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Today	Thursday	Friday
		
High 91 Low 66	High 86 Low 64	High 88 Low 66

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 91. Breezy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 86. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Lawmakers pan first year of STAAR test

AUSTIN (AP) — Education leaders in the Texas House aired a series of grievances about the state's new standardized test on Tuesday, but also acknowledged that growing pains are common every time the state implements a new statewide testing system.

Lawmakers on the Public Education Committee were alarmed that so many of the first ninth graders to take the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, test this year performed poorly. They branded many aspects of the implementation of the new test sloppy.

They also wondered aloud if students who fail to pass STAAR tests early in high school would have enough time to catch up and pass subsequent tests before they get so far behind that they simply drop out.

Committee members heard testimony from superintendents who urged scrapping rules requiring that STAAR's results count toward 15 percent of the final grades of high school freshman. The committee also was told that districts are setting aside extra money to pay for additional summer school instruction since so many students aren't passing the new tests during the regular school year.

STAAR is in the process of replacing a standardized test known as TAKS, which is used to measure academic accountability among students, teachers and school districts. It was designed to be more demanding — but final standards are being adopted gradually over the next four years to ensure the test is implement-

ed smoothly.

Figures released June 8 by the Texas Education Agency show that if the final STAAR standards were already in place, more than half of Texas high school freshmen would have failed in five key areas.

When ninth-graders' scores were judged against final standards, the biology passing rate was 41 percent and the algebra I passing rate was 39 percent. In English, it would have been 34 percent for writing and 46 percent for reading. In world geography, it would have been 40 percent.

By comparison, 70 percent of ninth grade students taking the last version of the TAKS math passed — though the TAKS test placed less emphasis on algebra.

Rep. Scott Hochberg, a Houston Democrat who is retiring from the Legislature, noted that STAAR has now been made so difficult that answering fewer than 40 percent of the questions correctly is passing. He asked: "With such a low percentage, should we look you square in the eye and say 'you've passed algebra I'?"

The Texas Education Agency points out that there are always early hurdles when implementing new standardized tests, and that STAAR is the latest in a series of attempts to create a better statewide system for measuring accountability — a point the committee seemed willing to concede.

Further hampering STAAR, though, are requirements that the tests be given with several weeks remaining in the school year so that there is enough

time to determine the results. Doing so has prompted complaints from teachers that there's not adequate time to prepare students for exams that cover an entire year's worth of material.

Another controversial aspect of STAAR has been the rule that tests in key subjects count toward 15 percent of ninth graders' final grades. The provision was designed to ensure students take the test seriously — but sparked outcry from many who said it could hurt students' grade-point averages.

Texas suspended the rule for this school year, but the test is set to count toward final grades beginning in 2012-2013.

However, the superintendent of the Amarillo school district, Rod Schroder, prompted applause inside the hearing room Tuesday when he suggested doing away with the requirement altogether.

Hochberg quipped, "you're preaching to the choir" and the committee indeed appeared receptive to the idea — except Rep. Mark Strama. The Austin Democrat countered that STAAR results should count for 15 percent of students' final grades, and thus eliminate the need for teachers to spend time administering a separate final exam.

"I know there are a lot of parents who think that the 15-percent rule is raising the stakes of testing and I think that that's a misapprehension," he said. "What it does is it makes this test replace a day of testing, not a day of instruction."

Obituaries

Mark Miller Goring, 60

Mark Miller Goring, 60, died June 18, 2012, in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 21, 2012, at Dyer's Bar-B-Que with Joan Gaines, chaplain of BSA Hospice, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mark was born November 24, 1951, in Belleville, Ill. He graduated from MacArthur High School in Pembroke Pines, Fla., and received a BS degree in business management from Central Michigan University. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. Mark married Nancy Beckworth on July 5, 2001, in San Antonio. He was an air traffic controller in Louisville, Ky., for several years and for the past five years, was a manager for GE Wind Energy, building wind farms. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Inc., and was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Freeman Goring of Pampa; a stepson, Adam Beckworth of Portland, Maine; several nieces and nephews. Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Helen Miller Goring; and by a sister and a brother.

Memorials may be made to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Memorial Contribution, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will receive friends at 2717 Duncan in Pampa. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



Goring

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, June 19 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 10 traffic-related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported six animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to five medical calls.

Monday, June 18

A burglary occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Phone harassment was reported.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1100 block of North Juniper and the 2500 block of Perryton.

Fraud was reported at the

200 block of North Russell.

Fraud was reported.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person occurred at the 1500 block of North Banks.

Theft occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 200 block of East Brown.

Fraud was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2500 block of North Perryton.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

An accident occurred at the 1000 block of East Jordan.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee and the 1000 block of West Alcock.

A domestic disturbance

occurred at the 100 block of South Gillespie.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of South Wells.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, June 19 at 7 a.m.

Monday, June 18

Susan Alice Kane, 68, was arrested by deputies on warrants for collection of refuse of any kind of junk in city limits and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Shawn Dale Eastep, 44, was arrested by deputies on a sentence for driving while intoxicated.

Manuel Palomares Jr., 29, was arrested by police for possession of drug paraphernalia and disorderly conduct and on two capias pro fine warrants.

Allen Bailey Huffman, 24, was arrested by police for possession of a controlled substance, in an amount

greater than one gram but less than four grams, and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Teresa Cain Huffman, 49, was arrested by police on a theft by check warrant.

Chancellor Reese Burrows, 21, was arrested by police for possession of a controlled substance, in an amount greater than one gram but less than four grams.

Tracy Dylan Cain, 21, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance, in an amount greater than four grams but less than 200 grams in a drug free zone, delivery of marijuana in an amount less than five pounds in a drug free zone, possession of a controlled substance in an amount greater than one gram but less than four grams in a drug free zone, and possession of a dangerous drug in a drug free zone.

Tuesday, June 19

Roy Gilbert Folsom, 31, was arrested by police for public intoxication.

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Boy, mom killed in hotel

McALLEN (AP) — Hours after a man fatally shot one of his girlfriend's sons and critically injured another in a South Texas hotel room as police tried to check on the family, police found what they believe to be the body of children's mother, authorities said.

Laredo Police spokesman Joe Baeza said officers arrested 36-year-old Demond Bluntson at the Holiday Inn-Civic Center in Laredo and were holding him pending formal charges. Baeza said police were consulting prosecutors about the charges Tuesday evening.

Police went to the hotel about midday after receiving a call from police in the family's hometown of El Campo, a city more than 200 miles northeast of Laredo, saying the family might be in some kind of trouble, Baeza said.

The desk clerk directed officers to a room on the 14th floor, where they knocked, identified themselves as police and immediately heard several shots, Baeza said. One shot came through the room door and narrowly missed two officers, he said.

Police cleared the building, which was packed with a convention, then entered the room and arrested Bluntson.

Police determined the boys' mother, Brandy Cerny, had not checked into the hotel.

Ex-deputies charged in drug run

McALLEN (AP) — Two former South Texas sheriff's deputies have been indicted on federal conspiracy charges arising from an undercover federal bust of a drug trafficking operation.

A Justice Department statement Tuesday says Ruben Silva and Victor Carrillo were Duval County deputies at the time of last month's undercover bust. Sheriff Romeo Ramirez fired them earlier this month, saying federal and state agents presented him with evidence of wrongdoing.

The indictment alleges Silva and Carrillo arranged to use a sheriff's office patrol car to smuggle more than 20 pounds of cocaine north from Mission, Texas, on the border with Mexico.

Silva is jailed with bond set at \$100,000. His attorney, Douglas Daniel of San Antonio, didn't return a message seeking comment Tuesday. A warrant has been issued for Carrillo's arrest.

Ninth defendant arrested

EL PASO (AP) — The U.S. attorney's office says a ninth suspect has been arrested after he was accused of being part of an alleged scheme to launder a drug gang's earnings with millions of dollars' worth of racehorses.

Raul Ramirez was arrested Monday afternoon at a border port of entry near El Paso. He's due to appear in court Friday in El Paso.

Ramirez is charged with money laundering, as are brothers Miguel Angel and Oscar Omar Trevino, reputed to be top leaders of Mexico's infamous Zetas drug cartel. Also charged are the Trevinos' brother Jose and 10 others. Five are believed to be at large in Mexico.

Ramirez is accused of helping disguise ownership of the horses by bidding on behalf of Antonio Colorado, who then transferred ownership to Trevino.

SBC votes in black president

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention voted Tuesday to elect its first African-American president in one of its biggest steps yet to reconcile the 167-year-old denomination's troubled racial past and appeal to a more diverse group of believers.

The Rev. Fred Luter Jr. was unopposed in being elected by thousands of enthusiastic delegates on Tuesday at the annual meeting of the nation's largest Protestant denomination in his hometown of New Orleans.

Pastor David Crosby of First Baptist New Orleans nominated Luter, calling him a "fire-breathing, miracle-working pastor" who "would likely be a candidate for sainthood if he were Catholic."

Crosby recalled how Luter built the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church from a tiny congregation to a megachurch of nearly 8,000 before the buildings were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Members of Luter's mostly black church came to worship at Crosby's mostly white church, and the pastors worked together for 2½ years as Luter rebuilt Franklin Avenue. Today, with a Sunday attendance of 5,000, Luter's church is once again the largest Southern Baptist church for attendance in the state.

Arrests

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Around 11 p.m. on Monday night, officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation, which led to a search of the vehicle. During the search, officers found marijuana and substances believed to be methamphetamine and hydrocodone.



Cain

Tracy Dylan Cain, 21, of Pampa, was sent to Gray County Jail on charges of possession of a controlled substance in an amount greater than four grams and less than 200 grams, delivery of marijuana in an amount less than five pounds, possession of a controlled substance in an amount greater than one gram and less than four grams, and possession of a dangerous drug, all in a drug-free zone. Cain remains in custody on a \$36,000 bond.

Mexican agent testifies on trucker's arrest

EL PASO (AP) — A Texas truck driver arrested with ammunition at the Mexican border was trying to make an unauthorized U-turn when a Mexican customs agent ordered him to enter an inspection area, the agent told a judge in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Javin Bogan was arrested April 17 when he tried to enter Mexico carrying 268,000 rounds of ammunition. He that he took a wrong turn on his way to a West El Paso medical supplies company. Mexican prosecutors allege he tried to clandestinely smuggle bullets commonly used by drug cartels.

Truckers entering Mexico from El Paso at the Bridge of the Americas are supposed to use a specially designated lane that leads to an inspection area. Bogan was in the lanes for passenger cars, according to Mexican customs agent America Zubia Saenz.

"I saw a vehicle blocking the lanes for the tourist vehicles, an area not authorized for cargo vehicles," Saenz said in a May 29 deposition before a judge in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua.

She ordered Bogan to drive his truck into the "yellow zone" where trucks are inspected. He produced documents for the truck and the cargo at her request, she said.

Two other customs agents, Federico Anaya and Adriana Ramirez, told the judge the bullets were loaded in boxes on several pallets inside the trailer. They said that while the bullets were wrapped in plastic, they were easy to spot once inside the trailer.

After Bogan's arrest, Mexican prosecutors initially said in a news release that the ammunition was stashed under the floorboards of the trailer.

Jose De La Rosa, Bogan's lawyer in Mexico, said that by showing the bullets were not hidden and that his client had all the correspond-

ing paperwork, his hopes to persuade the judge to throw out the charge of clandestine smuggling of military ammunition. It carries a possible prison term of five to 30 years.

Instead, De La Rosa said, he would settle for a charge of possession of ammunition. That carries a possible prison sentence of two to six years but could easily be converted into a fine because Bogan has no prison record, De

La Rosa said.

Bogan remains in a maximum security prison in the state of Veracruz, some 200 miles east of Mexico City.

De La Rosa said he wants Bogan transferred to Ciudad Juarez, where all of the judicial proceedings in his case will be carried out.

Mexican political leaders have blamed their U.S. counterparts for not doing enough to stem the flow of

weapons and ammunition used by warring drug cartels. In February, Mexico's president Felipe Calderon travelled to Ciudad Juarez and unveiled a billboard made out of destroyed guns that read "No More Weapons." The billboard is at the Bridge of the Americas and is intended to be seen from the U.S. side.

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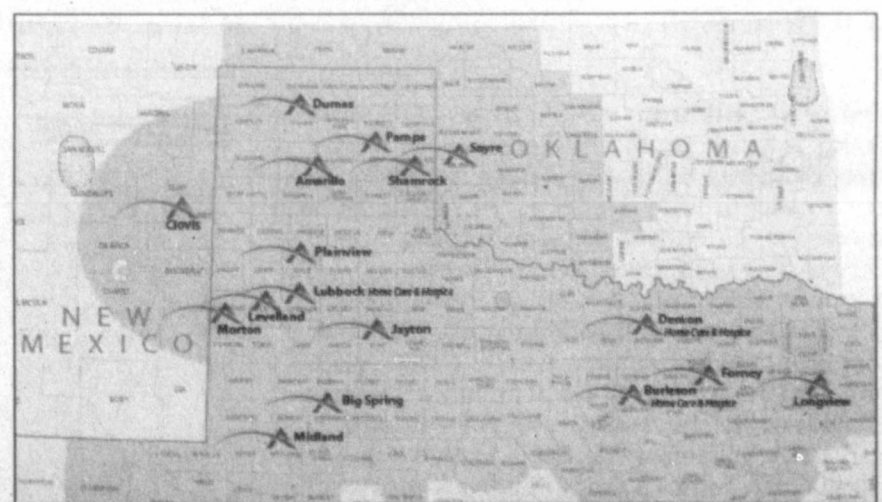


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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, June 20, the 172nd day of 2012. There are 194 days left in the year. Summer arrives at 7 p.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 20, 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States, featuring the emblem of the bald eagle.

On this date:

In 1791, King Louis XVI of France and his family attempted to flee the country in the so-called "Flight to Varennes," but were caught.

In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1921, U.S. Rep. Alice Mary Robertson, R-Okla., became the first woman to preside over a session of the House of Representatives.

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1948, the variety series "Toast of the Town," hosted by Ed Sullivan, debuted on CBS television.

In 1963, the United States and Soviet Union signed an agreement to set up a "hotline" between the two superpowers.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the Supreme Court.)

In 1972, three days after the arrest of the Watergate burglars, President Richard Nixon met at the White House with his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman; the secretly made tape recording of this meeting ended up with the notorious 18½-minute gap.

In 1979, ABC News correspondent Bill Stewart was shot to death in Managua, Nicaragua, by a member of President Anastasio Somoza's national guard.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed National Bald Eagle Day.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 6-3, in *Atkins v. Virginia* that executing mentally disabled murderers was unconstitutionally cruel.

Five years ago: For the second time, President George W. Bush vetoed an embryonic stem cell bill as he urged scientists toward what he termed "ethically responsible" research. Sammy Sosa, playing for the Texas Rangers after a year out of baseball, hit his 600th home run, making him the fifth player to reach the milestone. (The round-tripper came in the fifth inning of Texas' 7-3 victory over Sosa's former team, the Chicago Cubs.)

One year ago: Syrian President Bashar Assad promised a national dialogue to consider political reforms, but his vague overtures to a pro-democracy uprising fell flat as protesters took to the streets shouting "Liar!" and demanding his ouster. "Jackass" star Ryan Dunn was killed in a fiery car crash near Philadelphia; he was 34.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olympia Dukakis is 81. Actor Martin Landau is 81. Actor James Tolkan is 81. Actor Danny Aiello is 79. Blues musician Lazy Lester is 79. Actor John Mahoney is 72. Movie director Stephen Frears is 71. Singer-songwriter Brian Wilson is 70. Actor John McCook is 68. Singer Anne Murray is 67. TV personality Bob Vila is 66. Musician Andre Watts is 66. Actress Candy Clark is 65. Producer Tina Sinatra is 64. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lionel Richie is 63. Actor John Goodman is 60. Rock musician Michael Anthony is 58. Pop musician John Taylor is 52. Rock musician Mark DeGiantoni (de-GLI'-an-toh-nee) is 50. Rock musician Murphy Karges (Sugar Ray) is 45. Actress Nicole Kidman is 45. Country/bluegrass singer-musician Dan Tyminski is 45. Movie director Robert Rodriguez is 44. Actor Peter Paige is 43. Actor Josh Lucas is 41. Rock musician Jeordie White (AKA Twigg Ramirez) is 41. Rock singer Chino Moreno (Deftones) is 39. Country-folk singer-songwriter Amos Lee is 35. Country singer Chuck Wicks is 33. Christian rock musician Chris Dudley (Underoath) is 29. Rock singer Grace Potter (Grace Potter & the Nocturnals) is 29. Actor Mark Saul is 27. Actress Dreama Walker is 26. Actor Chris Mintz-Plasse is 23. Actress Maria Lark is 15.

Thought for Today: "Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old." — Franz Kafka, Austrian author and poet (1883-1924).



GOP won't say Obama plan is amnesty

DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — When it comes to President Barack Obama's new immigration policy, Senate Republicans are quite sure they don't like it. They just don't want to say if it amounts to amnesty, at least not yet, while they await guidance on the politically charged issue from presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

"If it leads to citizenship as a reward for some kind of illegal entry, I think it could be argued" to be amnesty, said Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, who normally is one of Obama's most plainspoken critics.

Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia said the president's announcement last Friday could be called "amnesty light," if not the real thing.

"It all depends on how you define 'amnesty,' and I'm not going to get into that debate," added Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl, second-ranking party leader and another frequent critic of Obama.

"I wouldn't use the A-word to describe this. ... That's a word that gets used a lot," said Sen. John Cornyn. The Texas lawmaker is in charge of the party's efforts to win control of the Senate this fall and has seen internal divisions develop since Obama's announcement between his party's establishment and lawmakers and candidates more aligned with the tea party.

These days, at least, amnesty is most often used by Republicans wanting to accuse Democrats of being soft on illegal immigration, much of which involves Hispanics who make their way across the border from Mexico.

In his announcement, Obama said the government will no longer seek to deport illegal immigrants under the age of 30 who were brought to the United States before they turned 16 and have been in the country for at least five continuous years. They also must have no criminal history and either have graduated from a U.S. high school, have earned a GED diploma or certificate or have

served in the military.

"Let's be clear, this is not amnesty, this is not immunity, this is not a path to citizenship, this is not a permanent fix," Obama said from the White House Rose Garden. "This is the right thing to do." Administration officials said about 800,000 individuals could be affected.

While the White House and Democrats in Congress say the president's action was modeled on the DREAM Act, that measure includes a path to citizenship, a critical political distinction.

Romney, who has vowed to veto the DREAM Act, has recently softened his rhetoric on immigration as he works to cut into Obama's support among Hispanic voters. So far, he has not said whether he supports or opposes what the president did.

McConnell and others said they want to hear what the former Massachusetts governor is going to say on the subject in a speech later this week. Romney is "the leader of our party" at least until the November election and perhaps well afterwards, McConnell said.

While they sidestepped the question of amnesty, McConnell and several other Republicans sent Obama a letter seeking an explanation of his authority to bypass Congress on the policy switch. The request, announced by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, also asked precisely how the new policy would work, and whether federal funds will be used to implement it.

Whatever Romney says, Republicans aligned with the tea party are more outspoken than the party's establishment on the issue.

"This is amnesty," Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina, a favorite of tea party Republicans, said last week in a quick reaction to Obama's announcement.

"Congressman (Jeff) Flake and President Obama, advocates for amnesty," Wil Cardon alleged in one emailed statement, issued as part of his uphill battle for the GOP nomination to the Senate in Arizona.

Andrew Wilder, a campaign

spokesman for Flake, said the congressman "does not support giving amnesty to illegal immigrants, and he never has."

Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, one of the party's more outspoken lawmakers in the immigration issue, has announced he intends to file suit challenging Obama's authority to bypass Congress and change the policy on his own.

Also in the House, Rep. Ben Quayle, R-Ariz., has introduced legislation to block Obama from implementing his own policy. In some regards, his state serves as a microcosm of the broader debate inside the party.

In addition to Kyl's comments, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., told reporters during the day he neither wanted to "repeal it or not repeal" what Obama announced.

Like many other Republicans, McCain said Obama was now doing "something that he said he didn't have constitutional authority to do a year ago." Also like other members of his party, he said the president's announcement had complicated efforts to work out a comprehensive solution to a vexing problem.

House Speaker John Boehner told reporters that because the economy is so weak, Obama has "turned to the politics of envy and division, which I don't think the American people are going to accept."

Boehner said Obama's announcement "puts everyone in a difficult position," including young illegal immigrants who "from no fault of their own" are in the United States, as well as lawmakers seeking legislation to tackle more than just the problem of younger illegal immigrants brought to the United States as children.

Democrats have applauded Obama's announcement, many of them adding that he acted after Republicans refused to permit a more wide-ranging immigration measure advance in Congress.

Associated Press writer Laurie Kellmar contributed to this report.



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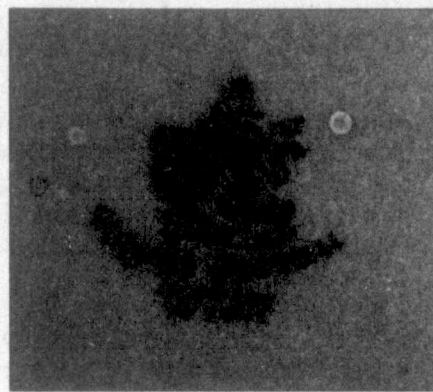
Ice was a luxury in Victorian era

Q: Enclosed is a photo of a silver tankard that has been in our family for somewhere around 100 years. On the bottom are the words, "Barbour Silver Co. — Quadruple — 50."

What can you tell me about the history and value of my tankard?

A: You have a Victorian tilting ice pitcher with a matching goblet and stand. It was made around 1880 by Barbour Silver Co. in Connecticut. "Quadruple" means your pitcher is silver plate rather than sterling silver. Available ice was a luxury in the Victorian era. Silver plate ice pitchers were a symbol of wealth and status. They are lined with metal, glass or porcelain to help keep ice from melting quickly. Few tilting ice pitchers have survived with their stands and goblets intact.

Similar pitchers that are in excellent condition and not in need of re-silvering are selling in the range of \$300 to \$600.



Royal Tettau mark was used by Royal Bayreuth in Bavaria, Germany.

Q: This is a photo of the mark that is on a set of dinnerware that belonged to my grandmother. Each dish is decorated with a white background, pink borders and gold trim. I would like to purchase some more pieces. I contacted a replacement firm, and they weren't able to help me. Do you have any idea of its value and where I might be able to buy additional place settings?

A: The Royal Tettau mark was used by Royal Bayreuth in Bavaria, Germany, during the occupation by the U. S. of the German zone from 1945 to 1949. There are several matching/replacements sites on the Internet. Keep checking for additional ones, as well as at antiques shops. The replacement services usually request a photo, a clear description of the dish and the manufacturer's mark.

A five-piece place setting would probably cost \$50 to \$75 purchased

Antique OR JUNQUE?



Barbour Silver Co. was located in Connecticut.

through a replacement service.

Q: I found among my collection of old books a 1949 copy and first edition of "Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller. It was published by Viking. It has the original dust jacket with a small tear. Unfortunately, it is not signed by the author.

Please let me know what you can find out about it. Is it worth anything?

A: "Death of a Salesman" was a Pulitzer Prize winning play that

has become an American classic. Joseph Hirsch designed the dust cover.

Values for a 1949 first-edition copy start at \$1,000 and go up to around \$2,500, depending on the condition. Signed copies sell in the range of \$4,500 to \$10,000.

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

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in the program have to earn community service hours called "sweat equity hours," as well as attend future homeowner classes in Amarillo.

The organization chooses families based on their income, the number of people in their household and the family's needs.

"We basically look at their finances, what they're going to be able to pay back, their ability to do the sweat equity hours and things like that," said Nachtigall.

"If we band together, each one fulfilling the role that is there for them, we can see people moving into houses that will ultimately be theirs, because they have invested

their lives, sweat equity hours and their finances into that, and they are going to move into houses that will be theirs and that they can be proud of," he added.

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Living a faithful life for eternity

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I sit down to write this article my mind is going over all that will happen in this day. But the big thing is that the Youth will be headed to Roy, NM to do VBS and share with the folks there. They have everything prepared and are now standing at the door of an experience that will change their lives.

It is my prayer that as they go, God will empower them to be mighty witnesses of the great love Christ has for them. I pray they will be an encouragement to the church family but that they will also reach out to those who may not have a personal relationship with Christ. I pray they will be witnesses to everyone they meet of the great love of Christ.

I have another prayer for this time. It is my prayer that it will light a fire in the hearts of those of us who did not go. I fear that the fire of God's love is waning as we struggle against the issues of our lives. It is as if we have become fueled by the desire of selfishness so that the life of selflessness has been pushed aside. It is a battle that we have been less than prepared to fight.

In 1 Timothy the Apostle Paul spoke words of encouragement to his son in the ministry, Timothy. He said, "Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made a good confession in the presence of many witnesses." I don't suppose there was anyone besides Paul that would recognize how important it would be to fight the good fight of faith.

As we look at the life of Paul we see the struggles he experienced. The Lord said that Paul would have to go through some tough times. In fact, Acts 9:16 God says "...I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake." God was going to direct Paul in the way that would lead him in a life of surrender and service.

Many times we fail to 'fight the good fight of faith' in the way that we should. We may fight but we fail to do it with all the determination needed to bring glory to the Lord. We should never fight halfheartedly. Our desire should be to bring honor to Christ.

We should desire to live our life in such a way that regardless of what we are confronted



PAUL NACHTIGALL

the good word

with we will be able to say that we have fought the good fight of faith. We should give our all for the One who gave us His everything. Our struggle will continue as we seek to move in accordance with God's will for our lives, but we must be determined to 'fight the good fight'.

As we 'fight the good fight' we must not base our performance on the performance of others. We must be determined not to lower our standard to that of this world, but to raise it to align with the standard exemplified by Christ. We should desire to fight the fight so that not only will we fight the good fight, but will run with endurance the race that is set before me.

As we move forward through our lives we must realize that what we do now will impact what is to follow. Because of this we must choose to live in such a way that will allow Holy Spirit to move through us. As we choose to live in this way we will be assured that when this life is over, we will hear those blessed words - "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord."

So whether your good fight, your race, takes you to Roy, NM., to church, to a ball game or to a store - whatever - choose to stand and fight the good fight for Jesus. After all, that's what He did for us. Jim Elliot prayed this prayer - "God, I pray Thee, light these idle sticks of my life and may I burn for Thee. Consume my life, my God, for it is Thine. I seek not a long life, but a full one, like you, Lord Jesus." Sounds like a man ready to fight the good fight of faith and that's just what he did. Are we ready to fight the good fight of faith?

Bro. Paul Nachtigall is the pastor at Highland Baptist Church.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Briarwood to send group to Haiti to rebuild church

ANDREW GLOVER
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Last year Mandy Clark, Briarwood Full Gospel Church secretary, and her husband Jason were part of a mission team that went to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to help people in need after the magnitude 7.0 earthquake that hit in 2010.

This year, they are returning with three other church members from Saturday through Friday.

"We were moved," Clark said. "We

wanted to come back."

The group will help rebuild a church that was destroyed in the 2010 earthquake that destroyed 60 percent of the country.

"We will be working with Praying Pelican missions and another church," Clark said.

Last year, Briarwood's team worked with churches from Georgia and South Carolina. This will be the first of two mission trips; Briarwood will also go to South Africa from July 10 to 20.

GOD'S GOOD NEWS

Choose joy over grouchiness

DAVID BOULER
Highland Park Baptist Church

All of us have had the experience of being around griping and grumbling people. The Bible often reminds us of God's disdain for grumbling or murmuring. "Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, murmur not among yourselves" (John 6:43).

J.G. Ferguson, in his book, "The Joy of Words," did a satire called "The Grouch." Let this warn us about choosing to be grouchy.

My dear fellow grumblers: Poets, philosophers, and fools, in all ages, have been writing and preaching on the art of

being happy. But it seems many can't be satisfied or happy unless they are miserable in body and mind. I am therefore going to show all such persons the several means to be used for the attainment of such a desirable end.

In the first place, my beloved whiners, in order to attain an end of misery, you must get a stiff resolution and determination to conquer.

I hope that made you smile. Remember the Bible says, "The joy of the Lord is our strength" (Nehemiah 3:10).

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

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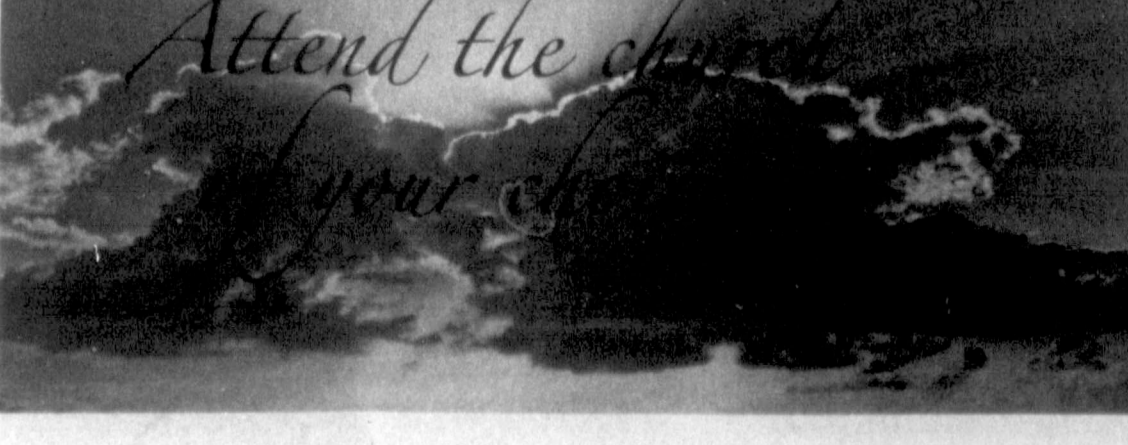
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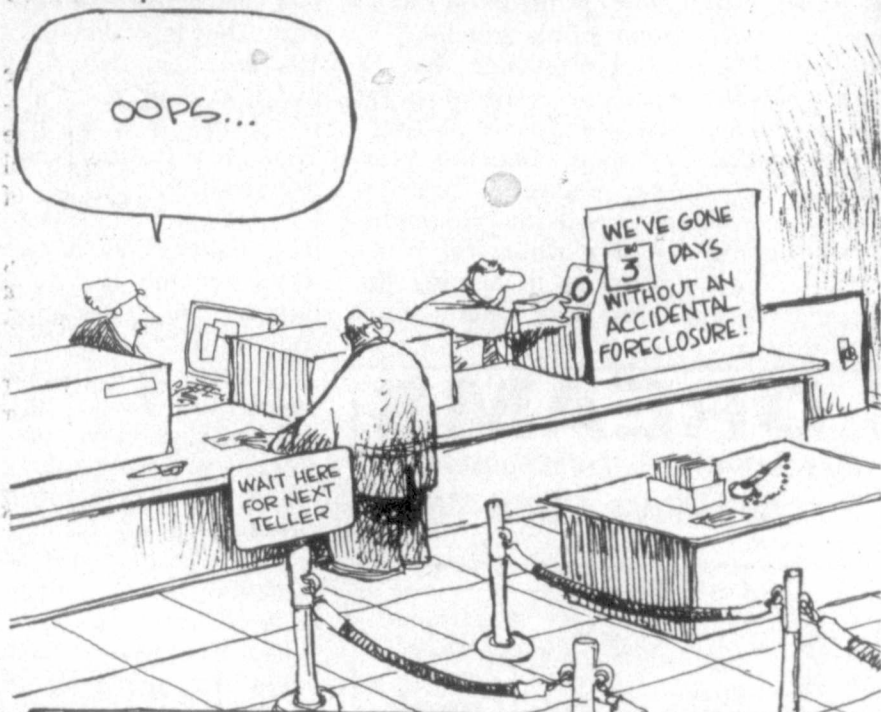
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 21, 2012:
This year you choose to walk away from negativity, as it could impact your personal or domestic life. You will succeed, but much of what is on your plate involves seeing things through to completion as opposed to launching new beginnings. If you are single, you might meet someone quite special in several months. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, spend more one-on-one time together. LEO can help you make and spend your money.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You choose to weigh matters carefully without expounding or discussing the issues with others. You see the negatives and wonder if it is worth your effort to continue on this path. You alone can decide, though you certainly could seek out feedback from a respected authority. Tonight: Unwind with some fun.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are open to conversations, but what happens when you hear something you don't want to? Do you close down? You might want to mix that response. Use your innate creativity, and you just might come out with positive results. Tonight: Make it early.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might be questioning whether the saying "Money is the root of all evil" could be true. Be careful if you are about to take a risk. Right now, though a scheme might seem good, you need to pull back if you feel any negativity surrounding it. Tonight: Head home. Return calls.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your charisma and high energy attract many people, despite an underlying issue that you choose not to address. Make an important call with the full expectation of seeing results. Reach out to the right person, and you might get a lot of feedback. Tonight: Be spontaneous.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Stand back, and let others reveal their true colors. You could feel negatively about one person you do not see in his or her true light. Question how much you project onto this person. Make it a point to say little and not trigger reactions from others. Isn't that the goal? Tonight: Re-think what you observed today.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A meeting or get-together helps you zero in on what you want. Let a moment of insecurity be just that — fleeting. You have a strong drive and a lot to offer. Unexpected happenings surrounding a key person make you smile. Tonight: Out with friends.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Pressure builds, and you feel as if you cannot see the light of day. Don't worry — you will. Be aware of your feelings as you start to wade through the day's trials. A boss or authority figure is very demanding. Must you meet this person's expectations? Tonight: Take a break. Visit with a friend.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Sometimes you see clearly, but other times a haze invades. Understand that you might need to detach more to understand a personal matter. Meanwhile, schedule a trip for the near future. It can be just to the beach or to the mountains. Tonight: Choose something different.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Get together with a key person who makes a difference in your life. You could be disappointed by a certain situation. Let go, and do not dwell on the negatives. Work with others to organize an important event or project. Tonight: Start thinking "weekend."
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Continue to defer to others, and allow them to do what they want. This attitude is not your normal approach, which at times can be quite controlling; however, it allows others to see what life might be like without you. Tonight: Chat and visit over dinner.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ When you are focused, no one can complete a job as you can. A partner or dear friend really wants your attention. Indulge this person as soon as you can. Verbalize more of what you need. Don't make someone guess, because that person might guess wrong. Tonight: Run errands first.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are already thinking about a loved one and how you might like to spend some time with him or her. Sort through calls and make a point of listening to suggestions and invitations. Weigh the pros and cons of a decision with the help of others. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

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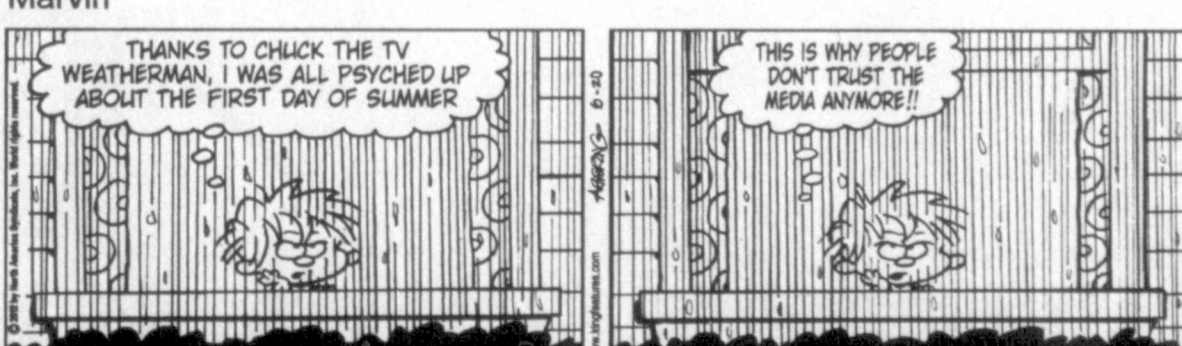
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Texas dad won't face charges in alleged attacker's death

SHINER (AP) — Hearing his 5-year-old daughter crying from behind a barn, a father ran and discovered the unthinkable: A man molesting her. The father pulled the man off his daughter, authorities say, and started pummeling him to death with his fists.

With his daughter finally safe, the father frantically called 911, begging a dispatcher to find his rural ranch and send an ambulance.

"Come on! This guy is going to die on me!" the man is heard screaming on the 911 call. "I don't know what to do!"

A recording of the tape was played during a news conference Tuesday where the Lavaca County district attorney and sheriff announced that the father would not face charges.

In declining to indict the 23-year-old father in the June 9 killing of Jesus Mora Flores, a Lavaca County grand jury reached the same conclusion as investigators and many of the father's neighbors: He was authorized to use deadly force to protect his daughter.

"It's sad a man had to die," said Michael James Veit, 48, who lives across the street from where the attack happened in this small community run on ranching and the Shiner beer brewery. "But I think anybody would have done that."

The family ranch is so remote that on the 911 tape, the father is heard profanely screaming at a dispatcher who couldn't locate the property. At one point, he tells the dispatcher he's going to put the man in his truck and drive him to a hospital.

"He's going to die!" the father screams, swearing at the dispatcher. "He's going to f— die!"

The tense, nearly five-minute call begins with the father saying he "beat up" a man found raping his daughter. The father grows increasingly frazzled, shouting into the phone so loudly at times that the call often becomes inaudible.

The Associated Press is not identifying the father in order to protect the daughter's identity. The AP generally does not identify victims of sexual assault.

"He's a peaceable soul," V'Anne Huser, the father's attorney, told reporters at the Lavaca County Courthouse. "He had no intention to kill anybody that day."

The attack happened on the family's ranch off a quiet,

two-lane county road between the farming towns of Shiner and Yoakum. A statement released by the district attorney said a witness who saw Flores "forcibly carrying" the girl into a secluded area scrambled to find the father. Running toward his daughter's screams, the father pulled Flores off his child and "inflicted several blows to the man's head and neck area," investigators said.

Emergency crews responding to the father's 911 call found Flores' pants and underwear pulled down on his lifeless body. The girl was examined at a hospital, and Lavaca County District Attorney Heather McMinn said forensic evidence and witness accounts corroborated the father's story that his daughter was being sexually molested.

Relay

way. Then, they walk the last half back with them. That's where they unite. ... It's always pretty emotional there because some of them are still fighting. Some of them are in wheelchairs. You just never know when

the emotion will overtake you when you see the people that participate and get out there and really make a move for Pampa. And it is a positive move, because we are really flooded with cancer."

Another emotional segment of the Relay, the luminary service, will start at 9:30 p.m. This year, the service will have some musical accompaniment from a special source, said Robinson.

"We have a new way we're going to do it this year," she said. "We have a young man from Amarillo coming over,

Corey Jones. He is going to do the violin. He just graduated from May in Amarillo, and he went to Hawaii and played at Pearl Harbor. His grandfather was Robert Schaub, who was one of our speakers last year before he passed away. Corey wants to do this in honor of his grandpa."

Robinson said that 18 teams have signed up for this year's Relay, a handful more than last year. She praised the participants and the community as a whole for being proactive in helping the Relay raise funds for the cancer fight.

"They are all so great," Robinson said. "They all work so hard and they give a lot. Each team is responsible for our silent auction items and our live auction items. A lot of the teams will bring a big live auction item for us. Carter Sand and Gravel is a very active team this year. They have donated a 10x10 cement slab. They call it a 'signature slab.' It's worth over \$1,000. That's really a great contribution."

"Victorian Rose, they have donated two items for the live auction. Each team just gives something. And then, of course, there are the businesses. They'll just call and say, 'Hey, come down, I've got something I want to put in there.' It won't even go through a team. It would just be something that they wanted to do."

The live auction will begin after the luminary ceremony at around 10 p.m. on Friday, Robinson said, while the silent auction will begin at 7 p.m. and end at about 11 p.m.

The Relay itself will wrap up with a ceremony at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning.

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PHS grad Gage helps develop campers tennis skills

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Pampa High School graduate Holly Gage didn't develop an immediate interest in tennis.

"I started in eighth grade," Gage said. "I wasn't into tennis as a kid."

The 2011 mixed doubles state qualifier returned to her former home court to help teach young kids interested in the sport during Pampa High School's camp that started Monday and ends Friday at the high school tennis courts.

"It's nice to teach these kids how to play," Gage said. "It brought me so much joy."

Incoming first through fifth graders participated in the morning session and sixth through ninth graders in the afternoon. Head coach Sarah Corse and her staff led the camp. John Armstrong of Andrews

was a guest coach.

Morning campers learned basic technique, proper form, strokes and how to play in match play. The afternoon campers learned more intermediate skills and match strategies. Gage said she enjoyed getting to work with the kids.

"They are getting so good," Gage said after the first morning session. "I'm surprised at how much they've improved in just two hours."

Gage said she likes learning about the form of tennis and the effect on the game.

"People have so many different styles," Gage said. "It really interests me, and I like teaching."



Gage



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Clark Allen, 7, hits a ball over the net during Pampa Harvester tennis camp on Monday as head coach Sarah Corse watches. Campers learned basic tennis skills from the PHS coaching staff.

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Social media to play big role in upcoming 2012 Olympics

LONDON (AP) — Tweet this: The London Games will be the first Olympics told in 140 characters or less.

The London Games will be the most tweeted, liked and tagged in history, with fans offered a never before seen insider's view of what many are calling the social media Olympics, or the "socialympics."

Hash tags, (@) signs and "like" symbols will be as prevalent as national flags, Olympic pins and medal ceremonies. Some athletes may spend more time on Twitter and Facebook than the playing field.

Mobile phones have become smarter, laptops lighter and tablet devices a must-have for technology lovers — meaning social-savvy fans, whether watching on television or inside the Olympic stadium itself, will be almost constantly online.

Organizers expect more tweets, Facebook posts, videos and photos to be shared from London than any other sports event in history. The 2010 Winter Games in Vancouver offered just a small glimpse of what's to come.

"Vancouver was just the first snowflake," said Alex Hout, the International Olympic Committee's head of social media. "This is going to be a big snowball."

Twitter is already braced for a surge of traffic. Launched in 2006, it has become a key outlet for sports fans to trade messages during live events.

Users sent 13,684 tweets per second during a Champions League soccer match between Barcelona and Chelsea in April, a record volume of tweets for a sporting event — busier even than the 2012 Super

Bowl. Chances are good that will be one of the records broken in London.

"It could be the 100-meter final or something unexpected," said Lewis Wiltshire, Twitter U.K.'s head of sport.

At the last Summer Olympics in Beijing in 2008, Twitter had about 6 million users and Facebook 100 million. Today, the figure is 140 million for Twitter and 900 million for Facebook.

"In Sydney (2000) there was hardly any fast Internet, in Athens (2004) there were hardly any smartphones, in Beijing hardly anyone had social networks," said Jackie-Brock Doyle, communications director of London organizing committee LOCOG. "That's all changed. Here, everyone has all that and will be consuming the games in a different way."

Later this month, at trials in Calgary for Canada's Olympic track and field team, athletes will even wear Twitter handles on their bibs — encouraging fans to send messages of support as they race.

Sponsors have also taken their Olympic campaigns online. Coca-Cola, Cadbury, Visa and BP are among those using Facebook to reach younger consumers. Samsung is even offering to paint the faces of Internet users with their national flag — virtually, of course.

"They key difference from four years ago is that now almost everyone has a smartphone, which means everyone can participate in real time," said Adam Vincenzini, an expert at Paratus Communications, a London-based PR and social media marketing agency.

Logan Martindale shut down Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency giving up one hit and one unearned run as Glo-Valve Service prevailed 13-2 Thursday in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken City Tournament. Braydon Fry mopped up allowing one hit and one unearned run. Martindale struck out two and did not walk a batter in three innings of work. Fry walked one with no strikeouts in pitching one inning. Zane McCoy and Miguel Leal pitched for DFB. Glo-Valve struck first in the top of the first inning. Jace Ware and Thomas Costley walked and moved up a base on a groundout. Chase Voss struck out but reached first when the ball got by the catcher. Fry walked to force in Ware, and Costley scored on a wild pitch giving Glo-Valve a 2-0 lead. In the top of the third inning Voss walked and stole two bases. He came home when the throw to third sailed into left field. Fry walked and stole second. Jakob Wilson singled him home, took second on the throw to the plate and came around to score when the attempt to get him at second went into center field. Walks to Kade Parker, Brenden Courtney, Chris Gowin, Tyler McCann and Ware and a ground out set up a two-run single by Martindale and gave Glo-Valve a 10-0 lead. DFB used a single by Derrian Gonzales and Glo-Valve errors to score a run in the bottom of the third. A single by Fry, a walk to Wilson, a single by Parker, an error and a fielder's choice netted Glo-Valve three runs in the top of the fourth. DFB scored the final run of the game in the bottom of the fourth on a two-out single by Kyler Brotherton, a passed ball and a Glo-Valve error. Parker, with two runs scored, a hit and two RBI paced Glo-Valve. Fry and Wilson had two runs, one hit and one RBI each for Glo-Valve. Wilson caught a fly ball in center field for one of Glo-Valve outstanding defensive plays. Martindale picked a runner off second for another defensive gem for Glo-Valve. Ware made it a hat trick by throwing a runner out trying to steal third. Voss snagged a pair of line drives at first base to end the game. Ethan Lemke caught a runner trying to steal second for DFB's outstanding defensive play. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

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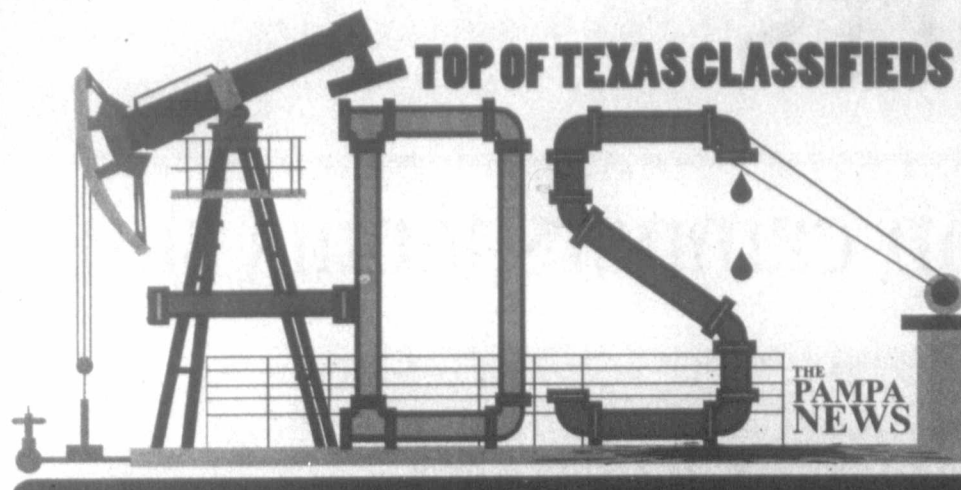
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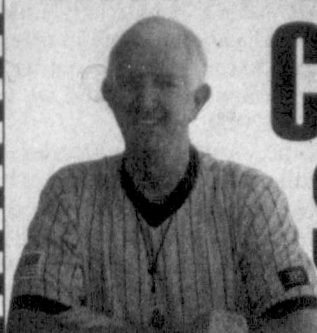
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I married "Linda" 22 years ago. Three years later, the marriage was over. After our divorce, I came out as gay. I met a wonderful man in 1996, and we were married in Iowa in 2009.

Over the years, I have wondered how Linda was getting along. I'd like to get back in touch with her. At one time we lived only a few miles from her. I drove by her home, but lost my nerve when I saw her father standing outside. Family members discouraged me from attempting to contact her after our split. I heard a few weeks ago that Linda has remarried, although I'm not sure how long ago.

Obviously, I have no desire to rekindle a romance. I'm happily married and assume she is, too. I would like to talk with her, but I don't know if it would be a mistake. I have considered contacting her via a third party. What do you think? — LINDA'S EX IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

DEAR EX: Before reaching out you need to ask yourself what you would gain by making contact, and equally important, what Linda would gain. If she blamed herself for the failure of the marriage, contact with you might be reassuring. If you realized your true sexual orientation only after the divorce, then telling her might relieve any guilt you have about it. But only you — not I — can make this decision.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to protest something that has made shopping increasingly frustrating. I'm referring to rude people who cut in ahead of customers who have been standing in line when the clerk calls out, "Next, please."

I place the responsibility solely on store

management to ensure that lines move smoothly and fairly. Stores that have such arrangements are more likely to get my business. Management must empower clerks to insist on fairness in this regard. I have seen too many weak salespeople accept whoever rushes forward first.

I'm sure that many other readers have experienced the same frustration I have. If you print this, I promise I will copy it and send it to the store management where I've had these experiences. Abby, this would be a great service to shoppers and would make shopping much more pleasant for everyone. — AVERAGE SHOPPER, OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR AVERAGE SHOPPER: Unfortunately, most cashiers are usually so preoccupied with ringing up or scanning and bagging the purchases that they can't concern themselves with the occasional line-jumper. Therefore, it's up to YOU to assert yourself by saying firmly, "Excuse me, but I was next in line" when someone steps in front of you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is undergoing a yearlong cancer treatment. Recently, his brother told him he had two friends who have died of the same cancer that he has. My husband, who is already depressed from the medication he's on, became even more depressed.

One day, we ran into another friend of ours, who shared in great detail her nephew's long and traumatic battle with cancer. When she left we felt shattered.

Abby, please remind people to be sensitive to those who are dealing with an illness and to refrain from sharing horror stories. We need hope and encouragement. — DISGUSTED IN PHOENIX

DEAR DISGUSTED: I'm glad to help you spread your commonsense message. All it takes is a moment to THINK before you speak.

Weekly Menus

Lunch In the Parks

MONDAY, June 18

Pizza, carrot sticks, peach cup, milk

TUESDAY, June 19

Pig n blanket, applesauce cup, juice, milk

WEDNESDAY, June 20

Mini twin cheeseburgers, broccoli florets, strawberry cup, milk

THURSDAY, June 21

Turkey sandwich, fresh fruit, juice, milk

FRIDAY, June 22

Hot dog, pickle spear, mandarin orange cup, milk

Lunch In The Parks — Wilson Only

MONDAY, June 18

Popcorn chicken or pizza, whipped potatoes, English peas, pineapple tidbits, biscuit

Breakfast- French toast sticks

TUESDAY, June 19

Spaghetti or pig n a blanket, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, garlic toast

Breakfast- Blueberry pancake n sausage on a stick

WEDNESDAY, June 20

Taco salad or mini twin cheeseburgers, pinto beans, corn, peaches, Spanish rice

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza

THURSDAY, June 21

Rib b que on a bun or turkey sandwich, sliced potatoes, broccoli florets, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Cinnamon tastry

FRIDAY, June 22

Chicken fajitas or hot dog, french fries, refried beans, mixed fruit, Spanish rice

Breakfast- Cereal, toast

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, June 18

Chicken fried steak or chicken/noodle/broccoli casserole, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, marble cake, coconut creme pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, June 19

Boneless chicken breast/dressing or goulash, sour creme potatoes, green beans, fried squash, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, pineapple cake, cherry chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, June 20

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, carrots, fried okra, butter beans slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, black forest cake, peach cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, June 21

Chicken strips or taco salad, tator tots, hominy, mac & tomatoes, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, lemon bundt cake, blueberry cheesecake, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, June 22

Cod fish filet/hushpuppies or beef stew, potato wedges, boiled cabbage, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, tapioca, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, June 18

Chicken chow mein, egg rolls, rice, pears

TUESDAY, June 19

Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, salad, pineapple

WEDNESDAY, June 20

Eggs/sausage, biscuits/hash browns, peaches

THURSDAY, June 21

Sloppy joes, tater tots, cole slaw, mixed fruit

FRIDAY, June 22

Salmon patties, macaroni cheese, pickled beets, apricots

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- Have you been told... "We are not accepting new patients"?
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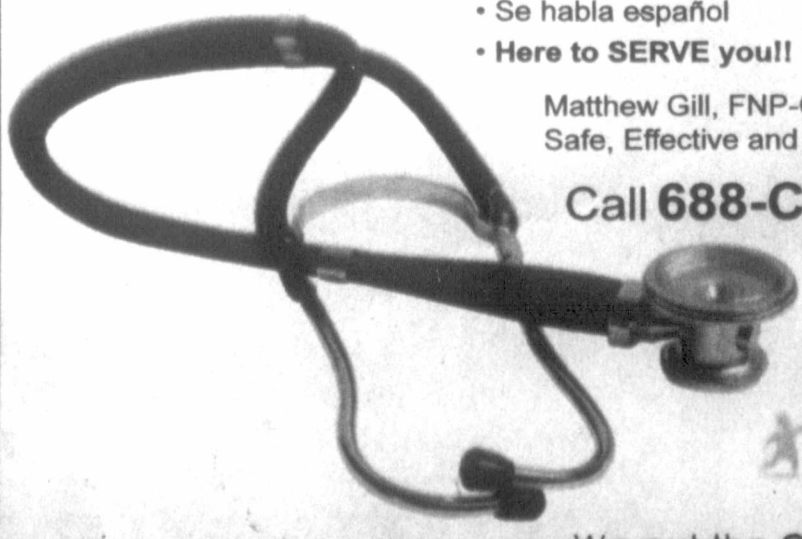
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