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EVENING OF HOPE

Brame inspires at Relay for Life Survivors Dinner

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Bruce Brame stood at the front of the Family Life Center at Briarwood Church with a small request.

"If you are a cancer survivor, and we've already saw that we've got a lot, would you please stand for just a moment," asked Brame. "We'd like to give you a round of applause."

Brame, the 2012 Hero of Hope Caretaker for the Gray County Relay for Life, asked the same of the caregivers just a few seconds later, and between the two groups, most of the close to 200 people at Monday evening's Relay for Life Survivors and Caretakers Dinner stood up to receive a hand.

Brame knows full well what many of those caregivers have gone through. He lost both his grandmother and father to cancer, and he helped his wife, Debbie, through her own battle with the disease after she was diagnosed in 2008.

As the Hero of Hope Caretaker, he had another, broader request for the crowd at the dinner.

"I work at a corporation where we have to have mission statements and goals," he said. "When they asked me to be the Hero of Hope, I thought, 'Well, I've got to have a mission statement.'"

"The more I thought about it, the more I thought all the good ones are taken. What can I say? Well, I got to thinking. If you've ever been to a Relay for Life, one of our most touching and moving times is our luminaria ceremony... where we honor those that have fought the fight and won, and we remember those who have gone on and paid the ultimate price. I decided that my mission statement should be that I'm going to continue to support and fight against this disease and support the Cancer Society and the Relay for



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

Bruce Brame, the 2012 Hero of Hope Caretaker for Gray County's Relay for Life, speaks to the crowd at Monday evening's Survivors and Caretakers Dinner. During his speech, he shared the "mission statement" for his involvement in the Relay.

Life until not one more person's name is put 'In Memory Of.' It's 'In Honor Of,' because they have defeated that disease. I would ask you to join me in that as well."

Recent Pampa High School graduate Ashtin Sackett, this year's local Hero of Hope, was also present at the dinner. She took the microphone, and, overcome with emotion, fought back tears as she thanked people for supporting her in her battle with osteosarcoma and asked everyone to "rock it out at the Relay for Life on Friday."

Sackett was also the recipient of one of the two \$500 Clarendon College scholarships awarded at the dinner, with the other going to Neva Corley. The \$1,000 scholarship backed by M&H Leasing and Top of Texas Ice was given to Devin Coleman. The scholarships were awarded to students in the county who were proactive in their support of cancer awareness and wrote essays about how the disease has made an impact on their lives.

Local American Cancer Society and Relay for Life chair Christy Robinson said that the scholarships, which were introduced this year, were met with a lot of support from the community.

"This is the first time we've ever done this," she said, "and the response has been great."

Robinson added that she was pleased with the dinner's turnout and thanked several contributors for its success.

"Melissa Denton is my co-chair, and there's absolutely no way to do it without her," Robinson said. "It takes a group."
 "(The dinner) is sponsored by the Altrusa Club," she continued. "They use that as one of their projects. It's unreal. We just tell them the date and they just take it from there. We do all the decorating and everything, but they prepare the meal and serve it. I'm going to tell you, it's probably about \$1,000 that we get to go ahead and leave in our Gray County Relay

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Three nabbed for possession over weekend

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Three people were arrested on drug charges this weekend after two separate traffic stops during the weekend.

At 10 p.m. on Saturday, deputies with the Gray County Sheriff's Office pulled over a vehicle for a traffic violation at Hobart and Municipal. When the driver showed signs of nervousness, a deputy noticed drug paraphernalia on the person of the driver, Jimmie Johnson, 59, of Pampa.

The deputy conducted a search of the vehicle, and found a substance believed to be cocaine.



Johnson

Johnson was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and tampering or fabricating evidence. He was released on a \$5,000 bond.

Around 4:45 a.m. on Saturday morning, the Pampa Police Department stopped a vehicle on the 200 block of North Nelson for a traffic violation. Officers noticed a strong odor of marijuana, and searched the vehicle, finding substances believed to be marijuana and methamphetamine.

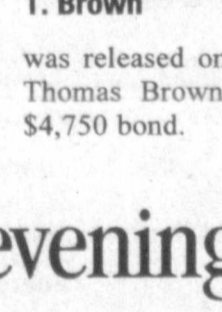


J. Brown

Jennifer Marie Brown, 28, of Lefors, and Thomas Roman Brown, 34, of Pampa, were both charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

Thomas Brown was also charged with driving with license invalid.

Jennifer Brown was released on a \$4,000 bond, and Thomas Brown was released on a \$4,750 bond.



T. Brown

Motorcyclist stable but critical after Sunday evening wreck

Davis, 27, was unconscious after accident, taken for medical treatment

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A two vehicle accident on Sunday left a local intersection closed to traffic for

almost an hour and sent one individual to the hospital.

According to the report by the Pampa Police Department, at around 6:45 p.m. at the intersection of Foster and Ward,

a Honda Accord was turning left to go south onto Ward.

A motorcycle failed to control its speed while driving on the left side of the Accord. As the Accord then made its turn, the motorcycle hit the driver's side door.

The motorcyclist, James Davis, 27, of Pampa, was reported unconscious after the wreck and was taken by ambulance to receive medical treatment with undis-

closed injuries.

As of Monday afternoon, Davis was reported to be in stable but critical condition at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The police report stated that Davis was not wearing a helmet.

The driver of the Accord, 21-year-old Keziah Clendennen of Pampa, was wearing a seatbelt and uninjured.

The investigation remains ongoing.

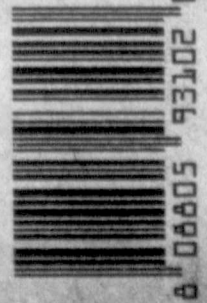
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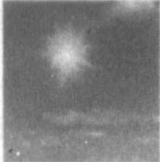

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 92 Low 66	High 86 Low 65	High 91 Low 65

Today: Sunny, with a high near 92. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 66. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 86. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Dinner

because they do that all themselves. "We really need to give a big thanks, too, to Brandon's Flowers. They present all of the roses for every cancer survivor (at the dinner). Every year since I've been involved, he has also done the roses for us. You know, that's a big expense."

Brame also extended a message of gratitude — to everyone in attendance who has helped in some way to care for a loved one, contribute to the Relay or worked towards greater awareness of cancer and its impact. To close his speech, he asked for a little audience participation, leading the crowd in pro-

claiming the reason for the Relay for Life.

"This is why I relay," he said. "To encourage those still in the fight. To remember those we've loved and lost. And to dare to hope that we will find a cure. And we will find a cure."

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Obituaries

Victoria Ann Daniel, 69

Victoria Ann Daniel, 69, died June 17, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Daniel was born June 27, 1942, in Dallas. She graduated from Highland Park High School then from Rice University and Southern Methodist University, where she received her Master's degree in education. She married Ronald Lindop in 1960 and had three children. Ronald preceded her in death in 1972. She later married Hoyt Daniel in 1974. He preceded her in death in 2010. She was a very loving and giving person. She taught Hebrew at the Temple B'Nai Israel in Amarillo for 12 years. Her life was devoted to God.

Survivors include two daughters, Teresa Hatfield and husband Terry of Pampa and Dawn Lindop of Washington; one son, Aaron Daniel of Pampa; four sisters, Judy Nieto and Lucy Gose, both of Dallas, Marion Quinones and husband Francisco of Plano, and Elizabeth Cooper and husband Keith of Arlington; one brother, Edwin Carp of Plano; her mother, Alma Carp of Plano; and her best friend, Marita Cotton of Dallas; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Victoria was preceded in death by her father, two husbands, one son and two brothers.



Daniel

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

Irene Vitela, 60

PORTLAND—Irene Vitela, 60, died June 14, 2012, in Corpus Christi.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Luis Soto, Assemblies of God pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Vitela was born October 30, 1951, in Petersburg. She had been a resident of Portland since 2009, moving from Perryton.

Survivors include four daughters, Josie Braddock of Pampa, LaVern Gonzales and Molly Valenzuela, both of Perryton, and Crystal Sheets of San Antonio; a son, Rene Valenzuela of Taylor; three brothers, David Vitela of Austin, Felix Vitela and Ernest Vitela, both of Portland; five sisters, Stella Alonzo, Christina Flores and Isabel Vitela, all of Big Spring, Ida Trevino of Portland, and Mary Vitela of Sherman; 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Vitela

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, June 18 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 67 traffic-related incidents.

Animal Control agents, Pampa PD and Pampa EMS responded to 24 animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 16 medical calls.

Friday, June 15

An accident occurred at Alcock and Price.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1100 block of East Darby.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1800 block of North Zimmers.

Identity theft was reported.

An offense against family and children occurred at the 100 block of Village.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 1000 block of South Nelson and the intersection of Montagu and Russell.

A hit and run occurred at the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 700 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1800 block of North Grape, the 1100 block of Montagu and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Harassment was reported at the 400 block of North West.

Saturday, June 16

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 600 block of North Nelson.

Suspicious persons were reported at the intersection of Francis and Lowry, the 800 block of East Locust and the 1100 block of East Montagu.

A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 700 block of East Locust.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 800 block of North Christy and the 500 block of South Tignor.

Burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 200 block of West Tyng.

An accident occurred at Highway 273 and Thut.

A burglary occurred at the 500 block of North Doucette.

Phone harassment was reported at the 700 block of North Christy.

An accident occurred at the 700 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 200 block of South Tignor.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1000 block of North Mary Ellen.

A theft occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

An accident occurred at 25th and Charles.

A hit and run occurred at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A theft occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

An accident occurred at 25th and Perryton.

A suspicious person was reported at Doucette and Twifford.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee and the 700 block of North Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at Foster and Russell.

Sunday, June 17

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 2800 block of North Crest.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1500 block of North Dogwood and the 600 block of North Frost.

A theft occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

A hit and run occurred at the 1500 block of North Sumner.

An accident occurred at the 500 block of Carr.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 500 block of North Magnolia.

A burglary occurred at the 1100 block of Crane.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 2300 block of North Rosewood.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2300 block of North Comanche.

A burglary was reported.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

An accident occurred at Francis and Ward.

A threat was reported at the 900 block of South Osborn.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1900 block of North Nelson, the 100 block of South Sumner and the 2500 block of Perryton.

Phone harassment occurred at the 700 block of East 14th.

Monday, June 18

A violation of a city ordinance occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

A hit and run occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, June 18 at 7 a.m.

Friday, June 15

Sixto Felipe Albear, 29, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

Willie Lee Butler III, 27, was arrested by deputies on a probation violation for possession of marijuana.

Stephanie Ann Price, 28,

was arrested by deputies on a bond to surrender for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Stacy Vales, 18, was arrested by deputies on a capias pro fine warrant.

Jim William Benton, 62, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

Zachary Nathaniel Murray, 18, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant.

Jimmie Charles Johnson, 59, was arrested by deputies for possession of a controlled substance and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

John Wayne Sandefur, 65, was arrested by police for unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Saturday, June 16
Brian William Darnell, 31, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

Walter Carl Everson, 22, was arrested by police on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.

Kayla Danyell Debose, 24, was arrested by police for driving with license invalid.

Jennier Marie Brown, 28, was arrested by police for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

Thomas Roman Brown, 34, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and driving with license invalid.

Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 32, was arrested by deputies on charges of no driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ronald Keith Wohlford, 49, was arrested by police for criminal mischief.

Sunday, June 17
William Jay Browning, 53, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

Julie Ann Crossman, 22, was arrested by police for purchasing or furnishing alcohol to minors.

Jesus Enrique Silva, 29, was arrested by police for public intoxication.

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Man pleads guilty in child rape

LIBERTY (AP) — A Southeast Texas man who is part of a group of 20 males accused of repeatedly sexually assaulting an 11-year-old girl has become the second adult to plead guilty in the case.

Court records show that Marcus Porchia was sentenced earlier this month to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child as part of an agreement with prosecutors. His sentence will run concurrently with another 15-year term for a separate assault charge.

The 27-year-old has agreed to testify against his co-defendants, whose trials are not set.

Another adult defendant pleaded guilty in December. Authorities say the girl was assaulted on at least five occasions over a three-month period in 2010 in Cleveland, about 45 miles northeast of Houston.

'Comandante' withdraws plea

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — An alleged high-ranking member of a Mexican drug cartel has withdrawn his guilty plea on immigration and weapons charges in federal court in Brownsville.

Jose Luis Zuniga Hernandez, also known as "Comandante Wicho," was arrested by Border Patrol with four others near the Rio Grande in October. He was carrying about \$20,000, cocaine and a gold-plated handgun.

Zuniga pleaded guilty in January to entering the country and to being a felon in possession of a handgun. Heriberto Medrano, a new attorney for Zuniga, told the judge Monday that Zuniga crossed because he was in immediate danger. He intends to go to trial.

Authorities believe Zuniga had supervisory authority over the cartel's Matamoros operations. Medrano said the government offered nothing for Zuniga's plea and plans to seek a drug indictment.

Accused doctor gives up license

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas doctor accused of running a scheme to defraud Medicare and Medicaid of nearly \$375 million has surrendered his medical license.

Jacques Roy is in federal custody on charges that he signed off on thousands of claims to bill the federal government for services that weren't necessary or weren't done. In an order released Monday, the Texas Medical Board said Roy had agreed to surrender his license to practice medicine in the state.

The order says the 54-year-old Roy does not admit or deny the federal allegations against him, but agreed to a settlement to avoid a possible lawsuit.

Roy's attorney did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

Police kill gunman at hospital

TEMPLE (AP) — Police have shot and killed a gunman to end a standoff at the emergency room of a Central Texas hospital.

Temple police say nobody else was hurt in the hour-long incident Sunday night at Scott & White Memorial Hospital.

Police on Monday identified the gunman as 54-year-old Larry Wayne Robards of Temple. Authorities are trying to determine what sparked the standoff.

Police around 6:45 p.m. Sunday responded to a call about an armed man. Several staffers were held hostage in the emergency room common area.

Police had started negotiations when a hostage tried to grab the suspect's gun. A Temple officer then shot Robards.

Scott & White spokeswoman Katherine Voss says counselors are available for staff. She says hospital leaders will review the incident and focus on safety and security.

N.M. scientist paid by China?

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Investigators say they have evidence groups in China were paying a former Sandia National Labs scientist to travel to their country to share stolen research.

KRQE-TV reports federal agents say they found proof that Jianyu Huang was getting reimbursed for hotels, airfare and other expenses for trips to China, according to a released search warrant.

The document says shipping invoices showed materials from China were sent to Huang's Albuquerque home.

Authorities say Huang is accused of embezzling and sharing information from his position with the lab's Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies since 2009.

They allege Huang went online to share data with universities in China.

A message left for Huang's public defender, Brian Pori, was not immediately returned.

Four die in wreck

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police say four people have been killed and two hurt after their car hit some parked construction equipment.

Jail records show 35-year-old Larry William Demers is jailed on three counts of intoxication manslaughter, two of intoxication assault and a probation violation. He's held on bonds totaling \$420,000. No attorney was listed in his online jail record.

Police say he suffered minor injuries in the wreck early Monday when the car he was driving slammed into a bulldozer. A police statement says a 31-year-old woman and two children, ages 2 and 3, were killed outright. A 5-year-old child died later at a hospital. A 12-year-old child remains hospitalized in critical condition at University Hospital.

Police are withholding identities pending verification and notification of relatives.

Texan wins with 'wacky warning'

WINONA (AP) — A decorative globe not meant for use in getting from here to there has helped a Texas woman win the 15th Annual Wacky Warning Labels contest.

Organizers on Monday announced the top entry was submitted by Kelly Watson of Winona, about 100 miles southeast of Dallas.

The 7-inch worldly item includes a label warning that says: "These globes should not be referred to for navigation."

Beard would bar Hasan from courtroom

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Army psychiatrist charged in the fatal Fort Hood shooting rampage will be barred from the courtroom during his pretrial hearing Tuesday if he hasn't shaved his beard and will be forced to watch the proceedings on closed-circuit television.

Maj. Nidal Hasan surprised the judge earlier this month when he appeared in court with a beard, which violates Army regulations. The judge, who has the power to bar defendants from court for such violations, issued the order and postponed the hearing until Tuesday.

Hasan had been clean-shaven in all other court appearances since the 2009 attack, which killed 13 people and injured more than 30 others on the sprawling Texas military post about 125 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Fort Hood officials wouldn't say Monday whether Hasan would be charged if he shows up unshaven. One possible charge is failure to obey a lawful order or regulation, which carries a maximum two-year jail sentence.

Hasan is an American-born Muslim, and his attorneys have said they would seek an exception based on religious beliefs to the Army's rule.

Since Hasan has been growing the beard just before his scheduled Aug. 20 trial, he may be trying to use the media attention to show that he's being persecuted for his religious

beliefs, said Jeff Addicott, a former senior legal adviser to the Army's Special Forces who is not involved in the Hasan case.

"He's going to play the religious card," Addicott, director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law, said Monday. "And this is his last card to play ... because no one believes he's not going to be found guilty."

Fort Hood spokesman Chris Haug said Monday that post officials wouldn't know until Tuesday whether he had followed the judge's order. He couldn't provide details on the closed-circuit TV and whether anyone in court would be able to see Hasan.

Hasan, 41, is paralyzed from the waist down after being shot by police the day of the rampage. He remains jailed.

"I don't think he has to rely on a beard to show that he's being treated unfairly," Hasan's former lead attorney John Galligan said, noting previous court rulings against Hasan.

Galligan, who hasn't spoken to Hasan in months, said he doesn't know why Hasan is growing the beard and declined comment on what Hasan had said about his religion.

The judge, Col. Gregory Gross, is expected to consider several motions Tuesday, including whether to delay Hasan's military trial until December. The trial already

has been postponed from March and then June, as defense attorneys said they needed more time to prepare.

Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder. The trial is expected to last at least two months, and the military jury will be brought in from Fort Sill, Okla.

Witnesses have said that on the morning of Nov. 5, 2009, a gunman wearing an Army combat uniform opened fire after shouting "Allahu Akbar!" — or "God is great!" in Arabic — in a Fort Hood medical building where deploying and returning soldiers received vaccines and other tests. Several witnesses identified the gunman as Hasan, who was scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan the following month.

A Senate report released last year said the FBI missed warning signs about Hasan, who the report said had become an Islamic extremist and a "ticking time bomb" before the rampage.

U.S. officials have said they believe Hasan's attack was inspired by the radical U.S.-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, and that Hasan and the cleric exchanged as many as 20 emails. Al-Awlaki was killed in a U.S. drone strike in Yemen last fall. His name has not yet been mentioned in any hearings in Hasan's case.

Asian immigrants now surpass Hispanics

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, the influx of Asians moving to the U.S. has surpassed that of Hispanics, reflecting a slowdown in illegal immigration while American employers increase their demand for high-skilled workers.

An expansive study by the Pew Research Center details what it describes as "the rise of Asian-Americans," a highly diverse and fast-growing group making up nearly 6 percent of the U.S. population. Mostly foreign-born and naturalized citizens, their numbers have been boosted by increases in visas granted to specialized workers and to wealthy investors as the U.S. economy becomes driven less by manufacturing and more by technology.

"Too often the policy debates on immigration fixate on just one part — illegal immigration," said Karthick Ramakrishnan, a political science professor at the University of California-Riverside and a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. "U.S. immigration is more diverse and broader than that, with policy that needs to focus also on high-skilled workers."

"With net migration from Mexico now at zero, the role of Asian-Americans has become more important," he said. About 430,000 Asians, or 36 percent of all new immigrants, arrived in the U.S. in 2010, according to the latest census data. That's compared to about 370,000, or 31 percent, who were Hispanic. The Pew analysis, released Tuesday, said the tipping point for Asian immigrants likely occurred during 2009 as illegal immigrants crossing the border from Mexico sharply declined due to increased immigration enforcement and a dwindling supply of low-wage work in the weak U.S. economy. Many Mexicans already in the U.S. have also been heading back to their country, putting recent net migration at a standstill.

As recently as 2007, about

390,000 of new immigrants to the U.S. were Asian, compared to 540,000 who were Hispanic.

The shift to increased Asian immigration, particularly of people from India, China and South Korea, coincides with changes in U.S. immigration policy dating to the 1990s that began to favor wealthy and educated workers. The policy, still in place but subject to caps that have created waiting lists, fast-tracks visas for foreigners willing to invest at least half a million dollars in U.S. businesses or for workers in high-tech and other specialized fields who have at least a bachelor's degree.

International students studying at U.S. colleges and universities also are now most likely to come from Asian countries, roughly 6 in 10, and some of them are able to live and work in the U.S. after graduation. Asian students, both foreign born and U.S. born, earned a plurality (45 percent) of all engineering Ph.D.s in 2010, as well as 38 percent of doctorates in math and computer sciences and 33 percent of doctorates in the physical sciences.


Projected to make up 1 in 10 residents by midcentury, Asian-Americans as a whole tend to be more satisfied than the general public with their lives and the direction of the country. They lean

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 19, the 171st day of 2012. There are 195 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 19, 1862, Congress passed, and President Abraham Lincoln signed, a measure abolishing slavery in U.S. territories.

On this date:

In 1865, Union troops commanded by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free.

In 1910, the first-ever Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Wash. (The idea for the observance is credited to Sonora Louise Smart Dodd.)

In 1934, the Federal Communications Commission was created; it replaced the Federal Radio Commission.

In 1937, the city of Bilbao fell to the Nationalist Army during the Spanish Civil War.

In 1952, the celebrity-panel game show "I've Got A Secret" made its debut on CBS-TV with Garry Moore as host.

In 1953, Julius Rosenberg, 35, and his wife, Ethel, 37, convicted of conspiring to pass U.S. atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, were executed at Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N.Y.

In 1961, the Supreme Court ruled that illegally obtained evidence was inadmissible in court and struck down a provision in Maryland's constitution requiring state officeholders to profess a belief in God.

In 1972, Hurricane Agnes, blamed for at least 122 deaths, made landfall over the Florida Panhandle.

In 1982, Vincent Chin, a Chinese-American auto engineer, was fatally beaten in Highland Park, Mich., by two auto workers who later received probation for manslaughter in state court, and won acquittals in federal court.

In 1986, University of Maryland basketball star Len Bias, the first draft pick of the Boston Celtics, suffered a fatal cocaine-induced seizure. Artificial heart recipient Murray P. Haydon died in Louisville, Ky., after 16 months on the manmade pump.

In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law requiring any public school teaching the theory of evolution to teach creation science as well.

In 1999, author Stephen King was seriously injured when he was struck by a van driven by Bryan Smith in North Lovell, Maine. Britain's Prince Edward married commoner Sophie Rhys-Jones (rees johnz) in Windsor, England.

Ten years ago: A suicide bomber killed seven Israelis at a Jerusalem bus stop in the second deadly attack in the city in two days. The space shuttle Endeavour returned to Earth with one Russian and two American crewmen who'd spent 6½ months aboard the international space station. Rod Langway, Bernie Federko, Clark Gillies and Roger Neilson were elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

Five years ago: A truck bomb struck a Shiite mosque in central Baghdad, killing at least 87 people. President George W. Bush and visiting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert sided emphatically with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in his standoff with the militant group Hamas. The space shuttle Atlantis undocked from the international space station for its return to earth.

One year ago: Libya's government said NATO warplanes had struck a residential neighborhood in the capital and killed nine civilians, including two children; NATO later confirmed one of its airstrikes had gone astray. Rory McIlroy ran away with the U.S. Open title, winning by eight shots and breaking the tournament scoring record by a whopping four strokes. (McIlroy shot 2-under 69 to close the four days at Congressional in Bethesda, Md. at 16-under 268.) Alyssa Campanella of Los Angeles won the Miss USA pageant in Las Vegas.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Gena Rowlands is 82. Singer Spanky McFarlane (Spanky and Our Gang) is 70. Nobel peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi (soo chee) is 67. Actress Phylicia Rashad is 64. Rock singer Ann Wilson (Heart) is 62. Musician Larry Dunn is 59. Actress Kathleen Turner is 58. Country singer Doug Stone is 56. Singer Mark DeBarge is 53. Singer-dancer Paula Abdul is 50. Actor Andy Lauer is 49. Rock singer-musician Brian Vander Ark (Verve Pipe) is 48. Actress Mia Sara is 45. Rock musician Brian "Head" Welch is 42. Actor Jean Dujardin ("The Artist") is 40. Actress Robin Tunney is 40. Actor Bumper Robinson is 38. Actress Poppy Montgomery is 37. Alt-country singer-musician Scott Avett (The Avett Brothers) is 36. Actor Ryan Hurst is 36. Actress Zoe Saldana is 34. Actress Lauren Lee Smith is 32. Actor Paul Dano is 28. Actor Atticus Shaffer ("The Middle") is 14.

Thought for Today: "One has two duties — to be worried and not to be worried." — E.M. Forster, British author (1879-1970).



Romney looks to Midwest for gains

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DUBUQUE (AP) — Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney is pushing to win a band of Midwestern states that voted for President Barack Obama four years ago and that generally have a long history of backing Democrats in White House elections.

Romney faces hurdles and advantages in each state but his approach will leave Obama no choice but to spend time and money defending states he carried in 2008. That Romney is even making a making a play for the arc of states from Pennsylvania to Iowa also suggests his path to the 270 electoral votes he will need to win the White House may be widening.

"It's sending a pretty clear message that the places the Democrats have taken for granted, they can't take for granted this time," said Rich Beeson, Romney's political director.

Before arriving in Iowa on Monday, Romney stopped in Janesville, Wis., an economically struggling, one-time manufacturing hub in the southern part of the state. Unemployment there is 9 percent, well above the state average of 6.8 percent for May. The national average is 8.2 percent.

He toured Monterey Mills, a unionized company that makes fabric for paint rollers and the stuffing for toys like Winnie the Pooh.

"The people of this country are having a hard time. These are challenging times for Americans, and because of his failed record his campaign is having a hard time deciding what to talk about," Romney said, the excited crowd sitting amid packages of fabric the company uses to make its paint rollers.

Wisconsin, which has not backed a Republican for president since Ronald Reagan in 1984, presents a new opportunity for Romney, almost exclusively due to Gov. Scott Walker's triumph two weeks ago in a contentious recall election. Walker's win, after an 18-month fight over public employee union rights, gives Republicans hope. It also gives Romney a corps of well-trained organizers and reams of voter data to put to use.

But he still has his work cut out for him. Voters said

in exit polls after the June 5 election that they trust Obama more to address the nation's economic struggles — the chief argument for Romney, a former businessman — and the interests of the middle class.

Obama also continues to have the advantage in urban areas, especially among minority voters, which each state except Iowa has.

"Philadelphia is a gigantic amount of the vote," said Tad Devine, a top aide to Democratic presidential nominees in 2000 and 2004. "Pennsylvania is one of those places that may stay competitive longer, but it's going to be really hard for Romney to put together Pennsylvania if Philly turns out the way it can turn out."

Iowa, however, has trended Republican since Obama won it in 2008. Like nearly every state in the arc, Iowans turned down Democratic candidates for governor in favor of pro-business Republicans. Iowa voters dumped three state Supreme Court justices to protest their decision allowing gay marriage. Romney's campaign also spent the year before the state's leadoff nominating caucuses laying the foundation in this true swing state for a general election campaign. Iowa has voted Republican in every other presidential election since 1988.

Obama, meanwhile, enjoys a special Iowa connection, having won the 2008 Democratic caucuses in Cinderella fashion. He's already built a robust ground operation. He has spent nearly \$5 million on advertising in Iowa, and has spent no money in Wisconsin since early in the year.

Although Romney aides say there is no Midwestern lynchpin, they argue that a competitive streak in Wisconsin is good for them in the entire region.

On Monday, he followed in the footsteps of Republican George W. Bush, who campaigned

hard for re-election in Iowa in part by seeking to connect with working-class voters along the Mississippi River who haven't warmed to Obama.

Romney headed south along the Mississippi to Davenport, Iowa, aboard the Spirit of Dubuque, and into the heart of the region where Bush worked to trim Democratic margins in his 2004 re-election and narrow win in Iowa. The trip was part of a five-day bus tour that is taking Romney across six states: New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa and, on Tuesday, Michigan.

"There's a reason he's in eastern Iowa," said Ben Lange, a Republican challenging Democratic Iowa Rep. Bruce Braley. Lange appeared with Romney on the boat in Dubuque.

Obama lost white, non-college-educated voters to Republican John McCain in 2008, according to exit polls. These voters made up nearly half of all Midwestern voters, more than any other region. Obama had support from 46 percent of these voters in the Midwest, compared to McCain's 52 percent. Nationally, the group split 40 percent for Obama, 48 percent for McCain.

Recent polling by Associated Press-GfK suggests Obama is underperforming his 2008 showing in this group. In a May survey, just 31 percent of white non-college-educated adults in the Midwest said they backed Obama, compared with 57 percent who said they supported Romney. The May poll showed Obama faring better nationally, but still trailing Romney 38 percent to 53 percent.

Democrats argued that the president's support, for instance, for the 2009 auto industry bailout, which Romney opposed, demonstrates better understanding for working-class voters.

"President Obama will win in the upper Midwest because he stands for the basic Midwestern values of hard work, fair play and

a level playing field," said R.T. Rybak, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The population in Democratic-controlled Detroit has fallen sharply, by 25 percent in the last decade, and Detroit's Democratic voter turnout operation has also eroded some due to political struggles of the party-controlled mayor's and Wayne County executive's offices. The problems "really put a strain on the Democratic infrastructure," said Stu Sandler, former Michigan Republican Party executive director.

Romney is sure to face continued criticism by Obama and his allies for opposing the automotive industry bailout, which the president credits with saving Detroit and buoying car-related manufacturing in nearby Ohio.

In Pennsylvania, Romney toured Weatherly Casting and Machine Co., a century-old foundry marked by rusted steel beams staffed by union workers.

Turnout in these small manufacturing towns will decide how competitive Romney will be against Obama in Pennsylvania. But even Democrats acknowledge the fight might be tougher than it appears, considering no Republican has won here since 1984.

"It's going to be a close race in Pennsylvania," said former Rep. Patrick Murphy, a Democrat from suburban Philadelphia.

Romney took a different tack in Ohio, which is dominated by large regional metro areas more so than the other states on the tour.

Instead of focusing just on small towns and cities, Romney's Ohio leg of the tour took him to areas just outside major metro areas of Cleveland and Columbus.

"Because they have so many big cities, they have so many suburbs," and fewer working-class voters, said Katie Gage, Romney's deputy campaign manager.

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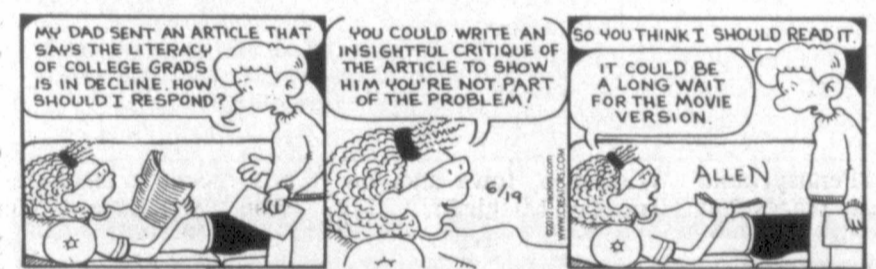


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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 20, 2012:

This year you will go from being an excellent communicator to a more taciturn, reflective person. Your priorities easily could change, though money will continue to grow in importance. Curb negativity and deal with it immediately when it pops up. If you are single, you could meet a lifelong friend or even a partner during the later part of your birthday year. If you are attached, the two of you will interact with each other better than ever if you spend quality time together. Your sweetie needs his or her share of your caring and attention. A fellow **CANCER** understands you.

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)
★★★★ Use the morning for handling important messages, errands and communication in general. You need to respond to certain situations. Despite your best efforts, you'll find yourself in a control game or a situation where someone decides to use his or her power. The less said about the situation, the better. Tonight: Head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Be sure to make calls regarding your finances and/or a potential purchase first thing in the morning. You will have to weigh the pros and cons in your mind. The back-and-forth about different issues could be exhausting. Ultimately, you have to do what feels comfortable. Tonight: Speak your mind. Listen and evaluate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might not feel as energetic as you would like. A friend continues to cause uproar despite all your attempts to try to project a semblance of calm. Consider the pros and cons of a purchase before removing it from the category of impulsive buying. Tonight: Stop and get a token of appreciation for a loved one or friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You sense a new opportunity on the horizon. You have many ideas and, with your charisma peaking, you'll decide to take the chance to present some of them. Some of you might express an interest in a new friend as well. Do not hesitate to take the first step. Tonight: It is your call.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Important calls and situations need to be handled early in the day; otherwise,

you will get yourself tied up in red tape. Information or news that sounds bad really is not that awful. Stay open-minded, and you will see. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others look to you for solutions and ideas. Focus first on certain high priority matters for yourself. Once you take care of those and re-energize, then you can take time to listen to others. Be frank with your opinions. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ News filters through no matter what you do. Stop keeping a secret hush-hush. You also can change the direction of a situation if you so choose. Skip over negativity and decide to be positive. Tonight: Tune in to an authority figure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep asking questions until you understand where someone else is coming from. You might want to step back and consider how very different you are, at least in your thought process. News proves to be interesting. Play with that information. Tonight: Let your imagination wander, then decide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ It is your choice how you handle various key people in your life. You might feel, or even believe, that others are trying to gain control. That may be so, but the only way to win a control game is not to play. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others tend to be unusually challenging. Let them have their way rather than explain what you see to be the problem. They will discover it soon enough. Tonight: Kick off your shoes and enjoy whomever you are with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Plunge into whatever project seems like a high priority. Know that you can get it done despite any uproar that surrounds you. Just do not play into the chaos — detach. Do not forget to schedule an important appointment. Tonight: Off to the gym.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are on a creative roll at present. You might wonder which path is best, but inevitably you'll head down the one you are most interested in. You will be more alert and curious as well. Avoid getting involved in a power play. Tonight: Act as if it is the weekend.

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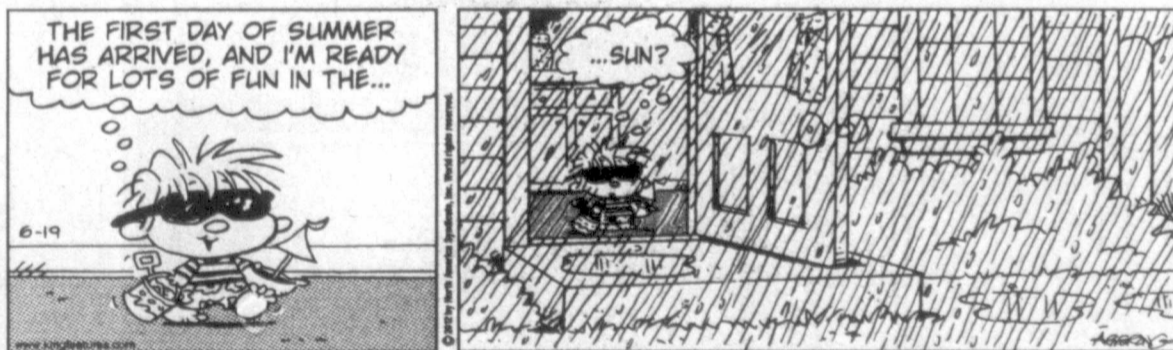
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Horse trainer wins bail release order

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge ruled Monday that a Texas horse trainer charged with conspiring to launder money for Mexico's powerful Zetas drug cartel should be released on bail, rejecting the prosecution's argument that the threat of cartel reprisals against him was so severe it could harm the surrounding community.

Eusevio Maldonado-Huitron remained in custody because federal prosecutors said they will appeal the decision. Hours later, however, federal prosecutors filed a motion to withdraw their appeal, clearing the way for Maldonado-Huitron's release soon.

Maldonado-Huitron ran a horse farm in Bastrop County southeast of Austin and is among 15 people charged with helping the Zetas launder millions of dollars through quarter horse operations in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and California.

After listening to a string of witnesses in a bail hearing that stretched over two days, U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew Austin said he was setting conditions for Maldonado-Huitron's release, but he didn't immediately make them public.

Prosecutors conceded that they had no evidence Maldonado-Huitron was violent but said there was a risk he could flee to Mexico and disappear given his family ties in that country. However, the greater danger in releasing him from federal custody, they argued, was the threat posed by the Zetas targeting him and his family — and by extension, the community at large.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Fernald said she was limited on what she could say in open court prior to trial. But she argued that Maldonado-Huitron should remain in custody given the "nature and seriousness of the danger to any member of the community," due to both "the nature of this organization and the seriousness of the potential retaliation, not just to him but to his family members and anyone else."

That argument was based on testimony Friday from FBI agent Haskell Wilkins, who said the defendant was a serious flight risk due to the possibility he could be targeted by the Zetas.

But Maldonado-Huitron's attorney, assistant federal Public Defender Jose Gonzalez-Falla, countered Monday that "we haven't heard anything to indicate" his client's guilt. He said prosecutors' arguments of "trust us, it's in the indictment" is not enough.

Gonzalez-Falla said Maldonado-Huitron is an illiterate horse trainer who poses no threat to the Zetas. An associate of Maldonado-Huitron's from El Paso testified Monday that the trainer was actually dismissed weeks before his arrest because his horses were underperforming, which the defense attorney said meant his client was now even less important in the eyes of the cartel.

"Why on earth would they hit my client?" he asked. "What has he done? He's a horse trainer."

Also testifying Monday was Maldonado-Huitron's brother, Jesus, who when asked if he knew what the Zetas were answered through an interpreter, "just what you hear on TV."

"From what they say, they killed a lot of people in Mexico and then they toss the bodies out," the elder Maldonado-Huitron testified.

Loan repayment options for grads

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The Savage Truth on money



Student loan debt is becoming a national crisis — as well as a personal nightmare for college grads. There is now more student loan debt than credit-card debt outstanding. And the accomplishment of college is dwarfed by the insurmountable task of loan repayment. But it's something you must deal with now, while you have options.

Sadly, your college degree didn't come with a job guarantee. For many graduates, the idea of even thinking about starting to repay those student loans is a nightmare. But even if you don't have an income, you must deal with your student loans within six months of graduation.

There are several helpful alternatives that will postpone the repayment process until you have the money to do it — albeit the interest will keep building.

The first step in repaying your student loans is figuring out what you owe and to whom. If you have various student loans, you might want to consolidate them to make repayment easier. That will lift your rate about one-eighth of one percent — but save a lot of annoyance in making multiple payments. And if you set up an automatic repayment plan, deducting monthly payments from your bank account, you can save a quarter of a point in interest. Just make sure you don't consolidate an older loan with a lower lifetime rate into the consolidation loan.

How do you find your federal student loans? Just go to NSLDS.ed.gov. That's the database of all federal student loans, so you have no excuse for "forgetting" one of the loans you have.

If you have private student loans made directly from banks, they likely carry higher rates. Those private lenders are not inclined to do you any favors by lowering the rates in a consolidation process. While almost anyone can consolidate a federal student loan, the banks and credit unions that hold your private loans require a good credit score

and income before considering a consolidation.

Standard repayment: The standard repayment program is a 10-year plan that will cost you the least in the long run. You'll pay the current repayment rate, less a quarter point discount for automatic payments.

Extended repayment: One way to make the monthly bill a bit easier on your wallet is to extend the term of the loan for up to 25 years. But that will result in a total repayment that is much higher because of the additional interest you pay over the years.

Graduated repayment: This plan starts with lower payments that rise every two years over the 10-year life of the loan. If you have more than \$30,000 in loans, you can stretch out the graduated payments over 25 years. If you start earning more, you can adjust your payment plan annually. Again, you'll pay more interest over the years by stretching out your payments.

Income-based repayment: This is a relatively new program, and you can learn more at IBRinfo.org. In this plan, the government checks your annual income, the size of your family and the total amount you owe — and then it comes up with a repayment plan it figures will be affordable for you. Your payment will be readjusted annually based on your situation. The government is in the process of making it easier to qualify for this program, so this should be your first stop if you don't have a job. With no income, you have no payments — although interest will continue to accrue. Some of the interest may be subsidized.

Public service loan forgiveness: In addition to the programs above, if you make 120 payments (10 years) on time — and if you work full-time in a public service job, such as government at the

federal or state level, or at a qualifying non-profit agency, or in the military or public health fields, your loan balance will be forgiven at the end of this period. This provision can be used in conjunction with the extended, graduated or income-based repayment plans.

Deferment or forbearance: These are the two oldest programs for dealing with a situation in which you absolutely cannot repay your loans after graduation. They postpone but do not eliminate your obligation — and the interest continues to grow.

Even for college graduates, these choices can be overwhelming. And they have long-term consequences, so it's worthwhile to get it right. There are some good resources for help in setting up your repayment plan.

The NSLDS website offers "Loan Exit" counseling online. Or you can go to Studentaid.ed.gov or call them at 800-433-3243. And to see the impact of these plans on your monthly payments and total outlay, go to PayBackSmarter.com.

Start the process now, well before the six-month post-graduation grace period ends. Remember that if you have a windfall — a signing bonus for that new job or an unexpected raise along the way — you can always make extra payments and pay off your loan early, saving a lot of interest.

And finally, be aware that you can duck this obligation for a while, but you can't hide from the federal government forever. If you don't repay your loans, your income tax refunds and even your Social Security checks will eventually be taken to repay your student loan debt. That's the Savage Truth.

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Classic at 9 a.m. Saturday at the softball complex by Recreation Park.

Pampa recreation coordinator Autumn Schaub said it's one of the tournaments the department is offering.

"We've had tournaments that have gone away from Pampa and play in

Amarillo," Schaub said. "We are trying to have tournaments in Pampa no matter what. We are just trying to get the word out so we will have a lot more teams playing."

The tournament will have a men's and mixed division. Currently, five teams

have signed up.

Participants can register online on the USSSA website or contact Schaub at the recreation office at 806-669-5790 or 806-292-2912 by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The entry fee is \$200 and there is no limit of players per team.

Green: Pampa's shooting up and down in Gruver tournament

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Guy Green, who coached members of the Pampa Harvesters basketball team in a Gruver Tournament, on June 7 and 8 said shots were hard to come by.

"We came out cold," Green said. "We didn't shoot more than 30 percent from

the field and 20 percent in three-pointers."

Green coached the team because it is against University Interscholastic League rules for head coach Matt Embry to coach players older than freshmen in the summer.

Pampa averaged 30 points per game but posted a 4-2 record in the tournament.

Green said shooting improved in the final game against Claude.

"(Claude) had a cold spell," Green said. "We hit 75 percent in three-pointers. We couldn't miss. The role players played really well and got a lot of minutes in the game."

Green said Pampa played well defensively.

"Embry has a great system for these guys to play in," Green said.

Pampa will attend a team camp at Oklahoma University in Norman from Friday through Sunday Todd Alvey will coach the team.

"Hopefully, they can get some pointers," Green said.

CLEMENS NOT GUILTY

Clemens acquitted on all six counts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens was acquitted Monday on all charges that he obstructed and lied to Congress in denying he used performance-enhancing drugs to build his long and brilliant career as one of the greatest pitchers in baseball history.

"I'm very thankful," Clemens said, choking up as he spoke after the verdict. "It's been a hard five years," said the pitcher, who was retried after an earlier prosecution ended in a mistrial.

This trial was lengthy, but the deliberations were relatively brief. Jurors returned their verdict after close to 10 hours over several days. The outcome ended a 10-week trial that capped the government's investigation of the pitcher who holds seven Cy Young Awards, emblematic of the league's best pitcher each year.

Emotional hugs among Clemens and family members followed the verdict, including one large group hug in the courtroom. At one point, wife Debbie Clemens dabbed his eyes with a tissue.

Outside, at one point, Clemens stopped to compose himself.

Accused of cheating to achieve and extend his success — and then facing felony charges that he lied about it — he declared, "I put a lot of hard work into that career."

He said he appreciated "my teammates who came in and the emails and phone calls" of support. With his four sons standing behind him, Clemens thanked his attorneys, his family, his sisters and his wife.

His chief lawyer, Rusty Hardin, walked up to a bank of microphones and exclaimed: "Wow!"

Hardin said Clemens had to hustle to get to court in time to hear the verdict. "All of us had told Roger there wouldn't be a verdict for two, three or four days, so he was actually working out with his sons almost at the Washington Monument when he got the call that there was a verdict."

Prosecutors declined to comment as they left the courthouse. But the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a written statement, "The jury has spoken in this matter, and we thank them for their service. We respect the judicial process and the jury's verdict."

Clemens, 49, was charged with two counts of perjury, three counts of making false statements and one count of obstructing Congress when he testified at a deposition and at a nationally televised hearing in February 2008.

The charges centered on his repeated denials that he used steroids and human growth hormone during a 24-year career produced 354 victories.

The verdict was the latest blow to the government's legal pursuit of athletes accused of illicit drug use.

A seven-year investigation into home run king Barry Bonds yielded a guilty verdict on only one count of obstruction of justice in a San Francisco court last year, with the jury deadlocked on whether Bonds lied to a grand jury when he denied knowingly taking performance-enhancing drugs.

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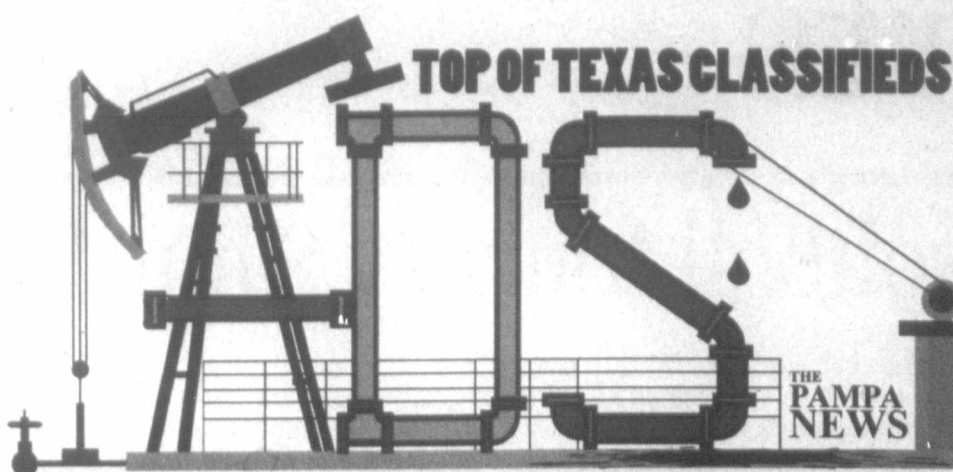
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ACROSS

- 1 Cockpit worker
- 6 Red Square name
- 11 Heap of fiction
- 12 Un-escorted
- 13 Great painting
- 15 Leaf lifter
- 16 Tie the knot
- 17 Young fellow
- 18 Ford forerunner
- 20 November birthstone
- 23 Plays a round
- 27 Yankee star's nickname
- 28 Ship wood
- 29 Army doc
- 31 Trifling
- 32 Is furious
- 34 Inquire
- 37 Comfy room
- 38 Guide-book feature
- 41 Fireplace topper
- 44 Cloth fold
- 45 Love to pieces
- 46 Oozes
- 47 Inferior

DOWN

- 2 Qom's country
- 3 Shopping aid
- 4 Granola bit
- 5 "Ease on Down the Road" musical
- 6 Small pooch
- 7 Quarter-back Manning
- 8 Yuletide
- 9 Cuzco native
- 10 Must have
- 14 Writer Stout
- 18 Low point
- 19 Staff symbols

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Yesterday's answer

- 20 Scot's topper
- 21 Metal source
- 22 Cacao container
- 24 Allow
- 25 Diet no-no
- 26 Cloud setting
- 30 Academy attendees
- 31 Friend overseas, perhaps
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: We have been having a problem with a young neighbor couple in our rural area. They drop in to visit us about five evenings a week. They're nice people and good neighbors, so we don't want to offend them, but what would be a diplomatic way to tell them we don't want company that often?

The husband gets home from work at 4:30 p.m. every day and his wife always has dinner on the table when he walks in the door. My husband is 62. He works hard 10 to 12 hours a day and returns home anywhere between 5 and 7 p.m. So it's not possible for me to have dinner ready and waiting. Our idea of a pleasant evening is eating dinner, watching an hour or two of TV, and going to bed about 9 p.m.

My husband has to drive by these neighbors' house on his way home, so they know when he gets here — and they usually arrive shortly thereafter. I feel very uncomfortable cooking a meal and eating with non-eating company in my kitchen, so I always put dinner preparation aside and visit with them for an hour or two. It's not unusual for us to wind up having dinner at 9 p.m. Sometimes they stay so long my husband and I are too tired to even bother.

We have about had it. How can we regain our privacy but remain friends? — MISSING DINNER IN MISSOURI

DEAR MISSING DINNER: You and your husband have been such good neighbors that you have made yourselves prisoners in your own home. The next time the couple arrives at your door at dinner time, in a pleasant tone, say, "John just got home from work and he's tired and hungry. Please excuse us while we have dinner. We plan to retire early. And in the future, don't just drop by — please wait until we call you."

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He now says he doesn't want any more children. We are financially stable, but Ted says it isn't the money. He just doesn't want to go through it again.

Abby, I can't imagine not hav-

ing one more child. I know I can't force him to change his mind, but I'm afraid I will resent him for denying me something I want so badly, especially since we had agreed ahead of time.

I feel there is no compromising on this. Either way, one of us is going to be miserable. I cry all the time and don't know how to move on. Can you help? — DREAMING OF TWO IN TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR DREAMING OF TWO: I wish I could, but not knowing the cause of your husband's anxiety and aversion to having another child, I'm at a disadvantage. You should both talk this out with a licensed marriage and family therapist, and I hope you'll do it before you become further depressed because your current mental state may adversely affect your ability to parent the child you have.

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TOP: Koi swim in a pond at the home of Loyd and Thelma Waters. **BOTTOM:** The full view of the garden of Gene and Esther McAdoo.



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The garden of Howard and Debbie Heiser boasts this peaceful corner.

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