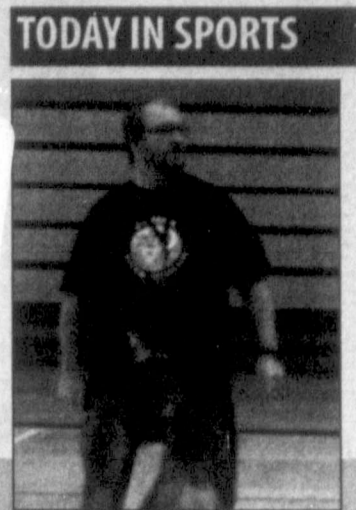


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STEELE'S ARRIVES



staff photo by David Bowser

Mycle Brandy holds up one of the shoes that he has worn out on his walk across America. Brandy started out on Valentine's Day from Newport Beach, Calif., and hopes to arrive in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 10.

Off-price retailer opens Pampa location

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After a few soft openings, Steele's has officially opened its doors in the Coronado Shopping Center.

Steele's, an overstock department store headquartered in New York City, is owned by Houston-based Stage Stores, which also owns the Beall's chain, as well as Palais Royale, Peebles and Goody's Family Clothing.

Iris Wheat has been working as a supervisor at Steel's for about two weeks, and is happy to have the new store come to Pampa.

"It's so much better," she said. "It feels good to have people come in and say, 'I'm tired of the same old thing, and I'm so glad you're here.'

"Women will like it, because we have lots of new clothes to look at, but it's not just clothes," she added. "We have home décor, kids' stuff, bed and bath. It's like a mini Burlington Coat Factory."

Wheat said they have a little bit of everything.

"We have kids' clothing and everything from newborn, baby to teen and adult," she said. "We also have toys for kids. Our style ranges from dress pants and shirts to more modern clothing."

Wheat hopes customers will be courteous when visiting the new store.

"Our workers have worked really hard, and I'm really proud of them," she said.

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Steele's
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Steele's At A Glance

- Launched by Stage Stores in late last year, advertising brand-name clothing, accessories and home decor at 30 to 60 percent off department store prices
- First stores opened in November 2011 in Beeville, Bastrop, La., and Minden, La.
- Offers discount for customers 60 and over, a military discount and a frequent shopper program
- Also opened stores in Sulphur Springs and Leesville, La., on Tuesday

Courtney, SHS to talk 'point of dispensing'

■ *Volunteers wanted in case of widespread medical emergencies*

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Fred Courtney, Pampa's emergency management coordinator, is teaming with the Department of State Health Services to present a "Points of Dispensing" seminar from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Lovett Memorial Library.



A point of dispensing, or POD, according to Courtney, is a place that would serve as a focal point for the distribution of essential goods, such as medicine in the case of an outbreak of disease.

"In this instance, because we're talking about the Department of State Health Services, what you would normally be dispensing is some sort of medication," Courtney said. "That could be in the form of an H1N1 shot, or a pill to counteract some sort of viral infection or something like that, a widespread infectious thing. DSHS would come in and bring the medicines and assist in setting it up. A group of volunteers from the community would be main staff of the POD. Hereford has actually done it a couple of times, because of some medical problems over there with a large segment of the population."

Gray County has seen two full-scale POD drills over the years, the last of which was held in 2009 as a joint effort between the DSHS, emergency management jurisdictions within Gray County and various civic groups, businesses and volunteer responders. Tuesday's event, **POD** cont. on page 5A

Gray County FSA accepting nominations for county committee

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The Gray County USDA Farm Service Agency will begin accepting nominations for the local county committee election today, said Matthew Street, executive director of the local FSA.

Elected county committee members are responsible for making decisions on federal farm program issues and initiatives, such as the FSA's conservation, commodity, disaster and price support programs. The committees are made up of three to five members, all elected by farmers and ranchers in the area, who serve three-year terms.

All newly elected committee members (and their alternates) will take office on January 1 next year.

Street encouraged Gray County's farmers, ranchers and landowners to turn in their nominations.

"County committees are unique to FSA and are a valuable resource that gives locally elected farmers and ranchers who participate in FSA programs the opportunity to impact farm programs at the local level," he said. "I hope to see a high level of participation during the nomination and election process."

Nominations may come from producers themselves, as well as groups that represent minority and female farmers and ranchers. Producers may nominate themselves.

"In order to have fair representation of the demographics and agricultural interests in the community, I encourage all producers, including women, minor-

ity and beginning farmers and ranchers to participate in the nomination and election process," said Street.

To be eligible, a nominee must participate in an FSA-administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and live within the local administrative area in which he or she is a candidate. Forms for eligible nominees, as well as more information about the county committee election itself, can be found online at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Nomination forms must be postmarked or received by the local USDA Service Center by Sunday, Aug. 1.

For more information, call the Gray County FSA office at 806-665-6561, ext. 2, or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

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Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
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Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. Southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 93. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east northeast.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

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Steele's

Pampa's location was one of three Steele's branches opening on Thursday, bringing the total store count to 17 around Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Alabama. The other two stores opening today were located in Sulphur Springs and Leesville, La.

Obituaries

Jeffrey Peacock, 22

LUBBOCK—Jeffrey Peacock, 22, died Thursday, June 7, 2012, at Lubbock.



Peacock

Services were held 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at Resthaven Funeral Home Abbey Chapel, 5740 W. 19th Street in Lubbock. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, 2012, in Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock with Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock and Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Jeffrey was born November 9, 1989, in Hobbs, N.M. to Gary and Tammy Arnsperger Peacock. Jeffrey enjoyed the simple things in life, music, being outdoors on his trampoline and his favorite foods were cinnamon rolls and ice cream. He touched everyone with his bright smiles and happy attitude. Jeffrey loved his home at Rockhouse and made many special friends there.

He was preceded in death by Winston Peacock, Mildred and Melvin Shumard, Creston and Blair Arnsperger, Jesse and May Peacock.

Survivors include his parents, Gary and Tammy Peacock; brother, Brian Daire Peacock; grandmothers, Joann Ray, Etta Arnsperger; grandfather, Lyman Arnsperger; aunts, Sheri Hinshaw, Pam Seal; uncles, Rodney Hinshaw and Terry Seal and many cousins.

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Geraldine Boggs, 79

LEFORS—Geraldine Boggs, 79, departed this world on June 12, 2012, in Lefors, to spend everlasting life with her Lord Jesus Christ.



Boggs

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, 2012, at Priest Park Church of God in Pampa, with Bishop Bob Kirk, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 17, 2012, at Sunset Memorial Park in Albuquerque, N.M., under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Boggs was born August 10, 1932, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry, of 60 years.

Survivors include three sons, Gary Boggs and wife Barbara, Kevin Boggs and wife Adina, and Jason Boggs; six grandchildren, Isabel, David, Ashley, Jourdan, Brianna and Micah; six great-grandchildren; three brothers; two sisters; five half-sisters and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors in Pampa.

Memorials may be made to Priest Park Church of God, 731 N. Faulkner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Margaret May Shaw, 85

PERRYTON—Margaret May Shaw, 85, died Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Services will be Saturday, June 16, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at Southside Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Stepp and Mike Wheat, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Perryton.

Margaret was born in Cassville, Mo., on December 18, 1926. She lived in the Perryton area since 1962, moving there from Wheeler. She married Walter Shaw in 1940, in Meade, Kan. He preceded her in death in 1983. Margaret was a homemaker and a member of Southside Baptist Church. She worked as a cook and a waitress, was a private sitter, and raised several foster children.

Survivors include three sons, William Earl Shaw of Houston, Eugene Shaw of Santa Fe, Texas, Walter "Guy" Shaw of Canadian; a daughter, Nancy Eulala Zegunia of Ulysses, Kan.; a brother, Donald Turner of Butterfield, Mo.; a sister, Vera Mayes of El Dorado, Kan., 39 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmon and Florence Turner; two daughters, Cora Faye Gilmore and Genevieve Nodine; a son, Tim Shaw; and 10 brothers and sisters.

The family requests memorials to Feed the Children, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101; Oral Roberts University, 7777 South Lewis Ave., Tulsa, OK 74171; or one's favorite charity.

Beulah Beatrice "Billie" Chambers, 88

Beulah Beatrice "Billie" Chambers, 88, died June 11, 2012, in Fort Worth.



Chambers

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16, 2012, at New Hope Baptist Church, with Rev. Darren Willis, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Chambers was born January 16, 1924, in Waco where she attended school. She married Herman Chambers on February 5, 1962, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on September 16, 2008. She worked in the home economics department at Pampa High School for 24 years. Billie was a member of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for many years.

Survivors include seven nieces, Faye Wilson of Fort Worth, Jessie Levi, Barbara Levi and Phyllis Levi, all of Amarillo, Joyce Brown and Vivian Brown, both of Pampa, and Doris Jones of Wichita, Kan.; two nephews, Eugene Lynn of Abilene and Charles Levi of Amarillo; a host of great-nieces and great-nephews, including her great-niece and caregiver, Tina Wilson. Billie was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Julia Levi; a sister, Elizabeth Lynn; a brother, James Levi; and a niece, Zonia Jackson.

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Texas City residents sue BP

TEXAS CITY (AP) — More than 50,000 Texas City residents have joined a class-action suit against BP PLC, alleging they got sick in 2010 from a 41-day emissions release from a refinery that was the scene of a deadly explosion.

Texas has also sued BP over the release, which occurred as the British oil giant was battling the catastrophic Gulf of Mexico spill. The Environmental Protection Agency is also investigating.

The Galveston Daily News reports that residents say they became ill from the release. BP maintains the emissions didn't harm anyone.

Texas says BP emitted 500,000 pounds of chemicals, including carbon monoxide and benzene, during April and May in 2010.

BP recently reached a \$50 million settlement with the EPA over the 2005 explosion that killed 15 people at the Texas City refinery.

Shelter for illegal kids closes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal agency has closed the last of five temporary emergency shelters in Texas that housed unaccompanied illegal immigrant children.

The Department of Health and Human Services says the last four children staying at the Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio have been relocated and the shelter there closed down Wednesday.

Spokesman Kenneth Wolfe says the department has opened new permanent, state-certified shelters and is expanding existing facilities.

The dormitory at Lackland, which opened in April, could hold up to 300 youngsters. Most of the kids who stayed there were caught near the border with Mexico.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that the agency has rounded up 8,541 unaccompanied children since October, exceeding the 2011 total.

Judge dismisses Facebook case

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge in Texas has rejected a legal challenge to Facebook and leading investment banks over the company's initial public offering of stock.

One disgruntled shareholder had sought to compel Facebook to answer questions, which could then form the basis of a formal lawsuit. The judge ruled this week that the shareholder had to do the research on his own first before getting the court involved.

Other cases have been filed against Facebook and its investment banks, claiming that analysts at those banks, including Morgan Stanley, cut their financial forecasts for Facebook just before the IPO and told only a handful of clients.

Facebook's stock is trading at \$27.81 as of Thursday afternoon, up 2 percent for the day but down nearly 27 percent from the May IPO price.

Whooping cranes survive drought

HOUSTON (AP) — The endangered whooping cranes that winter on the Texas Gulf Coast survived a historic drought and their numbers have risen.

Biologists had feared the cranes would not have sufficient forage because the drought had made their preferred foods scarce.

During a drought in 2009, biologists counted more than 50 dead birds. This time, they conducted prescribed burns to bring food to the surface. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Thursday some cranes never made it to the coast, and a few left early. But they estimate there are 245 birds in the flock now. They found three dead birds.

They say the flock is so large they can't count individual birds. The cranes' numbers have been rising since a low of 15 in 1941. They are now in Canada.

Twins charged in pot operation

SAEGERTOWN, Pa. (AP) — The Pennsylvania attorney general has charged twins from Texas with heading an operation that shipped as much as 20 pounds of marijuana each month to northwestern Pennsylvania over the last two years.

Online court records don't list attorneys for Marcelino Rodriguez, of Eddy, Texas, and Miguel Rodriguez, from Corpus Christi, Texas, who were charged Tuesday along with five Pennsylvania residents and two more Texans.

State prosecutors say Marcelino Rodriguez was arrested on unrelated drug charges in Crawford County in August 2010, and continued to direct the operation using phone calls from the county prison. Those calls were recorded by law enforcement, which helped lead to the charges.

The brothers are 29 years old and face charges of participating in a corrupt organization, which carries up to 20 years in prison, and other drug-related crimes.

Suspect in Houston death kills self

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say a man believed responsible for the death of his ex-girlfriend whose body was found in a bathtub has killed himself.

Police on Thursday announced the death of 39-year-old Nathan Mitchell of Houston. Mitchell was discovered dead Wednesday of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound at a home where he allegedly had been hiding.

The body of 37-year-old Lashonda Moye was located June 4 in the tub of another residence after officers were summoned on a report of a home invasion. Officers say Mitchell was in the tub with the woman and he was taken to a hospital for treatment of unspecified injuries.

A coroner determined the woman had been strangled.

Another Mexican journalist killed

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP) — Authorities in Mexico's Gulf coast state of Veracruz say unidentified assailants kidnapped and killed a reporter for the local edition of the Milenio newspaper, the fifth such killing in the state in a months and a half.

Journalist Victor Manuel Baez Chino covered the crime beat for the local edition of the national newspaper Milenio, as well as for a news website called "Police Reporters."

Veracruz state spokeswoman Gina Dominguez said Baez Chino was reported kidnapped outside the offices of the website in the state capital as he left work late Wednesday.

Stand your ground defendant could get life

HOUSTON (AP) — A retired Texas firefighter convicted of fatally shooting his unarmed neighbor during a dispute over a noisy birthday party was described as abusive and a bad neighbor Thursday during the punishment phase of his trial.

Raul Rodriguez, 47, was convicted of murder Wednesday in the 2010 death of Kelly Danaher, a 36-year-old elementary school teacher. Rodriguez had argued he was within his rights under Texas' version of a stand-your-ground law.

The punishment phase began Thursday with prosecutors in Houston presenting neighbors, former co-workers and Rodriguez's ex-wife. They testified Rodriguez was abusive, a bad neighbor and had once shot a dog.

Defense attorneys won't get their chance to call witnesses until June 25. The delay was caused by scheduling conflicts.

Rodriguez could be sentenced to up to life in prison.

Rodriguez was angry about the noise coming from Danaher's home, where the family was having a birthday party for Danaher's wife and young daughter. Rodriguez went to the home and got into an argument with Danaher and two other men attending the party.

In a 22-minute video he recorded that night, Rodriguez can be heard telling a police dispatcher "my life is in danger now" and "these people are going to go try and kill me." He then said, "I'm standing my ground here," and shot Danaher after some-

body appeared to grab his camera. The two other men were wounded.

Rodriguez's reference to standing his ground is similar to the claim made by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer who is citing Florida's stand-your-ground law in his defense in the fatal February shooting of an unarmed teenager, Trayvon Martin. Rodriguez's case, however, was decided under a different kind of self-defense doctrine.

Texas' version of the law was revised in 2007 to expand the right to use deadly force. It allows people to defend themselves in their homes, workplaces or vehicles, but a person using force can't provoke the attacker or be involved in criminal activity at the time.

Third firm in Perry's tech fund bankrupt

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A third company awarded taxpayer dollars through Gov. Rick Perry's business-hatching Emerging Technology Fund has filed for bankruptcy, folding after the state cut off money that was tied to hitting milestones not in the original contract, the president of the startup said Thursday.

The bankruptcy filing raises the amount of failed investments by the state's venture capital-like fund to \$2.5 million. Although that's a sliver of the tech fund's total \$192 million portfolio, this latest bankruptcy brought fresh criticism to a fund shadowed by questions over accountability and transparency.

NanoTailor Inc. President Ramon Perales said his Austin-based startup had been making progress. But he told The Associated Press that after NanoTailor received its first \$250,000 award in 2010, the state took another \$1 million in potential funding off the table when the company couldn't hit new benchmarks the state now required to receive the full investment.

Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed said the state cut off an underperforming NanoTailor to protect taxpayers, adding that the company would have been required to sign off on any contract revisions.

"We were concerned about continuing to offer any further taxpayer dollars," she said. Perales would not elaborate on the new milestones he said the state set or how realistic they were, saying: "The fact of the matter is they added them for whatever reason."

The company filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in May. The AP was the first to locate the filing while researching the fund's recipients.

Perry's office oversees the Emerging Technology Fund, which was created in 2005 to help launch tech start-ups in Texas by investing early-seed funding. The awards are not grants, because the state

takes equity positions in each company, but the stakes are not made public. Nashed said there is still \$60 million available for new projects.

The high tech fund has drawn scrutiny from the right and left. Republican state Rep. David Simpson, who rode the tea party wave into the Legislature in 2010, said Thursday that \$250,000 has now been wasted because the government went into the business of "picking winners and losers."

The watchdog group Texans for Public Justice, which has been critical of Perry's pot of dollars for businesses, said NanoTailor's bankruptcy doesn't help the fund's track record.

"It is the nature of an emerging technology fund that there is going to be a certain amount of failure," said Andrew Wheat, the group's research director. "That is another question that could be better sorted

out by our state officials: How much risk is too much risk?"

Perales said NanoTailor used licensed technology from NASA to make carbon nanotubes for industries ranging from aerospace to pharmaceuticals. He said the company had six employees and about 20 investors, but Nashed said filings with the state indicate the startup lagged in attracting outside dollars.

NanoTailor requested their next round of funding four months after being given the \$250,000,

Nashed said. The state told NanoTailor in January 2011 that the company had not made enough progress to receive more funding but that they were welcome to address those concerns and re-apply. NanoTailor never did, Nashed said.

NanoTailor stands out as among the smallest investments of the fund, which has given \$192 million early-seed funding to more than 130 companies. Estimates put the fund's worth at \$4 million more than what the state has invested, Nashed said.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, June 15, the 167th day of 2012. There are 199 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 15, 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

On this date:

In 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede.

In 1219, forces led by King Valdemar II of Denmark defeated the Estonians in the Battle of Lyndanisse.

In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state.

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1902, the 20th Century Limited, an express passenger train between New York and Chicago, began service. (The Limited made its last run in Dec. 1967.)

In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II. B-29 Superfortresses carried out their first raids on Japan.

In 1962, Students for a Democratic Society, at the conclusion of a five-day convention in Michigan, issued the Port Huron Statement calling for disarmament, enfranchisement of "publicly disinherited groups" and social change.

In 1978, King Hussein of Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor.

In 1991, Mount Pinatubo in the northern Philippines exploded in one of the biggest volcanic eruptions of the 20th century, killing about 800 people.

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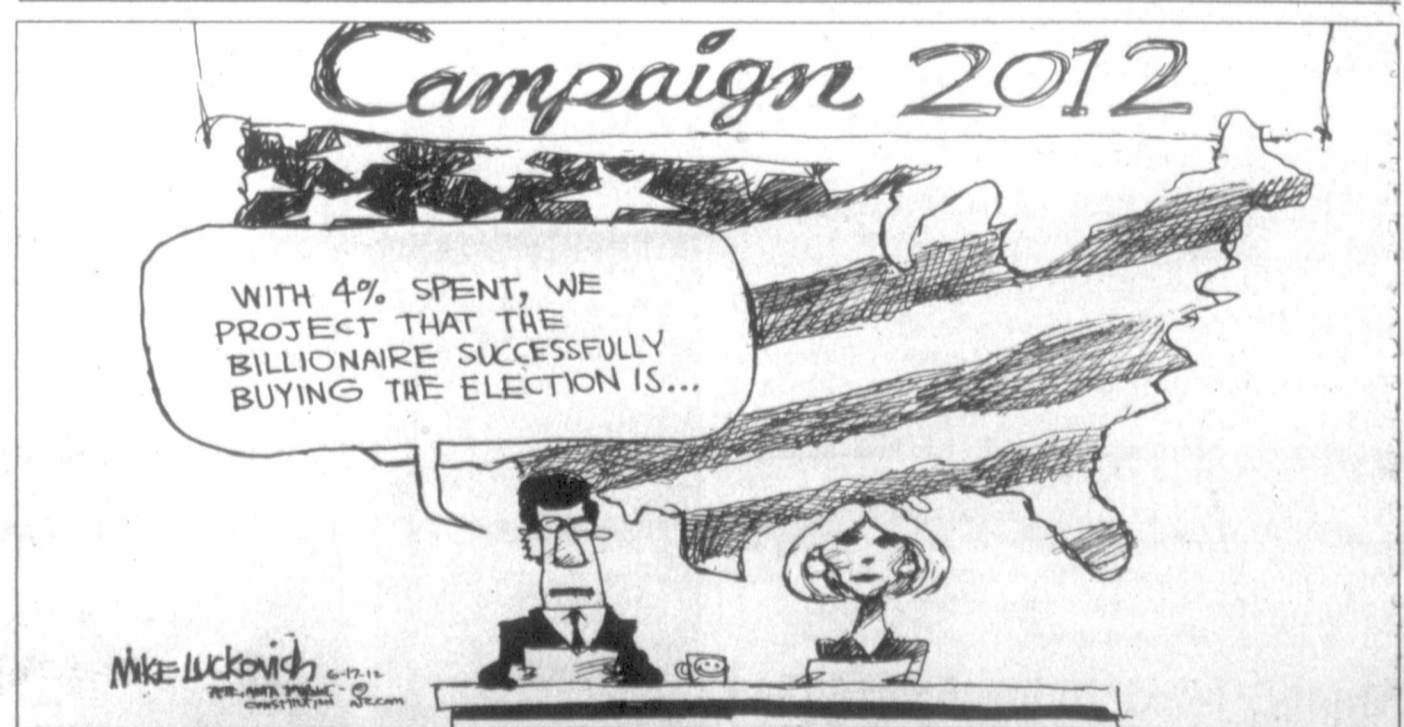
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Kidnapping by Mexican police on video

MEXICO CITY (AP) — There it was on video: Five heavily armed policemen barge into a hotel in western Mexico before dawn and march out with three handcuffed men in underwear.

But police weren't making an arrest. Prosecutors say they apparently were taking orders from criminals. Just hours after the three were seized, they were found asphyxiated and beaten to death.

Mexicans have become inured to lurid tales of police collaboration with narcotics gangs during 5½ years of a drug war that has cost more than 47,500 lives. But seldom can they actually see it occur, and the video broadcast on national television was a shocker.

"One assumes that in some cities ... the municipal police work for the drug cartels," said Jorge Chabat, an expert on security and drug trafficking at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching. "But what is different here is that there is a video. It's not the same thing to imagine that this going on, and to see it."

While the kidnapping and murder occurred in January, and the faces of several officers were clearly seen on the videos, the officers were not detained until June 6, when soldiers and state police raided a local police station. And they still have not been formally charged with any crime.

"It took time to obtain the video tapes, to do the investigation, and to get the arrest warrants," said Jalisco state prosecutor's spokesman Lino Gonzalez said Thursday. "We didn't have the information."

Police are investigating whether the gunmen who order the police throughout the tape belong to the New Generation cartel based in western Jalisco state where the kidnapping occurred. The gang is aligned with powerful fugitive drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

The delayed arrests came less than three weeks before national elections in which security and corruption are major issues. The municipality, Lagos de Moreno, is run by Mayor Jose Brizuela, a politician for the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, who is running for state

office in the July 1 national elections. The PRI looks poised to regain the presidency in a race where all parties are trading accusations of corruption and collusion with organized crime.

Brizuela couldn't be reached for comment Monday. The rival National Action Party, which has touted previous cases of local PRI government officials accused of corruption, had no immediate comment, said Guillermo Quiroga, spokesman for the PAN state party in Jalisco state.

Local police corruption is rampant in local governments across political parties. Thousands of Mexico's 460,000 officers, including entire forces at times, have been fired, detained or placed under investigation for allegedly aiding drug gangs. President Felipe Calderon's plan to vet them has moved slowly, with only 8 percent passing background checks and tests as of the end of 2011.

The Jan. 20 video released by prosecutors late Wednesday shows a police truck pulling up to the hotel in the city of Lagos de Moreno, quickly followed by a pickup carrying four armed men in civilian clothing. A city policeman carrying an assault rifle runs over to their truck and is given what appears to be a list. Then he and his fellow officers trot into the hotel and present the list at the reception desk, apparently asking what rooms the men are staying in.

In the next segment of the video, the victims are trotted out of the hotel in their underwear with their hands

cuffed behind their backs. One is being hustled along by a man in civilian dress, who stuffs him into a patrol car. The gunmen — police are investigating whether they belong to the Jalisco New Generation drug gang — appear to be calling the shots throughout, with the police officers serving as gofers.

The police then watch and wait in front of the hotel while the men's luggage and vehicle are stolen. Finally, the police truck carrying the victims follows the gunmen as they drive away in the own pickup and the stolen vehicle.

In any case, the release of the dramatic images comes less than three weeks before national and state elections in which security is a major issue. Critics accuse President Felipe Calderon of setting off a bloodbath with his strategy against gangs, while his party's presidential candidate, Josefina Vazquez, has suggested her opponents are ready to compromise with the cartels.

Jalisco is governed by Calderon's party. The man who was mayor of Lagos de Moreno when the video was shot is now a rival party's candidate for the state legislature.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

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Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.

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Today in History

Today is Friday, June 15, the 167th day of 2012. There are 199 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 15, 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

On this date:

In 1215, England's King John put his seal to Magna Carta ("the Great Charter") at Runnymede.

In 1219, forces led by King Valdemar II of Denmark defeated the Estonians in the Battle of Lyndanisse.

In 1836, Arkansas became the 25th state.

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1902, the 20th Century Limited, an express passenger train between New York and Chicago, began service. (The Limited made its last run in Dec. 1967.)

In 1904, more than 1,000 people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

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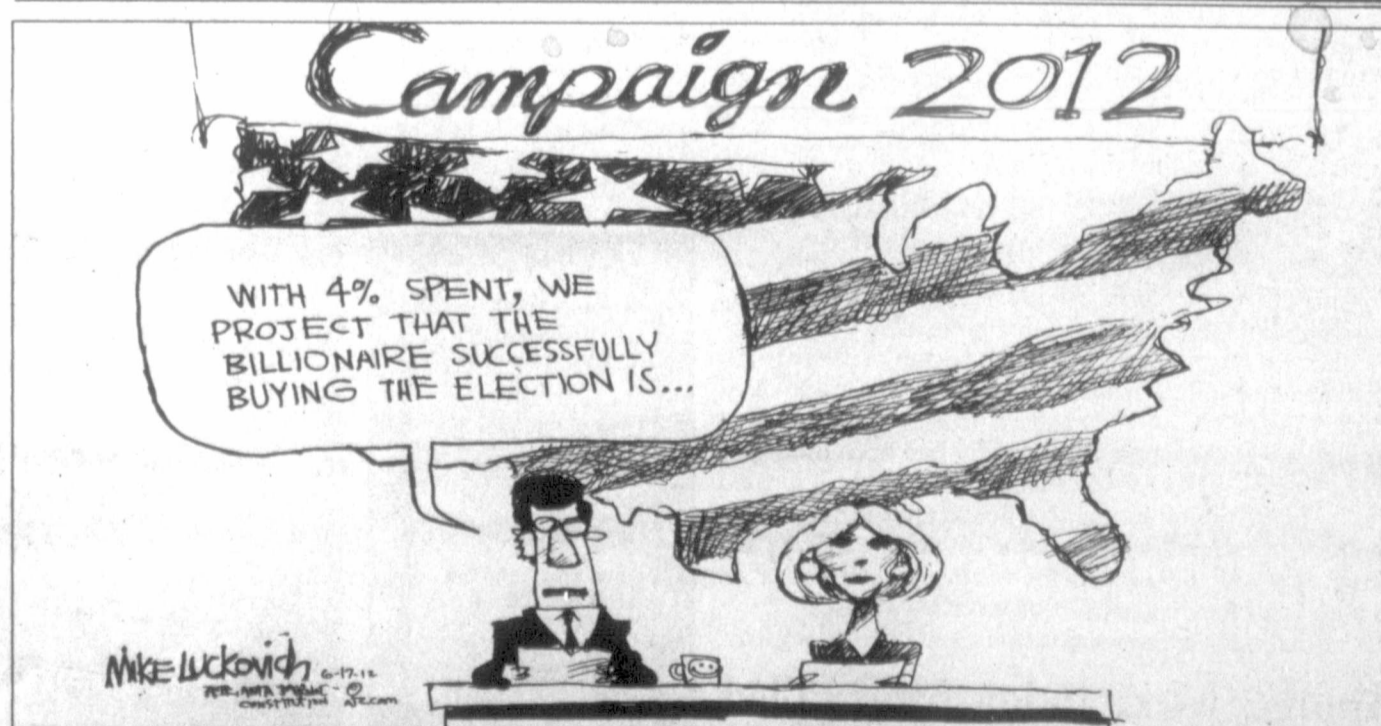
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, June 16, 2012:

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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)

★★★★ Don't even question the thought that you need some time simply to indulge yourself. Whether it is a day at the spa or not bothering to get dressed in the morning, go with it. You have made enormous efforts toward others. Now it is time to relax. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your creativity and innate sensuality could delight many, whether you are making a meal or going for a romp in the country. Your ideas intrigue quite a few people. Decide who you want to spend today with, as there will be many invitations to choose from. Tonight: Let the fun continue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might feel like a drive in the country is just what you need. If you need to go solo, honor that desire. You seem to be rehashing something over and over again in your mind. Detach a little and trust that your intuitive sense will find the answer. Tonight: Nothing complicated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Do not let all the attention go to your head; otherwise, you might not be as much fun to be with. You are quite capable of a sarcastic retort or frustrated comment. Let it go. No one is perfect, as you well know. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Invite others to join you out, perhaps at the races or maybe playing beach volleyball. You need to be around physical activity, or you might try to relieve your stress by spending or some other form of indulgence. Tonight: Note an admirer. If you need to, let this person down gently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Wanderlust hits the normally

calm and sage Virgo. Rather than fight these impulses, give in to several of them. You need to explore new ideas, activities and perhaps even people — no question about it. You are spicing up your life. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You need to understand what is happening with a dear loved one. You might be making more out of a comment or situation than you need to. Use self-discipline to avoid making a big deal about this, and try to become more aware of this person's thinking. For the most part, you are personalizing too much. Tonight: Let others make the first move.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Listen to a friend who is very determined to have his or her way. Wouldn't it be easier to go along with what this person wants rather than take umbrage over his or her desire? What do you really care in the long run? Bring friends together for a movie and dinner. Tonight: Nothing is worth the worry right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might want to evaluate your choices, especially when dealing with a combative person. Trust that there is another way or a different passage. Meanwhile, toss yourself into a favorite pastime or hobby. Tonight: Just don't push.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You have a tremendous desire to roam, yet you cannot seem to get far away from a problem. Is this possibly because of a tendency to overthink? Find a favorite escape where you can turn your mind off. Tonight: A movie, play or some other treat for your mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with family and loved ones. You often do so much for your friends that you forget your key loved ones. Do yourself a favor and give this day to them. No one has a vision of you like they do, as they have known you forever. Tonight: Entertain from home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You may want to change plans because of a mild disagreement or someone's issues. Go along with the moment, yet be smart and do not trigger a reaction. You have free will here. Understand that someone's expectation is not necessarily your guideline. Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.

Tundra



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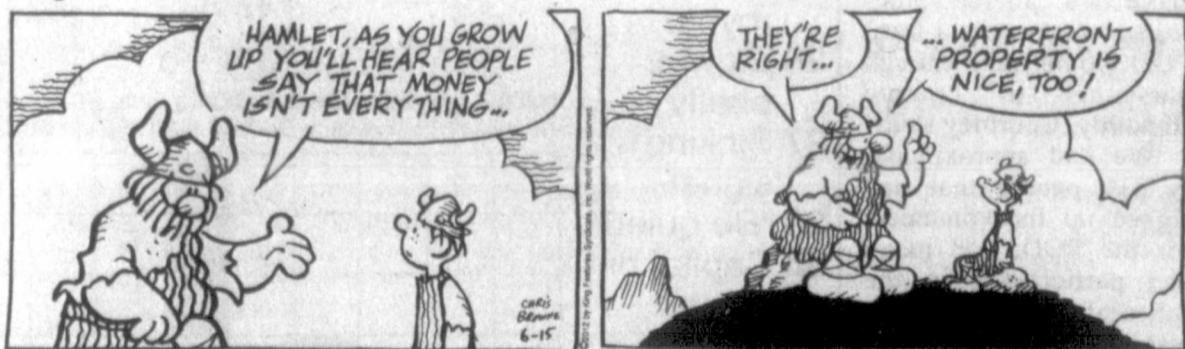
Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Education

COLLEGE HONORS

Covil awarded full scholarship

THE PAMPA NEWS

Pampa High School graduate Jessica Covil has been admitted to the University of Chicago with a full scholarship through QuestBridge, a non-profit education-focused organization. About her reaction to receiving the scholarship, Covil said, "I was teary-eyed and overwhelmed with joy. The experience was so surreal. I felt like the campus was just around the corner, instead of 1000 miles away."

Covil lives with her three siblings, her father and her stepmother. At Pampa High School, Jessica is a member of the concert choir, show choir, National Honor Society, Academic Team, Student Council and speech and debate team. She has also participated with the school newspaper and swim team. Outside of school, she has worked as a babysitter, tutor, a movie theater employee, and a waitress at the Plaza Restaurant. She was



Covil

the valedictorian in a class of 219, and she plans to major in English Literature at the University of Chicago.

Based in Palo Alto, California, QuestBridge connects high-achieving low-income students with opportunities at 32 leading colleges across the country including Brown University, MIT, Rice University, University of Chicago, Stanford University, and Yale University. In 2011, QuestBridge helped 321 high school seniors gain admission and full scholarships to top-tier colleges through the National College Match program. More information is available at www.questbridge.org.

University of North Texas

Dock Mackie of Pampa was named to the University of North Texas Dean's List for the 2012 Spring semester. Only students who complete 12 or more hours during an academic term with a grade point average or better are given the honor.

Oklahoma Baptist University

Pampa resident Jonathan E. Polasek, a sophomore digital media arts major, was named to Oklahoma Baptist University's President's Honor Roll for

the spring 2012 semester.

Students who achieved a semester grade point average of 3.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale are named to the President's Honor Roll. Those who achieved a grade point average between 3.4 and 3.69 are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

West Texas A&M University

Brooklyn Barker, a junior elementary edu-

cation major, has been named to the President's List for the 2012 spring semester at West Texas A&M University. To be named to the President's List, undergraduates must complete at least 12 academic hours with a perfect grade point average of 4.0.

Barker is the daughter of Jimmy and Lori Barker and the granddaughter of Delbert and Shirley Barker and Roy Don and Gloria Stephens.

Clarendon College names President's List

THE PAMPA NEWS

Nineteen Gray County students were named to the President's List by Clarendon College for the Spring 2012 semester. The honorees were Karina Araujo, Haley Copeland, Mary Davila, Angela Hall, Kandice Herr, James Hudson, Heather Kidd, Tyler Kimbell, Tori Lackey, Ricardo Molina, Juanita Munoz, Brittany Patterson, Mike Phillips, Cynthia Solis and Miranda Waldrop, all of Pampa; and Sheri Haynes, Tammy Johnston, Danielle Jones and Stacy Rigsby of McLean.

Overall, 36 students were named to the President's List. Each achieved a grade point average of 4.0 while completing at least 12 credit hours. The students are listed below by hometown.

Bowie

Katie Hedeman

Canadian

Deborah Tepe

Childress

Christy Swain

Clarendon

Amanda Nelson

Floydada

Courtney Williams

Holliday

Aspen Larson

McLean

Sheri Haynes, Tammy Johnston,

Danielle Jones, Stacy Rigsby

Miami

Shaylie Thompson

Mobeetie

Holly McCurley

Pampa

Karina Araujo, Haley Copeland,

Mary Davila, Angela Hall, Kandice

Herr, James Hudson, Heather Kidd,

Tyler Kimbell, Tori Lackey, Ricardo

Molina, Juanita Munoz, Brittany

Patterson, Mike Phillips, Cynthia

Solis, Miranda Waldrop

Perryton

Amanda Morgan

Skellytown

Brittany Owens

Springer

Jessica Burton

Stinnett

Erin Frost

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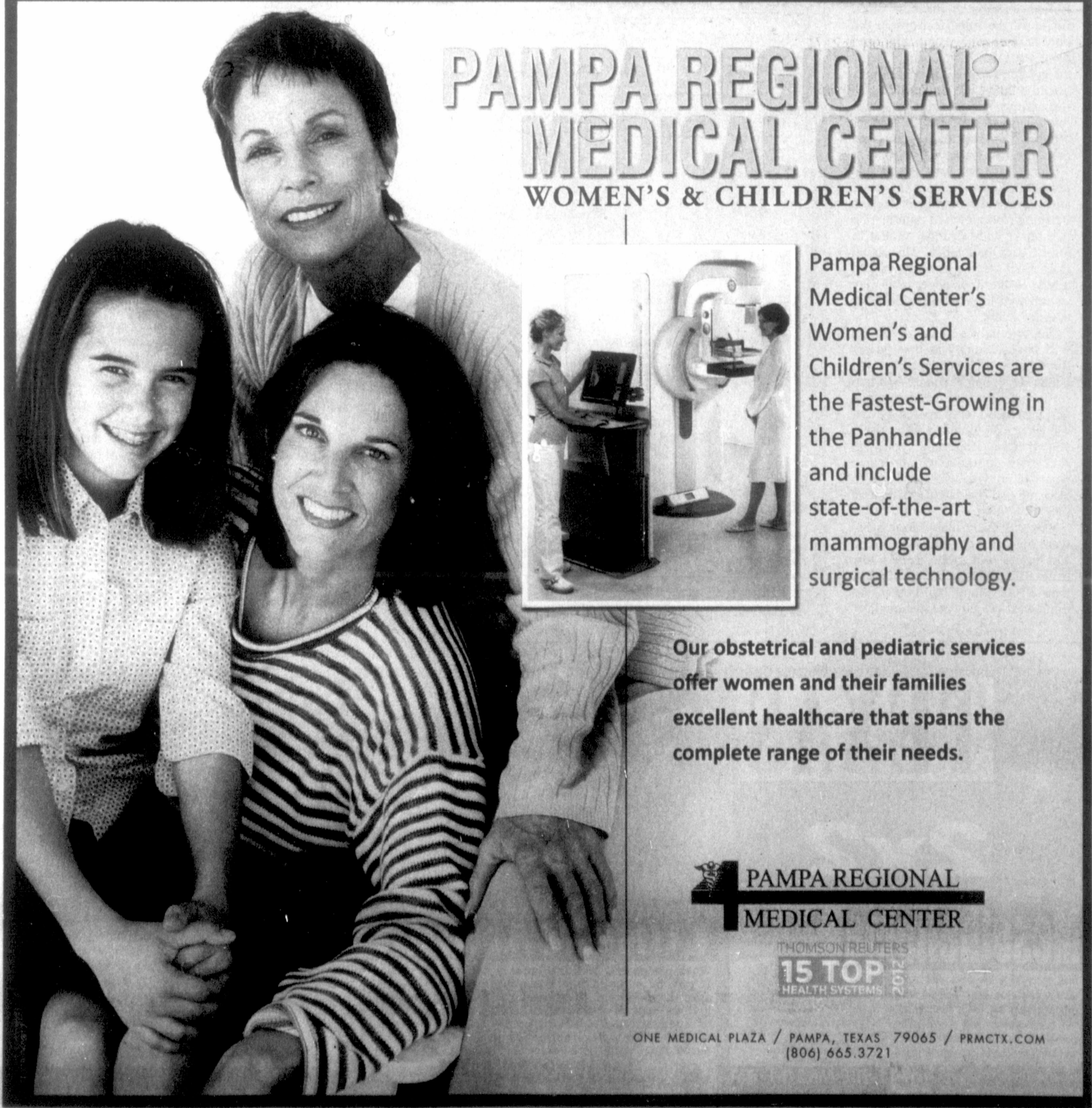
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PHS coach Embry excited about Harvesters' future

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Matt Embry got a look at the future of Harvester basketball, and he likes what he sees.

The first-year Pampa head boys basketball coach ran his first camp Monday through today at McNeely Fieldhouse, and he said he saw talent in those who attended.

"The sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grade groups, when they are 10, 11 and 12 they are going to be all right," he said. "There are some really good talent coming up, especially guard play. We will have some good posts too."

Embry said it was hectic preparing for his first camp after assisting former head coach Dustin Miller the last three years.

"When you come up to help Miller, you just do what you need to do," Embry said. "If I had an assistant, I could have had him split some of that work with me. I'm doing it all on my own. I got people helping me but they can't do any of the prep.

... All the orders that had to be put in is time-consuming"

Kyle Sanford, Embry's assistant, wasn't at the camp because he will be moving from Bronte with his wife Brooke, the new head volleyball coach, in July. Pampa graduates Garrett Ericson, Jonathan Polasek, Reid Miller and Jesus Cabrales, as well as current players junior Cory Ponce and sophomore Gabe Garcia, helped with the camp.

Eighty children from incoming first graders to freshmen showed up for the camp, 10 more kids than last year. Embry said the success of the program has a lot to do with that.

Embry said he ran the camp the same way Miller did but changed some things.

"I added some things from other camps I participated in," Embry said.

Before joining Pampa's staff in 2009, Embry was an assistant at Randall. He said he was pleased with the progression of the children.

"The kids are improving and having fun," Embry said.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Caleb Ebenkamp, 9, takes a shot during Harvester basketball camp on Wednesday. The camp had a turnout of 80 children.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Pampa High School's Matt Embry instructs campers on Wednesday. This was Embry's first camp as the head boys basketball coach.

Armstrong considering 'all options' amid drug charges

AUSTIN (AP) — Lance Armstrong is gearing up for a fight over the latest round of doping allegations.

Armstrong's lawyers demanded access to evidence gathered by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, including test results and the names of witnesses who said they saw the seven-time Tour de France champion use performance-enhancing drugs.

Armstrong has until June 22 to respond in writing to the fresh allegations, the first step of what could be months-long process.

"I'm exploring all my options," Armstrong said in a telephone interview Thursday with The Associated Press from Paris. "They're not limited only to arbitration with USADA. I think there are other questions that need to be answered with regard to their behavior and tactics."

"They are well known to move the goal line on you," he said, referring to the drug agency.

"We are entitled to certain things, certain pieces of evidence, if not all the evidence in terms of what will be in front of the review board," he said.

The AP obtained a copy of the letter Armstrong's attorney, Robert Luskin, sent to USADA.

"(We) cannot protect Mr. Armstrong's rights without knowing who is saying what and what events that

allegedly occurred over the course of a decade and a half," Luskin wrote. "Even at this preliminary stage, your reliance on secret witnesses making deliberately vague charges is unconscionable."

The letter noted that USADA and other drug agencies "have long demonstrated their zeal to crucify Mr. Armstrong. ... We have learned the hard way not to underestimate USADA's obsession with Mr. Armstrong."

In a previous letter, Luskin complained that USADA officials tagged along with federal criminal investigators to interview witnesses during a two-year probe that ended in February with no criminal charges against Armstrong.

Armstrong had hoped that case would end the doping questions that have dogged his career, but USADA said it would press its own investigation. The agency notified Armstrong on Tuesday that the new charges would be filed.

Armstrong could be stripped of the Tour titles he won from 1999 to 2005 and banned from cycling, though he retired from the sport last year.

USADA says that blood samples from 2009 and 2010 are consistent with performance-enhancing drug use and that more than 10 former Armstrong teammates and support

personnel will testify they saw him use drugs or talk about using them.

USADA has said it will not release the names of witnesses at this stage to protect them against possible attempts at intimidation.

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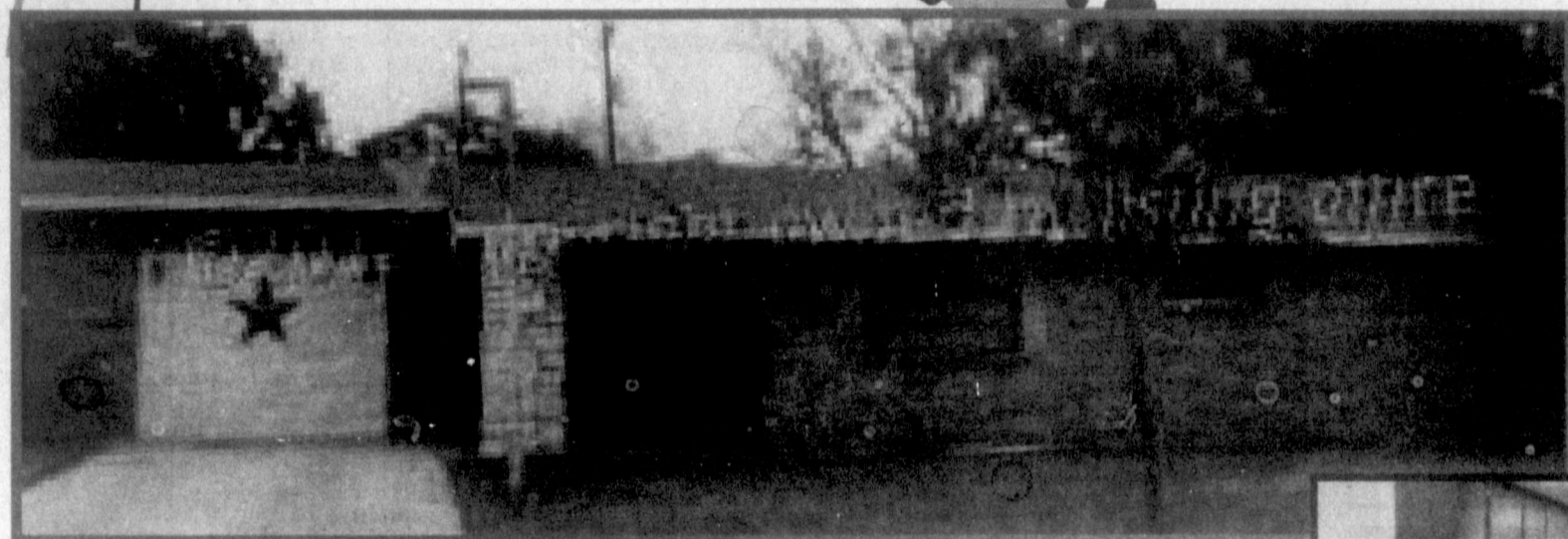
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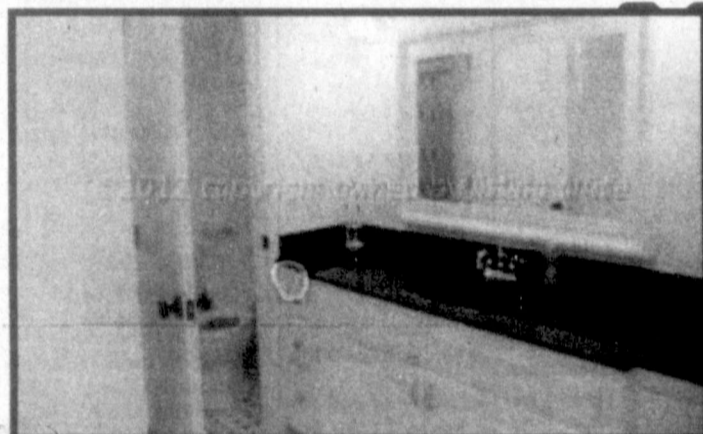
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