

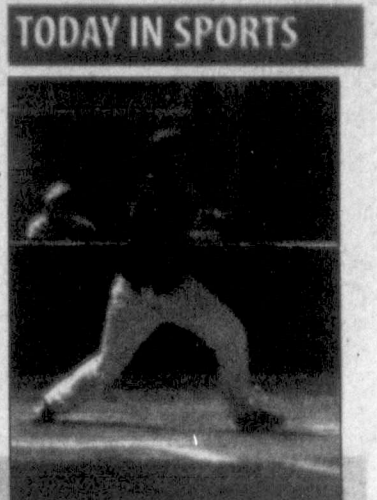
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CITY ELECTION 2012

Ward 2 commissioner race: Porter, Ferguson face off

Infrastructure a priority for Porter

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Chris Porter is a self-described fan of Pampa, and because this Pampa High School graduate would like to part of the town's future, he decided to run for city commissioner for Ward 2, the Northeast ward.

"The city of Pampa raised me, and the school system raised me, and that's where that sense of giving back comes from," said Porter. "My father (Lee Porter) instilled it in us as kids that we needed to make places better than when we got here."

Porter, Vice President of LeJan, Inc., an oil and gas company, is a former president of the Optimist Club, and has served in the past on the boards for the Moore County peewee football league in Dumas, the North Plains Babe Ruth League and Dumas Little League.

"I believe in helping out the community as much as I can," he said. "I want to give back to the community that's given back so much to me."

In his business, Porter often deals with the decision on whether to replace or repair things in the field. He applies

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Business instincts drive Ferguson

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After building his business from the ground up here in Pampa, John Ferguson wants to put the acumen he's gained to use on the City Commission.

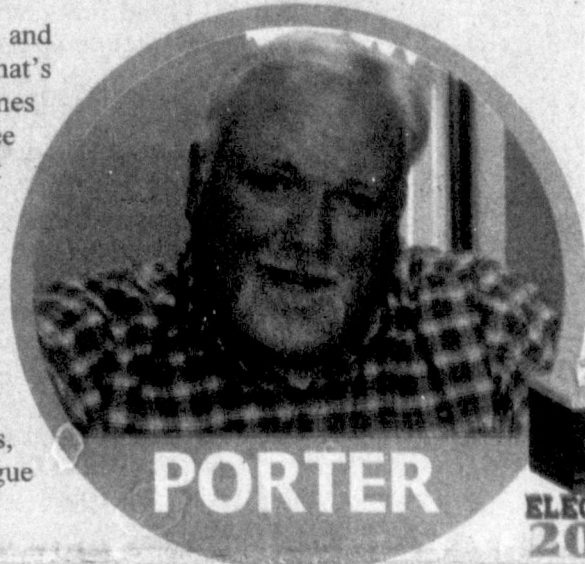
"I've lived here since 1967," said the

71-year-old Ferguson, owner and operator of Ferguson Bail Bonds on Hobart Street. "I think that I need to know what goes on in this town. If I can put something worth having in input, well, I think that that's kind of my duty. I've got a lot of business experience and I hope that would help me in the job itself."

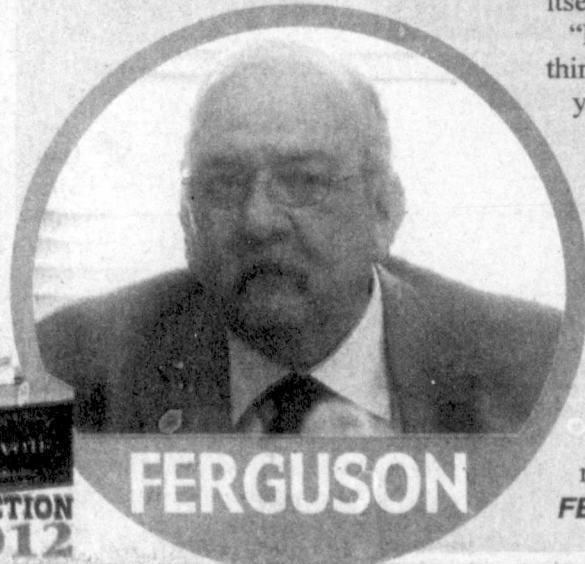
"Business is pretty simple when you think about it. You take more in than you put out or you don't survive, and that's the lines that I would go on and try to have an input to where it would be positive for the city."

Ferguson, who said he arrived in Pampa "with \$5 in (his) pocket," said that he loves the opportunity that Pampa affords to anyone who wants to work hard and build a life for themselves. It's that no-nonsense, workmanlike approach that he'd like to

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PORTER



FERGUSON

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McGinty talks about 4-H barn at PEDC

■ 4-H seeks grant to make repairs, buy livestock trailer

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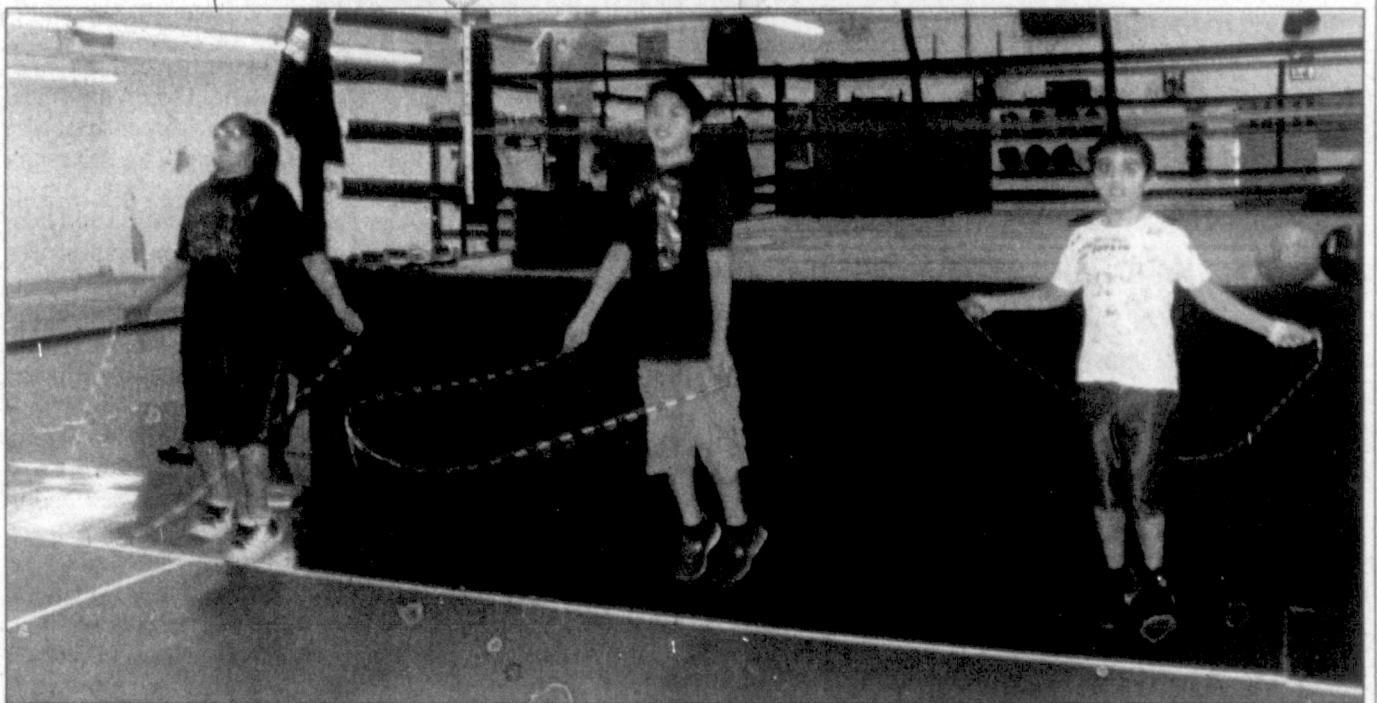
Brandon McGinty of 4-H gave a presentation on the 4-H feeding barn at the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's (PEDC) meeting yesterday afternoon. McGinty seeks a \$52,850 grant from the PEDC to go towards repairs at the barn and the purchase of a livestock trailer.

4-H began leasing the facility from the city in July, and since then has added new plumbing, fences, concrete flooring, improved lighting and pens.

"The goal is to have 26 pens for pigs that can house anywhere from 26 to double that, because we put two per pen," said McGinty. "We've got 18 slots for sheep and

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BASIC TRAINING



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Sonny Ambriz (from left), 12; **Victor Villarreal**, 13; and **Isaiah Holguin**, 10, get into shape by jumping rope at the Mixed Martial Arts gym on Cuyler Street in downtown Pampa on Thursday.



photo courtesy of Joan Gray-Soria

Among the numerous 4-Hers selling geraniums will be (from left) Natalie Bagley, Allison Chisum, Jonah Bagley, Drew Davis, Duncan Youree, Josh Bagley, Tony Soria, Allie Dancer and Madison Davis.

Geranium sale is next week

■ All proceeds go towards 4-H programs and curriculum throughout the year

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Gray County 4-H members will be holding their annual geranium sale this year from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday in the Coronado Center Parking lot.

The sale is one of two fundraisers for the organization during the year.

"Well, (the 4-H has) two fundraisers a year," said Joan Gray-Soria, family and consumer sciences agent for Gray County's Texas AgriLife Extension

Service. "We sell geraniums in the spring and pecans in the fall, and all the money that we collect on our fundraisers is used to collect our local 4-H club and our local 4-Hers. We use it for the awards programs that we do. We use it for curriculum. We use it to pay entry fees for contests so that the youth don't have pay extra money for those types of things."

Geraniums will be sold in four-inch pots and hanging baskets in multiple colors. The flowers are bought through West Texas Landscape, with local 4-H

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Guns in Mexico traced to US

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government says that 68,000 guns recovered by Mexican authorities in the past five years have been traced back to the United States.

The flood of tens of thousands of weapons underscores complaints from Mexico that the U.S. is responsible for arming the drug cartels plaguing its southern neighbor. Six years of violence between warring cartels have killed more than 47,000 people in Mexico.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives released its latest data covering 2007 through 2011. According to ATF, many of the guns seized in Mexico and submitted to ATF for tracing were recovered at the scenes of cartel shootings while others were seized in raids on illegal arms caches. All the recovered weapons were suspected of being used in crimes in Mexico.

New indictments in murder plot

LAREDO (AP) — Federal officials have unsealed a new indictment against seven individuals, including some with military ties, who were allegedly involved in a drug trafficking scheme and murder-for-hire plot.

In March, 28-year-old Sgt. Samuel Walker and 29-year-old former Lt. Kevin Corley thought they were meeting with members of the Zetas drug cartel in Laredo. Instead, federal undercover agents arrested them.

Prosecutors made the announcement Thursday, one day after 23-year-old Robert Corley was arrested. He was due in federal court in Columbia, S.C., Thursday and faces extradition to Texas.

All seven men face marijuana and cocaine trafficking charges. All except Robert Corley are also charged with conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire and firearms charges.

Online records don't list attorneys for Walker or Robert Corley. An attorney for Kevin Corley didn't immediately return a message.

Perry endorses Mitt Romney

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has formally endorsed Mitt Romney's presidential bid, saying he hopes the candidate he once bitterly opposed wins the White House.

The Texas governor clashed frequently with Romney and even branded the ex-Massachusetts governor a "vulture capitalist" during Perry's own failed run for the Republican presidential nomination.

When he dropped out of the race in January, Perry allied himself with former House speaker Newt Gingrich instead of Romney.

But word that Gingrich plans to give up his presidential bid next week prompted a change of heart for Perry.

In a statement, Perry said Romney earned his status as the presumptive GOP nominee, "through hard work, a strong organization, and disciplined message of restoring America after nearly four years of failed job-killing policies from President Obama."

Church may offer same-sex rites

HOUSTON (AP) — An Episcopal church in Houston will be among the first to offer gay and lesbian couples a liturgy blessing same-sex relationships if the denomination approves such rites at its summer convention.

Bishop Andy Doyle of the Houston-based Episcopal Diocese of Texas says he gave St. Stephen's Episcopal Church the go-ahead, even though he plans to vote against the same-sex blessings resolution.

Considering that many Texas Episcopalians oppose same-sex unions, each rector will be allowed to choose whether his or her congregation will offer the ceremony if it's approved.

St. Stephen's rector, the Rev. Lisa Hunt, told the Houston Chronicle that this is an important step until "full marriage equality" exists.

The liturgy wouldn't create legal same-sex marriages, since the state of Texas doesn't recognize such unions.

Boys accused of passing fake cash

CYPRESS (AP) — Investigators say two students have been accused in a fake lunch money scam at a Houston-area school.

KPRC-TV reports the computer-printed \$20 bills confiscated at Cypress Ranch High School have the same two serial numbers.

Officials say one boy was suspended and then arrested at home, while the other was arrested at school Wednesday.

Both teens have been charged in juvenile court with forgery. Names of the 16- and 15-year-old boys haven't been released.

Harris County constable's Lt. Donald Steward says lunch room workers reported some bills used to pay for lunches did not appear to be real.

Steward says at least \$500 worth of fake bills were confiscated from the older suspect. The younger boy allegedly passed the bogus cash to friends, sometimes for a fee.

Mexico truckers protest trailers

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Independent Mexican truckers launched nationwide protests Thursday calling for clearer, fairer rules on vehicle weights and dimensions and for an end to discretionary permits that they say let double-trailer vehicles carrying as much as 100 metric tons of freight operate on narrow, two-lane roads.

U.S. union and consumer groups have complained for years about dangerous Mexican trucks. Now independent Mexican truckers have grown fed up after two horrifying crashes in less than a month.

The protests by the Alliance of Mexican Transport Organizations follows two accidents in which the rear units of double trailers came loose and careened into passenger buses, killing a total of 49 bus passengers.

Mexico's Communications Transport Department, which oversees trucking, did not respond to requests for comment about the protest.

Lay a low-voltage wire under a sidewalk

Dear Pat: I want to install low-voltage lights in my yard, but I have to run the wire under a three-foot-wide concrete walkway. Is there any way to get it under the walk without taking out a section? — Brenda T.

Dear Brenda: Your problem is very common because low-voltage lighting is commonly used around patios and landscaping with walkways. Luckily, low-voltage wiring is safe to install in the ground without protection, so the job is much simpler than installing standard 110-volt lighting.

You have quite a few do-it-yourself options for making an opening underneath a walkway that is only three feet wide. The first method to try is just digging under the walkway with a shovel. If the soil is relatively loose without a lot of stones, this should work well.

Use a duckbill shovel. This is the type often used by landscapers to dig narrow holes when trenching or planting things. It is long and narrow and looks similar to a ducks' bill. Start digging down on opposite sides of the walkway to determine the soil conditions.

If the digging goes fairly easy, dig to a depth of about 1 foot below the bottom of the walkway. Dig out about 3 feet on either side so you can get the shovel in a more horizontal position. Remember, you do not have to dig deep. You just have to make a tunnel large enough to get the small wire through it.

Push the shovel blade in horizontally, and rock it back and forth to slowly loosen the soil. Once you get near the middle from either end, you will probably have to finish with a hand digger and your bare hands to remove the dirt.

Another option is to saw an angled chisel end on a piece of PVC pipe. Use a piece that is about 2 feet long so you can place it horizontally in the trench on either side of the walkway. Place a wooden block over the end, and pound on it with a heavy hammer.

After it goes in several inches, grip it with pipe wrench, rotate it, and pull it out. Clean the dirt out

HOME HOW-TO

of the end and repeat the procedure until you are halfway through. Do the same from the other side until the holes meet. If the ground is full of stones, use a piece of steel pipe instead of PVC so you can pound harder in it.

Another possible method requires the use of a pressure washer. Drive the pipe into the ground under the walkway about six inches as described above. Clean the dirt from the pipe and insert the wand from a pressure washer into it. The water pressure will help bore a

hole under the walkway. Wear eye protection and a facemask. Keep your head well above the pipe and over the walkway. DON'T watch in the end.

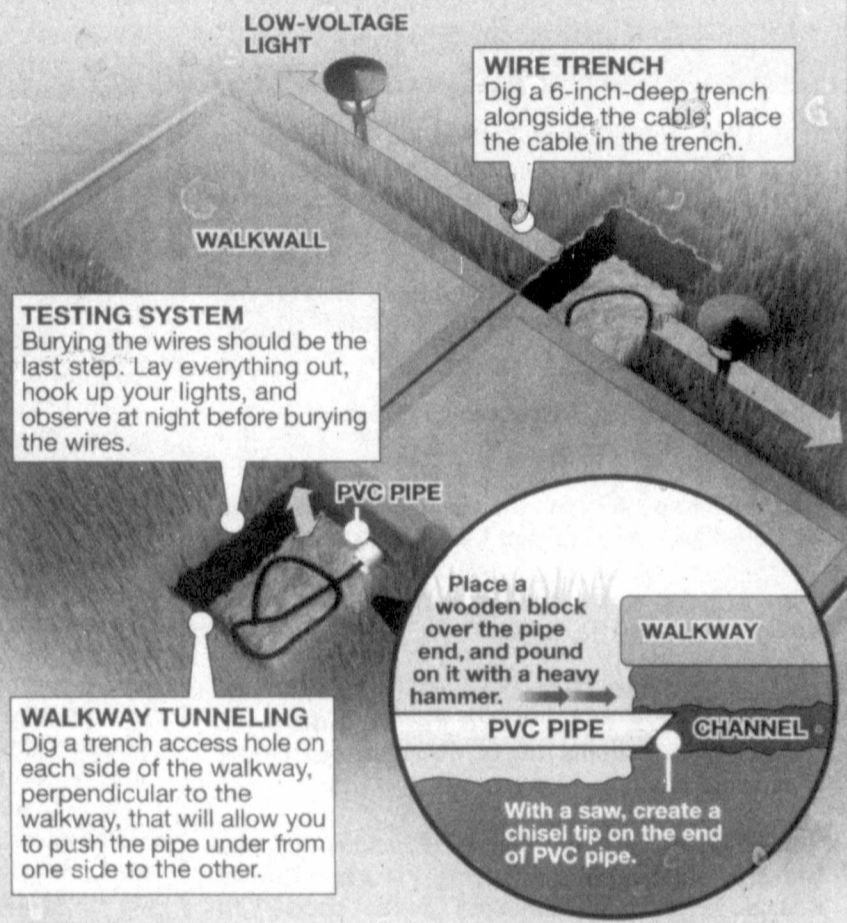
Once you have the hole opened, put a piece of conduit in it, and run the wire through it. Code does not require conduit, but you may want to run additional wires someday. Use sand or fine gravel to fill in around the pipe so the walkway is still well-supported in that spot. This is most important if you used the shovel method because the hole will be much wider.

Send your questions to Here's How, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

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Low-voltage Lights

Installing low-voltage outdoor lighting is a safe project for beginners. Sometimes the layout may require that wires be placed underneath an existing sidewalk. In most cases, you can tunnel under sidewalk concrete in a short amount of time.



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goats. We've got an exercise area in the middle inside the facility."

4-H hopes to complete the pens at the barn and make addition repairs there.

"Our goal is to work on the outside of the facility, because it has quite a few leaks," said McGinty. "We want to protect the concrete and electrical work that we've done. We want to seal the outside of the building, come in and insulate some of the roof to retain some of that warmth. We don't want it completely insulate the roof, because then it gets too hot and sticky."

Included in the proposal was a trailer, which could be used to transport sheep, goats, hogs or cattle to stock shows. Parents currently assist in transport of their children's animals.

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Today in History

Today is Friday, April 27, the 118th day of 2012. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 27, 2011, powerful tornadoes raked the South and Midwest. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, more than 120 twisters resulted in 316 deaths across parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia.

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1777, the only land battle in Connecticut during the Revolutionary War, the Battle of Ridgefield, took place, resulting in a limited British victory.

In 1805, during the First Barbary War, an American-led force of Marines and mercenaries captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 people, mostly freed Union prisoners of war.

In 1932, American poet Hart Crane, 32, drowned after jumping from a steamer into the Gulf of Mexico while en route to New York.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II.

In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1972, the Apollo 16 mission to the moon ended safely.

In 1973, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1982, the trial of John W. Hinckley Jr., who had shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.)

In 1992, the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was proclaimed in Belgrade by the republic of Serbia and its lone ally, Montenegro. Russia and 12 other former Soviet republics won entry into the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Betty Boothroyd became the first female Speaker of Britain's House of Commons.

Ten years ago: South African entrepreneur Mark Shuttleworth arrived at the international space station for an eight-day, seven-night cruise that had cost him \$20 million. A biker brawl at Harrah's Casino in Laughlin, Nev., left three bikers dead and 12 others wounded. Derek Lowe of the Boston Red Sox pitched a no-hitter against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays (final score 10-0). Mattel toy company co-founder Ruth Handler, creator of the Barbie doll, died in Los Angeles at age 85.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush and visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (shin-zoh ah-bay) threatened stronger punitive actions against North Korea if it reneged on a promise to padlock its sole nuclear reactor. A judge in Madrid indicted three U.S. soldiers in the 2003 death of Jose Couso, a Spanish journalist who was killed when their tank opened fire at a hotel in Baghdad. (The U.S., which found the use of force was justified, has refused to hand over the soldiers.) The government reported economic growth slowed to a near crawl of 1.3 percent in the first quarter of 2007. Master cellist Mstislav Rostropovich died in Moscow at age 80.

One year ago: An Afghan officer, Col. Ahmed Gul, killed eight U.S. airmen and one U.S. civilian during a routine meeting at an Afghan air force headquarters compound in Kabul. Responding to critics' relentless claims, President Barack Obama produced a detailed Hawaii birth certificate in an extraordinary attempt to bury the issue of where he was born and confirm his legitimacy to hold office.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Klugman is 90. Actress Anouk Aimee is 80. Announcer Casey Kasem is 80. Actress Judy Carne is 73. Rock musician Jim Keltner is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cuba Gooding is 68. Singer Ann Peebles is 65. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 63. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 63. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 61. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 53. Actor James Le Gros is 50. Rock musician Rob Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 47. Singer Mica Paris is 43. Actor David Lascher is 40. Actress Maura West is 40. Actress Sally Hawkins is 36. Rock musician Patrick Hallahan (My Morning Jacket) is 34. Rock singer Jim James (My Morning Jacket) is 34. Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 33. Actress Ari Graynor is 29. Rock singer-musician Patrick Stump (Fall Out Boy) is 28. Actor William Moseley is 25. Singer Allison Iraheta is 20.

Thought for Today: "Fear not those who argue but those who dodge." — Dale Carnegie, American writer-lecturer (1888-1955).



Mexican illegals a shrinking problem

The illegal immigration problem is going away.

That's the conclusion I draw from the latest report of the Pew Hispanic Center on Mexican immigration to the United States.

Pew's demographers have carefully combed through statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Department of Homeland Security and the Mexican government, and have come up with estimates of the flow of migrants from and back to Mexico. Their work seems to be as close to definitive as possible.

They conclude that from 2005 to 2010 some 1.39 million people came from Mexico to the United States and 1.37 million went from the U.S. to Mexico. "The largest wave of immigration in history from a single country to the United States," they write, "has come to a standstill."

The turning point seems to have come with the collapse of housing prices and the onset of recession in 2007. Annual immigration from Mexico dropped from peaks of 770,000 in 2000 and 670,000 in 2004 to 140,000 in 2010.

As a result, the Mexican-born population in the United States decreased from 12.6 million in 2007 to 12.0 million in 2010. That decrease consisted entirely of Mexican-born illegal immigrants, whose numbers decreased from 7 million in 2007 to 6.1 million in 2010.

Mitt Romney has been ridiculed for saying that illegal immigrants should "self-deport." But that seems to be exactly what many of them have been doing. The U.S. government has been sending back more illegals lately, but most of the flow to Mexico has been voluntary.

The Pew analysts hesitate to say so, but their numbers make a strong case that we will never again see



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the flow of Mexicans into this country that we saw between 1970, when there were fewer than 1 million Mexican-born people in the U.S., and 2007, when there were 12.7 million.

One reason is that Mexico's population growth has slowed way down. Its fertility rate fell from 7.3 children per woman in 1970 to 2.4 in 2009, which is just above replacement level.

Meanwhile, Mexico's economy has grown. Despite sharp currency devaluations in 1982 and 1994, its per capita gross domestic product rose 22 percent from 1980 to 2010.

Mexico, like the United States, experienced a recession from 2007 to 2009. But since then, Mexico's GDP has grown far faster than ours — 5.5 percent in 2010 and 3.9 percent in 2011.

Mexico seemed yoked to the U.S. growth rate after passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1993. But since the recession it seems yoked to the more robust growth rate of the state with the biggest cross-border trade, Texas.

An end to the huge flow of immigrants from Mexico has huge implications for U.S. immigration policy.

Because of our long land border with Mexico (the Rio Grande is a trickle most of the year), it has been far easier to emigrate illegally from Mexico than from any other country.

As a result, Mexican immigrants tend to be younger, poorer, less educated and less fluent in English than immigrants from other coun-

tries. They are also more likely to be illegal — Mexicans are 30 percent of all immigrants but 58 percent of illegals — and less likely to become U.S. citizens.

A continued standstill in Mexican immigration means that the number of illegals in the United States will probably continue to decline, even in an economic recovery. Children of illegals born in the U.S., who are automatically U.S. citizens, don't add to the illegal numbers.

And no other country has produced or is likely to produce anything close to the number or share of illegals.

The central focus of the debate over the so-called comprehensive immigration bills that came to the floor of the Senate in 2006 and 2007 was their provisions for legalization of those illegally here — amnesty, to opponents. On the campaign trail, Barack Obama is promising to push for such legislation just as he promised in 2008.

But he didn't deliver when Democrats had supermajorities in both houses and is unlikely to get anywhere on this project in a second term.

It may not matter much. With the Mexican reservoir of potential illegals dried up, and with better border enforcement and increased use of the much improved e-Verify system in workplaces, the illegal population seems likely to decline.

The key immigration issue for the future is whether America, like our anglosphere cousins Canada and Australia, will let in more high-skill migrants.

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Lawmaker wants U. of Texas to overturn boxing match ban

AUSTIN (AP) — A state senator from El Paso said Thursday the University of Texas System regents should overturn a decision by Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa to ban a high-profile boxing match from the Sun Bowl over unspecified security concerns.

The regents are scheduled to meet next Wednesday and Thursday in Austin. Sen. Jose Rodriguez, a Democrat, sent the nine-member board a letter asking them to put Cigarroa's decision on their agenda so he and other lawmakers and officials from El Paso can ask them to intervene.

"I urge the Board of Regents to reverse this decision; allowing it to stand will cost El Paso millions of dollars and irreparably damage our city's reputation," Rodriguez's letter said.

Cigarroa told the University of Texas-El Paso that its football stadium cannot host the June 16 fight between Mexico's Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. and Ireland's Andy Lee after a risk assessment determined the fight created an ele-

vated security risk. UT system officials have provided no details to support the claim, and the risk assessment report has not been made public.

Local, state and federal law enforcement agencies say they are unaware of any security risk associated with the fight. El Paso officials have asked the UT system for the risk report and any others conducted for major events held on system property over the last five years.

Rodriguez said he's frustrated that the UT system has not provided details to support Cigarroa's decision.

"I'm baffled by it. We have our top law enforcement people telling us they don't have any information" to support the ban, Rodriguez said.

Regents spokesman Anthony de Bruyn said the UT system had no comment. The regents meeting agenda should be set by Friday, he said.

Cigarroa's move banning the fight angered El Paso officials who say their city has been falsely portrayed as a war zone suffering spillover violence from the drug war in Mexico. El Paso ranks among the safest cities in the U.S. in terms of violent crime.

El Paso officials have said they will do what they can to keep a bout projected to generate about \$4.5 million for the city.

Organizers expected more than 40,000 fans at the fight featuring Chavez, a popular Mexican boxer and the WBC world middle-weight champion.

Fight promoter Bob Arum of Top Rank said he will move the fight to Houston's Toyota Center if needed but is willing to wait until after the regents meet.

"I'm for El Paso," Arum said Thursday. "I'm out there on the barricades with them in this fight."

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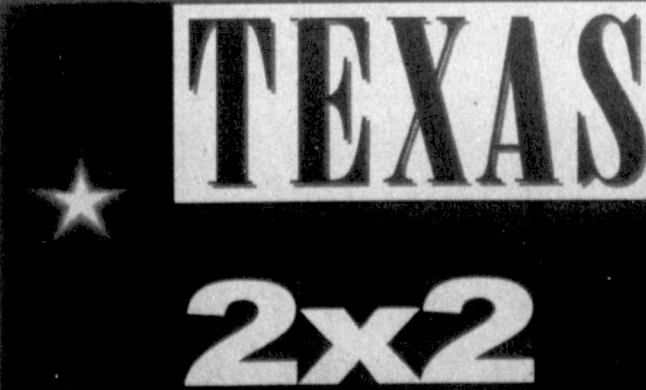
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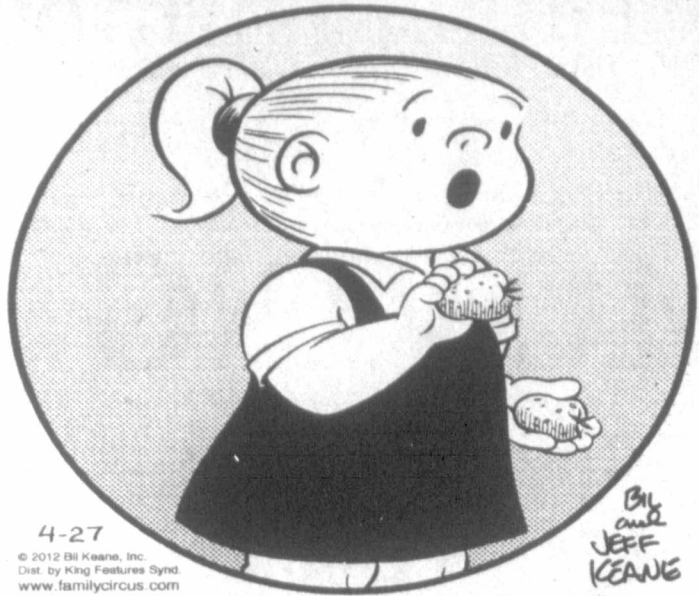
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 28, 2012:
 This year you often say what you want, only to discover later that you might be conflicted by that same desire. Be aware of wanting one thing emotionally yet intellectually desiring something else. See how you can make both of these desires happen. If you are single, relating to others could be difficult. A potential suitor could receive mixed messages. If you are attached, the two of you could find yourself in a spat as a result of poor communication. Explain to your sweetie what is happening. Do not offend proud LEO.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ It's as if someone is stoking your Anian fires, as you take off in pursuit of something for which you have a passionate desire. Living life in a spontaneous fashion suits you in many ways. Romance inevitably will get a notch or two more intense. If you are single, you're like the pied piper — everyone follows you and wants to be with you.
 Tonight: Choose your companion with care, unless you like fireworks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You are happy at home and do not want to go anywhere. Others must sense this energy as they come toward you. Expect an element of excitement to enter your peaceful abode. Before you know it, you could become a host or hostess. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Whatever set you ablaze makes no difference, but you'll display a lot of enthusiasm and energy as a result. Whatever your plans might be, they could change at a moment's notice. Suddenly, you desire a lot more adventure. Tonight: Go off and do something physical and fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Even with the best of intentions, indulgence could take over. Someone you look up to could stun you with his or her comments. You might stop and try to see where this person is coming from. Still, you are on a roll. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You are in your element. Tap into news that might be the initial plans for a trip. You can only gain, as you tend to be a little down as of late. Let spontaneity and

a sense of urgency come into play. Tonight: Be around like minds and great music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ The wise person within you will choose to keep opinions to him- or herself. You will go along with someone you care about if you can deal with his or her erratic behavior. Understand that you cannot change this person, and accept the total package. Tonight: Enjoy the company of a special someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Get out and enjoy yourself with your friends. Indulge in a mutual pastime, or make a point of bringing others together. A loved one could act in unexpected ways. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Enjoy yourself, but be aware of someone's actions. Words are nice, but actions count.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Others look for you. You suddenly are tossed into the limelight. Though you like the attention, it carries with it a certain amount of responsibility. Think before you leap. Tonight: You are the natural leader.

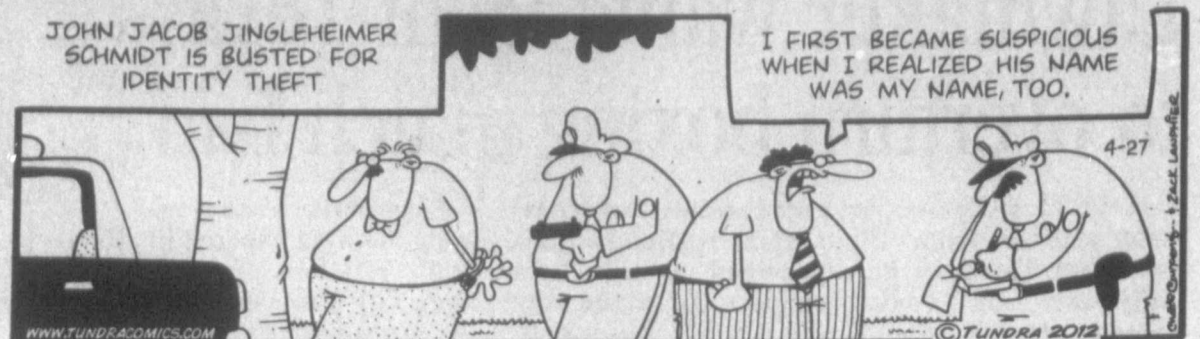
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Try to take an overview of a situation, rather than making a quick statement indicating that you have everything under control. You don't! Exciting ideas pop up when you relax or brainstorm. Others cannot help but respond. Tonight: Paint the town red.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ You would prefer to be one-on-one with a loved one or dear friend. You might feel relieved by not having to relate to all the people in your immediate circle. Stay close to home, yet be willing to accept a spontaneous invitation. Tonight: Just be natural.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Others seem quirkier than usual. You might find their energy to be fun and a little more exciting than in the past. Open up to changing plans, especially if you see that a more exciting opportunity arises. Tonight: Feelings pop up from out of nowhere.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You might decide to clear out errands and other such must-dos. You could be surprised by what comes down your path. Do not stand on ceremony; instead, be willing to adjust. Use care with your funds. Tonight: Don't stress yourself out.

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Texan executed for role in 2002 robbery, shooting death

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A Texas man was executed Thursday for his role in a 2002 robbery in which three people were shot, one fatally.

The lethal injection of Beunka Adams, 29, was carried out less than three hours after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a last-day appeal to postpone the punishment, the fifth this year in Texas.

Adams expressed love to his family and apologized to witnesses, including one of the women who survived the attack and relatives of the man who was killed.

He said he was a stupid kid in a man's body at the time of the crime.

"I'm very sorry. Everything that happened that night was wrong," Adams said. "If I could take it back, I would. Not a day goes by I wish I could take it back. ... I messed up and can't take that back."

He asked those gathered to not let any hate they had for him "eat you up."

"Find a way to get past ... I really hate things turned out the way they did. For everybody

involved, I don't think any good came out of it."

Adams took about a dozen breaths, then began wheezing and snoring. Eventually, he became still. He was pronounced dead at 6:25 p.m. CDT, nine minutes after the lethal drugs began to flow into his body.

His attorneys had asked the nation's highest court to halt the execution, review his case and let him pursue appeals claiming he had deficient legal help at his trial and during earlier stages of his appeals.

He won a reprieve from a federal district judge earlier this week, but the Texas attorney general's office appealed the ruling, and the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated the death warrant Wednesday.

Adams was one of two East Texas men sent to death row for the slaying of Kenneth Vandever, 37. He was in a convenience store on Sept. 2, 2002, in Rusk, about 115 miles southeast of Dallas, when two men wearing masks and carrying a shotgun walked in and announced a

holdup.

After robbing the store, Adams and Richard Cobb drove off with the two female clerks and Vandever in a car belonging to one of the women.

Testimony at Adams' trial showed he gave the orders during the holdup and initiated the abductions. They drove to a remote area about 10 miles away in Cherokee County, where Adams demanded Vandever and one woman get into the trunk of the car and then raped the other woman. Testimony also showed he forced all three to kneel as they were shot.

Vandever was fatally wounded. The women were kicked and shot again before Cobb and Adams, believing they were dead, fled. Both were alive, however, and one was able to run to a house to summon help.

Adams and Cobb were arrested several hours later in Jacksonville, about 25 miles to the north. Adams was identifiable because he had slipped off his mask after one of the women said she thought she knew him.

American trucker nabbed in Mexico with ammo charged

EL PASO (AP) — The Mexican government has charged a U.S. truck driver caught with 268,000 rounds of ammunition at a border crossing in Ciudad Juarez with smuggling military ammunition, U.S. embassy officials in Mexico said Thursday.

Jabin Bogan, 27, of Dallas, is confined to the Villa Aldama federal prison in the state of Veracruz and could face up to 35 years in prison, the embassy said in a statement. Bogan was trying to drive the truck across the border from El Paso, Texas, when Mexican customs inspectors found the assault rifle ammunition, according to authorities.

Bogan's boss, Dennis Mekenye, operations manager of Demco freight company, has said Bogan told him he took a wrong turn in El Paso and inadvertently crossed the border into Mexico.

Mexico prosecutors contend the cargo was ammunition that could be used in the assault rifles of choice of the drug cartels there.

Bogan's mother, Aletha Smith, said Thursday that although she hasn't

been able to speak to her son, she knows he isn't guilty. She said she would like to travel to Mexico to see him but that she doesn't "know how that would work."

"I know there is a God, and as God is my witness, I know he knows my son is innocent and he will release my son," Smith said.

Mekenye said Bogan informed him that after making two of his three stops in El Paso, Texas, he proceeded to drive to the third stop before heading to Phoenix, where the ammunition was to be delivered. But he took a wrong turn and found himself at the Bridge of The Americas, unable to make a U-Turn.

Both U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Customs and Border Protection say they have no reports from officers that would indicate a truck driver stopped at the border bridge asking for direc-

tions on how to return to the highway.

"Had he told us it was not his intention to go to Mexico, we would have stopped traffic to allow him to initiate a U-turn and head north away from the port," said Customs and Border Protection spokesman Roger Maier.

The ammunition was supposed to be delivered to United Nations Ammo in Arizona, and the owner has said the bullets were intended to be sold and used in the U.S.

Smith said El Paso based lawyer Carlos Spector has been hired to represent her son and that he will hire an attorney in Mexico. A call to Spector's office was not immediately returned.

The embassy's statement said embassy officials have visited with Bogan and are in contact with his family.

Geraniums

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members lending customers a hand during the sale itself. For the kids, the experience is an meaningful lesson in giving back, Gray-Soria said.

"Some of the things it does is it helps teach responsibility in helping raise the funds. It also helps them support the program and give back to the program by helping with the fundraiser. ... The kids work together. They get to meet great people. Some of the customers let the kids help them select flowers, and we have the youth there to help carry those flowers to the customers' cars."

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Ferguson

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bring to the commissioner's chair.

"I was always trying to figure out a way to get ahead in life, and so far it's worked out pretty good, but I think the secret of business is hard work and dedication," he said. "I don't think that you need to count your hours that you put in. Most people put in eight hours a day, you know, in their jobs. I never did count my hours. Never did count the days, just done what I had to do to get it done."

Regarding the current state of the city government, Ferguson said that he had "no quarrels about it" but felt the urge to get involved. Asked

what he'd change about Pampa if he could, he referenced a long-standing issue that he believes the city is already working towards fixing.

"They're doing it, but I think we need to tear some of these old buildings down," he said. "The housing and some of them (other buildings) look like they're about to fall down. They're dilapidated and we need to do something about it."

He added that he'd also look to draw some business into town, although he was quick to say that he feels that Pampa's current direction is a good one.

"Well, from what I see, I think

it's got a good future," he said. "Everything stays pretty positive around the courthouse and City Hall."

He has no political experience to speak of yet, but he said that a constituency that was confident in his abilities to make decisions convinced him that he'd be the right man for the job.

"I had some friends ask me to think about (running for office) a while back. I thought if they thought that's what I needed to do then, I thought, 'Well, if they've got that much faith in me, I'm not going to let them down.'"

Porter

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that perspective to how he thinks about the city's infrastructure.

"I feel like that's part of the problems we may have in the city in the future, is our infrastructure was put in 50 or 60 years ago, and we're probably going to start getting to the point where we're going to need some investment back into the infrastructure to either replace it or continue to repair it," Porter said.

That doesn't mean he would be in favor of raising taxes in order to make infrastructure improvements.

"I believe that we should be able to improve or maintain our infrastructure at the current tax rate," Porter said. "I am not a proponent of raising taxes. I think our sales taxes this year are absolutely phenomenal, and that is great for our community, and at the same time, I think we need to be smart about how we are spending money. I think that our money needs to go into things that are going to be investments in the future."

Recently, Porter has been excited to see the city's work on new wells in town, as well as its decision to

build the Pampa H2O Aquatic Center.

"I'm a complete supporter of (the water park)," he said. "Those guys had to make a difficult decision at the time. ... I think the water park was one of those situations where we needed it for Pampa, and I know my kids have enjoyed it. I know that it's a draw from the other communities. I think it's a great thing for people to come in and see Pampa."

"I think we've got a great city staff," he added. "I can see where and how decisions are made from the outside, and it seems like they have a good plan as to how to get us into the next few decades. I want to be a part of that."

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Sports

Harvesters, Bulldogs battle for second in District 1-3A

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Head baseball coach, Kaleb Snelgrooves said he couldn't think of a better way to end the regular season.

"We're excited that we get to play our last regular season game at home," Snelgrooves said. "That's always special. When you get to play against Borger, it makes it even more special."

Today's 4:30 p.m. game has extra incentive as the winner clinches second seed in District 1-3A.

Pampa and Borger split the first two games. The Harvesters won 8-3 at Borger on April 3. The Bulldogs won 9-7 at Harvester Field on April 14. Junior James Thompson said the loss at home fired the team up.

"It's Borger," Thompson said. "We're fighting for second and that's going to fire us up more."

Senior Zach Graves said a victory will

make a statement.

"It will make us pumped and ready for playoffs," Graves said.

The winning team clinches the season series. Last year, Pampa was swept by Borger. Snelgrooves said the team has come to practice ready to work.

"The guys are practicing hard," Snelgrooves said. "They are looking forward to (today). I'm looking forward to it, too."

The winner of Friday's game will play the third place team from District 2-3A in next weekend's bi-district round, currently Levelland. The loser will play the runner-up from District 2-3A, currently Lubbock Estacado. Perryton clinched District 1-3A with its victory over Borger on Saturday and has a bye.

Graves said the team needs to relax. "We just have to practice hard and play loose," Graves said.

Snelgrooves said Pampa needs to play its game.

"You can't get caught up in the rivalry stuff and let your emotions take over," Snelgrooves said. "We just have to play our game and do what we do best. That's pitch and hit."



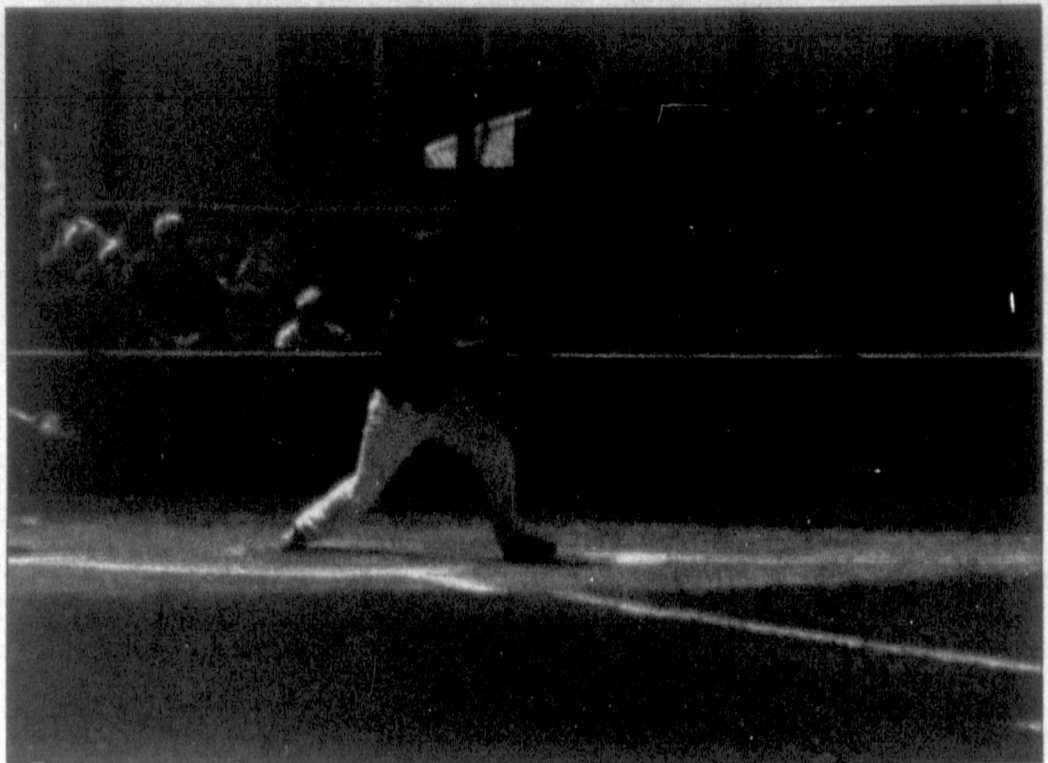
Graves



Snelgrooves



Thompson



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Senior Collin Killgo connects on a pitch against Borger on April 14. The Harvesters hit well in both games against the Bulldogs. The teams met Friday with second place on the line.



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Junior James Thompson slides into second on a steal against Dalhart Saturday. Pampa is seeking to win the season series against Borger.

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Surviving drought

Homeowners don't need to have a green thumb to know how taxing a drought can be on their lawns. Though summer is a laid-back season for many people, those same high temperatures and sunny days that make summer so enjoyable can wreak havoc on a lawn during periods of drought.

In response to drought, many communities institute water restrictions that limit how much water a homeowner can use to water his or her lawn. These restrictions are well-intentioned and necessary, but lawns that need water still need to survive the summer heat. There are a few steps homeowners can take to help their lawn survive drought during a water restriction.

- **Extend intervals between cuts.** Mowing the lawn is necessary, but whenever a lawn is mowed the grass is stressed. Since grass is already stressed during a drought, try to extend the periods between cuts as long as possible. If a landscaping service tends to your lawn, negotiate with the foreman or another company representative so the maintenance crew knows not to cut the lawn on its regular, nondrought schedule.

- **Help the lawn help itself.** A lawn can actually help shield itself from drought, especially if homeowners are on board. When mowing, raise the decks of the mower so the grass can adequately shade itself from the blistering summer sun. Raising the decks also allows the lawn to maintain more water, which will be lost to evaporation if the lawn is cut too short.

- **Aerate.** The height of drought season is not necessarily the best time to aerate, so the correct aeration schedule might be a preventive measure homeowners can take to help their lawn better cope with drought.

Cool season lawns, which includes bluegrass, bent grass, fescues and rye grasses, grow best when temperatures are between 60 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit and might struggle mightily when the weather is especially hot and dry. August through early October is the best time to aerate cool season lawns.

Warm season lawns include Bermuda grass, Zoysia

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Improve your landscape before selling

Selling a house is seldom easy, and homeowners are often willing to do whatever it takes to make their home more attractive to prospective buyers. One of the areas sellers typically focus on is the home's landscaping. A well-maintained lawn and garden increases a property's curb appeal considerably, increasing the chances a buyer will have a strong first impression of the home.

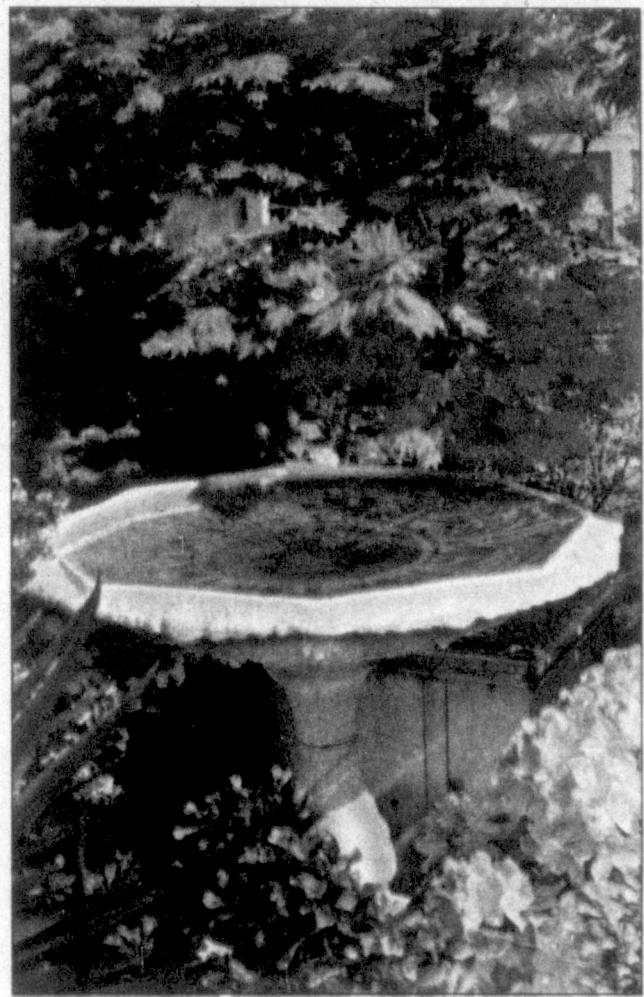
But homeowners don't need to have a green thumb to ensure their lawn improves curb appeal. The following are a few tricks of the trade savvy sellers can employ to make their home an instant hit when buyers pull up to the curb.

- **Color the landscape.** The plants outside a home shouldn't stick out like a sore thumb, but a few splashes of color can make a home more appealing. For the cost of some annuals, which are typically inexpensive, homeowners can turn a drab flower bed into a

colorful spot bound to catch a buyer's eye.

- **Lay down new layers of mulch.** Mulch is not only good for plants, helping them to retain moisture while inhibiting weed germination and growth, but a fresh layer of mulch also adds to a yard's aesthetic appeal. Mulch made of wood or bark chips is also slow to decay, so apply a new batch right before the "For Sale" sign is erected and you might not have to apply another batch before selling the home.

- **Prune trees and shrubs.** Pruning trees and shrubs is one of the easiest and most effective ways to improve a landscape. Dead branches in shrubs and trees might suggest to buyers that the homeowners weren't terribly preoccupied with maintenance, and this might cause them to think twice about making an offer. Stay on top of pruning regardless of what season it is, and be sure to remove any fallen branches from the yard on



Cleaning water features around the property is one way for homeowners to increase the curb appeal of their home.

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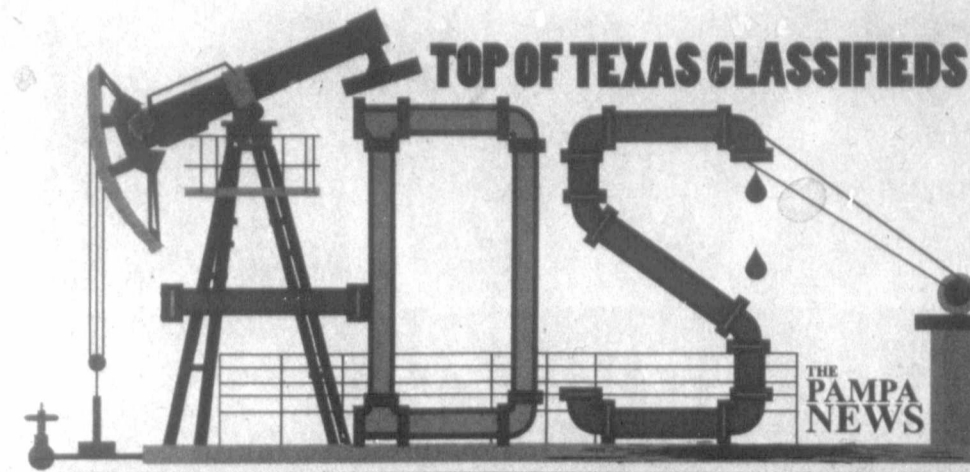
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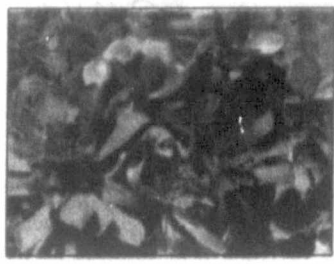
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Succulents are great for low-maintenance



Now is the time of year to focus on outdoor landscaping projects. One popular project involves redesigning the front yard or backyard to include an array of different flowers and foliage. While many people gravitate to the flashy and colorful annuals on display at nurseries and home centers, you may want to consider adding some succulents to your home landscape.

Succulent plants can be a boon to a homeowner without the time or resources to maintain plants. Succulents get their name from their primary function, which is drawing up and storing water. Succulents are able to thrive in arid conditions, and there are more than 300 different types, including some exotic species.

The advantages to planting succulents are many. Because they store water in their stems, roots and leaves, this reduces the number of times an owner must water them. Succulents can go several days between waterings. Succulents, like cacti, that have few if any leaves, are perhaps best at manag-

ing water because they lose little to evaporation through the foliage.

Succulents are particularly good to have in areas prone to arid temperatures or where water restrictions are often in place. They can be environmentally friendly because of their ability to conserve water. Succulents treat water as a precious resource, and their entire makeup is designed to minimize consumption of water.

Because they thrive in sunlight, succulents can be the ideal plants to put in extremely sunny and hot locations. They will not wither and dry out due to extreme heat. For particularly dry areas of landscape or where soil is subpar, consider the placement of different varieties of succulents to create a varied and eye-catching display.

There are many other advantages to planting succulents; some of which include:

- Succulents offer contrasts in shape, texture and colors. With the many varieties, you're bound to find something interesting and different to add to the landscape.

- Whether you have ample acreage in the yard or simply some containers available for planting, succulents will thrive. They grow just as well in containers as they do in the ground.

- Succulents don't tend

to require pruning or cutting back of the plant. With this in mind, you can expect them to grow large. Therefore, space the plants adequately to allow for growth.

- Succulents are perennials. So once you plant them, they should last for years and years without the hassle and expense you can expect from planting annuals every year.

- Indoor greenhouses or sunrooms can be another good place for succulents. They prefer not to get chilled, which makes a controlled environment advantageous.

When considering a spot for your succulents, choose areas that get plenty of sun. Think about pruning back or removing trees that would create too much shade on the succulents. Space the succulents widely apart — more so than you would with other plants — to allow them to spread. Pebbles or gravel make good mulching material around succulents so that drainage will be adequate. It will also set the succulents apart from other plants by contextualizing them in your garden.

Visit a gardening center or home improvement store to learn more about the myriad types of succulents that can add beauty to most gardens.

Drought

grass, Buffalo grass and Saint Augustine grass, and these species grow best when the temperatures rise into the 80s and mid-90s. Late spring or early summer is the best time to aerate warm season lawns.

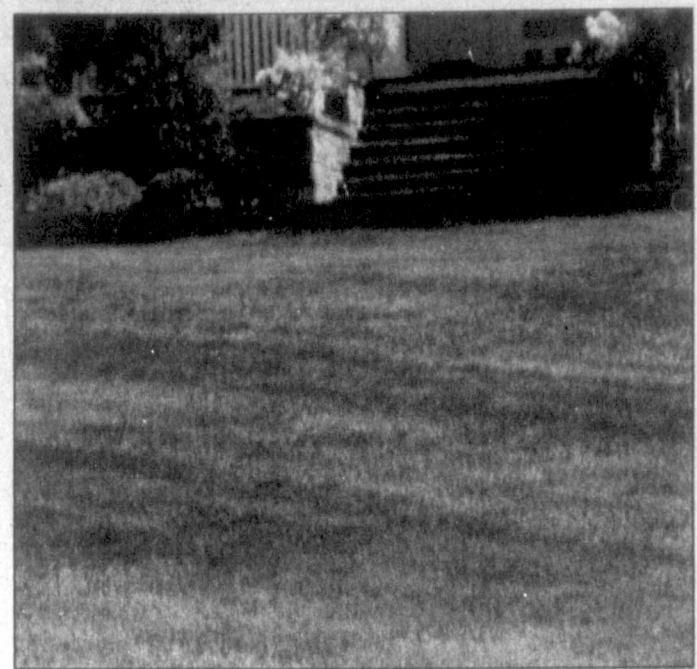
So why aerate? Because aerating the lawn helps break up hard, compacted soil, allowing water, air and nutrients, each of which are essential to a healthy lawn, to reach the soil and strengthen the roots. Strong roots are essential for the lawn to survive, be it hot and dry temperatures in the summer or colder weather in the winter.

- Buy a mulching mower. If you don't already have one, purchase a mulching mower and employ the mulching feature during hot and dry periods. Remove the bag from your mower so the clippings are left on the lawn, where they will break down and provide the lawn nutrients it

desperately needs.

Droughts are typically a lawn enthusiast's worst nightmare. But even if water restrictions have been put in place, employ-

ing a few simple strategies can help a lawn survive extended periods of high temperatures and dry conditions.



Homeowners can employ a few simple strategies to help their lawn survive summer drought, even during water restrictions.

Selling

a regular basis.

- Clean bird baths and other water features. Water features create a peaceful atmosphere around a property if they're well maintained. If not, buyers won't see the yard as a sanctuary but rather a place where mosquitoes congregate and odors emanate from algae-filled water. Remove any debris from water features, including leaves and algae, and clean the filters so water is always clear.

- Invest in a power washer. Buying a power washer might be a tad over the top, but homeowners whose yards are filled with grimy surfaces might find a power washer can work wonders at restoring a home's external appeal. If plants are in pots that are covered in years-old dirt and grime, a power washer can restore the pot's luster in a matter of minutes. Spray down walkways and even home siding that has fallen victim to dirt and grime over the years.

- If planting trees, don't go too big.

Especially large trees are not always attractive to prospective buyers, who likely won't want sight lines obstructed or won't want to worry about a tree falling and destroying their home during a storm.

- Address issues with weeds. A prevalent problem with weeds around the property is another situation that some buyers might feel is indicative of neglect. Weeds are a pretty simple problem to remedy, so buyers might be correct to assume weeds around the property are there because the homeowner was not concerned with maintenance. Lay mulch around flower beds and gardens to reduce weed growth, and pull any weeds from sidewalks and the driveway. Once weeds are pulled, spray areas that were infested with a weed-treatment product to ensure weeds don't grow back.

A well-maintained landscape is a great way for men and women hoping to sell their homes to make a strong first impression.

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