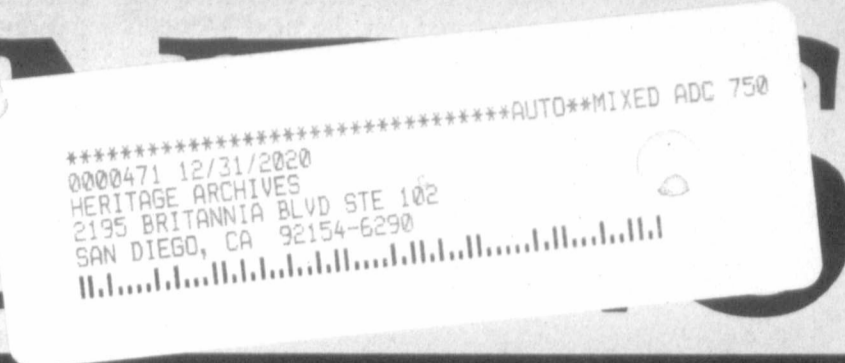


CHILDERS BROTHERS INC.
HOUSE LEVELING
 Uneven Floors
 Floor Bracing
 Cracks In Bricks
 Sticking Doors & Windows
 Interior Wall Cracking
 FREE ESTIMATES
1-800-299-9563
 WWW.CHILDERSLEVELING.COM

DOUG BOYD MOTOR CO.
TIME FOR A ROAD TRIP? COME SEE MIKE OR STEVE
 Corner of Hwy 60 & 70 • Call 806-669-6062!
 Buy Here, Pay Here, No Credit Check.
 Visa & Mastercard Accepted.
 Go to our website at: www.DougBoydMotors.com

All in-stock carpet
\$12.95 - \$25.95
 per sq. yd. installed with pad
 We will beat any legitimate bid by
10%
 on any product that we carry!
Premier Floor Warehouse
 301 S. Cuyler, Pampa TX • 669-7001

The PAMPA



TODAY IN SPORTS

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 www.thepampanews.com Volume 108 • No. 17

75¢ \$1.50 weekend **DC delicate on Secret Service scandal** **Killgo develops into leader**
 Washington loath on criticism | p4A Three varsity seasons shape Harvester as player | p2B

COMING ATTRACTION?

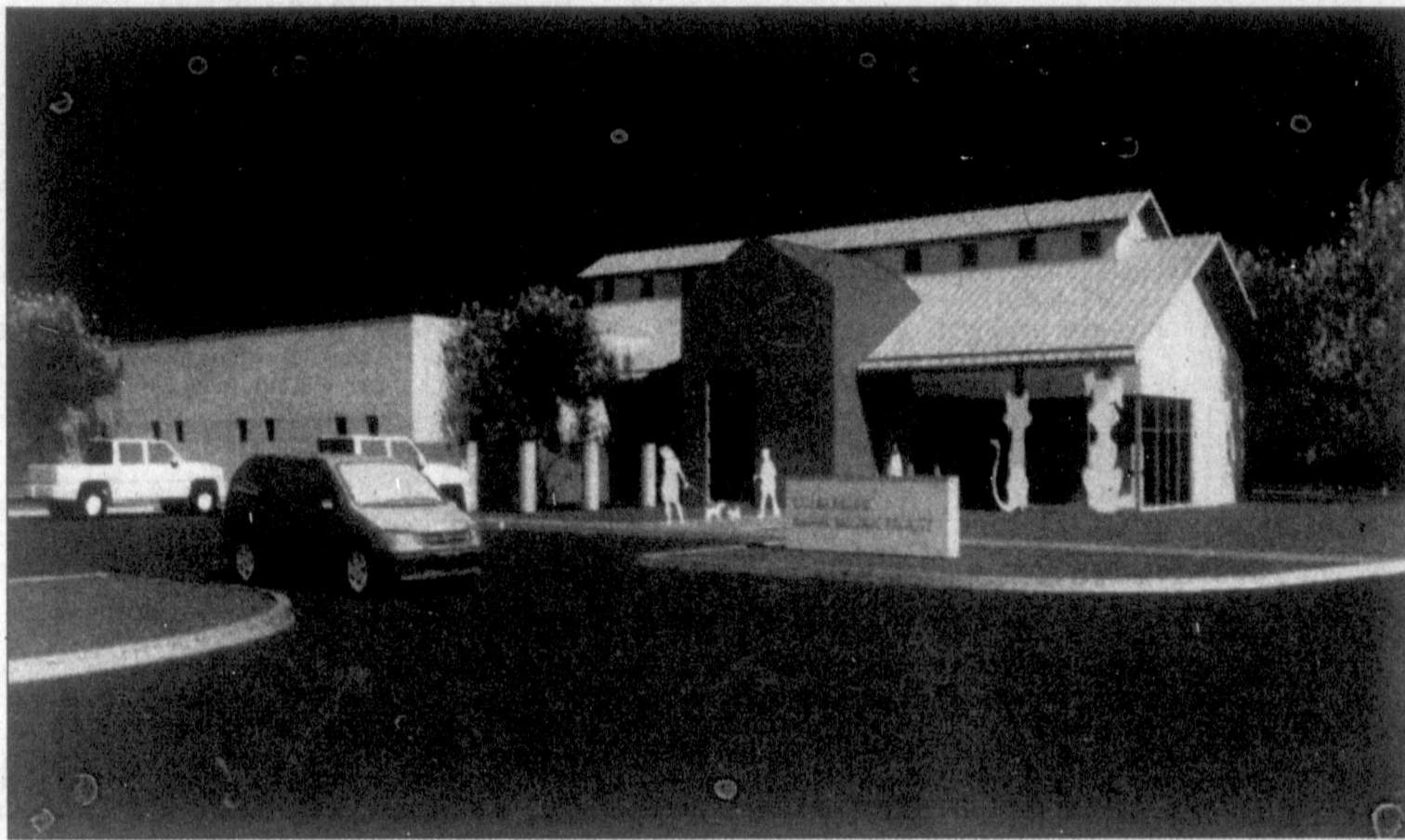


Image courtesy of City of Pampa

Above is a rendering of the proposed animal welfare facility to be voted on in the upcoming bond election.

Bond election to decide shelter project's fate

MOLLIE BRYANT
 mbryant@thepampanews.com

When early voting begins next Monday in the city's elections, Pampans will decide whether or not the city will go forward with plans to construct a new animal shelter. Slated to cost \$2.95 million, the 12,800 square foot facility would more than double the current shelter's space for dogs and cats, while addressing issues of overcrowding for animals, Animal Control workers and shelter volunteers, as well as the spread of disease.

"Now, with (the shelter) being built 30-plus years ago, it's in a bad state of repair," said city manager Richard Morris. "We've seen an increase in the animals over there, too, so that's created some of the problems there, besides the age of the facility there."

Plans for the shelter, designed by GH2 Architects in Tulsa, Oklahoma, include a dog park, community room, adoption center, places where people

can get to know animals before adopting them, offices and workrooms for staff and volunteers, outdoor exercise areas, a laundry area, a temperament assessment room and euthanasia suite. It will also have 50 indoor dog kennels and 52 feline cat cottages. Morris said that because the shelter construction bond would replace existing bonds that are due to retire, the city does not plan to fund the project with a tax increase.

Monty Montgomery of Animal Control says the shelter averages 45 to 50 dogs in a facility that has a total of 20 dog runs. While multiple puppies and smaller dogs can be housed up in a single run, he says that one dog per run is an ideal arrangement.

"We've always been crowded," Montgomery said. "We're just in that position that there's needed to be an upgrade for years."

"One of the disadvantages we have now is just space, and we really have a hard time cleaning the pens they're set up there, so a new facility

will, besides letting us have more space, will let us clean the facility a little better," said Morris. "It will also have not only a better environment for the animals there, but it'll be a better work environment."

As the shelter has coped with an animal population that has increased over the years, the incidence of disease has also been an issue. A recent case of an often fatal disease linked to kennel cough, hepatitis and other illnesses in dogs, called adenovirus, emphasized the need for a facility that would better control the spread of disease.

"One of the biggest problems we've had has been transfer of disease," said Montgomery. "You get a sick animal in this cage, and before you realize he's sick, he's infected the rest of them. The new facility would give us the ability to confine that disease to a specific area to where we don't have as much possibility of transfer. The ventilation system alone will make such a difference because of

SHELTER cont. on page 2A

Commission approves youth curfew

■ Curfew currently in place set to expire in May

MOLLIE BRYANT
 mbryant@thepampanews.com

At its meeting yesterday afternoon at City Hall, the City Commission approved reenacting a curfew for minors under age 17. The curfew, which lasts from midnight to 6 a.m., will require a second vote of

"It's provided us with a great tool to contact these people and see what they're doing, and maybe keeping someone from getting into a little mischief that they might not otherwise do."



— Kelly Rushing
 Pampa police chief, on the benefits of having a curfew

approval to fully pass.

"This ordinance is basically one that requires children under the age of 17 to be at home after certain hours set forth in the ordinance," said Chief Kelly Rushing of the Pampa Police Department. "That's without reason or good cause; there are exceptions there, such as being with parents, having jobs, things like that."

A previous curfew had been put into place three years ago, but it is set to expire in May, and Rushing thinks it has been a positive step to **CITY** cont. on page 3A

Xcel Energy cancels surcharge; move to result in lower bills

■ Should save average bill about \$5 a month

ARNIE AURELLANO
 editor@thepampanews.com

Pampa consumers should see a little relief in their electric bills soon, as Xcel Energy has announced that it is canceling a fuel-cost surcharge six months ahead of time.

Xcel gave notice about the surcharge cancellation to the Public Utility Commission of Texas last week.

Beginning May 1, the move will decrease a typical residential bill of 1,000 kilowatt-hours by \$5.09.

The move is also the second announcement of lowered bills for Xcel customers this spring. In April, the company lowered its fuel cost factor, the part of the monthly electric bill that accounts for the fuel Xcel uses to generate electricity. That accounted for a decrease of \$4.17 for a 1,000 kilowatt-hour bill.

"You put the two together and you're running close to \$10 of savings from the March bills to the May bills," said Wes Reeves, public relations representative for Xcel Energy. "We've seen a lot of price increases in gasoline, and, of course, food goes up, too. We're hopeful that this will help make up some of that difference, a little more money in the consumer's pocket."

The now-canceled surcharge was implemented in November of 2011 to offset the under-collection of fuel cost from earlier that year. With the price of natural gas at a 10-year low as new drilling techniques provide access to more resources, Reeves said that the company made the decision to roll back the surcharge ahead of schedule.

"Back when the price (of natural gas) was a little higher, we actually weren't collecting enough money for it," Reeves said. "The surcharge was a 12-month surcharge to help make up that difference. With the falling price of gas, we actually made up that difference a lot quicker, so we decided to cancel that surcharge. It was supposed to run through October."

M & H Leasing
TOP OF TEXAS
ICE
Need Ice?
 1945 N. Hobart • 665-2061

Total Care Health
 Caring & Effective Health care
 for Your Entire Family
(806) 688-2273
 • Family Care • Urgent Care
 (Insurance, Cash, and Medicare)
 Matthew Gill, RN, FNP-C
 701 N. Price Rd
 Pampa, TX 79065

HouseHunters Realtor
 Linda Laycock Broker (806) 662-1312
 Larry Hadley Associate (806) 662-2779
 Jordan O'Neal Associate (806) 670-6623
 Tisha Holman Associate (806) 440-4153

IN THIS ISSUE:

Obituaries	2A	Church	5A
Local Record	2A	Sports	1B, 2B
Weather	2A	Comics	3B
Morning Rush	3A	Classifieds	4B, 5B
Antique or Junque	3A	Puzzles/Dear Abby	5B
Viewpoints	4A		



MORNINGRUSH

Blockbuster moves to Colorado

DENVER (AP) — Blockbuster is moving its worldwide headquarters from McKinney, Texas, to Douglas County, Colorado.

The satellite television provider Dish Network Corp., which bought Blockbuster almost a year ago, also is based in Colorado. Dish said Monday that Blockbuster's move will bring more than 150 management positions to the Denver area over the next five years.

Gov. John Hickenlooper says Dish already employs nearly 5,000 people along the Front Range in Colorado.

Man sentenced for student sex

BEAUMONT (AP) — An ex-middle school teacher in Southeast Texas has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for having a sexual relationship with a student.

A judge in Beaumont sentenced 51-year-old Timothy Russell Verdon, who formerly taught at Hamshire-Fannett Middle School in Beaumont.

Investigators say the girl was 15 when she met Verdon in 2008.

Verdon in March pleaded guilty to sexual assault of a child and to an improper relationship between an educator and student.

He was sentenced Monday to 15 years on each count, with the prison terms to be served concurrently.

Mom sentenced for injury to child

LUBBOCK (AP) — A West Texas mother convicted on charges of fracturing her weeks-old daughter's skull has been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

A judge on Monday sentenced 20-year-old Jasmine Nicole Francis of Lubbock on two counts of intentional injury to a child. The girl, Ja'nyah, was 5 weeks old when she was injured in February 2011.

Authorities say the girl may have survived because a piece of skull broke off, allowing for relief from brain swelling.

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal reports that the infant's grandmother took her to the hospital after noticing a bump on the baby's head.

Francis, who faced up to 99 years in prison, testified that she tripped while carrying the girl, and the infant's head hit a wall. A jury found her guilty this month.

Man used guitar in fatal beating

AUSTIN (AP) — Police say a Central Texas man has been accused of using a guitar to beat his neighbor to death at the victim's apartment.

Travis County Jail records show 42-year-old Peter Levay of Austin was held Tuesday on a murder charge.

Bond has been set at \$200,000 for Levay, who was arrested Monday. Online jail records did not list an attorney for him.

Authorities are trying to determine a motive for the killing of 63-year-old Maurice Eckert.

An affidavit says Eckert's body was found Sunday by police after Levay returned home and mentioned an altercation to his roommate.

Police say the death appears to have been caused by blunt trauma to the head and the weapon allegedly was a guitar.

Slain mother remembered

WILLIS (AP) — A Houston-area woman who was fatally shot trying to save her newborn son from being abducted is being fondly remembered as a mother who lived for her children and fought for one of them until death.

Family and friends gathered at 28-year-old Kala Golden-Schuchardt's funeral service Tuesday afternoon at a church in Willis, about 50 miles north of Houston.

She was buried near her home in the Houston suburb of Spring.

The 30-year-old nurse accused of fatally shooting Golden-Schuchardt on April 17 outside a pediatric center in Spring and abducting the baby is being held without bond on a capital murder charge.

The baby was found hours later, unharmed and with the suspect's sister.

Investigators believe Verna McClain was desperate for a baby after suffering a miscarriage.

Fiance unaware of miscarriage

HOUSTON (AP) — The fiance of the woman charged with fatally shooting a Houston-area mother and snatching her 3-day-old child says he thought she had given birth in Galveston weeks earlier and that the baby was being treated in a hospital.

Kevin Carter, 26, says he wasn't aware Verna McClain had suffered a miscarriage and didn't know about it until he saw the news reports of McClain's arrest for gunning down Kala Golden, of Spring.

Authorities believe McClain was so desperate for a child that last week she abducted Golden's infant after shooting the mother.

Carter told Houston television station KPRC on Tuesday he and McClain had planned a May 5 wedding that would have occurred regardless of her miscarriage.

He also said he hasn't spoken with McClain since her arrest.

Fleeing man takes patrol car

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A man who fled a North Texas courthouse to avoid possible arrest has been hurt after a chase in which he allegedly stole and wrecked a police car.

Fort Worth police say the man and the female driver of an SUV also involved in Tuesday's accident have been taken to a hospital. Further details on their conditions were not immediately available.

Police say the incident began when a man bolted from a Tarrant County courthouse during a routine background check. A female police officer ran after the man, but he jumped into her patrol car and sped off.

The patrol car ran a couple of red lights and hit an SUV at an intersection.

Further details on why the man might have been arrested were not immediately available.

www.thepampanews.com

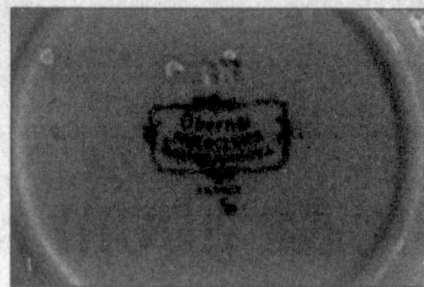
Portrait of woman featured on vase

Q: Enclosed is a photo of a vase that has been in my family for many years. Both my parents are dead, and I am 67 years of age. I believe this vase preceded both my parents. The portrait of the elegant young woman on the vase is against a background that shades from cream to brown, and the interior is a white glaze. Marked on the bottom of the vase are the words "Warwick — Ioga" and the image of a knight. It is in perfect condition.

Please advise me of its history and roughly how much it would be worth on the market today.

A: Warwick China Co. was located in Wheeling, W. Va., from 1887 to 1951. They produced a wide variety of vitreous china that included: portrait vases, dinnerware, jardinières, bowl and pitcher sets, umbrella stands, and decorative ware. Even though some of their pieces were hand painted, much of their ware was decorated with decals. The "Ioga with a knight" mark remains a mystery as to its meaning and was used from 1905 to 1920.

Your circa 1920s portrait vase would probably be worth \$250 to \$325.



Sarreguemines Faienceries has made earthenware in Lorraine, France, since 1770.

Q: This is a photo of the mark on the back of an earthenware plate that I inherited from my mother. The set includes 6 plates all 8 inches in diameter, and they are in perfect condition. They are white and decorated with European village scenes and blue and pink flowers on the borders. I would like to know more information about them and also if they have any value.

A: Sarreguemines Faienceries has made earthenware in Lorraine, France, since 1770. Your plates are examples of their "Obernai" pattern. It was designed by Henri Loux around 1930 and was inspired by

Antique OR JUNQUE?



Warwick China Co. used the "Ioga" mark from 1905 to 1920.

the villages of Obernai, France. The scenes are transfer prints and feature landscapes, people, animals, castles, and homes.

Each dish can be found selling in antiques shops in the range of \$75 to \$125.

Q: I have a Tom Thumb toy cash register that I had when I was a child in the 1950s. It is green metal and is about 8 inches high. Is it "Antique or Junque"?

A: Tom Thumb toy cash registers are neither antique nor junque; they are collectibles. They were made by Western Stamping Co. in Michigan in the mid-20th century.

It would probably be worth \$75 to \$100.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P. O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

City

cont. from page 1A

cut down on juvenile delinquency.

"It's provided us with a great tool to contact these people and see what they're doing, and maybe keeping someone from getting into a little mischief that they might not otherwise do," said Rushing.

In other business, the commission:

- a lease agreement with Rig Fabrication and Repair, Inc., for property at 1133 Price Road;
- approved the minutes from its previous meeting.

SELL your CAR

We are so sure we can

Brown's SHOE FIT CO.

665-5691
1500 N. Hobart
M-F: 9-7 Sat: 9-6 Sun: 12-4

PENNZOIL

Enter to win a **FREE OIL CHANGE** to be given away once a week during April

*Stop by and with any purchase you can register to win.

Pick-up & Drop-off Service Provided

Allison Quality Quick Lube

806-688-0042
1203 N. Hobart • South End of Coronado Center

NEW Spring Styles Arriving Daily

Asics - 2170
For Men and Women

Asics Gel - Nimbus
For Men and Women

Brown's SHOE FIT CO.

665-5691
1500 N. Hobart
M-F: 9-7 Sat: 9-6 Sun: 12-4

www.thepampanews.com

Cinema 4

Movies Showing Friday, April 20 through Thursday, April 26.

The Three Stooges (PG)
Fri 7:00 9:30
Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30
Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00
Mon/Thur 7:00

LockOut (PG-13)
Fri 7:30 10:00
Sat 2:00 4:30 7:30 10:00
Sun 2:00 4:30 7:30
Mon/Thur 7:30

American Reunion (R)
Fri 7:30 10:00
Sat 2:00 4:30 7:30 10:00
Sun 2:00 4:30 7:30
Mon/Thur 7:30

The Hunger Games (PG-13)
Fri 7:00 10:00
Sat 2:00 7:00 10:00
Sun 2:00 7:00
Mon/Thur 7:00

www.cinema4pampa.com
Coronado Shopping Ctr.
688-9192 / 688-9229

CHIEF PLASTICS PIPE & SUPPLY INC.

1237 S BARNES - PAMPA, TEXAS
806.665.6716 OR 806.649.6716

RV ACCESSORIES SANITATION

Now Carrying RV Supplies!

1240 S BARNES - 806.668.2755
CHIEF PLASTICS

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 25, the 116th day of 2012. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1862, during the Civil War, a Union fleet commanded by Flag Officer David G. Farragut captured the city of New Orleans.

On this date:

In 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci (veh-POO'-chee).

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1901, New York Gov. Benjamin Barker Odell Jr. signed an automobile registration bill which imposed a 15 mph speed limit on highways.

In 1915, during World War I, Allied soldiers invaded the Gallipoli (guh-LIHP'-uh-lee) Peninsula in an unsuccessful attempt to take the Ottoman Empire out of the war.

In 1944, the United Negro College Fund was founded.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe (EL'-beh) River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

In 1972, Polaroid Corp. introduced its SX-70 folding camera, which ejected self-developing photographs. Actor George Sanders was found dead in his hotel room near Barcelona, Spain; he was 65.

In 1983, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov invited Samantha Smith to visit his country after receiving a letter from the Manchester, Maine, schoolgirl.

In 1992, Islamic forces in Afghanistan took control of most of the capital of Kabul following the collapse of the Communist government.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush hosted Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia at his Texas ranch for a day of talks. The House voted 405-9 to abolish the embattled Immigration and Naturalization Service. A Russian rocket blasted into orbit, carrying South African Internet millionaire Mark Shuttleworth, the world's second space tourist. Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, the effervescent, sometimes volatile member of the Grammy-winning trio TLC, died in an SUV crash in Honduras; she was 30.

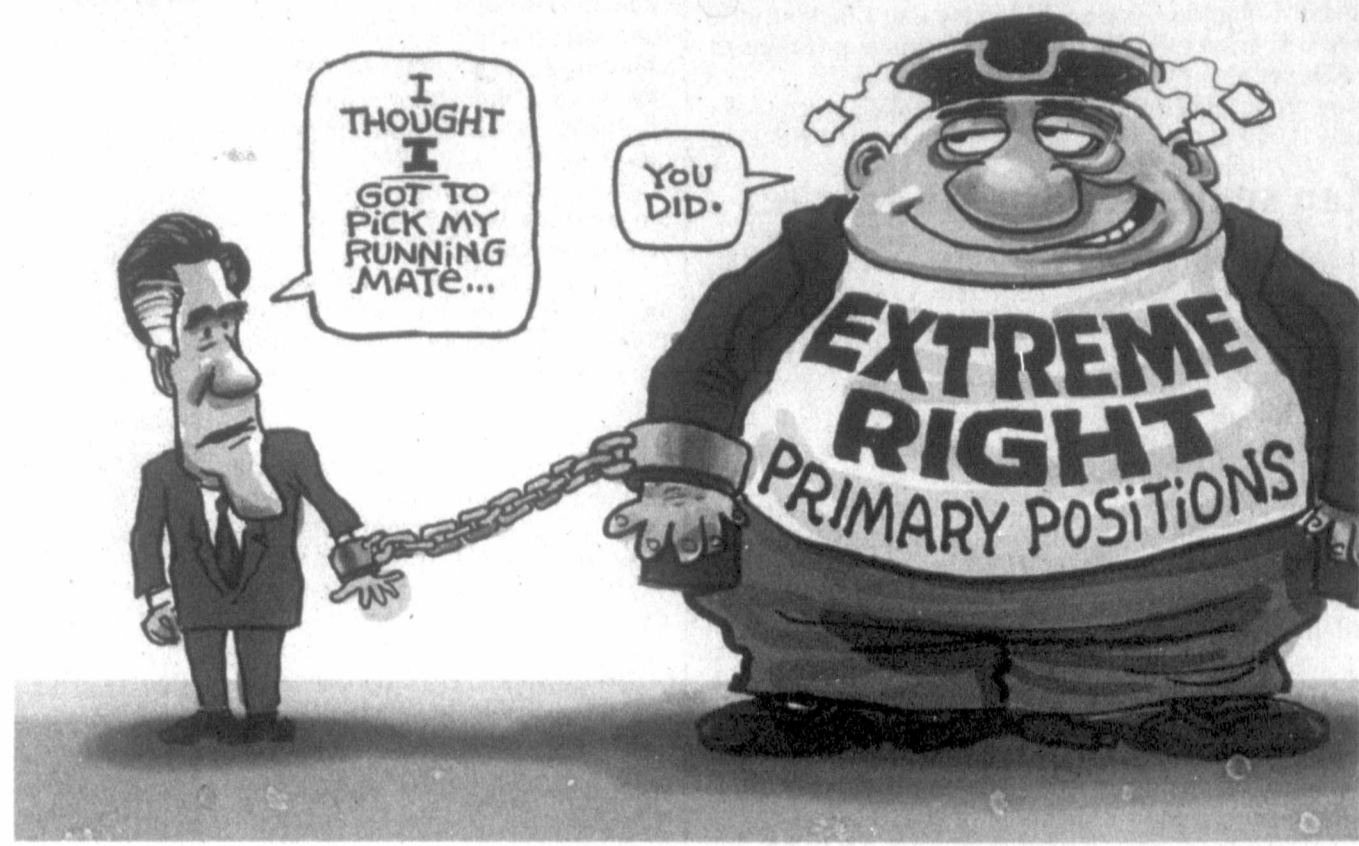
Five years ago: Brushing off a presidential veto threat, the House passed, 218-208, a \$124.2 billion supplemental spending bill ordering U.S. troops to begin coming home from Iraq in the fall of 2007. The Dow Jones industrial average topped 13,089.89. Rosie O'Donnell announced she was leaving the ABC talk show "The View" in June (she actually left in late May).

One year ago: President Bashar Assad of Syria sent the military into the southern city of Daraa, where an anti-government uprising had begun the previous month.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director-writer Paul Mazursky is 82. Actor Al Pacino is 72. Ballroom dance judge Len Goodman (TV: "Dancing with the Stars") is 68. Rock musician Stu Cook (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 67. Singer Bjorn Ulvaeus (ABBA) is 67. Actress Talia Shire is 66. Actor Jeffrey DeMunn is 65. Rock musician Michael Brown (The Left Banke) is 63. Rock musician Steve Ferrone (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 62. Country singer-songwriter Rob Crosby is 58. Actor Hank Azaria is 48. Rock singer Andy Bell (Erasure) is 48. Rock musician Eric Avery (Jane's Addiction) is 47. Country musician Rory Feek (Joey + Rory) is 47. TV personality Jane Clayson is 45. Actress Renee Zellweger is 43. Actress Gina Torres is 43. Actor Jason Lee is 42. Actor Jason Wiles is 42. Actress Emily Bergl is 37. Actress Marguerite Moreau is 35. Singer Jacob Underwood is 32. Actress Sara Paxton is 24. Actress Allisyn Ashley Arm is 16.

Thought for Today: "I think it is all a matter of love: the more you love a memory, the stronger and stranger it is." — Vladimir Nabokov, Russian-born author (1899-1977).

STAR TRIBUNE
S&K



D.C. delicate about Secret Service scandal

Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The widening Secret Service prostitution scandal has touched off a delicate dance in Washington.

From President Barack Obama on down, people are loath to criticize an agency whose employees are trained to take a bullet for others.

"The Secret Service, these guys are incredible. They protect me. They protect Michelle. They protect the girls," Obama said Tuesday on NBC's "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon." "A couple of knuckleheads shouldn't detract from what they do."

Members of Congress pressing for the juicy stories risk reviving — or having revealed — some of their own.

Yet all parties claim to want the truth about the extent of sworn officers working for one of the nation's premier law enforcement agencies hiring Colombian sex workers ahead of President Barack Obama's visit there and whether national security may have been compromised.

Spinning the facts as they emerge poses more risk: The Secret Service and the military are supposed to be above politics, dedicated to protecting presidents, their families and the nation.

"Sure, it creates a problem for President Obama. It adds to the sense that Washington is broken. But if the Republicans try to make this a point in their arguments, they are making a big mistake," GOP strategist Karl Rove said on "Fox News Sunday."

A dozen Secret Service personnel and another 12 military enlistees preparing for Obama's visit to Cartagena are being investigated for cavorting with prostitutes. Six Secret Service agents have been let go over the incident, and on Monday, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta told report-

ers his department has suspended the security clearances of the military personnel being investigated. As many as 20 prostitutes were involved with the group, officials say. None are believed to be underage.

The incident came to light after one of the prostitutes argued with a Secret Service agent over her payment in a hallway of the Caribe hotel. Local law enforcement intervened on the prostitute's behalf. Paid sex is legal in Cartagena, but violates codes of conduct for U.S. personnel who were working there.

Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan launched an investigation and requested an independent probe by the Homeland Security Department's inspector general. Sullivan ousted some of those implicated and, perhaps as importantly, he busily briefed key members of Congress who left no doubt they would hold public hearings should they find his investigation insufficient.

For now, there's no complaint about the swift pace of the fallout or Sullivan's thoroughness. But there's been much discretion, strategic question-asking and even notable silence from some members of Congress, uncharacteristic restraint in a tense election year sizzling with gender politics.

Obama has coolly urged a rigorous investigation and said that if the allegations prove true, he would be angry.

For any president, a Secret Service scandal creates discomfort. Members of the agency's elite protective service help the first family feel safe in the public glare.

It's a fairly intimate relationship, First Lady Michelle Obama told members of the Secret Service last year. The president, their daughters and she playfully argued at the dinner table over their favorite agents, she said.

"We love our detail,"

Mrs. Obama told the U.S. Secret Service employees in October. "For us, it's like having family around."

The Secret Service also shadows presidential candidates and their families. Republican frontrunner Mitt Romney is said to be close to his detail. Aides have said Romney sometimes eats dinner in his hotel room instead of dining in public, which requires an entourage and more agents at work. Ordering in allows some agents to clock out.

But the former Massachusetts governor suggested a lack of leadership led to the scandal and left no doubt what he'd do if it had happened on his watch.

"I'd clean house," Romney told radio host Laura Ingraham. "The right thing to do is to remove people who have violated the public trust and have put their play time and their personal interests ahead of the interests of the nation."

Among key Republicans on Capitol Hill, there was support for Sullivan and deference to his investigation — a recognition by some in Congress that the scandal needs no spinning and that any congressional action must have credibility with voters.

It's about national security, Republicans say. But there's no question the hubbub also is about illicit sex, a topic not eagerly discussed by a long list of lawmakers who have transgressed in that department.

Louisiana Republican Sen. David Vitter, for example, admitted in 2007 to a "serious sin" after his telephone number had appeared in the records of a Washington-area escort service that authorities said was a front for prostitution. Vitter, a member of the Armed Services Committee, won re-election in 2010.

Asked how much responsibility Obama should be taking for the scandal, House Speaker

John Boehner demurred, saying he's interested right now in finding out just what happened in Cartagena. A pair of aggressive House chairmen have deferred to the Secret Service probe, promised to monitor it and left open the prospect of launching their own highly public investigations.

Across the Capitol, Iowa Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, one of his chamber's most dogged investigators, made public a letter to Sullivan that implied he believed more U.S. personnel in Cartagena that week were worth investigating. As examples, Grassley named the White House Communications Agency (and the president's advance staff. Was Sullivan investigating them?)

"If not, why not?" Grassley wrote.

A 12th member of the military, assigned to the WHCA, was implicated in the scandal and on Monday was relieved of his duties at the White House. Presidential spokesman Jay Carney, meanwhile, confirmed that the White House counsel had done his own investigation and ruled out any misconduct among White House employees who helped arrange Obama's trip.

Distancing the White House from the scandal, Carney said the internal investigation was conducted out of an abundance of caution and not as the result of evidence of misconduct. And he made clear, over and over again, that WHCA, despite its name, is a military unit and not a White House one.

The gender politics that have infused every phase of the 2012 election make the issue especially sensitive.

"I can't help but wonder if there'd been more women as part of that detail if this ever would have happened," Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said Sunday on ABC News' "This Week."

We welcome your letters

To ensure publication, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Letters should be brief and to the point. All correspondence will be edited for length and clarity.
- All letters must be signed. Submit your name, address and telephone number with the letter for verification. Only your name and city will be published.
- Defamatory comments will not be published.
- E-mail submissions are welcome.
- The views and opinions expressed here do not necessarily reflect those of *The Pampa News* or its staff.

Worship



submitted photo

Joyce and Lyndon Fields prepare to ride in Louisiana. The couple will join others on May 3 in a procession around Loop 171 to observe the National Day of Prayer.

Reminder: National Day of Prayer events in Pampa set for next week

THE PAMPA NEWS

The National Day of Prayer will be observed on Thursday, May 3. This will be the 61st year of the special occasion to offer up prayer for our government, city, schools, businesses and many more.

All motorcyclists are invited to be at Recreation Park at 6 p.m. to circle the loop in a procession and pray for Pampa and Gray County. They will then return to Recreation Park about 6:30 p.m., with the community invited to join in a gathering of praise and worship.

There will also be a noon gathering at M.K.

Brown Heritage Room. Everyone in the community is encouraged to join for at least one prayer time, maybe both.

A service at the Rufe Jordan Prison Unit is also planned.

"We are excited that we will be having an observance at the prison," said Darlene Lewis, local National Day of Prayer coordinator. "Of course, that service is closed, but we have great volunteers who will be doing that service."

"We are excited to see what God is going to do in Pampa as we all humble ourselves and pray."

For more information, call Lewis at 440-4489.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

PTTR dinner on Saturday

ANDREW GLOVER
aglover@thepampanews.com

Paint This Town Red ministries invite the public to join them 6 p.m. Saturday for a free dinner at the Optimist Club to get to know the church.

"We want to give people the opportunity to learn about who we are," lead pastor CJ Frazier said. "We will be discussing some of our

vision. What better way to do that than spending time breaking bread together."

The church has held Saturday night services at the Optimist Club since the first of the year. Frazier said the services have gone well.

"All the leaders at the Optimist Club have been great in letting us use their facility," Frazier said. "It feels like home. It's nice to have a place where we can love on people

GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Joy in the face of opposition

DAVID BOULER
Highland Park Baptist Church

In his classic work, "The Imitation Of Christ," Thomas Kempis wrote, "It is good that we at times endure opposition, and that we are evilly and unruly judged when our actions and intentions are good."

Could I encourage you, that when you face opposition, to let it sharpen you? Allow it to build into your life focus and perspective. Permit the yield- edness to the Holy Spirit

and a deep love for God to control your reactions.

John Hull tells the story of being in Badger Stadium in Madison, Wisc., on a beautiful fall Saturday afternoon in 1982. Michigan State had the better team and was beating the Badgers. What was strange, however, as the score became more and more in favor of MSU, there were bursts of applause and loud cheers from the Wisconsin fans.

Seventy miles away, the Milwaukee Brewers were beating the St. Louis Cardinals in game three

of the 1982 World Series. Many of the fans at the football game were listening to the World Series on their radios and were responding to the baseball game rather than the defeat of their football team.

Let me remind all of us. Our perspective on life does not come from the ups and downs here on Earth.

David Bouler is a pastor at Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Pampa Church Directory

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| Bible Baptist Church
500 E. Kingsmill Ave.
Pampa TX 79065
669-7830 | First Pentecostal Holiness
1700 Alcock
Pampa TX 79065
665-8192 | 404 Harlem
Pampa TX 79065
665-4044 |
| Briarwood Full Gospel Church
1800 W. Harvester Avenue
Pampa TX 79065
665-7201 | First Presbyterian
525 N. Gray
Pampa TX 79065
665-1031 | New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
912 S. Gray St.
Pampa TX 79065
665-4044 |
| Calvary Assembly of God Church
1030 Love Street
Pampa TX 79065
669-7207 | First United Methodist
Foster & Ballard
Pampa TX 79065
669-7411 | New Life Assembly of God
1435 N. Sumner
Pampa TX 79065
665-0804 |
| Calvary Baptist
900 E. 23rd Street
Pampa TX 79065
665-0842 | Gateway of Grace Ministries
720 W. Francis
Pampa TX 79065
806-336-4427 | Open Door Church of God in Christ
402 Oklahoma
Pampa TX 79065
665-6132 |
| Carpenter's Church
639 S. Barnes
Pampa TX 79065
669-2720 | Grace Baptist Church
824 S. Barnes
Pampa TX 79065
669-7967 | Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith
711 E. Harvester
Pampa TX 79065
669-9635 |
| Central Baptist Church
513 E. Francis
Pampa TX 79065
665-1631 | Harvest Fellowship Baptist Church
2700 W. Kentucky Ave.
Pampa TX 79065
665-4922 | Priest Park Church of God
731 N. Faulkner
Pampa TX 79065
688-0174 |
| Church of Christ
1342 Mary Ellen
Pampa TX 79065
665-0031 | Harvest Bible Church
300 W. Browning Avenue
Pampa TX 79065
669-2923 | Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana
541 Hamilton
Pampa TX 79065
665-8347 |
| Church of Christ Somerville
500 N. Somerville
Pampa TX 79065
665-0004 | Hobart Baptist Church
1100 W. Crawford
Pampa TX 79065
669-3212 | Redeemer Pampa
225 N. Cuyler
Pampa, TX 79065 |
| Church of God
Gwendolen & Sumner
Pampa TX 79065
669-6372 | Hi-land Christian Church
1615 N. Banks
Pampa TX 79065
669-6700 | Salvation Army
701 S. Cuyler
Pampa TX 79065
665-7233 |
| Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints
411 East 29th Ave.
Pampa TX 79065
669-2967 | Highland Baptist Church
1301 N. Banks
Pampa TX 79065
665-3300 | Seventh Day Adventist Church
421 N. Ward
Pampa TX 79065
665-4492 |
| Church of the Nazarene
500 N. West
Pampa TX 79065
669-3144 | Iglesia Bautista Emanuel
1021 S. Barnes
Pampa TX 79065
665-4330 | Southside Church of Christ
11927 McCullough
Pampa TX 79065
665-2183 |
| Community Christian School
1801 W. Harvester
Pampa, TX 79065
662-3393 | Iglesia Casa Del Alfarero
500 N. Duncan
Pampa TX 79065
665-5898 | St. Paul United Methodist Church
511 N. Hobart
Pampa TX 79065
665-8951 |
| Cornerstone Baptist Church
2410 W. 23rd Ave.
Pampa TX 79065
669-6509 | Iglesia Cristiana Canaan
905 E. Beryl St.
Pampa TX 79065
669-3330 | St. Mark CME Church
406 Elm Ave
Pampa TX 79065
665-6743 |
| Crosspointe
711 E. Harvester
Pampa TX 79065
665-2480 | Iglesia Nueva Vida
New Life Church
1200 S. Sumner
Pampa, TX 79065
665-8331 | St. Matthews Episcopal Church
727 W. Browning
Pampa TX 79065
665-0701 |
| Faith Bible Church
110 W. Kingsmill
Pampa TX 79065
688-9266 | Jehovah's Witnesses
1701 Coffee
Pampa TX 79065
669-9355 | St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
810 W. 23rd Ave.
Pampa TX 79065
665-8933 |
| Fellowship Baptist Church
1936 N. Wells
Pampa TX 79065
665-2747 | Kentucky Ave. Church of Christ
1612 W. Kentucky
Pampa TX 79065
665-2572 | Straight-Up Fellowship
400 N. Wells
Pampa TX 79065
664-0096 |
| Fellowship Baptist Church
622 E. Francis
Pampa TX 79065
665-5976 | Lighthouse Baptist Church
725 W. Browning
Pampa TX 79065
665-0262 | Trinity Fellowship Church
2225 N. Hobart
Pampa TX 79065
665-3255 |
| First Assembly of God
500 S. Cuyler
Pampa TX 79065
665-5941 | Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship
1733 N. Banks St.
Pampa TX 79065
669-6915 | United Pentecostal Church
610 Naida
Pampa TX 79065
665-3676 |
| First Baptist Church
203 N. West
Pampa TX 79065
669-1155 | Macedonia Baptist Church
441 Elm
Pampa TX 79065
665-4926 | United Methodist Church
201 E. Foster
Pampa TX 79065
669-9371 |
| First Christian Church
1633 N. Nelson
Pampa TX 79065
669-3225 | New Hope Baptist Church
731 Sloan St. | Zion Lutheran Church
1200 Duncan
Pampa TX 79065
669-2774 |

RHEAMS DIAMOND SHOP
"May God Be With You During The Week"
Ken & Stephanie Rheams

PARSLEY'S SHEET METAL & ROOFING
214 E. Tyng
669-6461
Pampa, Texas

ENGINE PARTS & SUPPLY
416 W. Foster
669-3305
Local Company Serving Local Needs

JERRY CARLSON, INC.
669-7171
Borger Hwy. - Pampa
Jerry E. Carlson, Pres.

New Life Wellness Center
Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr.
701 N Price Rd • 806-665-7261

Heard-Jones
114 N. Cuyler
669-7478

WAYNE'S WESTERN WEAR
1504 N. Hobart 665-2925

CLIFTON SUPPLY CO.
Shop
cliftonsupply.com
Since 1969

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
an office of First National Bank, Waupaca, WI
Member FDIC
1224 N. Hobart Pampa, TX 806-665-0022
501 Commerce St. Childress, TX 940-937-2514
305 N. Main Shamrock, TX 806-256-2181

Culligan
314 STARKWEATHER 665-5729

KEYES PHARMACY
"Your Key To Better Health"
928 N. Hobart - Pampa, Texas
669-1202 - Emergency 669-3559
Merlin Rose R. Ph. - Owner - Pharmacist

Century 21 PAMPA REALTY INC.
312 N. Gray • 669-0007

Chicken EXPRESS
669-CHIC (2442)
Pampa, Texas Royce Jordan

Titan SPECIALTIES, LTD.
11785 Hwy. 152
Pampa, Texas
665-3781

Texas PRINTING COMPANY
PHONE (806) 665-7841
318 N. BALLARD PAMPA, TEXAS

LARRY BAKER PLUMBING HEATING & AIR
11780 HWY 152 TACLA003191 665-4392

STATE FARM SHEILA WEBB
State Farm Insurance
N Side of Coronado Center
669-3861
"Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there."

One STOP Flooring
1533 N. HOBART • 806-665-0995



Administrative Professionals Day

April 25



Thank you

to all of the secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists, and other administrative support professionals "...upon whose skills, loyalty, and efficiency the functions of business and government offices depend."

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE
 An Office Of First National Bank Waupaca, Wisconsin
PAMPA • 1224 N. HOBART • 665-0022
SHAMROCK • 305 N. MAIN • 256-2181
CHILDRESS • 501 COMMERCE • 940-937-2514 Member FDIC

LEFORS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
835-2773
 117 W. 2ND STREET • LEFORS TEXAS

PARSLEYS
 SHEET METAL AND ROOFING
 214 E. TYNG AVENUE
 800-442-4668 • 806-669-6461

WARREN CHISUM
 PO Box 2061,
 Pampa, TX 79065
 806-665-3552

FIRST STATE BANK OF MIAMI
 Main Bank • 100 S. Main • Miami Tx • 806-868-2771
 Pampa Branch • 120 W. Kingsmill • Pampa Tx • 806-665-3669
 Member FDIC

Century 21 **PAMPA REALTY INC**
 312 N. GRAY
 669-0007
 More POWER To You

The PAMPA NEWS

Former BP engineer first arrested in Gulf oil spill case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Federal prosecutors brought the first criminal charges Tuesday in the Gulf oil spill, accusing a former BP engineer of deleting more than 300 text messages that indicated the blown-out well was spewing far more crude than the company was telling the public at the time.

Two years and four days after the drilling-rig explosion that set off the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, Kurt Mix, 50, of Katy, Texas, was arrested and charged with two counts of obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying evidence.

The U.S. Justice Department made it clear that the investigation is still going on and suggested that more people could be arrested. In a statement, Attorney General Eric Holder said prosecutors "will hold accountable those who violated the law in connection with the largest environmental disaster in U.S. history."

Federal investigators have been looking into the causes of the blowout and the actions of managers, engineers and rig workers at BP and its subcontractors Halliburton and Transocean in the days and hours before the April 20, 2010, explosion.

But the case against Mix focuses only on the aftermath of the blast, when BP scrambled for weeks to plug the leak. Even then, the charges are not really about the disaster itself, but about an alleged attempt to thwart the investigation into it.

In court papers, the FBI said one of the areas under investigation is whether the oil company intentionally lowballed the amount of crude spewing from the well.

In outlining the charges, the government suggested Mix knew the rate of flow from the busted well was much greater than the company publicly acknowledged.

Prosecutors also said BP gave the public an optimistic account of its May 2010 efforts to plug the well via a technique called a "top kill," even though the company's internal data and some of the text messages showed the operation was likely to fail.

An accurate flow-rate estimate is necessary to deter-

mine how much in penalties BP and its subcontractors could face under the Clean Water Act. In court papers, prosecutors appeared to suggest the company was also worried about the effect of the disaster on its stock price.

The charges came a day before a federal judge was to consider granting preliminary approval of a \$7.8 billion civil settlement between BP and a committee of plaintiffs.

In a statement, BP said it is cooperating with the Justice Department and added: "BP had clear policies requiring preservation of evidence in this case and has undertaken substantial and ongoing efforts to preserve evidence."

The FBI said in court papers that Mix had been repeatedly notified by BP that instant messages and text messages needed to be preserved.

Mix, who resigned from BP in January, appeared on Tuesday afternoon before a judge in Houston, shackled at his hands and feet, and was released on \$100,000 bail. His attorney had no comment afterward. If convicted, Mix could get up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

The engineer deleted more than 200 messages sent to a BP supervisor from his iPhone containing information about how much oil was spilling out, then erased 100 more messages to a contractor the following year, prosecutors said. Some of the messages were later recovered via forensic computer techniques.

Many of the messages had to do with an effort to plug up the well with heavy mud injected under high pressure.

In public statements, the company professed optimism that the top kill would work, giving it a 60 to 70 percent chance of success.

On the day the top kill began, Mix estimated in a text to his supervisor that more than 15,000 barrels of oil per day were spilling — three times BP's public estimate of 5,000 barrels and an amount much greater than what BP said the top kill could probably handle.

At the end of the first day, Mix texted his supervisor: "Too much flow rate — over 15,000 and too large an orifice." Despite Mix's findings, BP continued to make public statements that the top kill was proceeding according to plan, prosecutors said. On May 29, the top kill was halted and BP announced its failure.

The company's stock dropped 15 percent on the next trading day, the government said.

David Uhlmann, a University of Michigan law professor who was chief of the Justice Department's environmental crimes section, said the charges are probably "just the first of what will be multiple criminal charges."

"It could be the sign that the government believes there was a more far-reaching cover-up about the size of the spill," he said.

BP stock closed at \$41.91 Tuesday, a drop of just 4 cents. Analysts said investors evidently recognized the charges involved just one, low-ranking employee and saw no hint yet of any kind of larger cover-up on BP's part.

The explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig killed 11 workers. More than 200 million gallons of crude oil leaked from the well off the Louisiana coast before it was capped.

Under the Clean Water Act, polluters can be fined \$1,100 to \$4,300 per barrel of spilled oil, with the higher amount imposed if the government can show the disaster was caused by gross negligence.

Al Sunseri, whose family-owned oyster business was damaged by the spill, said there was little real news in the arrest of Mix. "I personally believe it's so involved that we could never really understand the magnitude of the bad players involved," he said.

Billy Nungesser, president of hard-hit Plaquemines Parish who has long accused BP of misleading the public about the spill, said: "We're just glad that the truth, and all the truth, will come out. Where crimes were committed, BP needs to pay the price."

Drug cartel boss 'El Chapo,' 23 others federally indicted

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Federal officials unsealed a new federal indictment Tuesday against Mexico's most-wanted drug boss Joaquin Guzman Loera, known as "El Chapo," leader of the Sinaloa cartel and one of the world's richest men.

The 14-count indictment was returned April 11, but federal officials announced it Tuesday in El Paso. The 28-page indictment names Guzman and "co-leader of the cartel" Ismael Zambada Garcia, along with 22 other men. It alleges they were involved in the operations and management of the cartel, which they say has moved thousands of kilograms of cocaine and marijuana into the U.S. and used the profits to wage war against their rivals and the Mexican government.

The indictment targets the infrastructure of the Sinaloa Cartel, officials said. Although Guzman and Zambada have been indicted elsewhere in the U.S., this indictment focuses on their operations in the El Paso area, Ciudad Juarez and the Mexican state of Chihuahua.

"There are several assassins and hit-squad leaders, this is a blow to their infrastructure" said Joseph Arabit, special agent in charge of the El Paso division of DEA.

The indictment details the cell structure of the Sinaloa Cartel in Chihuahua and names their top lieutenants and several of their alleged assassins. Authorities said a number of those indicted are in Mexican custody and that they will seek their extradition but could not specify which members are currently detained. One of those indicted is cartel lieutenant Jose Antonio Torres Marrufo, arrested in Mexico last February.

"This indictment has been years in the making, the focus is to dismantle the cartel by focusing on their upper echelon," said FBI Special Agent in Charge of the El Paso Division Mark Morgan.

Morgan said federal agents started working on the indictment back in 2000, at the time when Guzman escaped from a Mexican prison.

Authorities say the Sinaloa cartel's efforts in recent years to control lucrative smuggling routes through Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso, have unleashed waves of violence.

The U.S. has previously offered a \$5 million reward leading to Guzman's capture.

This was not Guzman's first U.S. indictment. He was previously indicted in, Arizona, San Diego

and he and Zambada Garcia aka "Mayo," both named in the El Paso indictment, were also indicted previously in Chicago and Brooklyn. This latest indictment includes two incidents in which U.S. residents were killed on cartel orders of Torres Marrufo.

Torres Marrufo allegedly coordinated cocaine and marijuana shipments through Juarez to the U.S., according to the indictment. In September 2009, he ordered a team to kidnap someone in Horizon City, Texas, who had lost a 670-pound load of marijuana to law enforcement in Sierra Blanca. The person was taken to Juarez, tortured and killed. His mutilated body was found later in Juarez.

In May 2010, Torres Marrufo had a groom kidnapped from his wedding in Juarez along with his brother and uncle, according to the indictment. The three were tortured and killed. Police found their bodies days later in the bed of a pickup in Juarez. A fourth person was killed in the kidnapping.

If convicted, the defendants face sentences of up to life in a federal prison. Both Guzman and Zambada Garcia are charged with at least one count of murder that could result in the death penalty.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES MONDAY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Up to 7 Lines
1x2
Plus Classified Display AD
Paid in advance

\$69
per month for weekly AD

Up to 7 Lines
2x4
Plus Classified Display AD
Paid in advance

\$89
per month for weekly AD

Up to 7 Lines
3x5
Plus Classified Display AD
Paid in advance

\$119
per month for weekly AD

Call Beverly Today!
669-2525

3 Month Minimum Buy 11 months, the 12 month FREE

The Best Staff Gets PAID

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FREE SPECIAL

Get to know Paint This Town Red DINNER

▶ SATURDAY, APRIL 28 AT 6PM

▶ PAMPA OPTIMIST CLUB

▶ FOOD PROVIDED BY PTTR & MEMBERS

▶ SHORT INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION

ALL WELCOME!

WWW.PAINTTHISTOWNRED.ORG

Get Set to Save

Storewide & Warehouse Clearance

SALE

Discounts if paid in cash

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Home Stereo
- DVD/Blue Ray
- Mattresses

Mon-Sat 9-5

• Se Habla Español

• Master/Visa Card Accepted

• In-house Financing Available

801 W. Francis • Pampa 665-3361

For Safety's Sake...

Eagle Rock Energy Partners L.P. takes every precaution to ensure the safe operation of its pipeline system, which gives Texans access to clean-burning natural gas. Part of that effort involves reminding you of your safety role.

We have signs indicating the presence of an underground pipeline. If you're excavating or planning excavation work and encounter one of our pipeline signs, please call us toll-free at the number below. We'll establish the location of our pipeline for you.

If you are near one of our pipelines and hear a hissing or roaring sound or observe a vapor cloud, a pool of liquid or dirt blowing into the air, leave the vicinity immediately and call us toll free at the number below.

Please call. You can help avoid a potentially dangerous accident.

CALL
1-800-261-0750

En el Nombre de Seguridad...

Eagle Rock Energy Partners L.P. toma toda precaucion para asegurar la seguridad de la operacion de su sistema de linea de gas, que da a Texanos acceso de limpiar quemar el gas natural. Parte de un esfuerzo incluye recordandote de tu lugar de seguridad.

Tenemos letreros que indican la presencia de una linea de gas subteranea. Si estas excavando o planeando hacer trabajo de excavacion y te encuentras con uno de nuestros letreros de linea de gas, por favor llamemos al numero gratis que aparece abajo. Nosotros estableceremos la locacion de nuestra linea de gas para ti.

Si estas cerca de nuestras lineas de gas y oyes cualquier ruido o observas una nube de vapor, un charco, o tierra volando hacia arriba, retirate de la locacion inmediatamente Y llamanos al numero gratis que aparece abajo.

Por favor llama, tu puedes ayudar a evitar un accidente sumamente peligroso.

LLAMA
1-800-261-0750

April 25, 2012

HOUSE HUNTERS REALTORS

Linda Laycock

806-662-1312

hiplainslml@yahoo.com



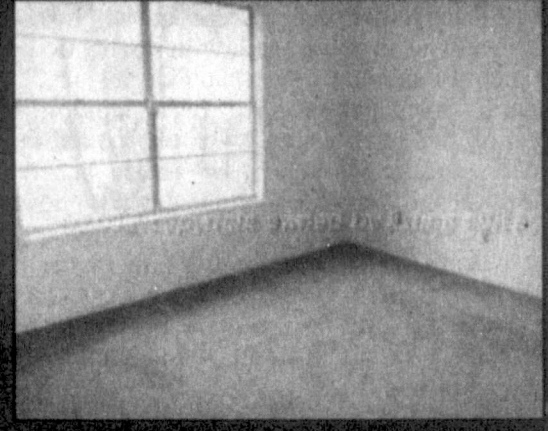
NEW LISTING



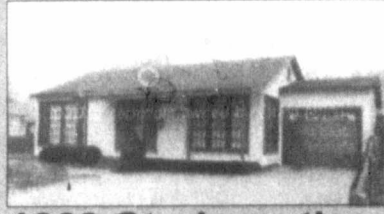
1612 N Sumner MLS 12-9364



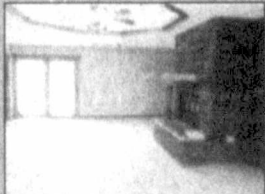
Kitchen



Bedroom



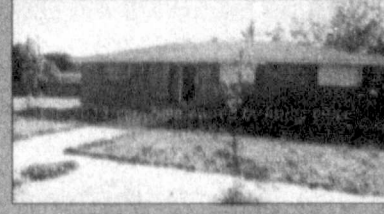
1309 Starkweather
MLS 11-9364



Den



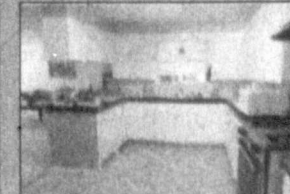
Kitchen



2201 Chestnut
MLS 11-9170



Dinning



Kitchen



2226 Duncan
MLS 12-9341



Living



Living second view



2209 Dwight
MLS 11-9244



Kitchen



Living



1825 Evergreen
MLS 12-9317



Bedroom



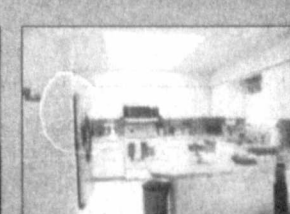
Kitchen



2421 Fir
MLS 12-9336



Bedroom

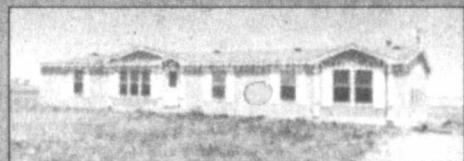


Kitchen

Country Living



8618 C Rd 4 • 5 Acres
MLS-11-9048



11625 C Rd E • 9 Acres
MLS-11-9028



15201 S Western, Amarillo
2.5 Acres • MLS-11-9190

Residential



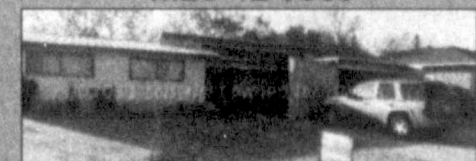
1303 N Buchanan St - Amarillo
MLS-12-9358



1106 Aster St - Amarillo
MLS-12-9365



710 Main St - McLean
MLS-10-8673



2231 Mary Ellen St
MLS- 11-9219



1203 W Madison Ave -Borger
MLS-12-9270



700 N Somerville St
MLS-12-9344



149 E Ocla - Borger
MLS-12-9372



1813 Grape St
MLS-12-9294



7003 Sunburst St - Amarillo
MLS-12-9337



1000 Sierra Dr
MLS-12-9352

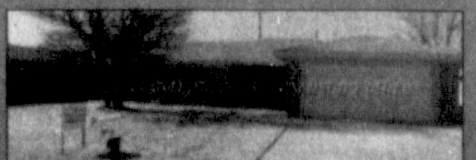


2244 N Christine
MLS-12-9303

Fenced in Back Yard!



2027 Lakeview Dr - Fritch
MLS-11-9256



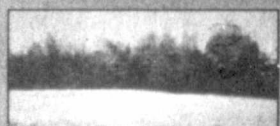
2703 N Cherokee
MLS-11-9257

Lots

4 Lots Available!

West Kentucky Ave - Pampa

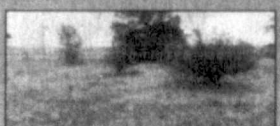
MLS-11-9041



400 Talley, White Deer
MLS-09-8365

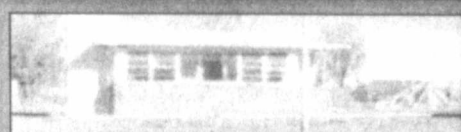


800's Zimmers
MLS-10-8688



Skellytown
MLS-11-9135

Commercial, Retail, Investor



810 W. Foster
MLS-09-8491



1405 Alcock
MLS-10-8828



Joannes Café
203 S. Main St., White Deer
MLS-10-8636



441 W Brown St
MLS-12-9327



516 S. Russell



Larry Hadley
Associate
(806) 662-2779



Jordan O'Neal
Associate
(806) 670-6623



Tisha Holman
Associate
(806) 440-4153



Linda Laycock
Broker
SRES, ABR, GREEN
(806) 662-1312

Check out our website www.HouseHuntersPampa.com — make yours the next on our list!

Lady Harvesters in good position entering playoffs

The Pampa Lady Harvesters enter the 2012 playoffs in similar position as last year, earning a bye in the bi-district round. This season, Pampa is in better position and should have a deeper run in the playoffs.

For starters, the Lady Harvesters finished district stronger than last year. Last season, Pampa run-ruled Dalhart but allowed Borger to stick around, having to win in a shoot-out. The Lady Harvesters beat Perryton in a high-scoring game. In two of the three games, Pampa committed several errors. This season, Pampa won two games by run-rule and shut down Borger. By winning decisively, the Lady



ANDREW GLOVER

Harvesters proved that they are the top team in the district and one of the better teams in Class 3A. The big wins also give Pampa momentum entering the playoffs.

This year's team is more experienced. Last season, most of the players were in their first season as starters. Also, having a bye was different. This year, most of Pampa's starters returned. With having more experience, the team knows what to expect and can prepare more efficiently. Losing in the playoffs last season showed the team that it has to step up its game in the playoffs.

The Lady Harvesters' area round loss to Midland Greenwood taught them that the good teams in 3A are good teams. I remember interviewing players last year and one of them saying, 'Our opponent better be scared because we

are 9-0 in district.' Let me tell you how much Pampa's district record is worth in the postseason: as much as beating Caprock in the season opener meant going into district. In other words, it means absolutely nothing. The Lady Harvesters' opponent may not be undefeated in district but it will be playing its best softball at the end of the season. Pampa's opponent will also enter the series coming off a series victory. I think this year's team understands that and is more focused on the playoffs than last season.

Head coach Bobbi Gill said her team is ready to play. For an opponent, that's dangerous. Pampa usually performs well when it's ready to play. Last month when they were sitting around in Fort Worth for a couple of days before getting to play, the Lady Harvesters jumped out on Fort Worth North Side. Pampa did

the same thing in Dalhart on April 10, scoring five runs in the first inning after the game was delayed for 30 minutes because the umpires didn't show up. I can only imagine what will happen next weekend, when the Lady Harvesters take the field in the area round.

Pampa has the tools to go on a lengthy playoff run. Since the end of non-district, the team is hitting the ball and running the bases well. Sophomore Alexa O'Brien has developed into a shutdown pitcher, posting double digit strikeouts in several starts. The Lady Harvesters are definitely in good position to deliver a postseason victory that the Pampa faithful have been anxiously waiting for.

Andrew Glover is The Pampa News sports reporter. He can be reached by email at aglover@thepampanews.com

Clemens' attorney criticizes government

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens' lawyer wagged his finger. His voice cracked. He called himself Columbo. He claimed evidence had been manipulated. He appealed to the jurors' hearts as well as their heads in his opening statement Tuesday in defense of the seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

"God help me if we have reached a stage in this country where we make a federal case of denying you committed a crime," Rusty Hardin said in a hushed voice at the end of a presentation that lasted more than an hour and drew no fewer than four objections from the government.

"Our government should never, ever prosecute somebody for saying 'I did not do it.'"

Less theatrical, but just as self-assured, was the voice of Clemens himself, heard on an audio tape in one of the first pieces of evidence presented at the trial.

"I have never used steroids," Clemens is heard saying without hesitation during a 2008 deposition on Capitol Hill. "Never performance-enhancing steroids."

Clemens' confidence and Hardin's Texas charm featured prominently on Day 6 of the retrial that seeks to determine whether Clemens lied to Congress — at the deposition and at a hearing that followed — when he denied using steroids and human growth hormone. The first attempt to bring the case to court ended in a mistrial when the government introduced inadmissible evidence.

The jury also heard from the trial's first witness, congressional staffer Phil Barnett, who happened to be on the stand when the mistrial was declared last July. The government is using Barnett to help establish that Congress had the right to conduct its hearings on drug use in sports.

The court adjourned early in the afternoon for the rest of the week because the judge had a previously scheduled out-of-town trip. The trial is scheduled to resume Monday.

Hardin's opening statement was a contrast to the more pedantic approach Monday from prosecutor Steven Durham, who attempted to link together many dates and facts designed to portray Clemens as an all-star who took performance-enhancing drugs to lengthen his career and then became "trapped in a web" of lies to cover up his actions.

Hardin is known as a master of connecting with jurors, and he had no trouble grabbing their attention. He was at his most riveting when he displayed a map of the United States showing all the locations of the people the government had interviewed in an attempt to gather evidence against Clemens.

"One hundred three federal law enforcement officers over whether a baseball player used steroids!" said Hardin, his voice rising

and his index finger raised emphatically in a not-so-subtle attempt to play to the popular notion that the case is a waste of taxpayer money.

At one point, Hardin fumbled at the podium, looking for a piece of paper. "I'm not acting like Columbo. I am Columbo," he said to the jurors, some of whom smiled at the reference of the 1970s television detective show.

Hardin called the case "a tale of two men" — Clemens and Clemens' former strength coach, Brian McNamee. McNamee, the government's key witness, has said he injected Clemens with steroids and HGH and kept a needle and some gauze from one of the injections.

Hardin said the evidence collected by McNamee is a "mixed-up hodgepodge of garbage," and showed a photo of a slightly crushed beer can in which some of it was kept. He contended that the needle was used to inject Clemens with vitamin B12 and later altered by McNamee to make it appear that it had been used for steroids.

The lawyer tried to call into question McNamee's motives, showing the jury the cover of an unpublished manuscript called, "Death, Taxes and MAC: The Autobiography of Brian McNamee," with the "X" in "Taxes" formed by two crossed syringes.

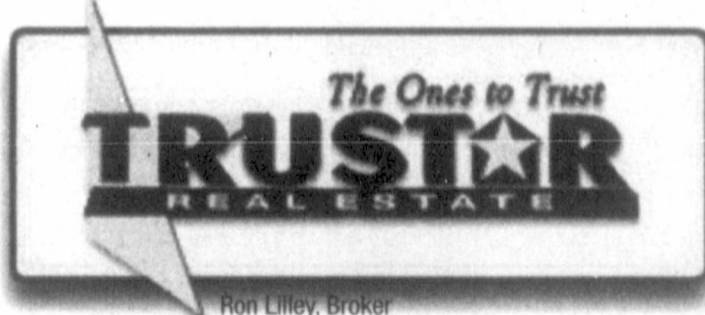
"Is there any market for this book if he hadn't made these allegations about Roger Clemens?" asked Hardin, who also showed a picture of McNamee appearing on the Howard Stern show in 2009.

SENIOR MOMENT



photo courtesy of Charla Shults

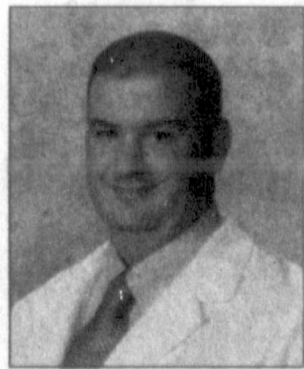
The baseball and softball seniors pose before Saturday's baseball game against Dalhart. The game was the second to last home game for baseball. Softball played its final two home games on Saturday. From left: Alanna Stephens, Cole Engle, McKinlee Stokes, Jared Lusk, Nakayla Hardman, Devin Coleman, Heather Coffee, Collin Killgo, Harley Mayfield, Zach Graves and Kaylene Wyant.



Ron Lilley, Broker

Gary Winton:
Realtor®/Office Manager
806-440-1698
1712 N. Hobart
(806) 665-4595

We will help you buy or sell your home!



To better serve our community **New Life Wellness Center** would like to introduce our team nurse practitioner:

Matthew Gill, RN, FNP-C

He will be offering a wide range of services including:

- Family Care
- Urgent Care
- Pain Management
- DOT and School Physicals

Accepting **NEW PATIENTS** (Insurance, Medicare and Cash). Call for an appointment today!

(806)688-CARE

(806) 688-2273

Total Care Health Hours:

Mon.-Thur. 8am-1pm, 2pm-6pm

Fri. 7:30am-11:30am

Total Care Health

Caring & Effective Health care for Your Entire Family

701 N. Price Rd.
Pampa, TX 79065

info@NewLifeWellnessCenter.org
www.NewLifeWellnessCenter.org



Sports

Senior Killgo develops into leader for Harvesters

ANDREW GLOVER
aglover@thepampanews.com

Collin Killgo was in his sophomore season when he found out that he was moving up to varsity.

"It felt really good," Killgo said. "The year of my sophomore year, my brother (Mitchell) was a senior. We got to play together. It was a fun experience."

Now, in his senior season and with two seasons under his belt, Killgo has emerged as leader for the Harvesters at first and on the mound.

"I really enjoy being around Collin every day," head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said. "He is a three-year starter who really works hard every day."

Killgo said it was fun playing with his brother in his sophomore season.

"We got along really well," Killgo said. "Sometimes we didn't, but most of the time we did."

Killgo played third and pitcher in his sophomore year then moved to first in his junior season, earning a first team All-District selection. The senior said his pitching mechanics have improved the most.

"Snelgrooves, (Tyson) Hickman and coach (Clint) Allen, when he was here helped me a lot with my pitching."

At the plate, Killgo also made strides,

emerging as a power hitter, and moved into the clean-up spot in the batting order by his senior year. This season, Killgo had a monumental game against Perryton on April 6, hitting three home runs.

"I was just trying to hit line drives and hit the gaps," Killgo said. "I just got lucky that day and just felt it."

Killgo said getting to start early helped him develop.

"It helps you figure out the game," Killgo said. "Learn and experience more."

The senior first baseman and pitcher has experienced ups and downs with the program. In his freshman year when he was on JV, the varsity missed the playoffs by a game. In Killgo's sophomore year, Pampa only won seven games and went 2-10 in district. Last season, Pampa made the playoffs for the first time in four seasons. Killgo said he is looking forward to this season's run.

"I think my senior year is going to be the best year for us," Killgo said. "Hopefully that can carry on the next couple years too, get further and further up there."

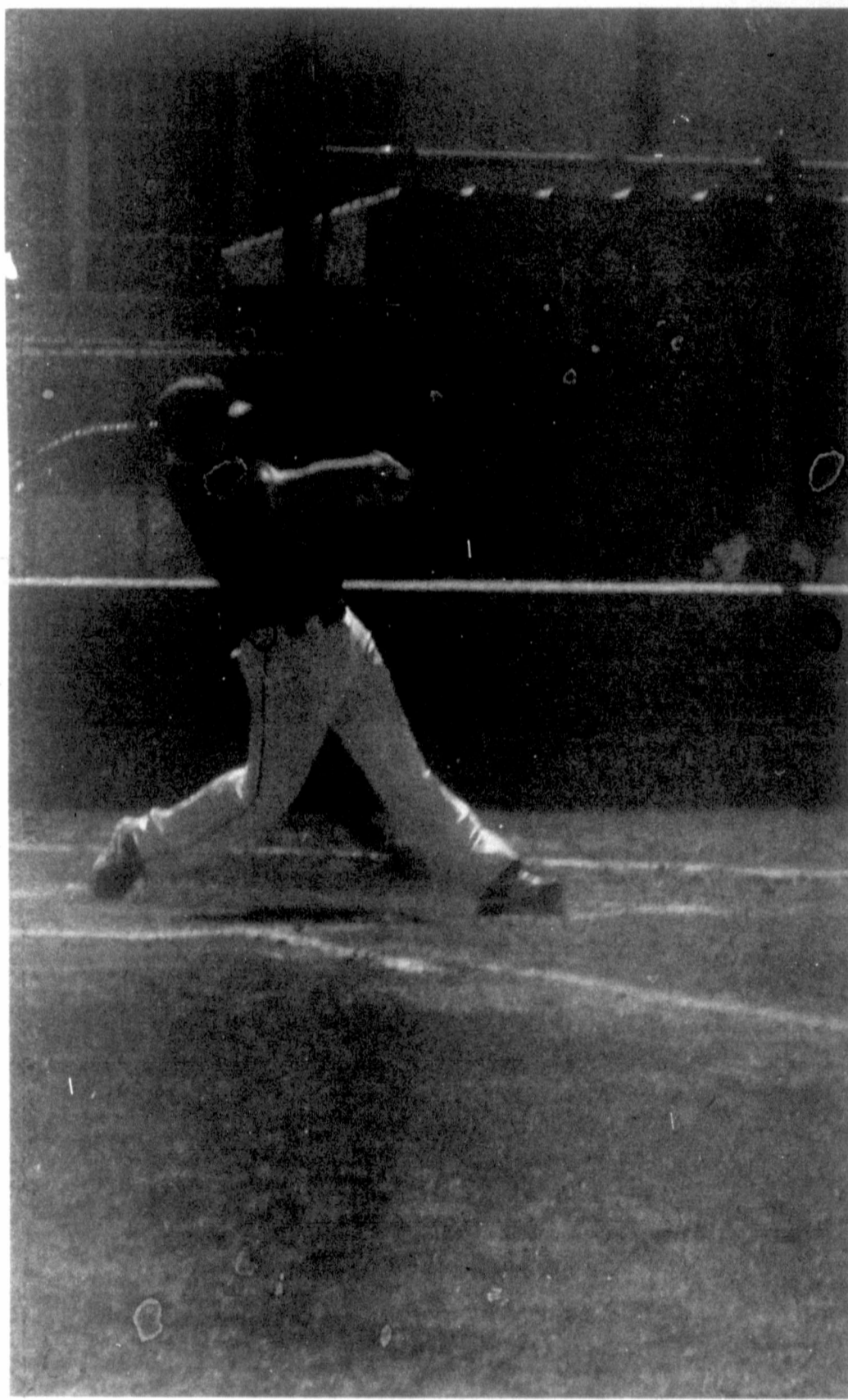
Killgo said he's learned that his attitude and effort play a big role in the outcome.

"You have to keep calm," Killgo said. "Play the whole way through the game. Winning or losing, you have to do what you can to win."



photo courtesy of
Charla Shults

Senior Collin Killgo applies a tag on a Dalhart baserunner Saturday. Killgo is a three-year starter for the Harvesters, primarily pitching and playing first.



staff photo by
Andrew Glover

Senior Collin Killgo connects on a pitch in a March 14 game against Childress. Killgo is Pampa's clean-up hitter.

Cheapest Prices In Town!
Beer • Liquor • Wine • Cigarettes • Lotto

NEW IN STORE

ChocoVine Raspberry Wine
The taste of dark chocolate and red wine.
Raspberry 750ml

Kahonaville Party Rum
West Indies Rum with natural flavors. Black Cherry or Citrus 21.1oz 40% Alc/Vol 40 Proof

Shook Top Lemon Shandy 4 pk.

Miller Lite & Coors Light
12 pk. • 14oz Aluminum Bottles

Mikey's Liquor Store
1222 Price Rd. 806-665-0082
M-S 10am - 9pm

If we don't have it, we will try to get it.

Drive-Up window: **Marlboro Special Blend 1440 pk** with purchase of 3 pks. **Copenhagen Long Cut Wintergreen 13.70 can** • 3.2oz Fountain Drink 82¢

FREE ADS for Free Items!

If you have something you want to give away, we want to help you do it! Just give us a call. We'll place a 5 line AD everyday until someone becomes the new owner.

Call Beverly Today!
669-2525

It's Yard Sale Season!

Not all yard sales are the same. Some are large, some are small but everyone who has one wants to make money. We want to help you by offering a variety of ADS to suit your needs.

Call Beverly Today!
669-2525

YARD SALE
12.5 Street
9AM-5PM

You Own A Business... NOW WHAT?

Let us help with the missing puzzle piece... Protecting your Business.

Legacy Insurance Agency
2133 N Hobart
Pampa, TX 79065
(806)-665-4800

- Business Auto
- General Liability
- Property
- Professional Liability

Trusted Choice

INTRODUCING... Lion Bros. Photography

Let Lion Bros. design your save-the-date cards & invitations!

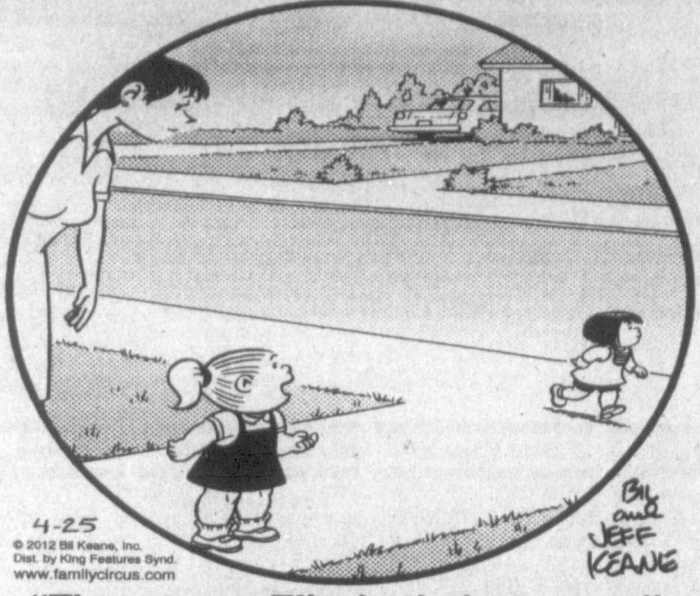
SPECIALIZING IN: candid, outdoor, family, children, youth & engagement/wedding photography. 20 years professional experience. Competitive rates!

PHONE 813-712-9363

Photo Gallery @ www.LionBrosPhotography.com

comics PAGE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

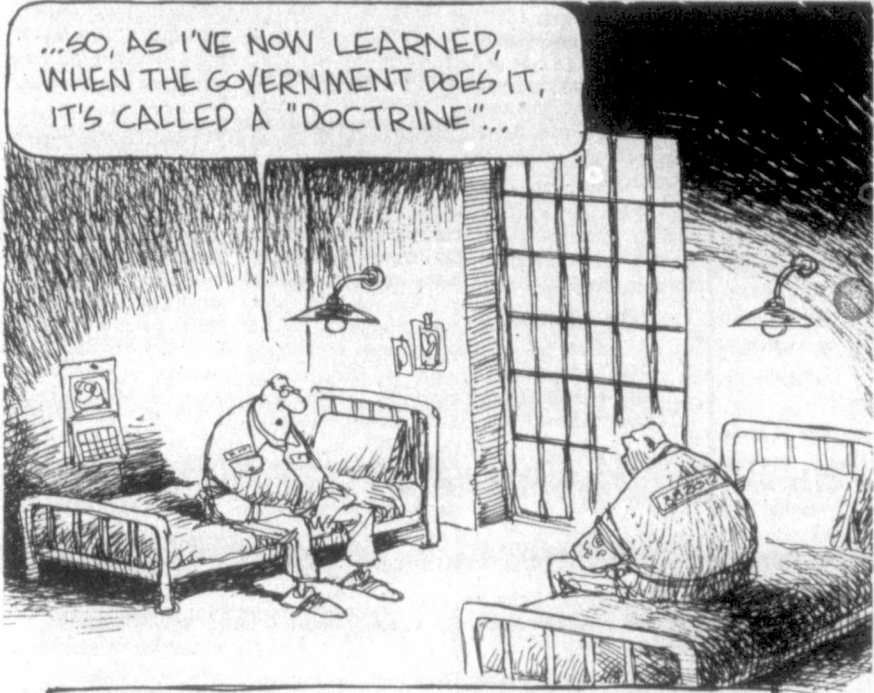


4-25
© 2012 Bil Keane, Inc.
Dist. by King Features Synd.
www.familycircus.com

By and
JEFF
KEANE

"There goes Elizabeth, but we call her Liz or Beth or Lizzy or Elie or Lisa or Betsy or ..."

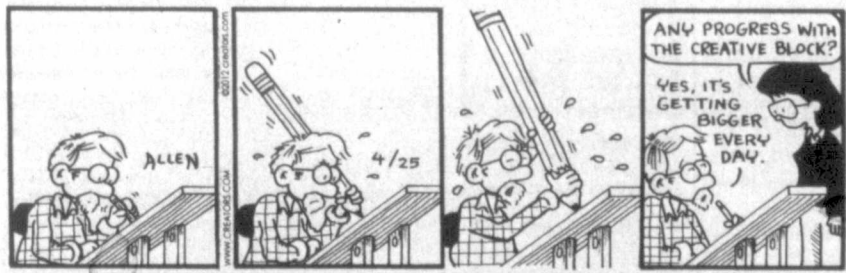
Non Sequitur



REAL WORLD VS. POLITICAL WORLD

© 2012 WILEY-INTERSCIENCE, INC. 4-25
DIST. BY UNIVERSAL UCLICK WILEY-INTERSCIENCE, INC. WWW.COMICS.COM

Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 26, 2012:

You might have difficulty being deeply emotional, as a practical approach seems to be your style. This year you will be able to express yourself more easily. Get ready for some strong reactions at first. Detach and observe. If you are single, you could meet someone in your daily life. Give this bond plenty of time to develop before making judgments. If you are attached, the two of you become more closely connected as you plan a long-desired trip. You become more emotional with **CANCER**.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ Sometimes you allow your imagination to take the lead. You might choose to take a different path to achieve one of your desires. Start keeping a dream notebook. You'll shake up a loved one with your unpredictability. Tonight: Keep the peace, for your sake.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing. Even if you have to leave or hang up, let the other person know you are there if he or she has more to share. A sudden insight might encourage you to close down and say less. Tonight: With favorite people at favorite places.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be aware of a need to clear up a problem. You could be overwhelmed by the present state of affairs. Someone keeps throwing you a curveball. You might be a bit exhausted by this person's attempt to start a rumble. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Visualize more of what you want. Create a logical plan and go after your desires. You could be overwhelmed by someone you have to deal with. This person adds an erratic element to your life; you might need to establish more distance. Tonight: Do what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ It might be difficult to keep exciting news to yourself, but you'll do it. Do not pressure yourself as much to deal with a problematic situation. Let it go. Only then will change become possible. Tonight: You need some extra Z's.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Realize where you are going with a project. Others could be more supportive than you think, with the exception of one person. Resist making a judgment. Let him or her come around. Tonight: Only where the people are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ You could end up with a lot to do, which you had not anticipated. Do not feel too intimidated to say, "no more," or you could decide to delegate. A partner or associate will pitch right in. This helpful person makes his or her feelings apparent. Tonight: Don't let it get too late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use your imagination to clear up a problem. What you are hearing as solutions in your mind will not work. Your nerves could be fried with so much going on. Pick up the phone and plan a restful weekend. Tonight: Choose a stress buster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A partner could rain on your parade. Do you really want to feel like you do? Be more creative and less receptive to others' comments. A child or loved one easily could be more rebellious than before. Tonight: Visit with a friend or loved one over dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others might find you to be controlling at times. Lose the image when you say "yes" to an offer to pitch in. As others learn to walk in your footsteps, their opinions in the next few months will be revised. Tonight: You do not have to accept an invitation. Do your thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ You can only be distracted for so long. Suddenly you recognize just how much is on your plate. Jump right in and start tackling a lot of your errands and to-dos. Unexpected events will force you to regroup. Tonight: Get some R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Taking a risk financially could cause a problem. On the other hand, an emotional risk easily might land you exactly where you want to be. Make a phone call you have been putting off. Be willing to put yourself on the line. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

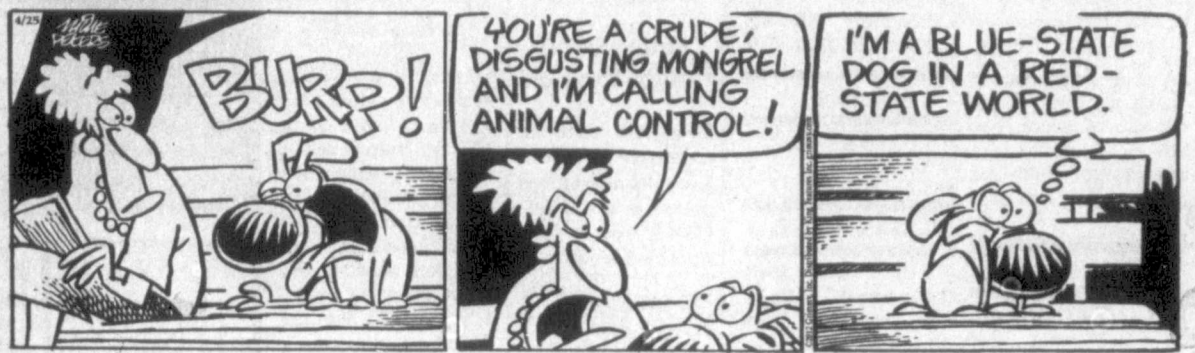
Tundra



Shoe



Mother Goose and Grim



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Obama pushes low-rate student loans, wooing young

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — President Barack Obama went after the college vote Tuesday, pitching cheaper student loans as he courted the one age group where he has a decided advantage over Republican rival Mitt Romney. The twist? Romney, too, has endorsed the idea, though it's unclear whether deficit-leery Republicans in Congress will go along.

In the race for the White House, both the Obama and Romney campaigns see huge opportunities to court younger voters. This week, their efforts are focused on the millions of students — and their parents — who are grappling with college costs at a time when such debt has grown so staggering it exceeds the totals for credit cards or auto loans.

Trying to make it personal, Obama told students at the University of North Carolina that he and first lady Michelle Obama had "been in your shoes" and didn't pay off their student loans until eight years ago.

"I didn't just read about this. I didn't just get some talking points about this. I didn't just get a policy briefing on this," Obama said. "We didn't come from wealthy families. When we graduated from college and law school, we had a mountain of debt. When we married, we got poor together."

Obama's emphasis on his personal experience set up a contrast with Romney, whose father was a wealthy auto executive. It's a point the president is sure to return to during this summer's campaigning.

Though both Obama and Romney have expressed support for freezing the current interest rates on the loans for poorer and middle-class students, lawmakers are still exploring ways to pay for the plan. The timing is impor-

tant because the rate will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent on July 1 without intervention by Congress, an expiration date chosen in 2007 when a Democratic Congress voted to chop the rate in half.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has estimated about 15 percent of Americans, or 37 million people, have outstanding student loan debt. The bank puts the total at \$870 billion, though other estimates have reached \$1 trillion. About two-thirds of student loan debt is held by people under 30.

The loan rate freeze Obama and Romney are championing amounts to a one-year, election-year fix at a cost of roughly \$6 billion. Congress seems headed that way. Members of both parties are assessing ways to cover the costs and then gain the votes in the House and Senate. Both parties have a political incentive to keep the rates as they are.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Tuesday, "I don't think anybody believes this interest rate ought to be allowed to rise." He added, "The question is how do you pay for it, how long do you do the extension."

One Democratic idea: Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, who chairs the Education Committee, said the money would come from closing a loophole that lets owners of privately owned companies called S corporations avoid paying the Social Security and Medicare payroll tax on part of their earnings.

Romney said this week that he agrees the loan rates shouldn't be raised, coupling that stance with criticism of Obama's economic leadership. "Given the bleak job prospects that young Americans

coming out of college face today, I encourage Congress to temporarily extend the low rate," Romney said in a statement.

Obama spokesman Jay Carney said it was "ironic" that

LOANS cont. on page B8

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Activities (Children, Youth, Adult Bible Study) 7 p.m.
 Nursery provided for all services
Highland Baptist
 1301 North Banks Pampa, Texas 79065

Gingrich to decide next move

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Newt Gingrich declined to discuss his struggling presidential campaign Tuesday and said he would decide his next steps after the latest primaries, refusing to acknowledge the Republican nominating contest is essentially over.

Gingrich said Mitt Romney was presumptuous to begin his head-to-head campaign against President Barack Obama while some states have yet to have their primaries. The former House speaker walked away from reporters when pressed about how long he would continue a debt-riddled campaign that has no plausible route to denying Romney the Republican nod.

For his part, Romney planned a primary night speech in New Hampshire, the site of his first victory in the race for the nomination. Aides said his remarks would focus on the general election campaign against Obama.

"I think it's a very substantial mistake for Gov. Romney to give a general election speech tonight in New Hampshire. He is not the nominee. I think it's a little insulting to people in these states," Gingrich told reporters.

Gingrich has hung his comeback hopes on a strong showing in Delaware and has spent considerable time there in recent weeks. Under pres-

sure for some time to drop out of the race, he has not won a presidential primary since finishing first in his former home state of Georgia on March 6.

One of his daughters, meanwhile, said the former House speaker will "reassess" his campaign after Tuesday's results, potentially setting the stage for his exit from the Republican presidential race.

"He talked about waiting for results and looking to see what happens and then potentially reassess," Jackie Gingrich Cushman told MSNBC.

She hinted, as Gingrich has in recent days, that the race is fluid and that a dramatic shift could come at any time.

"You never know what's going to happen tomorrow," she said.

Despite trailing Romney in convention delegates 5-to-1, Gingrich has vowed to campaign until the party's late-summer convention in Florida. He has more than \$4.3 million in debt.

Bob Walker, a former congressman from Pennsylvania who served with Gingrich in the House and now chairs his presidential campaign, said he thought Gingrich could do well in Delaware but acknowledged that a poor showing would force the campaign to make a decision about going forward.

"What we want to do

is build some momentum out of Delaware into North Carolina. But if the Delaware results don't fit that profile, we will reassess the situation," said Walker, who insisted that Romney had still not won over many conservatives.

Gingrich was keeping a pair of scheduled appearances Tuesday in North Carolina, including his first election night party since February. But after his tour of the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, he walked away when reporters asked him about his political fortunes.

"We will have something to say this evening ... when we see the results," he said.

Campaigning in the Wilmington area of Delaware "on Monday, Gingrich said winning the state would put him in good position to continue his campaign. But if Romney were to win big in Delaware, "I think you would have to stop and take a deep breath," he said.

Gingrich cautioned Romney against appearing cocky.

"Gov. Romney is clearly the front-runner. That doesn't mean he's inevitable," Gingrich said Monday.

Romney has won 698 of the 1,144 delegates needed to become the nominee, according to a tally by The Associated Press. Gingrich has 137 delegates.

PRESTIGE
 AUTOBODY & ACCESSORIES
806-665-3500
 Ask for Casey or Eric

WeatherTech

Gingrich daughter: Campaign to reassess standing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newt Gingrich's daughter says the former House speaker will "reassess" his campaign after the votes are tallied in Delaware, potentially setting the stage for his exit from the Republican presidential race.

Jackie Gingrich Cushman said Tuesday that her father's campaign has slimmed down but is still winning over voters who aren't yet sold on Mitt Romney, who has effectively clinched

the GOP presidential nomination.

Despite trailing Romney in convention delegates and fundraising, Gingrich has vowed to campaign until the party's late-summer convention in Florida.

Gingrich is carrying more than \$4.3 million in debt and has been spending more money than he is taking in.

His daughter spoke on MSNBC.

Delaware was one of five states that held GOP presidential primaries Tuesday.

Come In Or Call For A Quote
 AUTO • HOME • BUSINESS • LIFE
 Gray County Insurance
 Doing Business As
JOHNSTON INSURANCE AGENCY
 1712 N. HOBART PAMPA, TEXAS
 806.665.4133 • 866.665.2788

Stay away. Stay safe. Stay alive.

Look up. See the overhead power lines? They can be extremely dangerous and even deadly. Never touch them or allow any object to touch them. Stay at least 10 feet away and if you see lines brought down by wind or weather, call us right away at 1-800-895-1999. In an emergency always call 9-1-1

Learn more about safety at xcelenergy.com/Safety.

XcelEnergy
 RESPONSIBLE BY NATURE

Romney super PAC gift among mysterious campaign donations

WASHINGTON (AP)—A once-mysterious \$400,000 check written to a "super" political action committee supporting Mitt Romney's presidential campaign rekindled a nagging question this election season: Just how much disclosure is enough to satisfy transparency?

The Florida husband and wife behind the contribution were identified Monday as the beneficiaries of an investment fund and are among Romney's top Florida fundraisers. But up until then, the donation to the Restore Our Future super PAC — which reported the contribution from an unknown Florida firm called SeaSpray Partners LLC — left more questions than answers.

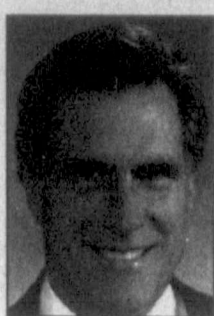
Inquiries about the donation intensified over the weekend after a Florida man who owned a similarly named company in Palm Beach told news organizations he never donated to the pro-Romney group. It turned out that Restore Our Future listed the wrong address for the actual SeaSpray donor.

The super PAC at first declined to disclose more about the mystery donors, but as the controversy grew, the committee on Monday acknowledged the Florida couple's role. Restore amended its federal filings Tuesday, naming the Florida couple as the two donors.

Welcome to the reality of recent federal rulings that have changed rules on how federal elections are financed. Those court cases, including the Supreme Court's 2010 ruling in Citizens United, gave a green light to corporations and labor unions to spend unlimited amounts of cash to support or defeat candidates.

The federal rulings upheld longstanding disclosure requirements, and super PACs that receive that cash still file periodic reports with the Federal Election Commission. But regulations require that only basic information about a company be reported; as such, SeaSpray's history and background effectively remained anonymous.

"Citizens United has not only allowed unlimited corporate spending, but has also opened many loopholes in disclosure laws," said Tara Malloy, associate legal counsel for the watchdog group Campaign Legal Center. "We see this when corporations give to transparent



Romney

vehicles like a federal political committee. And this case underscores how porous the disclosure laws are."

An Associated Press review of financial documents found SeaSpray is, in fact, a financial fund managed by Boston-based Hellman Jordan Management. One of the firm's top executives, Gerald Jordan, and his wife, Darlene, received \$200,000 apiece in unspecified "disbursements," company executive Susan Lynch told The Associated Press, and asked that the money be sent directly to Restore Our Future rather than to the couple's personal bank accounts.

"We were happy to do that," Lynch said. The amended report that Restore Our Future filed Tuesday confirmed that the Jordans had donated \$200,000 apiece.

Restore Our Future acknowledged the Jordans' involvement Monday after the AP confirmed the couple's role and raised questions about their involvement with the group. Super PAC spokeswoman Brittany Gross attributed the mistake to a clerical error and said the super PAC would file an updated report with the Federal Election Commission.

But earlier, Restore Our Future said it would not identify the donors and would only update the firm's address, which it said met federal disclosure rules. That set the stage for a detective-worthy whodunit among news organizations and watchdog groups that follow the campaign closely.

The revelations about the \$400,000 donation — and the super PAC's reluctance to identify such wealthy supporters — illustrate the loosened rules overseeing the federal campaign finance system in the wake of a series of court rulings in recent years. In the current presidential campaign, most donors identify themselves, but in some cases corporate donors are able to disguise their names using limited liability partnerships.

"We've disclosed all the information that the FEC required," Carl Forti, the super PAC's founder and chief

strategist, said last week after his group first posted the mystery \$400,000 donation. "I can't tell you anything more about the company."

Indeed, the Jordans are hardly strangers to Romney and his presidential campaigns. The couple hosted a \$50,000-per-couple fundraising event for Romney at their Florida home last week, and Darlene Jordan was listed in an invitation as a host of an Orlando fundraiser last August for the former Massachusetts governor.

The two have also offered financial support to Romney and the Republican Party. Gerald Jordan gave \$2,500 to Romney's presidential campaign in June and April 2011, and Darlene Jordan contributed the maximum \$30,800 to the Republican National Committee in December. Gerald Jordan also contributed more than \$40,000 to a fundraising account for Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., a possible running mate for Romney.

Last summer, Restore Our Future refused to identify the source of its first \$1 million contribution. Controversy flared until the secretive donor, a retired executive from Romney's old firm, Bain Capital, stepped forward and acknowledged the donation.

In its latest financial reports listing more than \$8.6 million in donations in March, the super PAC supporting Romney listed several large donations without donor identities, including the \$400,000 donation and a \$250,000 donation from a Montana firm, Fair Oaks Finance LLC.

State records show Fair Oaks is registered to investment brokerage head Charles R. Schwab, who along with his wife, Helen, each gave \$125,000 to the super PAC. Schwab has also given more than \$80,000 to Republican candidates and causes in the current election cycle, including two \$2,500 donations to Romney's presidential campaign.

Restore Our Future also received a \$1 million gift from Huron Carbon LLC. That firm's identity turned out to be the West Palm Beach headquarters of Oxbow Carbon LLC, a fossil-fuel processor and mining firm headed by William Koch, who had already given \$1 million to the pro-Romney group.

'A better America,' says confident Mitt

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Voters in New York, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania headed to the polls but Mitt Romney wasn't in any of those states Tuesday night. Instead, he'll return to New Hampshire, where a sweeping primary victory in January set him down the path to the GOP presidential nomination.

From the Radisson Hotel downtown, Romney planned a speech he's titled "A Better America Begins Tonight." The general election speech, aides say, will represent a definitive pivot away from the primary contest and toward Democratic President Barack Obama and the general election.

Romney has been the party's presumptive nominee since his closest rival, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, dropped out of the race earlier this month.

The former Massachusetts governor has turned toward the center in recent days, beginning the process of appealing to independent voters in the wake of a brutal primary contest.

Romney was drawn to the right on issues like immigration as he fought off challenges from other Republicans. On Monday, he signaled he was considering a wider range of immigration policies, including a proposal from Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., that would allow some young people a chance at visas to stay in the U.S.

Romney also embraced a temporary extension of lower interest rates for student loans, a policy opposed by House Republicans but backed by Obama.

Romney announced his support for that proposal as he campaigned in Pennsylvania a day before its GOP primary. While Pennsylvania is a battleground state in the fall, his campaign visits Sunday and Monday were largely scheduled before Santorum left the race and when the primary in Santorum's home state was still competitive.

There were a total of 209 delegates at stake Tuesday.

Endorsements keep rolling in for Romney

The Republican primary race is effectively over but Mitt Romney keeps piling up delegates and endorsements.

Romney tightened his lock on the GOP nomination by sweeping Pennsylvania, New York and three other northeastern states holding primaries Tuesday. They offer a combined trove of 209 delegates.

The presumptive GOP nominee campaigned in Pennsylvania on Monday with Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, often mentioned as a potential running mate.

He also picked up the endorsement of former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, a 2008 rival. Giuliani, who joins a long line of Republican luminaries to back Romney, said the former Massachusetts governor "won fair and square." The value of endorsements has long been debated. But generally, they're better to have than not. And in Romney's case, they help

him demonstrate that he's solidifying his party's support.

No endorsements for Romney have yet come from vanquished rival Rick Santorum or from Texas Rep. Ron Paul and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Santorum once hoped to break his losing streak with a home-state Pennsylvania win in Tuesday's primary. But amid discouraging

polls, he bowed out April 10. He's widely expected to make the endorsement and may be waiting until closer to the convention in August in hopes of giving it more punch.

Gingrich did campaign actively ahead of Tuesday's primaries — in Delaware.

Cash short and deeply in debt, Gingrich picked it hoping for an upset and because of its proximity to

the Washington D.C. area where he lives.

Paul has a base of die-hard supporters and has had little trouble raising contributions. He told CNBC he has no plans to quit.

"You don't quit because you happen to be behind," he said. "You want to see how you do. And who knows? Maybe somebody will stumble."

FREE ADS for Free Items!
Call Beverly Today!
669-2525

Yard Sale Kits Are here!
Call Beverly Today!
669-2525

Stonethrowers Revival Service

We Invite you to join us as we minister the powerful message of the Kingdom of God that breaks down denominational, racial, traditional, and economic walls, one stone at a time. Stand with us as we encourage the Body of Christ to rise up in unity!

April 22 - 25, 2012
Sunday • 10:30am & 6pm
Mon - Wed • 7pm

Nursery services provided for infants through 3 years.

Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship
18th & Banks Streets
Pampa, Texas

Marla Jackson

Sandi Glee Ballew

Being there is why I'm here.

Get discounts up to 40%

Call my office for a quote 24/7.

Gayla Rigdon, Agent
111 E 28th Ave
Pampa, TX 79065
Bus: 806-665-4051
www.gaylarigdon.com

State Farm

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company,
State Farm Indemnity Company, Bloomington, IL

P090107 06/09

Dems set sights on latest tax target: Private corporations

WASHINGTON (AP) — First it was people earning at least \$1 million a year. Now Democrats seeking their next election-year target for tax increases on better-off Americans may have found it: the owners of many privately held corporations.

Democrats are considering trying to make it harder for owners of so-called S corporations to avoid paying Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes on some of their earnings, said a Senate Democratic aide speaking on condition of anonymity to reveal an emerging party strategy.

Though decisions have not been finalized, the proposal would affect such companies with earnings of at least \$250,000 annually and would raise roughly \$5 billion to \$6 billion over the coming decade, the aide said. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said Democrats would use the measure to pay for a bill backed by President Barack Obama that would keep college students' loan rates from doubling this summer, though it might end up being used instead to finance another initiative or for deficit reduction.

The Democratic tax plan, which has been under discussion among congressional and Obama administration aides, would tighten the definition of S corporation income on which

payroll taxes must be paid. The idea is likely to face strong Republican opposition in the Senate, but Democrats believe there would be political value in forcing GOP senators to vote on the measure, win or lose.

S corporations are a widely used way of forming businesses, commonly used by many professional service practices like doctors and lawyers, as well as by construction, retail and real estate companies. There are more than 4 million of them in the United States. They are named after the subchapter of the tax code that defines them.

A 2009 report by the Government Accountability Office, an investigative agency of Congress, estimated that in 2003 and 2004, shareholders of S corporations underreported wages by nearly \$24 billion, "which could result in billions in annual employment tax underpayments."

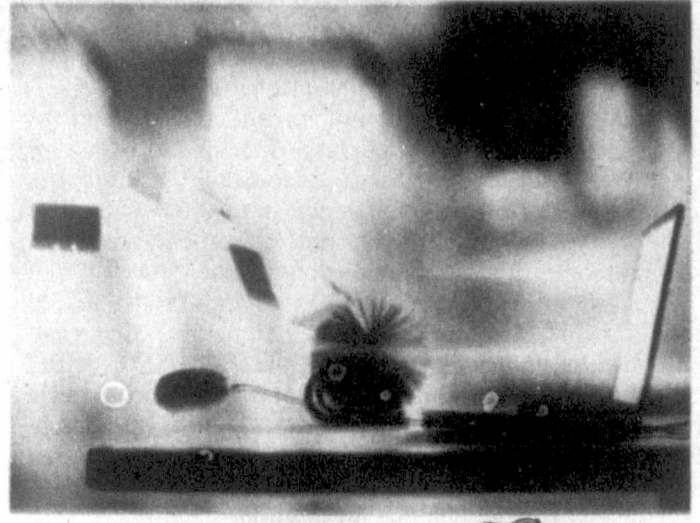
By law, S corporations are not publicly traded. They may have no more than 100 owners, but the overwhelming majority are owned by just a small handful of people: 6 in 10 have a single shareholder and more than 9 in 10 have three or fewer, according to that same Government Accountability Office report.

Democrats believe the proposal could feed their campaign push for tax equity, just like the "Buffett rule" vote they forced in the Senate last week and lost, which would have required people making \$1 million annually to pay a minimum amount of federal income taxes. They cite reports that drew attention to two politicians using S corporations as tax shelters: former Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has challenged Mitt Romney for their party's presidential nomination, and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, who contended for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination.

What are you waiting for?

It's time to switch over and go

wireless



Formerly Centramedia.net

Packages starting at ONLY

\$24.95

*Prices may vary according to rate plan and availability. \$49.00 Activation Fee. Additional equipment rental fee.

NO CONTRACTS

NO INSTALLATION FEE

Your Hometown Internet Provider

(866) 980-2714

www.erfwireless.net

cont. from page 6B

Loans

a Republican could both back the interest rate freeze and support a budget proposal from Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., that the White House says would keep the rate at 6.8 percent.

Romney has said he is "very supportive" of the Ryan budget.

At the same time, some conservative activists have denounced Romney's decision to match Obama's position on student loan rates.

"Mitt Romney is going to sell out conservatives in his party" to improve his chances in the November election, Michael Brendan Dougherty wrote in a blog carried by sites including Free Republic.

By taking on student debt, Obama spoke to middle-class America and also targeted a growing economic burden that could hamper the national recovery.

While leaning on Republicans in Congress to act, he also sought to energize the young people essential to his campaign — those who voted for him last time and the many more who have turned voting age since then. Obama urged students to go to social media sites like Twitter to pressure their lawmakers to prevent the interest rates on the loans "from

shooting up and shaking you down."

The blurring between Obama's official and campaign events emerged here in Tar Heel country, with Obama encouraging students to give him an "Amen" at times (they did) and the crowd also giving him an unsolicited chant of "Four more years!" On a blue-sky, breezy day, Obama soaked in the youth vibe on campus, where he also appeared in a taping of "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon."

With Romney seemingly assured of sweeping the five Republican presidential primaries being held Tuesday, the former Massachusetts governor planned a focus on the general election with a speech in New Hampshire titled "A Better America Begins Tonight."

Ahead of the speech, Romney supporters said Obama's policies had hurt younger voters and questioned whether the president could garner the same amount of support as in 2008.

"Young people are sitting here three and a half years later and they're not better off," said Alex Schriver, chairman of the College Republican National Committee.

The president was also speaking Tuesday at the University of

Colorado at Boulder, and then at the University of Iowa on Wednesday. All three schools are in states that Obama carried in 2008, and all three states are considered among the several that could swing to Obama or Romney and help decide a close 2012 election.

Obama carried voters between the ages of 18-29 by a margin of about 2-to-1 in 2008, but many recent college graduates have had difficulty finding jobs. That raises concerns for the president about whether they will vote and volunteer for him in such large numbers again.

Without mentioning her by name, Obama cited North Carolina Republican Rep. Virginia Foxx, quoting her from a recent radio interview with G. Gordon Liddy in which she said, "I have very little tolerance for people who tell me that they graduate with \$200,000 of debt."

Obama said allowing the interest rates to double this summer would hurt more than 7 million students, costing the average student \$1,000 and amounting to a "tax hike" for those students and their families.

"Anybody here can afford to pay an extra thousand dollars right now?" Obama asked to jeers from the crowd. "I don't think so."

We Believe

IN GIVING CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

FirstBank Southwest's Kim Hill Named FBSW Pampa President

Kim has been an integral part of FirstBank Southwest since beginning at the Perryton, TX banking center 32 years ago. Mrs. Hill has served FBSW Pampa during the last 21 years, specializing in commercial, mortgage and consumer lending. She has embraced change through the years, fueling company growth while offering customers and colleagues consistent leadership. Kim's vast

expertise blankets many areas, including training and management in retail banking, new account development, lending and credit departments. Chairman, President and CEO, Smith Ellis said, "Kim's experience and industry knowledge, along with her integrity and personal relationships with our customers, make her an easy choice for the new Pampa President. We could not be more proud and confident of Kim and look forward to the years ahead."

FirstBank Southwest congratulates you & honors your service.



FirstBank Southwest
Excellence you can bank on.

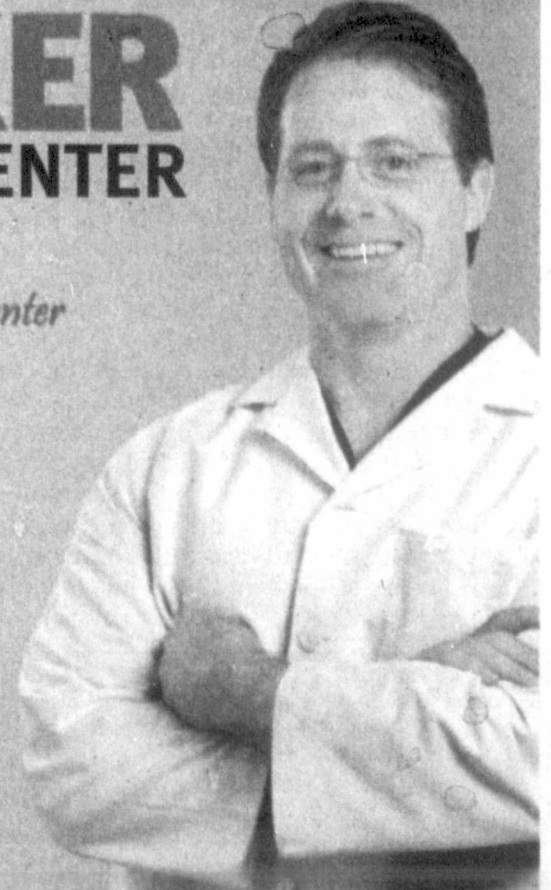
10 Years. 5000 Surgeries.

BARKER BARIATRIC CENTER

forest park medical center

FREE SEMINAR

April 28th, 2012
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Cardiology Center
of Amarillo
6200 I-40 West



See for yourself why Barker Bariatric Center is Texas' leading weight loss surgery center. Texas Tech graduate and weight loss surgeon, Dr. Barker will discuss the five types of weight loss surgery offered and what to expect along your journey.

- Hear patient testimonials
- Learn about our state-of-the-art facility
- Meet our team and ask questions
- Discover which surgery option is best for you
- Get assistance with insurance approval



If you're overweight, there are several reasons to talk with Barker Bariatric Center about your weight loss options. Improved health, better self-esteem, a better life for you and your loved ones. So register for our Free Seminar today and tell us, what's your one reason?

1-806-290-5144 • BarkerBariatrics.com
Dallas • Southlake • Amarillo • Lubbock