private party claims, but the proposed settlement doesn't have a cap.

The agreement announced March 2 doesn't resolve separate claims brought by the federal government and Gulf states against BP and its contractors on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig over environmental damage from the nation's worst offshore oil spill.

BP set up a \$20 billion compensation fund after the April 20, 2010, blow-out of its Macondo well. The Gulf Coast Claims Facility paid out more than \$6 billion from the fund before a court-supervised administrator took over the claims process on March 8.

The agreement calls for BP to pay \$2.3 billion for seafood-related claims by commercial fishing vessel owners, captains and deckhands.

BP and the plaintiffs' attorneys also have said

their agreement calls for paying eligible claims by cleanup workers and others who say they suffered illnesses from exposure to the oil. Many people have filed claims asserting spill-related illnesses, but none were paid by the GCCF.

The Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, which negotiated the proposed settlement, filed a class-action complaint Monday against BP on behalf of cleanup

workers and coastal residents who claim they were harmed by exposure to oil or chemicals that were used to disperse the oil.

Munisteri

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among others), will be giving a prepared speech, Vinson said, though she added that there will likely be time for a short question and answer session. Munisteri is scheduled to appear at the meeting for about an hour.

"We're thrilled that he's going to come," Vinson said. "He just knows a lot about the Republican party so we're excited to hear from him."

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"(The mixer is) a good opportunity to let professionals in the area get together and realize what services there are here and to help stimulate local business," he added.

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 17, the 108th day of 2012. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1937, the animated cartoon character Daffy Duck made his debut in the Warner Bros. cartoon "Porky's Duck Hunt," directed by Tex Avery.

On this date:

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

In 1521, Martin Luther went before the Diet of Worms (vohrms) to face charges stemming from his religious writings. (He was later declared an outlaw by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V.)

In 1861, the Virginia State Convention voted to secede from the Union.

In 1911, the town of Palm Beach, Fla., was incorporated.

In 1941, Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany during World War II.

In 1961, some 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in an attempt to topple Fidel Castro, whose forces crushed the incursion by the third day.

In 1969, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Sirhan Sirhan of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The First Secretary of Czechoslovakia's Communist Party, Alexander Dubcek (DOOB'-chek), was deposed.

In 1970, Apollo 13 astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert splashed down safely in the Pacific, four days after a ruptured oxygen tank crippled their spacecraft while en route to the moon.

In 1972, the Boston Marathon allowed women to compete for the first time; Nina Kuscsik was the first officially recognized women's champion, with a time of three hours, 10 minutes and 26 seconds.

In 1975, Cambodia's five-year war ended as the capital Phnom Penh fell to the Khmer Rouge, which instituted radical policies that claimed an estimated 1.7 million lives until the regime was overthrown in 1979.

In 1986, at London's Heathrow Airport, a bomb was discovered in the bag of a pregnant Irish woman about to board an El Al jetliner to Israel; she'd been tricked into carrying the bomb by her Jordanian fiancé.

In 1997, former Israeli president Chaim Herzog (KHY'-ehm HEHRT'-zahg) died in Tel Aviv at age 78.

Ten years ago: Four Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan were killed when they were mistakenly bombed by an American F-16 pilot. (The pilot, Maj. Harry Schmidt, was later fined and reprimanded in a non-judicial hearing.) Secretary of State Colin Powell ended his 10-day Middle East peace mission after failing to get the cease-fire he'd sought between Israel and the Palestinians. A federal judge ruled the Justice Department couldn't interfere with Oregon's assisted-suicide law. (The law was ultimately upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.)

Five years ago: A day after the Virginia Tech massacre, President George W. Bush visited the campus, where he told students and teachers at a somber convocation that the nation was praying for them and "there's a power in these prayers." In Rome, a U.S. soldier went on trial in absentia for the shooting death of Italian intelligence agent Nicola Calipari at an Iraqi checkpoint in March 2005. (However, a court later threw out the proceedings against Spec. Mario Lozano, saying Italy had no jurisdiction.) Actress Kitty Carlisle Hart died in New York at age 96.

One year ago: U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Japan, where she expressed confidence the country would fully recover from its tsunami and nuclear disasters. Actor Michael Sarrazin, 70, died in Montreal.

Today's Birthdays: Composer-musician Jan Hammer (yahn HAH'-mur) is 64. Actress Olivia Hussey is 61. Actor Clarke Peters is 60. Rock singer-musician Pete Shelley (Buzzcocks) is 57. Actor Sean Bean is 53. Actor Joel Murray is 50. Rock singer Maynard James Keenan is 48. Actress Lela Rochon (LEE'-lah rohn-SHAHN') is 48. Actor William Mapother is 47. Actress Leslie Bega is 45. Actress Kimberly Elise is 45. Singer Liz Phair is 45. Rapper-actor Redman is 42. Actress Jennifer Garner is 40. Country musician Craig Anderson (Heartland) is 39. Singer Victoria Adams Beckham (Spice Girls) is 38. Actress-singer Lindsay Korman is 34. Actress Rooney Mara ("The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo") is 27. Actor Paulie Litt is 17. Actress Dee Dee Davis is 16.

Thought for Today: "A cynic is not merely one who reads bitter lessons from the past; he is one who is prematurely disappointed in the future." — Sydney J. Harris, American journalist (1917-1986).



They shoot rich guys too, don't they?

President Barack Obama calls his proposed tax on millionaires the "Buffett rule," based on financier Warren Buffett's claim that he pays a lower tax rate than his secretary. Obama claims that the "Buffett rule" asks millionaires to "do their fair share" by paying the same income tax rate that middle-class families pay.

Despite a sluggish recovery and depressing job creation numbers, the president isn't pushing for policies that would stimulate the economy and create jobs; he's focusing on keeping his own job. On Monday, the Senate voted 51-45 — shy of the 60 votes needed — on a version of the "Buffett rule."

FactCheck.org looked into the "Buffett rule" and took Obama and Vice President Joe Biden to task for leaving the "false impression that many, if not most, millionaires (people who earn \$1 million or more a year) are paying a lower tax rate than the middle class. The fact is that even without the Buffett Rule, 'more than 99 percent of millionaires will pay' a higher tax rate than those in the very middle of the income range in fiscal year 2015, according to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center."

Tax Policy Center budget guru Roberton Williams figured that middle-class families pay about 15 percent of their income on taxes, where-



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as the average \$1 million earner pays 24 percent in taxes. So why is Obama pushing to raise millionaires' tax rate to a minimum of 30 percent — that is, double the middle-class tax rate — in the name of fairness? A CNN poll shows that 72 percent of Americans think the "Buffett rule" is dandy. As Scott A. Hodge, president of the Washington-based Tax Foundation, observed Monday, if the president suggested Americans tax Canadians to balance the budget, that probably would poll well, too.

Americans love taxes that other people pay.

What's the matter with taxing millionaires? Hodge watches the White House and hears rhetoric that "has had a chilling effect on economic activity."

By pushing for a millionaires tax with no reforms attached, the White House has sent a message that whenever Washington overspends, the political class will squeeze the rich.

Hodge notes that while 237,000 millionaires paid 20 percent of income taxes in 2009, some 58 million fil-

ers paid payroll taxes but no federal income taxes at all. (Most earned less than \$50,000.) That's 41 percent of income tax filers, "the largest share of nonpayers since World War II."

Personally, I could accept a deficit reduction package that increased revenue, flattened tax rates, shaved loopholes and reformed entitlement spending — along the lines of a draft presented by the Simpson-Bowles commission, created by, and then ignored by, the president. Reforms should stimulate the economy.

But the "Buffett rule" represents the exact opposite of Simpson-Bowles. By talking as if America could balance its books by squeezing the rich, Obama is pushing the notion of what Hodge called "free government" — unrestrained entitlement spending, fewer taxpayers and a bigger bite on working families. In the "Buffett rule" world, a large chunk of voters know that no matter how big government grows, they won't have to pay for it.

It's not fair. It's not in the best interests of the country. It's just good politics, in the worst sense.

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The feminists and the real war on women

Hilary Rosen's attack on Ann Romney by saying that, although she raised five children, she "never worked a day in her life" perfectly fits the definition of a gaffe. A gaffe is a statement that reveals what the spokesperson really thinks but turns out to be embarrassing when it is publicly discussed.

In this case, the embarrassment fell on the Obama administration, so his campaign operatives immediately tried to create political distance between Obama and Rosen. They were not successful. The media refer to her as a "Democratic strategist" or "political analyst."

Rosen visited the Obama White House 35 times. That frequency may be exceeded only by visits from Service Employees International Union boss Andy Stern.

Rosen is a managing director of a political consulting firm called SKDKnickerbocker, one of its founders is Anita Dunn, who was Obama's communications czar leading Obama's war on Fox News. Dunn is memorable for having said that Mao Tse-tung is one of her two favorite "political philosophers" who "I turn to most" for answers to important questions.

Although Rosen finally issued a lame apology for the insult, she had said what she meant and meant what she said. Even after her remark about Ann Romney boomeranged, Rosen continued with the same line for hours on Twitter, in an online column, and in television appearances.

Rosen's gaffe was no mistake; it is what the feminists really think about any mother who really says, as Ann Romney said, "My career choice was to be a mother." The big mama of feminism who is revered in college women's studies courses, Simone de Beauvoir, famously said, "No woman should be authorized to stay at home and raise her children. Women should not have that choice, precisely



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because if there is such a choice, too many women will make that one."

That's exactly what feminists think. The strident voices that demand "choice" do not believe women should have the choice to be a homemaker rather than work a paid job in the labor force.

For an updated statement of this feminist dogma, refer to Linda Hirshman. She wrote that "The tasks of housekeeping and child rearing are not worthy of the full time and talents of intelligent and educated human beings."

Obama said that Republicans are waging a "war on women," but that's a completely contrived issue. The real war on women is by feminists who demean women who choose the career path of homemaker and mislead young women into believing that a job in the workforce will be more significant and rewarding than marriage and motherhood (in that order).

The most scholarly book written about the feminist movement by a nonfeminist is "Domestic Tranquility" by Carolyn Graglia. She read all those tiresome books and articles by the feminist leaders, Betty Friedan, Germaine Greer, Kate Millet, Gloria Steinem, and Simone de Beauvoir, and concluded that the principal goal of feminism from the get-go has been "the status degradation of the housewife's role."

Graglia documented the fact that all branches of feminism are united in the conviction that a woman can find identity and fulfillment only by a career in the workforce. Betty Friedan said the stay-at-home mom is a "parasite" living in a "comfortable

concentration camp." Gloria Steinem said, "you become a semi-nonperson when you get married."

This devaluing of the role of mother and full-time homemaker is bedded in the psyche of the feminists who are major players in the Obama administration. Don't forget that when the feminists started their movement in the late 1960s and early 1970s, they called themselves the women's liberation movement, i.e., their goal was to be liberated from home, husband and children.

Feminists believe that society's expectation that mothers should care for their own children illustrates the oppression of women by the patriarchy. That's why legislating taxpayer-funded daycare as an entitlement for all is a major and longtime feminist goal.

Longtime? Absolutely. The feminists are still crying on television about President Richard Nixon's 1971 veto of the Mondale-Brademas Daycare bill. Government-financed daycare was one of the hot-button demands endorsed at the International Women's Year conference in November 1977, along with the Equal Rights Amendment, taxpayer-funded abortions, and the entire gay agenda.

The feminists showed their clout in the Obama administration when they got him to rule that Obamacare must force all employers to pay for sterilization, abortion drugs, and contraception even when it's contrary to their religious beliefs. The feminists were able to override the objections of all Obama's experienced political advisers who warned that this would alienate large blocs of voters who care about religious liberty.

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Perry promotes budget compact to ensure no new taxes

HOUSTON (AP) — More than eight months before the Texas Legislature reconvenes, Gov. Rick Perry proposed a compact on Monday that would ensure no new taxes or increases to levies already on the books.

Among other things, the Texas Budget Compact calls for a constitutional limiting of state spending increases to population growth and inflation and demands a business tax exemption for companies with annual revenues of less than \$1 million be made permanent.

The compact asks legislators to keep the state's rainy day fund to remain strong, eliminates unnecessary and redundant state government programs and agencies, and demands "truth in budgeting" by ending short-term financial fixes that put off decisions to future legislatures.

"This is an incredible opportunity to do what's right for Texas and for Texans," Perry said at a campaign-style appearance at a Houston moving company that he said was typical of small businesses to benefit from the business tax exemption. "This is a conversation that time is ripe for us to have."

Perry's proposal comes one year after lawmakers passed a state budget that included spending cuts of almost \$15 billion.

The Texas Legislature doesn't meet until next January and Republican Perry isn't up for possible re-election for a another two-plus years, but several Texas Senate seats and the Texas House are up for grabs in 2012, beginning with the primary election next month. The GOP controls both houses.

The Texas Democratic Party, which has held none of

the statewide elected offices since 1994, immediately branded Perry's announcement Monday "shameful."

"Perry is calling on his fellow Republicans to commit to permanently underfunding public education and human services," Boyd Richie, the party chairman, said. "He's leading Texas into a race for the bottom that jeopardizes the future of both our children and our parents."

Perry said he understood not everyone would embrace his ideas.

"This is nothing new," he said. "I've been involved in this process since 1985 and there's been wailing and gnashing of teeth and the same in 1985 as we hear now."

"Every session there are people who want to spend more money, there are people who want to prioritize their projects where they find themselves as most important in the state. ... We make it work. I'm sure at the end of the day there will be those who say we would have done this differently. But our process works and I think our process works as well as any other state in the nation."

Asked specifically what cuts he'd make in redundant state programs or agencies, Perry declined.

"I think this is a good time to start the conversation," he said. "We're not going to write the budget today. My instinct is there may be some folks in the private sector who can give us some ideas."

The governor said a good chunk of the state budget goes to Medicaid costs, which he described as a "ticking time bomb" that only will rise if the U.S. Supreme Court doesn't throw out President Barack Obama's health care law.

Perry said the compact was "all about resetting the button on budgeting and that's what I think Texans understand." He also said he didn't want the state to become like the federal government "that's out of control" and other states "that have some real problems with their budgetary process."

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Legislators told that victims' fund has budget issues

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Court fines and fees that fund the state crime victims' fund have fallen off, creating a budget shortfall for the program that funds rape crisis centers and women's shelters, experts told Texas lawmakers on Monday.

First Assistant Attorney General Daniel Hodge told two legislative committees that revenues have dropped 3 percent since 2008 and the result is a short-term deficit in the current two-year budget and a longer-term problem of keeping the fund going. He said the Crime Victim Compensation Fund, which paid out \$75.5 million last year, would only have \$2.7 million left in it at the end of fiscal year 2013.

The attorney general's office, which manages most of the fund, had sent out a letter warning nonprofits that provide victim services to expect a cut, but after legislators complained, he assured those organizations there would be no cuts before 2014. Hodge said the fund has enough money to continue direct payments to crime victims, but not enough to fund programs that provide victims with services, such as shelter or counseling.

"Both the short-term stability and the long-term viability of the fund are in jeopardy," he said.

More than 65 percent of the fund's revenue comes from court fines and fees, but those have dropped off since 2008. Hodge said convictions are down, the economy has slowed and law enforcement agencies have cut back and shifted priorities to activities that don't generate as much in fines and fees.

He said the attorney general's office has cut expenses and sought to increase revenue by leading a statewide round-up of those with outstanding warrants. Officials are also working with courts to improve collection rates on outstanding fees and fines.

"I don't think collections alone, to be frank to the committee, will resolve the long-term shortfall if you want to continue funding at existing levels," Hodge warned.

Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman John Otto, R-Dayton, said lawmakers must decide whether to maintain current funding from the state treasury or increase it to keep the fund healthy.

Rep. Pete Gallego, the Democratic chairman of the criminal justice committee, said the fund had enough money to last until the next Legislature meets in January. At that time, lawmakers can vote to appropriate additional funds.

Verna Lee Carr, state director of People Against Violent Crime, called on lawmakers to ensure that crime victims receive the direct assistance they need. She complained that, in the past, crime victims' funds were spent on other programs.

Torie Camp, director of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, said it's critical to fund nonprofits that provide services in addition to making direct payments to victims for costs not covered by insurance or restitution.

Only 18 percent of rape victims report the crime to law enforcement, but it's not known how many seek counseling from a rape crisis center. State law requires a victim to report a crime before he or she can receive funding, so the crisis centers are frequently the only resource for those who do not call the police.

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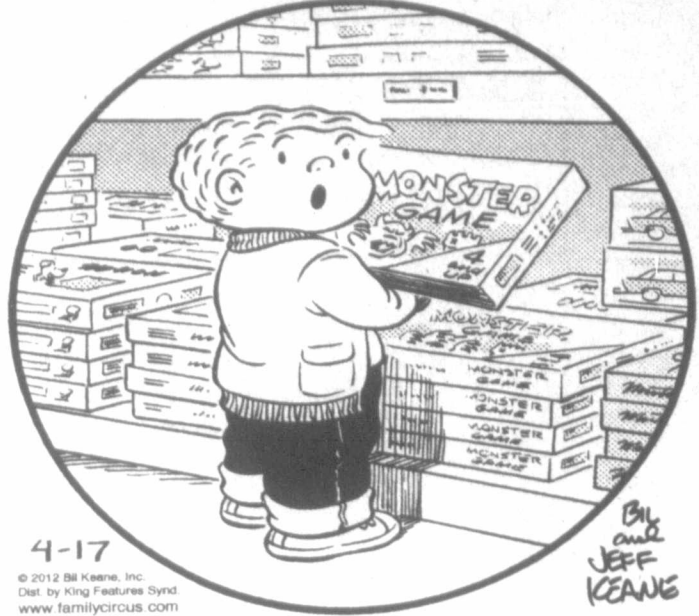
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Mommy, when will I be four and up?"

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 18, 2012:

This year you are an emotional pendulum, swinging from moody to introverted and from emotional to dynamic. You act before thinking and are full of energy. Others might wonder who is the real you. Try both sides of your personality this year. If you are single, you attract impulsive and spontaneous people. As a result, your relationships will have an unpredictable tone. If you are attached, the two of you become more carefree than you were before you met each other. You infuse your relationship with a wild excitement. Another ARIES might be very different, but he or she has a similar intensity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ How you feel when you wake up and how you feel by noon could be very different. You sense that you are in a whirlwind of emotions, but one you can handle. Put 110 percent into whatever you do, and you will be pleased with the results. Tonight: Go with whimsy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Say less and listen more. You cannot help but gain understanding through a conversation. You suddenly might understand why someone decided to head in a particular direction. Schedule a much-needed checkup. Tonight: Get some extra z's.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Your friendship means a lot to others. You also have a lot of responsibilities. Be realistic — you can spread yourself only so thin, even as energetic as you are. A meeting provokes many ideas and suggestions. Still, the unforeseen will play into your plans. Remember, you like excitement. Tonight: Follow the fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You are on top of your game. Listen to news from a boss or older friend with a grain of salt. Everything could reverse itself before the end of the day. Stay direct when dealing with others; do not lose your focus. Tonight: You might decide to go your own way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Detach, and you'll seem far more supportive to others, as there is less of a tendency to trigger a reaction. What you will notice is that what you would judge in someone else is present within yourself. Use this situation as an opportunity to get past your issues. Tonight: Wherever there is good music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Togetherness comes from letting go of your view of what should be. Try to see life from a different perspective. Ask questions. You'll soon discover that there is no right or wrong, only what works for an individual. Tonight: Jump on an opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others for the moment; listen to their views. You are likely to have an animated debate. The unexpected runs riot in the best-laid plans, especially involving a partner or key associate. Hang in there. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Be aware of what is happening behind the scenes. Know what you want from a situation. Communication is vital, in that it will lead you and others to find a new approach to handling a problematic issue. Trust yourself, and you will find answers. Tonight: All fired up.

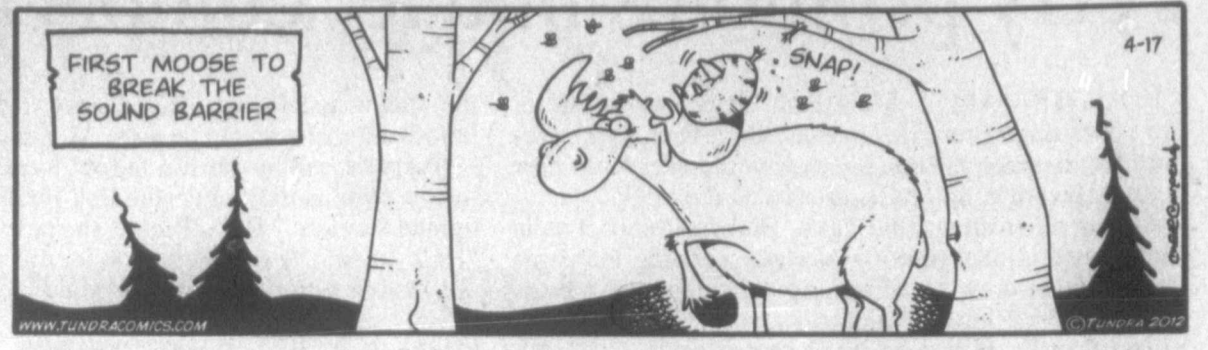
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Infuse whatever situation you are in with creativity and perspective. Others will jump on the bandwagon with you as they see the wisdom of your ways. A surprise could be heading down the pike, just for you. Tonight: Take a mid-week break.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Sometimes you need to stop and center yourself. Part of the reason that this process seems necessary is that you are changing. Old choices reflect your former self. Stop and revamp your decisions; you want them to fit the new you. Tonight: Don't stray far from home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Keep conversations moving. You can facilitate a friendship or agreement just by employing your innate skills. Your perceptions might be changing during this process. What you think is a problem might no longer be the case. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Listen to news carefully. Be aware of what is being shared by someone whose financial wisdom you respect. A meeting could be provocative and draw a strong reaction. Use care, as you might be more unpredictable than usual. Tonight: Tap into self-discipline.

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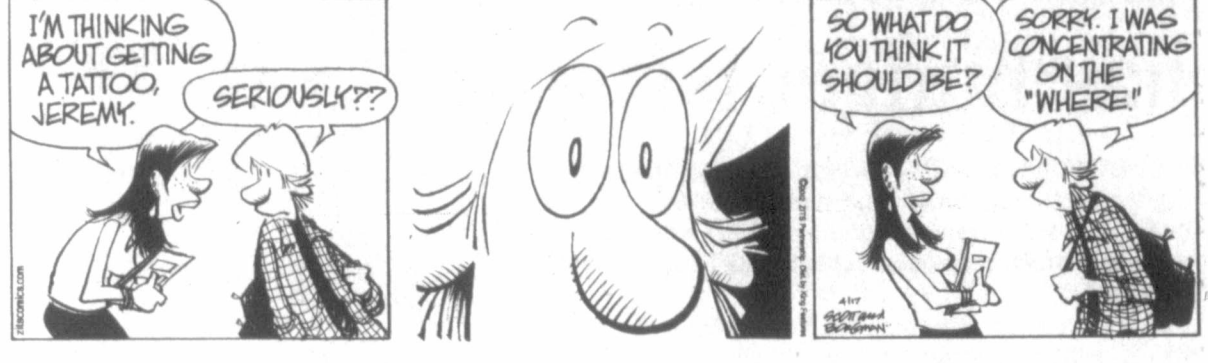
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PHS Sr. Engle finds permanent position in center

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When Pampa senior Cole Engle was a sophomore, he had to look at the lineup card every day to know where he was playing.

"It depended on who was pitching that game to see where I played," Engle said.

This year, Engle knows he is the leadoff hitter and playing center field.

Engle played eight of nine positions, everything except catcher, in his sophomore year and said it was tough not having a permanent position.

"I had to take ground balls when I was playing in the infield," Engle said. "Fly balls aren't very difficult. I just started this year trying to make diving catches. Ground balls take hard work to get used to."

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said Engle handled that year well.

"He's a guy you can put anywhere," Snelgrooves said. "He's played shortstop and he will (today). He's done a great job there. He's been a leadoff hitter for me for two years and has done a good job there."

Also, Engle wasn't consistently batting.

"There were some games, I played the field and someone DHed," Engle said. "You want to be hitting. To earn

that spot you have to show you can hit. You have to perform in a game. I just had to work my way up to it."

Engle worked his way into the lead-off spot, keeping that position the last two seasons.

Last season, Engle spent most of the year in left field but got moved to the infield after then-senior Mitch Simon's injury. Engle said it's nice to know what he's doing each game.

"I can go out there every game and play the same spot," Engle said. "Talk to the same guys. Let them know if I got the ball or if they have the ball. I'm in the same spot in the batting order. I'm comfortable."

Snelgrooves said Engle has developed well.

"It's one of those deals," Snelgrooves said. If a pop fly is hit to him, I stand up and go 'Get ready for the next inning.' You know it's going to be caught. He's that kind of outfielder. He's made some catches this year that were hit, that I didn't think anyone could get to and he catches them no problem."

Engle plays shortstop when junior starter James Thompson pitches. The senior said playing in the infield in his sophomore year helped him do well this season.

"That Borger game, coach Snelgrooves had me play shortstop," Engle said. "I played (hard) and played great at shortstop. As a sophomore I couldn't play great at shortstop. I would make some errors. Right there is two years of work to get where I'm at."



Engle

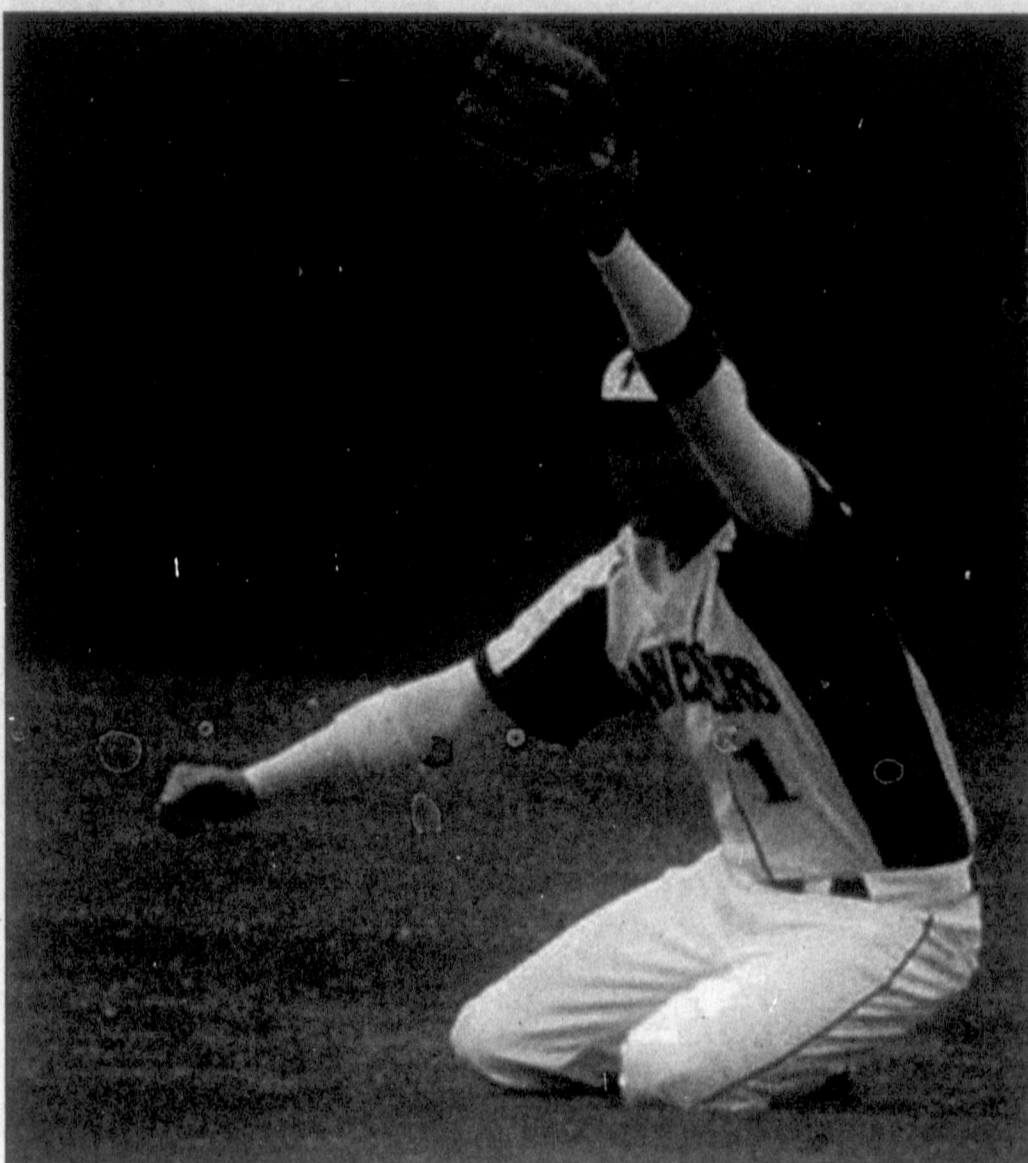



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Senior Cole Engle makes a catch in center against Perryton in a April 6 game. Engle has started at center in most games this season.

athletes
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CORRECTION



Claire Hopkins
Pampa High School

In Monday's The Pampa News Female Athlete of the week, Claire Hopkins' photo had the wrong caption. The Pampa News apologizes for the error.

Pampa High School junior softball player **Claire Hopkins** is The Pampa News Female Athlete of the Week. Hopkins had two hits and scored three runs Tuesday in the Lady Harvesters' victory over Dalhart. On Saturday, Hopkins was one of six Lady Harvesters to get a hit. This is Hopkins first athlete of the week honor in 2012.

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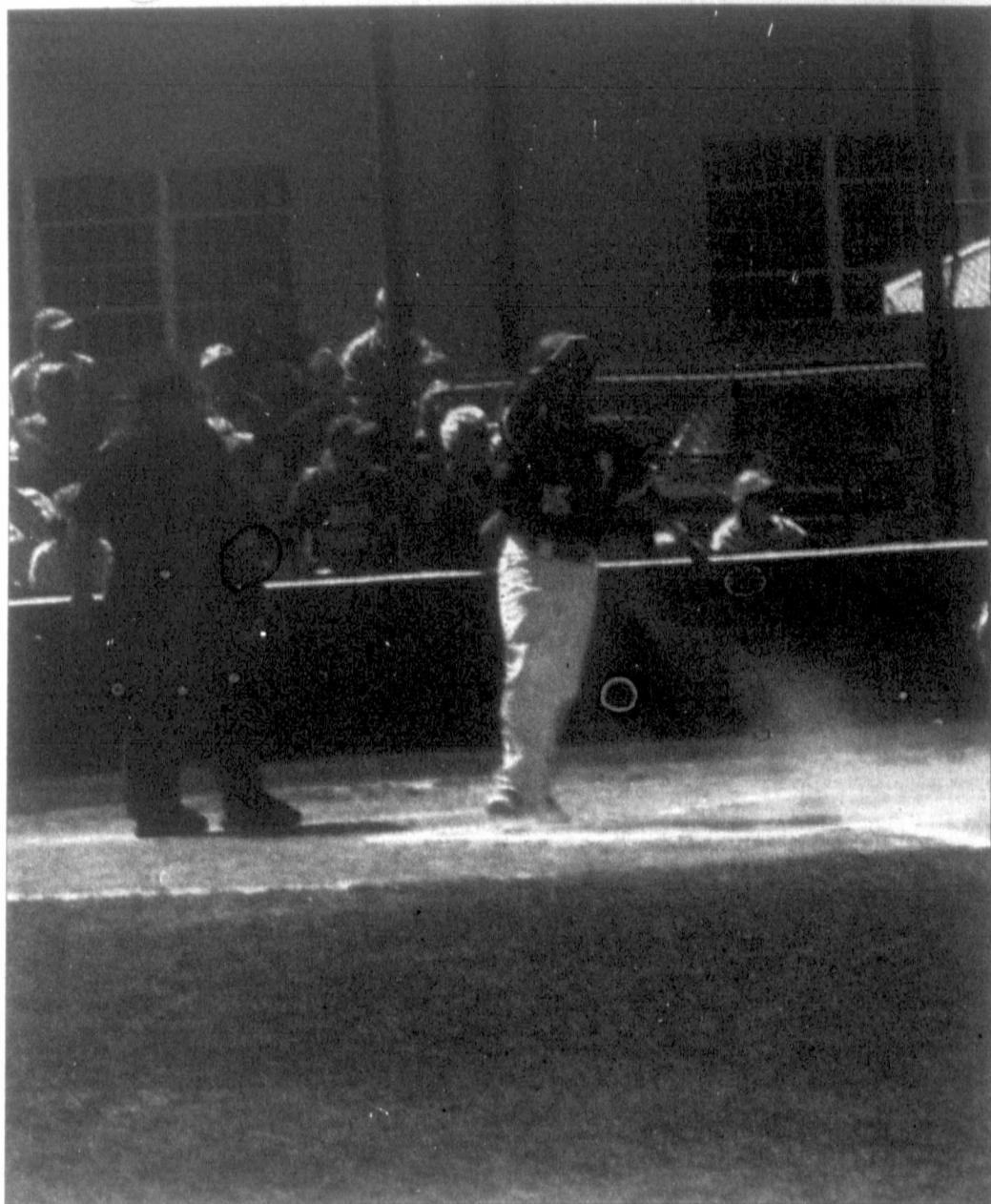
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Sports

Harvesters hope to win final third, clinch district



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Senior Jared Lusk gets up after sliding to score the first run against Borger Saturday. The Harvesters hope they are the last ones standing in District 1-3A.

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The Pampa Harvesters may have lost the "Preakness Stakes." For horse racers that would signal the end of their run for an elusive Triple Crown. That's not the case for Pampa, as it's still able to clinch district in the final three games of the season.

"We will do good if we run our race," junior James Thompson said. "Do everything we can to win."

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves named every three games after a Triple Crown race. Pampa needs to win two out of three games to "win the race." The Harvesters lost to Perryton on April 6 and to Borger Saturday. Snelgrooves said his team controls its destiny.

"It's nice to know you are in the playoffs and that's behind you," Snelgrooves said. "Now you are playing for the district championship and that's our goal. Ultimately know-

ing you control that, you can't ask for anything else."

Pampa clinched playoffs when it beat Dalhart last Tuesday. Borger, Pampa and Perryton have split against each other and are 4-2 in district. The Harvesters visit Perryton at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, host Dalhart for Senior Day at noon on Saturday and host Borger at 4:30 p.m. on April 27. Sophomore Ethan Hunt said the team needs to focus.

"We need teamwork and the will to go on," Hunt said. Thompson said the team can't rely on beating Perryton and Borger the first time.

"We have to play Perryton at their place and that's a tough place to win," Thompson said. "We can't let having beat them get in our heads."

Snelgrooves said it's good that his team knows they

can win all three games but that these games are different than the previous ones.

"Beating Perryton at Perryton that first game is going to help us mentally, going up there again," Snelgrooves said. "That makes (Perryton) more motivated

because you beat them at their place. Perryton is a tough place to play."

Snelgrooves said his team's first goal is to beat Perryton today.

"You can't go 3 for 3 unless you are 1 for 1," Snelgrooves said. "We are going to Perryton and have a business attitude and a business trip mentality and see if we can take care of business."

Last year, Pampa had the chance to force a three-way-tie in the last game of the season but lost the finale to Borger. The Harvesters haven't won district since 2006.



Hunt



Snelgrooves



Thompson

CLEMENS TRIAL

Jury selection begins in Clemens' second trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens stood and uttered "Morning" to the 90 potential jurors who had gathered in the ornate, sixth-floor ceremonial courtroom, the one deemed big enough to hold them all. After he sat down, he swiveled his chair, as if trying to make eye contact with as many as possible.

Some of those looking back had no idea who he was. Others, including two who survived the first cut, wondered if it was a waste of taxpayer time and money that got him to this point.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner was back in court Monday in the government's second attempt to prove that he misled a House committee at a landmark drugs-and-sports hearing in 2008. The first trial last July ended in a mistrial when prosecutors introduced inadmissible evidence after only two witnesses had been called.

One potential juror said he felt "it was a little bit ridiculous" when Congress held hearings on drug use in sports because he felt the government should have been focusing on bigger problems. Nevertheless, the native of Chile — an investment officer for an international bank — was asked to return, the only male to remain in the jury pool among those who were individually screened on the first day.

Another potential juror recalled the 2008 hearing by saying: "At the time, I remember thinking it didn't seem to be a great use of taxpayer money," but she was kept in the pool after she said she could be impartial.

"Even if I don't agree with the reason that you're brought before Congress, you still have to tell the truth If you perjure yourself before Congress, it's still illegal," said the woman, who is an executive for an environmental non-profit organization.

But another potential juror was excused after she volunteered: "I don't know if that's the best use of government tax dollars at this time." She said her feelings could influence her ability to serve.

Clemens lawyer Rusty Hardin even hinted that perhaps the defense might challenge Congress' authority to call the hearing in the first place, but U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton was skeptical of that line of questioning. The judge reminded lawyers again that some of the jurors from the first trial felt a retrial would be a waste of taxpayer money, adding that one of the hurdles in the case is that some people think "we have some significant problems in this country that are not being addressed by this Congress."

By the end of the day — after the proceedings had moved to a smaller courtroom — only 13

potential jurors had been screened and just seven had been asked to return Wednesday for more screening. Clemens made some \$120 million in salary in his 24-year major league career, but it's safe to say hardly any of it came from the three District of Columbia residents — all African-American females — who made the cut after saying they had never heard of him.

"I'm not a fan of sports — period," said one prospect, who works as a cashier at a grocery store.

As the clock was hitting 5 p.m., Walton called it a day and chided the lawyers over the day's tedious pace: "It doesn't help the process to repeat what I've already asked."

The retrial is expected to last four to six weeks, with the first several days devoted to finding 12 jurors and four alternates with no preconceived opinion about the case. The vetting process began with Walton taking more than an hour to read 86 yes-or-no questions to the entire pool, including "Do you have any opinions about Major League Baseball — good, bad or whatever?"

Lawyers on both sides read a list of 104 people who could be called as witnesses or whose names could be mentioned during the trial, including former sluggers Barry Bonds and Jose Canseco; baseball commissioner Bud Selig; New York Yankees

general manager Brian Cashman; baseball writer Peter Gammons; and former Clemens teammates Paul O'Neill, Jorge Posada and Mike Stanton.

Perhaps the most important name was Brian McNamee, Clemens' former strength trainer, who says he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone and says he kept used needles that will be entered as scientific evidence at trial.

Clemens lawyer Rusty Hardin stressed to the jury pool that not all of those potential witnesses would be called, or else they "would be here about two years."

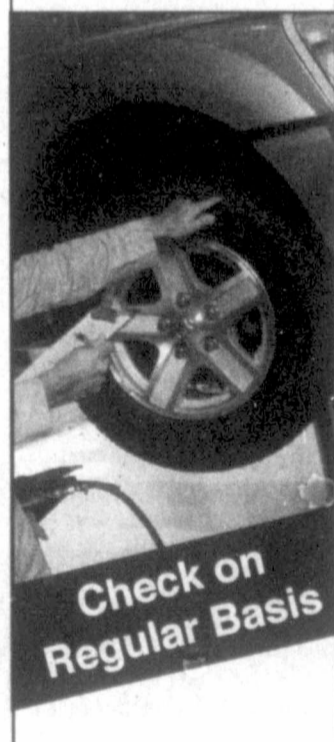
Clemens, wearing a gray suit with a stylish diagonal-patterned tie, gave a warm handshake to a court employee he recognized as he entered the courtroom. He read papers in a manila folder while waiting for the proceedings to start and occasionally took notes once jury selection was under way.

Clemens faces a maximum sentence of up to 30 years in prison and a \$1.5 million fine if convicted on all six charges. Maximum penalties are unlikely because Clemens doesn't have a criminal record, but Walton made plain at the first trial that Clemens was at risk of going to jail.

Under U.S. sentencing guidelines, he probably would face up to 15 months to 21 months in prison.

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Texas prosecutor trying revoke Leaf's probation

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The Texas prosecutor who brokered a plea deal with former NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf filed a motion Monday to revoke his probation and will press for prison time.

Randall County district attorney James Farren said his motion probably will be amended as he gets additional details about Leaf's latest legal problem. Leaf faces four felonies in Montana after allegedly breaking into a home to steal prescription painkillers, then robbing a second home after being released from jail.

"I anticipate amending that motion to reflect other potential charges," Farren said.

Leaf is likely to face the Montana charges first. He

was given 10 years' probation in Texas in 2010 after being accused of burglarizing a player's home while he was a coach at West Texas A&M. An investigation found he obtained nearly 1,000 pain pills from area pharmacies in an eight-month span.

Leaf is jailed without bond on a 30-day hold to allow prosecutors in Montana and Texas to sort through the separate cases. Leaf's Texas attorney, Bill Kelly, declined to comment because he had not seen the motion.

Farren said he is fine with Montana proceeding with its case first, though "our process would probably be shorter because revocation doesn't take as long" as getting a case to trial. Late last week, Cascade

County (Mont.) prosecutor John Parker charged Leaf with two counts of burglary and two counts of criminal possession of a dangerous drug. If convicted, Leaf faces a maximum prison sentence of 20 years

on each burglary charge and five years for each possession charge.

Should the judge in Leaf's Texas case revoke his probation, the former Washington State standout and the No. 2 pick in the

1998 NFL draft, could be sentenced to 20 years. The revocation motion cites Leaf's admission twice to a probation officer in Montana that he had taken oxycodone pills not prescribed to him.

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Ready your car for spring travel

The return of warm weather marks the return of road trips for millions of motorists across the country. Whether going to the beach or heading off to parts unknown, hitting the open road with the windows down is a time-honored tradition for drivers of all ages.

But such road trips can prove disastrous if drivers don't take the right steps to prepare their vehicles for spring and summer travel. The following are a few ways motorists can ensure their car is ready to tackle the open road.

Tighten things up. Loose parts, such as exhaust clamps, license plates, and interior trim panels, can create rattles and cause parts to get damaged or fall off. What's more, rattling sounds can be a noisy nuisance for drivers and passengers alike. Permatex Threadlockers can be used to keep the nuts and bolts from coming loose and save parts replacement costs. They also have a threadlocker for plastic fasteners, which vehicle manufacturers have grown to rely on more and more.

Wash your car. A newly washed car not only looks good, but it's often much safer as well. Take your car

to a car wash a few days before the trip and have the vehicle thoroughly cleaned. A thorough cleaning will remove dirt and grime from the vehicle's undercarriage, not to mention unsightly bird droppings and water spots or salt stains leftover from winter.

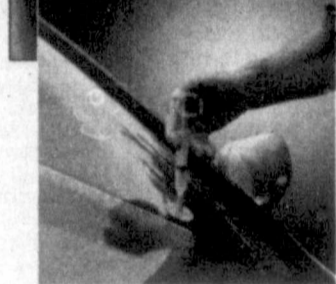
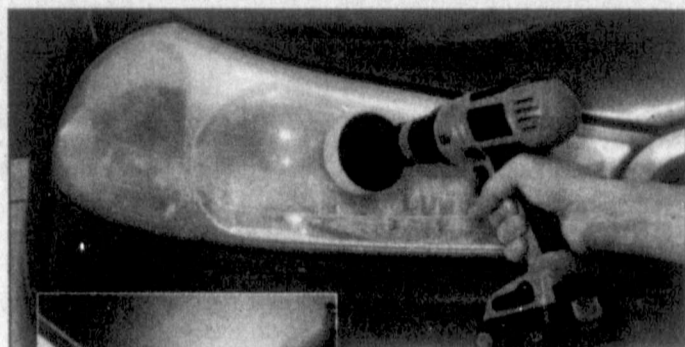
Fix foggy headlight lenses. Many spring and summer road trippers travel at night so their days can be spent

of accident. If the lenses are yellowed and foggy, that's likely because salt, ozone and road debris has dulled them to a point where vision can be impaired, placing drivers and their passengers at risk. But foggy lenses don't mandate an expensive headlight replacement. In fact, The Permatex Lens Renew Kit makes it easy to clean up and polish dull headlight lenses

time, battery terminals and cables will start to corrode. Such corrosion will eventually eat away at the battery's parts, creating a bad connection that sooner or later will require the battery be replaced. Check the battery before your trip and remember to clean the battery periodically as part of routine vehicle maintenance.

Address windshield nicks and bullseyes. Nicks and chips in the windshields are a common problem regardless of the season. But such damage is most prevalent in the winter because of the extra debris that's on the road. These nicks and cracks need to get fixed as soon as possible to prevent them from spreading and resulting in the need for a windshield replacement. Oftentimes, motorists can address nicks and bullseyes in their own driveways in a matter of minutes. For example, the Permatex Bullseye Windshield Repair kit is tailor made for do-it-yourselfers, requiring no heating or mixing while ensuring each repair is virtually undetectable.

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Motorists should perform routine maintenance before beginning a spring or summer road trip, such as fixing windshield nicks (l.) and restoring cloudy headlight lenses.

soaking up some sun at the beach or lake. Before heading off for parts unknown, motorists should inspect their headlight lenses to reduce risk

and restore them to like new condition, improving your car's lighting and driver visibility. Check the battery. Over

Pre-owned can be a smart financial bet



Many people look to the used-car lots when shopping for vehicles. The allure of a lower price is what drives some consumers to purchase a pre-owned car or truck. Considering many of the used vehicles available are only a few years old, this can be a smart decision.

With the widespread availability of leases, many pre-owned vehicles are lease turn-ins that are only a few years old and in relatively good condition. And because leases limit the amount of mileage that can be put on the vehicle in a given year, chances are a lot of those pre-owned vehicles are also low in mileage.

Used-car pricing almost always will be lower than a vehicle off the lot. This is a big draw to many consumers looking to save money on a vehicle. New cars depreciate as soon as they are driven away from the dealership, so even a vehicle that is only a few months old will cost less than it did brand new.

Buying a pre-owned car at a dealership also may come with a warranty. In order to liquidate their stock of used vehicles, oftentimes dealerships will certify the vehicles are in good condition and offer

warranties that cover many of the same items one would find with a new vehicle. Certified vehicles can be a safer investment, primarily because the service history and the condition of the car is verifiable. Buying from a private owner may be a riskier purchase.

That doesn't mean that buying a used car from a private owner should be avoided at all costs. Many private sellers are honest individuals and will offer proof documenting the vehicle's maintenance history. There are also car history reports that can be obtained using the VIN number on the vehicle to check to see if it was in any major accidents or had other kinds of damage.

Buying used is also a green investment. While a brand-new hybrid may certainly save on fuel use, the energy needed to produce that new hybrid can be considerable. Purchasing a used car means less demand for a new one to be made.

Another advantage to used vehicles is that insurance premiums may be lower. That's because new cars usually require comprehensive insurance coverage, when a used vehicle may only require the basics.

People looking to save money on a vehicle should consider pre-owned cars as viable options for their next vehicle.

Simple ways to improve fuel economy

The economy might be slowly recovering, but saving money is still foremost on the minds of many people. Men and women have looked to save money in a variety of ways, including at the gas pump. While there's little drivers can do to reduce the cost of a gallon of gas, there are ways they can make the gas last a little longer.

Improving fuel economy is nothing new to many motorists, but some might still be surprised at the myriad ways they can get more bang for their buck with regards to fuel costs.

• Don't break the law. Obeying the speed limit might save your life, and it can also save you money. Typically, fuel economy decreases rapidly as a car reaches and surpasses 60 miles per hour. According to the U.S. Department of Safety, drivers can assume that each five miles per hour they drive over 60, they are paying an additional 26¢ per gallon for gas.

• Empty the trunk. Though it might be more convenient to keep your golf clubs in the trunk of your car, extra and unnecessary cargo in a vehicle's trunk drastically reduces fuel economy. An extra 100 pounds in a vehicle can reduce miles per gallon by as much as 2 percent, so keep a trunk free of items that aren't absolutely necessary.

• Stop idling. Many people let their car idle for several minutes on cold mornings. But today's newer vehicles don't really need to idle to warm up, and idling can be very taxing on fuel economy. Depending on the size of the car, idling can use between a quarter to a half gallon of fuel per hour. If you still insist on letting the vehicle idle, a few seconds of idling should be enough to warm the engine up.

• Embrace cruise control on long drives without lots of stopping and starting. Maintaining a constant

speed, which a vehicle does when drivers utilize cruise control, can help save fuel, as it's less taxing on an engine to continue at one speed then it is to constantly switch back and forth between high and low speeds.

• Inflation the tires. Poorly inflated tires lower gas mileage and also pose a safety

hazard. The DOE notes that properly inflated tires can improve gas mileage by as much as 3 percent. Ideal tire pressure is different for each vehicle, so check your vehicle's owner's manual for recommended tire pressure. Some vehicle manufacturers also include the recommended tire pressure on the vehicle itself, be it in the driver's side-door jamb or in the vehicle's glove compartment. Tire pressure printed on the tire's sidewall might not be the ideal tire inflation for your particular vehicle, so always adhere to the

manufacturer's recommendation instead.

• Drive the car you need, not the car you want. Drivers who truly need to save money at the pump should consider the type of vehicle they're driving, and whether it's the car they need or the car they want. For instance, office workers who own a



Drive the car you need, not the car you want.

pickup truck but don't use it to haul items might want to consider a smaller vehicle that gets better gas mileage.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 43-year-old veteran of the grocery industry. I am also an associate of one of the premier supermarkets in the country, and I disagree with your response to "Chicago Clipper" (Feb. 18)!

Coupons are a necessary evil and are graciously accepted, but they create an abundance of work for retailers. It takes countless hours of sorting, logging, filling out forms, mailing and receiving to be reimbursed for the face value of the coupon. This is hardly a benefit to the grocer.

The abuse and fraud associated with coupons adds up into millions of dollars. When a customer leaves one on a shelf for the next shopper, it usually ends up on the floor. So we now have a slick surface that someone can slip on and fall. When they are placed on an item in the dairy or meat case, they inevitably fall to the bottom and clog the drains, which causes water backups — another safety hazard — not to mention it's trash we must fish out. All of this takes time and money away from the associates performing our duties in a very low-profit industry.

By leaving an unwanted coupon on a store shelf for the next customer, Chicago Clipper is NOT "paying it forward." She's adding to the

problem. So, please, folks, keep your coupons in your purse, wallet, pocket or coupon book until you get to the checkout line. — FLORIDA BUTCHER

DEAR FLORIDA BUTCHER: Thank you for pointing out to my readers and me some of the problems coupons may create. Your sentiments were repeated by many retailers. However, other shoppers and retailers offered suggestions that may help to eliminate the problem, including: coupon exchanges, donating them to the military, posting them on Freecycle, Craigslist or Facebook, etc. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a coupon user. I am also a grocery store employee. I constantly have to pick up coupons left by customers who are "paying it forward" or "being generous." Not only are they a safety hazard, but they make our store look unkempt. We pride ourselves in maintaining a high standard of appearance. We actually clean up more coupons than those we redeem.

Why not hand the extra coupons to your checker and ask that they be offered to the next customer? As for litterbugs who leave expired coupons laying around, every check stand is equipped with a garbage can, and an employee will be more than happy to

throw out your trash if you ask. — STORE MANAGER IN MONTANA

DEAR ABBY: I leave coupons for others, but I often go one step further. If I see someone with the item in his or her cart, I'll offer the coupon directly to that person. So far, I have met pleasant people who are happy to get a break at the cash register. I have also met people who have told me how delighted they were to find coupons on shelves. — MARIE IN MAINE

DEAR ABBY: I'm a widow with a 20-year-old car and I accidentally smashed in its front end.

When I got home and my neighbor saw what had happened, he spent his next weekend at a wreckage yard buying all the necessary replacements. The following weekend he reassembled my car to perfection.

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DEAR LEE: So your guardian angel wears a Navy uniform! He's not only an officer and a gentleman, but also a master mechanic. You are one lucky lady, and he is a sweetheart.

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BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of 10 tiles below contains two common five-letter words. The letters of the first five-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find them and rearrange them to spell a word. Cross out those letters and rearrange the five remaining letters to spell the second word.

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