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Two Pampa men dead in Hemphill County accident

■ *Two-car wreck also sent three to area hospitals; two more Pampans stable*

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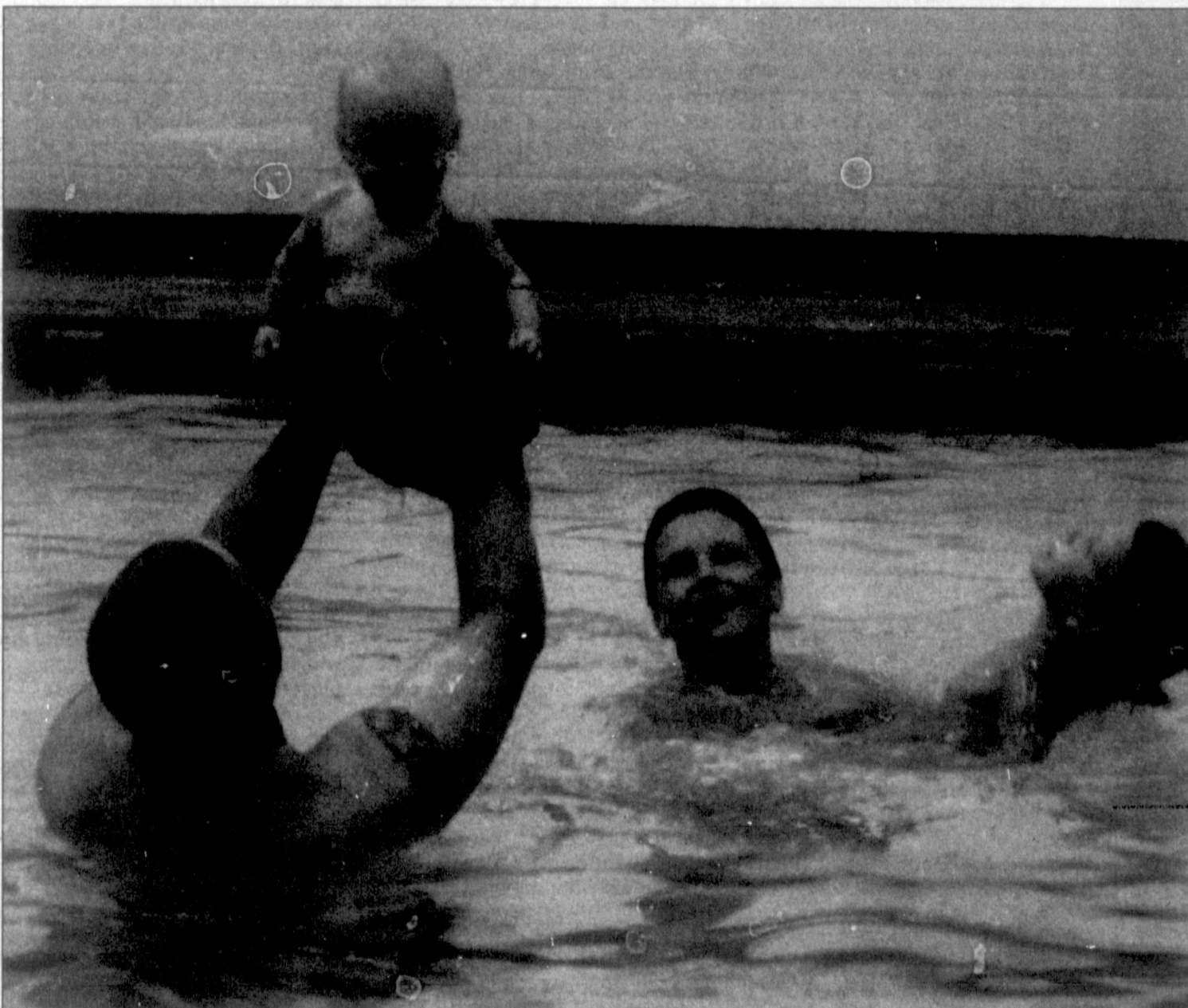
A Hemphill County accident involving two vehicles killed two Pampa men and left three men injured on Wednesday morning.

According to the a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety, a 1999 Chevy Silverado was traveling east on Highway 60 at around 7 a.m. on Highway 60, west of County Road 7. A 1998 Chevy Tahoe was traveling west at the same time.

The Silverado crossed over the double yellow line, striking the Tahoe in the front left corner. The Tahoe then continued down the road, eventually coming to rest in the north bar ditch, facing east.
 The driver of the Tahoe, Jesus Quesada, 20, of Pampa, and one of his passengers, Francisco Cruz, 35, of Pampa, were pronounced dead on the scene.
 The driver of the Silverado, Johnny Romero, 27, of Amarillo, was transport-

ed by Lifestar to Northwest Hospital in Amarillo, where he was reported in serious condition.
 Two passengers in the Tahoe, Sigifredo Alderete-Avitia, 27, of Pampa, and Norman Jeeter, 26, of Pampa, were transported to area hospitals. Both were reported to be in stable condition.
 All involved in the accident wore a safety belt except for Cruz, according to the DPS.

BEATING THE HEAT



Looking to beat the summer heat, the Rash family headed to the pool at the Pampa Youth and Community Center to cool off on Wednesday. Six-month-old Joseph smiles as dad Jeff hoists him out of the water and mom Melissa and older brother Colton, 7, splash around and watch.

staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**

Authorities urge safety this July 4

■ *Dry weather still presents local fireworks hazard*

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Gray County and the Pampa Fire Department recommend exercising caution and remembering fire safety when enjoying the outdoors this coming Fourth of July, particularly in light of recent wildfires in New Mexico, Colorado and Utah.

Currently, the county does not have a burn ban in place, but the City of Pampa does not allow fireworks within the city limits.

"We encourage everyone to use common sense and caution if they are shooting off fireworks, grilling or building a campfire," said Sandi Martin, Gray County's emergency management coordinator.

"People think we've had rain, so it's OK, but it's still really dry," said Fire Marshal Michael Ryan. "Any spark could start a big fire."

The county and fire department both recommend following instructions on fireworks and using them with adult supervision.

"Use fireplace lighters or firework matches, and kids should let an adult use them," said Ryan.

People interested in using fireworks should be careful in choosing a location that is away from dry grass or weeds, and also keep the Panhandle wind in mind.

"The most important thing is picking a good area with concrete or dirt and to remember the way our wind blows, you might set a firework, and have it end up 50 feet away," said Ryan.

Martin also recommends creating a firebreak around a campfire and keeping water nearby, in case of the fire spreading to an unwanted area.

"Be safe and be careful," said Ryan. "We don't want anything like in New Mexico and Colorado."

FSA announces new CRP-eligible practices

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With birds, bees and other pollinator species in decline, the USDA Farm Service Agency has announced that area farmers can now count the use of pollinator habitats towards the Continuous Signup Conservation Reserve Program.

"Pollinators provide a very important ecological service," said Matthew Street, executive director of the Gray County USDA FSA. "Approximately three quarters of all flowering plants rely upon external assistance to pollinate their flowers."

Studies show that, although 80 percent of crops in the world require pollination, pollinator animals are in significant decline across the United States, prompting action from the FSA.

Pollinator habitats eligible for the CRP are defined as "areas of permanent vegetation located in an agricultural landscape": Field edges or middles, odd corners, or any agricultural location suitable for establishing a habitat for a pollinator species.

Farmers who take advantage of newly enrolled pollinator habitat practices are eligible for a \$150 CRP Sign-Up Incentive Payment per acre. The SIP is

a onetime payment issued to CRP participants after their contract is approve.

Street reminded Gray County producers that wetland restoration practices and habitat buffers for upland birds also qualify agricultural land towards the \$150 SIP. All other continuous signup practices pay \$100 an acre.

Continuous CRP signup allows producers to submit offers for selected practices to enroll land in CRP at any time instead of waiting for a general CRP signup period. Offered lands must meet eligibility requirements to be accepted.

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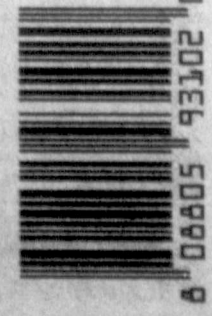
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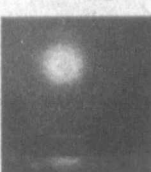


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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 102 Low 70	High 100 Low 70	High 99 Low 69

Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 102. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 99. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Saudi man in bomb plot found guilty

AMARILLO (AP) — In the months before his arrest, authorities said, Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari collected bomb-making supplies and instructional videos and made a list of targets, from nuclear power plants to the home of a former president. His goal, they said, was to carry out jihad.

Despite his attorney's protestations that he was a harmless "failure," Aldawsari was convicted Wednesday of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. He faces up to life in prison and is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 9.

Aldawsari, a 22-year-old former Texas Tech University student, closed his eyes as the verdict was read. It took the jury fewer than two hours to convict him.

Aldawsari was arrested in February 2011 after federal agents secretly searched his West Texas apartment and found bomb-making chemicals, wiring, a hazmat suit and clocks. He also researched possible targets: nuclear power plants, the homes of three former soldiers that were stationed at Abu Ghraib prison and the Dallas home of former President George W. Bush.

Videos found in his apartment showed how to prepare TNP, a chemical explosive. FBI bomb experts have said the amounts in this case would have yielded almost 15 pounds of explosive — about the same amount used per bomb in the 2005 London subway attacks. He also tried to order phenol, a chemical that can be used to make explosives.

Aldawsari's attorneys acknowledged that he had intent, but argued he never came close to attacking anyone.

Defense attorney Dan Cogdell said during opening arguments last week Aldawsari never took the "substantial step" needed to convict him.

"He's a failure academically," Cogdell said. "He's a failure at relationships."

Cogdell offered no evidence or testimony on Aldawsari's behalf. Meanwhile, prosecutors presented three days of witnesses.

On Feb. 1, 2011, Carolina Biological Supply of Burlington, N.C., a chemical company, reported a

suspicious \$435 order of phenol to the FBI. Separately, shipping company Con-way Freight notified Lubbock police and the FBI the same day with similar suspicions because it appeared the order wasn't intended for commercial use.

Prosecutors played recordings of a frustrated Aldawsari complaining to the supply company when his order was held up. He had allegedly told the company he wanted the phenol for research to develop a cleaning solution.

"They keep asking me why I'm using this product," Aldawsari was heard on one tape.

Authorities said Aldawsari purchased bottles of sulfuric and nitric acids — chemicals that can be combined with phenol to create TNP — and kept the recipe for the explosive in several emails and journal entries.

"It just didn't happen overnight, on impulse," federal prosecutor Jeffrey Haag said during closing arguments Wednesday morning. "This is something Mr. Aldawsari has been planning for a very, very, very long time."

Cogdell accused prosecutors of playing "Fear Factor" with the emotions of jurors. He said authorities had substituted facts with prejudice.

"Let's scare them," he said in court Wednesday. "Let's tell them about what could have happened."

Aldawsari came legally to the United States from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to study chemical engineering at Texas Tech. He transferred in early 2011 to nearby South Plains College, where he was studying business. A Saudi industrial company was paying his tuition and living expenses in the United States.

His intentions all along, according to prosecutors, were to plot an attack.

"His focus was on jihad and he was marching down that road," said Denise Williams, another prosecutor. "He's been marching since he was 11 years old."

Cogdell, meanwhile, called Aldawsari "the antithesis of what you'd expect him to be."

"He's as grateful and decent and appropriate from an attorney's standpoint," he said after the verdict.

Group fears weakening of school accountability

AUSTIN (AP) — A coalition of Texas business leaders announced Wednesday that it would oppose future hikes in education funding if Texas officials weaken standardized testing standards, a step the group contends would hurt the state's efforts to hold public schools more accountable.

The Texas Coalition for a Competitive Workforce blamed teachers and school administrators for "demonizing" standardized testing and panicking parents about exams such as STAAR, which was administered statewide for the first time this year.

"They've gone about scaring Mom. They've told Mom that Johnny is not going to UT because of the end of course exam," Bill Hammond, president of the influential Texas Association of Business, said during a news conference at the state Capitol. He was referring to the University of Texas.

Hammond said superintendents are so worried that their schools will be shown to have poorly prepared students for exams that "they have built a firestorm across the state."

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, is replacing the frequently criticized TAKS test as the statewide measure for how well students and schools perform. STAAR was originally designed to count 15 percent toward ninth graders' final grades in key subjects to ensure they took

the test seriously — but that requirement was suspended for a year amid a backlash from students and parents who worried it could hurt grade-point averages and make Texas kids less attractive to college admissions boards.

But the complaints from education groups and parents about STAAR have continued, fueling speculation that lawmakers could further alter the test when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

The Texas Education Agency, which administers STAAR, points out that there are often hiccups and logistical hurdles whenever a new statewide standardized test is introduced and that the initial problems are easily corrected.

Bernie Frances, chairman of the Texas Business Leadership Council Education Task Force, said standardized tests might eventually be so watered-down that they won't ensure students statewide are adequately prepared. He said only about 30 percent of Texas youngsters are currently "getting the credentials most people will need to succeed in our new economy."

There is "a serious and unprecedented, and totally unacceptable challenge that has been made to our progress in improving education," Frances said, and characterized school leaders as "local bureaucrats demanding that the system be dismantled."

The coalition said it would oppose future funding increases for

public schools if the current accountability system is weakened — and said pro-education groups that have opposed past state-cuts to school funding while also opposing more standardized tests, "want more money for less accountability."

Last year, the Legislature rewrote the school funding formula to cut \$4 billion, despite average public school enrollment increasing by 80,000 students per year statewide. Another \$1.4 billion in cuts were made to grant programs. All told, Texas' per-student funding fell more than \$500.

Clay Robison, a spokesman for the Texas State Teachers Association, said business groups have been strong supporters of Gov. Rick Perry and conservative lawmakers who have advocated cuts to public schools. He said last year's funding decreases meant about 25,000 school employees had been laid off.

"They think there's something magical about the STAAR testing system, as if it means we can slash and burn the education funding and somehow expect our students to perform better," Robison said.

He said teachers are not anti-accountability but do want more input in designing the standardized test used to measure student performance.

"Let the teachers, the real experts, design a system that truly works," he said. "Not entrepreneurs."

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, June 27 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 23 traffic-related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported six animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department reported three medical calls.

Tuesday, June 26

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of North Sumner.

A burglary occurred at

the 100 block of East 27th. An accident occurred at the 500 block of North Hobart.

A theft occurred at the 500 block of Magnolia. A gas drive off occurred at the 1900 block of North Hobart.

An accident occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 800 block of East Francis.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 400 block of North Gray.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 400

block of East Browning.

Wednesday, June 27

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 700 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2100 block of North Nelson.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, June 27

Tuesday, June 26

Erica Yvette Henderson, 36, was arrested by DPS officers for possession of a controlled substance.

Lauren Elizabeth Haynes, 28, was arrested by police

for an expired motor vehicle inspection.

Jimmie Charles Johnson, 59, was arrested by deputies on a blue warrant.

Michael Dewayne Cox, 48, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants.

Alvin Dain Reeves, 22, was arrested by deputies on insufficient bond for possession of a controlled substance and on charges of abandonment or endangerment of a child.

Ashley Dawn Ragan, 34, was arrested by police for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 32, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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State may increase wholesale power rates

Corpus Christi to improve beach

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Leaders of a South Texas city have agreed to spend \$425,000 more to improve beaches and add an entryway arch.

The Corpus Christi City Council on Tuesday approved the emergency funding as part of the \$1.8 million beach upgrade. The plans also include a sidewalk extension and a public bathhouse.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports most of the voter-approved improvements have been delayed because of higher costs.

City engineer Dan Biles says contractors did not anticipate the additional utility work needed for the \$625,000 archway. The original cost was estimated at \$200,000. The entryway, which is envisioned at 24 feet high and 90 feet long, should be completed by November.

The additional cost will be paid from capital improvement funds set aside for 2008 bond items.

Man killed by police made threat

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police say a man fatally shot by an officer outside a North Texas hotel allegedly had taken a guest's laptop computer.

The Fort Worth officer who shot and killed 34-year-old Derek Ternes of Bismarck, N.D., was on paid administrative leave Wednesday.

Police early Tuesday responded to a hotel manager's call about a parking lot fight and a guest shot. Police confronted Ternes, who refused to put down his weapon and opened fire.

Sgt. Pedro Criado (kree-AH'-doh) says an officer returned fire and killed Ternes. No officers were hurt.

Criado says the license plate on the gunman's vehicle linked Ternes to a previous threat to get into a shootout with police.

The wounded guest was in critical condition when transported to a hospital.

Fraud suspect back in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — A man sought since 2009 in a \$45 million health care scam investigation has been arrested in Nigeria and returned to Texas.

Federal prosecutors say 45-year-old Godwin Chiedo Nzeocha arrived in Houston on Wednesday. The defendant is a native of Nigeria who's a naturalized U.S. citizen.

The fraud investigation involves City Nursing Services of Texas Inc.

Nzeocha in October 2009 was charged with 39 counts of health care fraud, conspiracy to commit health care fraud, three counts of mail fraud and three counts of money laundering.

The defendant allegedly signed documents as a physical therapy provider when he wasn't qualified. Allegations were also raised about cash payments to recruiters who provided Medicare patients to City Nursing.

Five people have been convicted in the health care fraud investigation.

Dog-eating man arrested

WACO, Texas (AP) — Bond has been revoked for a Texas man who police say killed and started eating his housemate's dog after chasing a neighbor on his hands and knees while growling.

Waco police say Michael Terron Daniel remained jailed Wednesday after a judge revoked his bail in a previous assault case. The 22-year-old is charged with felony cruelty to a non-livestock animal.

Police say a caller reported a man was going crazy, and when officers arrived, they found Daniel on the porch covered in blood and holding the dead dog.

Police say Daniel told people at the home he had taken K-2, a form of synthetic marijuana, then assaulted them and started biting the dog's flesh.

McLennan County Jail records don't list an attorney for Daniel, who was arrested Monday.

Nine-year smog high in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Smog reached unhealthy levels in the Houston area as state monitors recorded the highest ozone levels in almost nine years.

The Houston Chronicle reports air pollution monitors in nearby Brazoria County measured ozone levels Wednesday of 136 parts per billion, the highest reading seen in the eight-county Houston region since August 2003. Ozone is the key component of smog and can lead to effects ranging from eye and throat irritation to asthma attacks.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality reported Wednesday's severe smog resulted from record heat and stagnant air.

New grant for Fort Bliss school

GRAPEVINE (AP) — An elementary school on Fort Bliss in Texas and two other schools also needing repairs on military installations will share \$60 million in federal grants announced Wednesday by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, who said providing a strong education for soldiers' children is a national priority.

The Pentagon will award more grants this summer for schools — all on military installations — that need repairs or expansions, he told a group of hundreds at the Military Child Education Coalition's national training seminar in Grapevine.

The U.S. has 1.5 million school-age children in military families. They will have moved an average of six to nine times before graduating from high school.

Twins found in pool die

ARLINGTON (AP) — Police say 4-year-old twins have died after being found unresponsive in the swimming pool of a North Texas house.

The Tarrant County medical examiner's office identified the Grand Prairie children as Mark and Luke Nguyen.

Arlington police say the boys died Tuesday night in an apparent accidental drowning at a backyard pool in southwest Arlington.

Police spokeswoman Tiara Ellis Richard said Wednesday that the children's father discovered the youngsters in the pool. The boys were transported to an Arlington hospital, where they were pronounced dead.

Police say the twins and their family were visiting relatives at the home.

AUSTIN (AP) — With temperatures now soaring into the 100s, the Texas Public Utility Commission is set to vote Thursday on raising the price cap on wholesale electricity rates by 50 percent later this summer, a move advocates hope would spur construction of new power plants to help the state avoid rolling blackouts and meet future energy demands.

The state's large industrial users warn such a move could raise wholesale market costs by billions of dollars, and consumer groups worry that will eventually trickle down to monthly household electric bills for most Texans.

And Thursday's vote could be just the start. Commissioners are considering, but aren't expected to vote on, tripling the wholesale price starting in summer of 2013.

The idea behind the price boost is that the lure of new profits would encourage investors to build more power plants. But critics warn that electric providers could just pocket the money and not build any new plants in an effort to make more money by keeping supply low during high-demand summer and winter months.

"There's no guarantee" of new construction, said Tim Morstad, associate state director for AARP-Texas. "They're breaking out the blank check for power companies. Slow down."

But the three-member utility commission appears headed toward approving a wholesale price increase. The sticking point seems to be on when the hike would take effect.

Commissioners, appointed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry, will vote on a plan to raise the wholesale cap from the current \$3,000 per megawatt-hour to \$4,500 starting Aug. 1. The cap increase would affect wholesale rates within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas electric grid, which covers most of the state except for El Paso, parts of the Panhandle and points in northeast and southeast Texas.

ERCOT warns that without additional generating capacity, the state would soon not be able to keep up with demand. Luminant Energy Co., a private utility, supports the increase, saying it would send "a strong signal" to investors that future prices will support building new generating facilities.

Utility Commission Chairwoman Donna Nelson favors the Aug. 1 price increase to encourage investment in new power plants as soon as possible.

Commissioner Ken Anderson also appears

to favor raising the price cap, but not this year. He argues that no one is going to build a new plant by Aug. 1. If higher prices hit this summer, power companies will be "carting money away not in wheel barrows, but in Mack trucks," Anderson said at the commission's April 12 meeting.

"I don't know what signals it sends this summer, other than panic," Anderson said.

Although electric providers typically sign long-term contracts for energy at a set price, they often fill in gaps on high-usage days by purchasing electricity on the "spot market," where prices are set several times an hour. That market can be compared to buying and selling on the stock market, where prices can be determined by sharp increases in demand and shortages.

Texas Industrial Energy Consumers, which includes refineries and chemical manufacturers, warned that a sudden rate increase could create instability in electric pricing and drive smaller electric retail providers out of business.

"These are staggering numbers," the industrial group wrote in comments on the proposed Aug. 1 wholesale price increase.

What no one seems to have a handle on is how a wholesale price increase could eventually result in higher household electric bills.

Public Utility Commission spokesman Terry Hadley said the agency hasn't done a study of the potential impact on the average Texan. Hadley said much of Texas' retail electric market is based

on contracts where retail providers offer household customers long-term contracts at set rates. How those companies adjust to a wholesale price increase will depend on their business plan.

"It does bring more risk to the retail provider," Hadley said.

As for the hope that an increase in profits would spur investment in new power plants, Hadley said the PUC couldn't make any promises.

"In the competitive market, generators handle the risk (of building) themselves," Hadley said.

National utility consultant Robert McCollough of Portland, Ore., said Texas would be running "a bizarre experiment" if it believes a rate hike would spur new investment in power plants.

"A bank wants a steady

revenue stream. What you have in Texas is an unsteady revenue stream. Everybody makes all their money on bad days," he said. "Unless you're the king of Saudi Arabia financing this out of the household budget, (building power plants) is not going to happen."

Three state lawmakers also have expressed concern. Democratic Sens. Rodney Ellis of Houston and Wendy Davis of Fort Worth, and Rep. Sylvester Turner of Houston questioned whether the higher wholesale price would give Texans anything for their money in the future.

"It would indeed be troubling to see Texas families pay higher rates and still face the threat of rolling blackouts," without new power plants, Ellis wrote to the commission.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 28, the 180th day of 2012. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 28, 1712, philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau, one of the most influential thinkers of the 18th century Enlightenment, was born in Geneva.

On this date:

In 1778, the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; it was from this battle that the legend of "Molly Pitcher" arose.

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Va.

In 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, Sophie, were assassinated in Sarajevo by Serb nationalist Gavrilo Princip — the event which sparked World War I.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending the First World War. In Independence, Mo., future president Harry S. Truman married Elizabeth Virginia Wallace.

In 1922, the Irish Civil War began between rival nationalists over the Anglo-Irish Treaty establishing the Irish Free State. (The conflict lasted nearly a year, resulting in defeat for anti-treaty forces.)

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service with a flight that departed New York for Marseilles, France.

In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul (sohl), the capital of South Korea.

In 1962, a jury in New York awarded \$3.5 million to former radio-TV personality John Henry Faulk in his libel suit against the group AWARE Inc. and two individuals who'd accused him of Communist sympathies and gotten him blacklisted. (The judgment was reduced to \$550,000 by an appeals court.)

In 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California-Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke, a white man who argued he'd been a victim of reverse racial discrimination.

In 1981, a bomb exploded at the Tehran headquarters of Iran's ruling Islamic Republic Party, killing 74 people, including Iran's chief judge, Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti.

In 2000, seven months after he was cast adrift in the Florida Straits, Elian Gonzalez was returned to his native Cuba.

Ten years ago: WorldCom Inc. began laying off 17,000 employees worldwide after disclosing accounting irregularities that later forced it into bankruptcy protection. Xerox Corp. said it had overstated revenue by \$6.4 billion over the previous five years; the copier company said it had overhauled its books but still had \$1.9 billion to report as revenue in the future.

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 to strike down school integration plans in Louisville, Ky., and Seattle, a decision that was denounced hours later by Democratic presidential candidates in their third primary debate. President George W. Bush's immigration plan to legalize as many as 12 million unlawful immigrants while fortifying the border collapsed in the Senate. The American bald eagle was removed from the endangered species list.

One year ago: Taliban fighters raided an international hotel in Kabul and killed 10 people on the eve of a conference to discuss plans for Afghan forces to take over security when international troops left by the end of 2014. French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde was chosen to lead the International Monetary Organization. Former All-Star goalie Ed Belfour was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, joining Doug Gilmour, Mark Howe and Joe Nieuwendyk as inductees.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 86. Senate Armed Services Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 78. Comedian-impressionist John Byner is 75. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is 74. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 67. Actor Bruce Davison is 66. Actress Kathy Bates is 64. Actress Alice Krige is 58. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 52. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 50. Actress Jessica Hecht is 47. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 47. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 46. Actor John Cusack is 46. Actor Gil Bellows is 45. Actress-singer Danielle Brisebois is 43. Jazz musician Jimmy Sommers is 43. Actress Tichina Arnold is 43. Actor Alessandro Nivola is 40. Actress Camille Guaty is 36. Rock musician Tim Nordwind (OK Go) is 36. Rock musician Mark Stoermer (The Killers) is 35. Country singer Big Vinny Hickerson (Trailer Choir) is 29. Country singer Kellie Pickler is 26.

Thought for Today: "Man is born free; and everywhere he is in chains. One thinks himself the master of others, and still remains a greater slave than they." — Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778).



Health law countdown: Who wins, loses, pays?

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WASHINGTON (AP) — It seems as if the entire nation is holding its breath for the Supreme Court's health care ruling — the presidential candidates, governors of virtually every state, insurers with billions at stake, companies large and small and countless millions of Americans concerned about their own medical care and how they'll pay for it. Still, Thursday's expected ruling almost certainly will not be the last word on the nation's tangled efforts to address health care woes. The problems of high medical costs, widespread waste and tens of millions of people without insurance will require Congress and the president to keep looking for answers, whether or not President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act passes the test of constitutionality.

A look at potential outcomes:

Q: What if the Supreme Court, despite justices' blunt questions during public arguments, upholds the law and finds Congress was within its authority to require most people to have health insurance or pay a penalty?

A: That would settle the legal argument but not the political battle. The clear winners if the law is upheld and allowed to take full effect would be uninsured people in the United States, estimated at more than 50 million.

Starting in 2014, most could get coverage through a mix of private insurance and Medicaid, a safety-net program. Republican-led states that have resisted creating health insurance markets under the law would have to scramble to comply, but the U.S. would get closer to other economically advanced countries that guarantee medical care for their citizens.

Republicans would keep trying to block the law. They hope to elect Mitt Romney as president, backed by a GOP House and Senate, and repeal the law, although their chances of outright repeal would seem to be diminished by the court's endorsement.

Obama would feel the glow of vindication for his hard-fought health overhaul, but it might not last long even if he's re-elected.

The nation still faces huge problems with health care costs, requiring major changes to Medicare that neither party has explained squarely to voters. Some backers of Obama's law acknowledge it was only a first installment: Get most people covered, then deal with the harder problem of costs.

Q: On the other hand, what if the court strikes down the entire law?

A: Many people would applaud, polls suggest.

Taking down the law would kill a costly new federal entitlement before it has a chance to take root and develop a clamoring constituency. But that still would leave the problems of high costs, waste and millions of uninsured people.

Some Republicans in Congress

already are talking about passing anew the more popular pieces of the law if it's thrown out. But the major GOP alternatives to Obama's law would not cover nearly as many uninsured, and it's unclear how much of a dent they would make in costs. Some liberals say Medicare-for-all, or government-run health insurance, will emerge as the only viable answer if Obama's public-private approach fails.

People who already have health insurance could lose some ground as well. Employers and insurance companies would have no obligation to keep providing popular new benefits such as preventive care with no copayments and coverage for young adults until age 26 on a parent's plan. Medicare recipients with high prescription drug costs could lose discounts averaging about \$600.

Q: What happens if the court strikes down the requirement that everyone must have insurance, but leaves the rest of the Affordable Care Act in place?

A: People would have no obligation to carry insurance, but insurers would remain bound by the law to accept applicants regardless of medical condition and limit what they charge their oldest and sickest customers.

Studies suggest premiums in the individual health insurance market would jump by 10 percent to 30 percent.

Experts debate whether or not that would trigger the collapse of the market for individuals and small businesses, or just make coverage even harder to afford than it is now. In any event, there would be risks to the health care system. Fewer people would sign up for coverage.

The insurance mandate was primarily a means to an end, a way to create a big pool of customers and allow premiums to remain affordable. Other forms of arm-twisting could be found, including limited enrollment periods and penalties for late sign-up, but such approaches probably would require congressional cooperation.

Unless there's a political deal to fix it, the complicated legislation would get more difficult to carry out. Congressional Republicans say they will keep pushing for repeal.

Without the mandate, millions of uninsured low-income people still would get coverage through the law's Medicaid expansion. The problem would be the 10 million to 15 million middle class people expected to gain private insurance under the law. They would be eligible for federal subsidies, but premiums would get more expensive.

Taxes, Medicare cuts and penalties on employers not offering coverage would stay in place.

Q: What if the court strikes down the mandate and also invalidates the parts of the law that require insurance companies to cover people regardless of medical problems and that limit what people can be charged?

A: Many fewer people would get covered, but the health insurance industry would avoid a dire financial hit.

Insurers could continue screening out people with a history of medical problems — diabetes patients or cancer survivors, for example.

That would prevent a sudden jump in premiums. But it would leave consumers with no assurance that they could get health insurance when they need it, which is a major problem the law was intended to fix.

Obama administration lawyers say the insurance requirement goes hand in hand with the coverage guarantee and cap on premiums, and they have asked the court to get rid of both if it finds the mandate to be unconstitutional.

One scenario sends shivers through the health care industry: The Supreme Court strikes down the mandate only, and delegates other courts to determine what else stays or goes.

Q: What happens if the court throws out only the expansion of the Medicaid program?

A: That would limit the law's impact severely because roughly half of the more than 30 million people expected to gain insurance under the law would get it through the expansion of Medicaid, the federal-state health insurance program for low-income people.

But a potentially sizable number of those low-income people still might be eligible for government-subsidized private insurance under other provisions. Private coverage is more expensive to subsidize than Medicaid.

States suing to overturn the federal law argue that the Medicaid expansion comes with so many strings attached it amounts to an unconstitutional power grab by Washington. The administration says the federal government will pay virtually all the cost and says the expansion is no different from ones that states have accepted in the past.

Q: What happens if the court simply punts, deciding it's too early for a constitutional challenge?

A: The wild card, and least conclusive outcome in the case, probably also is the least likely, based on what justices said during oral arguments.

No justice seemed inclined to take this path, which involves the court's consideration of a technical issue.

The federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., held that the challenge to the insurance requirement has to wait until people start paying the penalty for not purchasing insurance. The appeals court said it was bound by the federal Anti-Injunction Act, which says federal courts may not hear challenges to taxes, or anything that looks like a tax, until after the taxes are paid.

So if the justices have trouble coming together on any of the other options they could simply put the whole thing off.

The administration says it doesn't want this result. Yet such a decision would allow it to continue putting the law in place, postponing any challenge until more of the benefits are being received. On the other hand, it might give Republicans more ammunition to press for repeal in the meantime.

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Cancer research might get smaller slice of \$3 billion pot

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas bet \$3 billion on curing cancer, but may soon spend less researching how to do it.

Launched three years ago with the blessing of voters, and lately embattled by a funding controversy that led to a Nobel laureate resigning in protest, the Cancer and Prevention Research Institute of Texas is likely to start putting more taxpayer dollars into private startups and less into university labs searching for the next big breakthrough.

Agency leaders say earmarking more money for commercialization wouldn't betray the original mission sold to Texas voters in 2007, when cancer survivor Lance Armstrong backed the constitutional amendment creating CPRIT in rallies that almost exclusively delivered messages of funding prevention and research.

"It does say innovation and commercialization, creating high-quality jobs," Bill Gimson, the agency's executive director, said of the original legislation. "This is completely within what was intended for CPRIT, because again, to get products to patients it has to be commercialized."

The agency has so far awarded \$647 million to 385 projects. The vast majority — 75 percent of all grants — are funding different stages of research. Fifteen percent has gone toward commercialization, and 10 percent toward prevention efforts such as breast cancer screenings.

Still undecided is how much more money would be allocated for commercialization. Gimson said the agency will take up the issue in October, and that the new way of divvying up funds would be implemented next year.

Momentum toward shifting more public funds to private companies has raised questions about how big a role commercialization should play in CPRIT's

future. "Is the end result of commercialization creating jobs and income?" said Dr. Gail Tomlinson, the director of Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute in San Antonio. "How much of the success will be tied to the more pure goals of CPRIT?"

Talk of reshuffling funding priorities comes at a time when the agency — the first of its kind in the nation, and boasting a pot of funding dollars that is second only to the federal National Institutes of Health — is at a crossroads and under public scrutiny for the first time.

In May, the agency's chief scientific officer announced his resignation over a \$20 million grant to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, the largest single award ever given by the state. Dr. Alfred Gilman, a Nobel prize winner for medicine, blasted a 6½-page proposal for the funding as measly and not sufficiently reviewed in internal emails that accused the agency of letting "political considerations" influence decisions.

Gilman will step down in October, and CPRIT is now re-reviewing the \$20 million grant with greater scientific scrutiny.

Gilman did not attend a meeting Tuesday of 30 agency officials, researchers and stakeholders, including Armstrong's Livestrong advocacy group and companies already awarded CPRIT funding. Many participants were in favor of more commercialization funding, but there was also a tension during discussions of what the agency needs to do to explain its success to lawmakers and taxpayers.

CPRIT is only funded through 2019. Cancer research is a lengthy process than can take more than a decade to lead to new discoveries — sometimes beyond the attention span of lawmakers or the public. Investing in companies, on the other hand, provides more tan-



Gilman

gible results such as royalties and job creations, as does prevention efforts such as cancer screenings and no-smoking campaigns.

Gimson said allocating more money for commercialization wouldn't be about showing Texas they're getting more bang for the buck, and said Gilman also favors more commercialization awards. One question that has shadowed the agency is whether CPRIT dol-

ling out research dollars is merely duplicating federal efforts.

The state also has a separate pot of commercialization dollars for startups in the Texas Emerging Technology Fund, which has invested in some CPRIT commercialization recipients. Lucy Nashed, a spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry, said Wednesday the ETF is continuing to award commercial projects that focus on cancer.

Matt Winkler, founder of the Austin biotech company Asuagen that received a \$6.8 million commercialization award from CPRIT, said great scientists are capable of getting their own funding and that the state agency shouldn't be a clone of the National Institutes of Health.

"When I look at 75 percent going into research, I have trouble with that," Winkler said.

But some researchers balk at arguments that research deserves less state dollars. Dr. Patrick Reynolds, director of the cancer center at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said the research funding is vital in West Texas where three-quarters of all cancer research funding comes from the CPRIT.

"I'm sorry," Reynolds said. "I'm not aware the NIH has cured cancer."

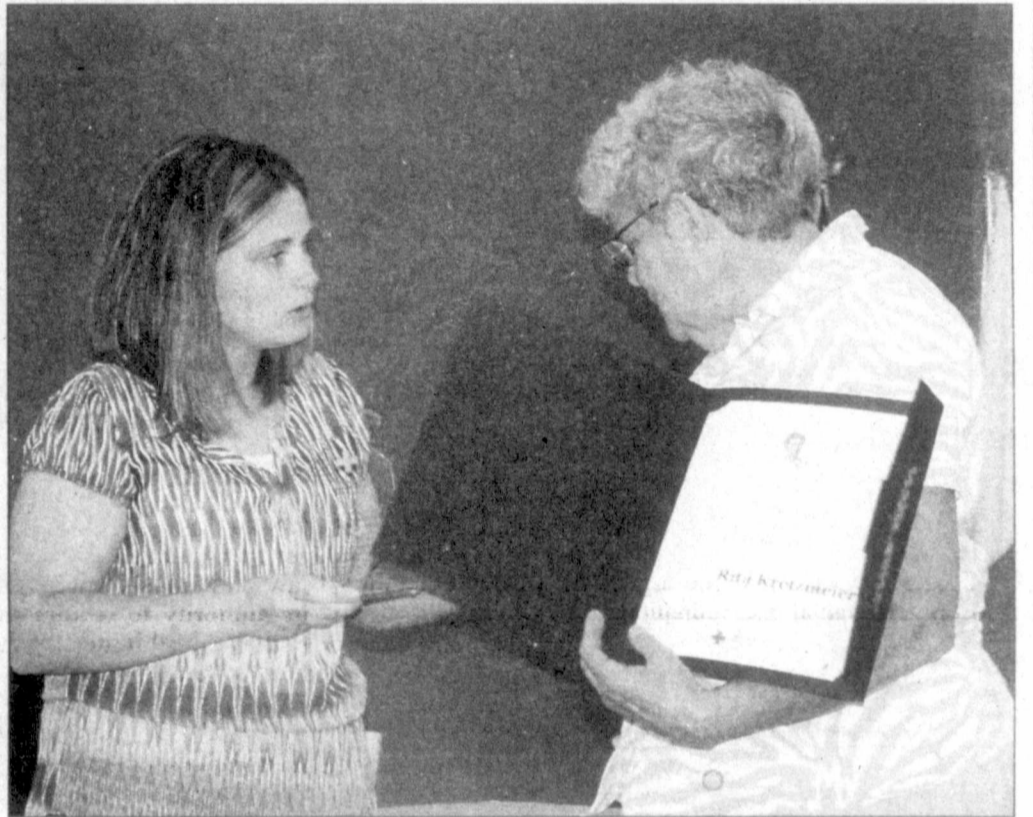
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Heidi Phelps (right) is presented a certificate by Molly Mabery, Red Cross volunteer specialist, at the organization's annual meeting and volunteer awards ceremony last Tuesday. Phelps was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her service to the Red Cross.



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Molly Mabery (left), volunteer specialist with the Red Cross, awarding volunteer Rita Kretzmeier with the Clara Barton Honor Award for Meritorious Leadership at the organization's annual meeting and volunteer awards ceremony last Tuesday. Kretzmeier also received the award for exceptional volunteer for health and safety.

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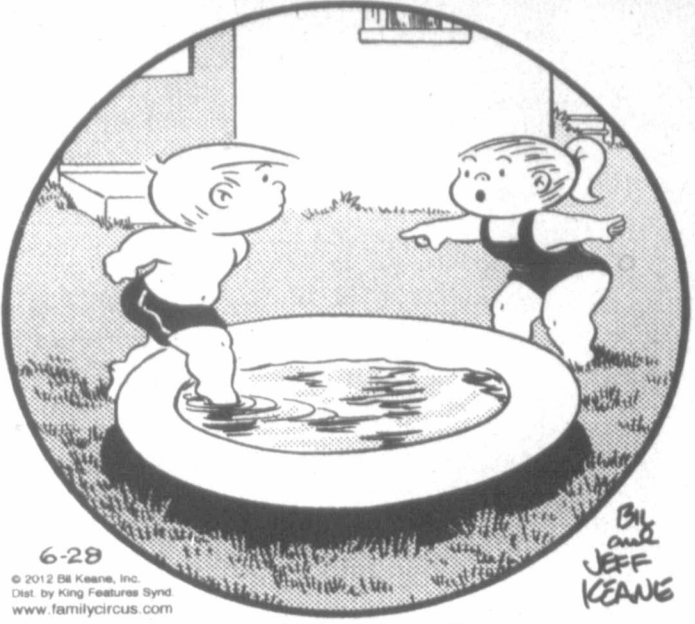
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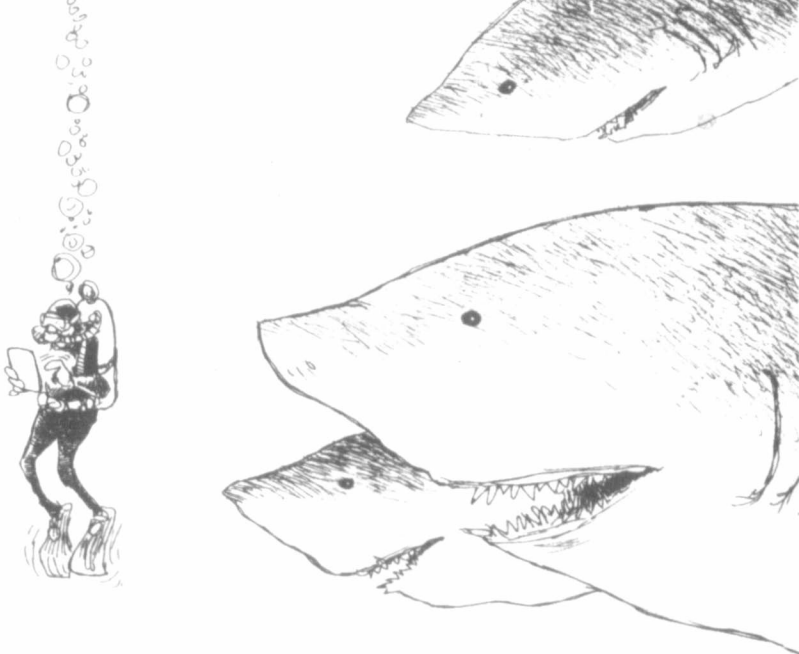
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, June 29, 2012:
 This year, curb "It's my way or the highway" type of thinking. Move away from it, and you will gain. Understand that no one likes to be controlled. You have a strong sense as to what to do, so follow your gut. Your intuition is on high alert. If you are single, do not fall for how someone seems to be. You are likely to attract someone who's emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, schedule a couple of special weekends away together. Sometimes you could blurt out your inner thoughts, to your horror and others' shock. Try to tame this behavior. Nevertheless, you'll land on your feet. **SCORPIO** is provocative and alluring.
 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)
 Close one-on-one conversations seem inevitable. You'll get to root out several problems, as long as you do not trigger anyone in the process. Keep communication open, and you'll get to the bottom of an issue. Tonight: TGIF.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 You could feel challenged when others are simply presenting a different perspective or opinion. Try not to react, and stay centered. Be smart when someone pushes to have a situation go his or her way. Do not get entangled in this mess. Tonight: Sort through invitations.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 You cannot continue with such a heavy pace, because you are only human. Remember that. A partner hits you on all levels to get you to do something he or she wants. If you really don't want to get involved, don't. Tonight: Try to make it an early night.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 You want to make a difference. Tap into your imagination. Just because an idea might not feel reasonable does not mean it is impossible. Brainstorm with a partner, but do not get involved in this person's control games. Tonight: Head home.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 If you really want to stay home, do so. You will flourish in this environment. Screen your calls, as many demanding people seem to want your at-

ention. Don't worry; the intensity of their ways will lessen in time. Make plans for the weekend that are spontaneous. Tonight: Invite friends over.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Your inquiries and overtures initially are met with a positive response, yet beneath the surface you could sense a resistance. You want what you want. Push comes to shove, and you might need to walk away from a power play. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 You have a way about you that makes all the difference. Listen to someone's feedback, even if this person doesn't come from the same mind-set as you. As a result, conversations will flow quickly and have impact. Tonight: Your treat.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 You smile, and someone responds. Your ability to understand others intellectually does not compare to your empathetic abilities. A child or loved one could surprise you with his or her response. Tonight: It's your night to howl.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Be aware that you might be more out of sorts than you realize. It is better to say less than to develop foot-in-mouth disease. Listen to some uproar and observe power plays, then detach. Tonight: Head home.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 A friendship means a lot to you, and despite some unanticipated developments, you will have an opportunity to show your caring. Take news with a grain of salt. Work with what someone thinks is going on, and help this person relax. Tonight: Find your friends.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 You are full of smiles, as you attempt to see life differently. A boss or higher-up clearly is impressed with your ability to lead and with your diligence. Stay on top of a project if you want it to turn out a certain way. Tonight: A must appearance.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 You want to move forward with a particular idea, but you must look at this concept more completely and be honest with yourself as to any problems with it. Tone down the idealism. Tonight: Reach out for someone at a distance.

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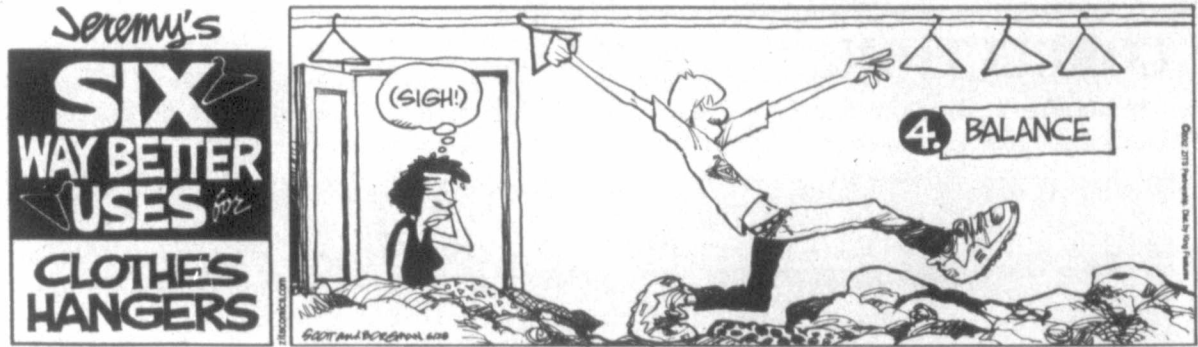
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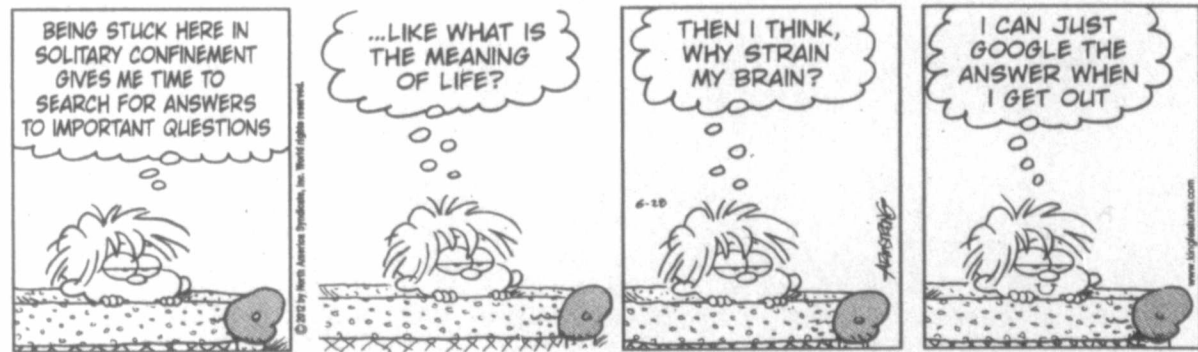
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Gay advocacy groups condemn fatal south Texas shooting

McALLEN (AP) — Investigators on Wednesday were still trying to determine a motive for the killing of a teenage woman and the wounding of her girlfriend in a shooting at a south Texas park that has caught the attention of gay rights groups.

The shooting at a Portland park Friday night killed 19-year-old Mollie Olgin and wounded 18-year-old Mary Kristene Chapa. Police in Portland, a town of about 15,000 people about seven miles north of Corpus Christi, have not identified any suspects or announced any arrests.

Family and friends have told police the women were a couple, but police Chief Randy Wright said in a statement late Tuesday that "there is no current evidence to indicate the attacks were motivated by that relationship."

Police on Wednesday released the initial call report that shows police arrived at the park along the Gulf Coast five minutes after the call came in Saturday morning. Visitors to the park saw the women in tall grass below an observation deck. Olgin, of Ingleside, was pronounced dead on the scene and Chapa, of Sinton, was taken to a hospital where she was listed

in stable condition.

Vigils for the women are scheduled for Wednesday evening in San Francisco and Friday in Washington, D.C., and Portland, Texas, among other cities.

Gay and lesbian advocacy groups the Human Rights Campaign and Equality Texas condemned the shootings and urged a thorough investigation. Chuck Smith, deputy executive director of Equality Texas, said he was satisfied with the investigation thus far.

"I think on some levels, regardless of the fact that they were gay, it's a horrific crime that touches people just because of

the simplest loss of life and that something like that happens in a small town," Smith said.

Jillian Manuel, 20, a friend of Olgin's, echoed that Wednesday.

"We're trying to figure out why they would hurt Mollie or Kristene," Manuel said. "Mollie was one of the sweetest girls I ever knew, and from the sounds of it so is Kristene. So we're trying to figure out why someone would just do that because Portland is a safe community. We don't have robberies that go bad. We don't have murder cases like this."

Man gets 40 years in stand your ground case

HOUSTON (AP) — Retired Texas firefighter Raul Rodriguez, armed with a handgun and video camera, had claimed he was standing his ground and had no choice but to use deadly force when he fatally shot his unarmed neighbor after confronting him about a noisy party.

A jury decided otherwise Wednesday, sentencing Rodriguez to 40 years in prison for killing the neighbor, Kelly Danaher, a 36-year-old elementary school teacher. Prosecutors said they are hopeful the punishment will stop others from settling matters with violence and trying to use Texas' version of a stand-your-ground law as a defense.

"I think it sends a clear message that this was not a case of stand-your-ground," said prosecutor Kelli Johnson. "And I think from his behavior, his intent, the provocation ... shows that this had ... nothing to do with self-defense."

Rodriguez, who faced up to life in prison for the 2010 killing, will be eligible for parole in 20 years. Jurors deliberated about five hours Wednesday before reaching their verdict. The same jury convicted him of murder on June 13.

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

During closing arguments earlier Wednesday in the trial's punishment phase, Johnson referenced Zimmerman but told jurors that case was different from what Rodriguez was convicted of doing.

Danaher's family members said they wished the jury had sent a stronger message when sentencing Rodriguez.

"Nothing will be enough,"



Rodriguez

Danaher's wife, Mindy, said. "It's not going to bring Kelly back. I just want (Rodriguez) to be in there forever."

Kelly Danaher's mother, Connie, called Rodriguez a "hateful coward."

"Eternal fire and damnation is not enough for what you took from us," she said in court, reading from her victim statement.

The night of the shooting, 46-year-old Rodriguez was angry about the noise coming from a birthday party at his neighbor's home in Huffman, an unincorporated area about 30 miles northeast of Houston. The retired Houston-area firefighter, who had a concealed handgun permit, went over and got into an argument with Danaher and two other men.

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

Defense attorney Neal Davis said he was disappointed with the sentence and worried others might be wrongly charged for standing their ground in situations where they fear for their lives.

"When you're out there in a situation where you're truly in fear for your life and you're having to make a split-second decision, sometimes those decisions might not be correct. It doesn't mean you should be charged with murder," Davis said. "But I think that's going to be the trend, that people who stand their ground in public places and who lawfully have a weapon to use deadly force face a very real chance of getting charged with murder."

But Johnson said Rodriguez was

convicted and sentenced because he abused Texas law.

"This was not a man that truly knew the law or truly took it seriously," the prosecutor said. "He used it to hide behind it. It was a shield for him, to do what he wanted to do."

Jurors declined to comment about the sentence.

Texas' version of a stand-your-ground law is known as the Castle Doctrine. It was revised in 2007 to expand the right to use deadly force. The new version allows people to defend themselves in their homes, workplaces or vehicles. It also says a person using force cannot provoke the attacker or be involved in criminal activity at the time. Legal experts say the expansion in general gave people wider latitude on the use of deadly force.

Prosecutors called Rodriguez the aggressor and said he could have walked away from the confrontation safely before the shooting. Rodriguez's attorneys argued he was defending himself when one of the men lunged at him and he had less than two seconds to respond.

At trial, prosecutors tried to show Rodriguez had a history of not getting along with Danaher and other neighbors. Rodriguez's ex-wife, neighbors and former co-workers testified during the punishment phase that he was abusive, a bad neighbor and had once shot a dog.

Rodriguez's attorneys did not call any witnesses to the stand before the jury convicted him. But they presented more than a dozen witnesses, including his wife and sons, during the punishment phase. One son said Rodriguez shot the dog because it was threatening his family.

Relatives testified he was not abusive, always stressed gun safety and was not cavalier with his weapons.

Defense attorney William Stradley said Rodriguez "understands that what he's done is difficult and obviously if he could go back and change it he would."

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Arguments against wells rejected

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal appeals court has rejected arguments by a coalition of environmental groups, who maintain that U.S. regulators failed to thoroughly review the potential dangers of drilling new deep wells in the Gulf of Mexico.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' decision supports a federal agency's approval, allowing Shell to move ahead with plans for 10 deep-water wells.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management failed to properly analyze potential catastrophic spills and underestimated the likelihood of a spill, the environmental groups argued.

The proposed wells would drill at a water depth of more than 7,000 feet, according to documents from the federal agency.

"One of the wells poses the threat of being Shell's 'worst case discharge' in the Gulf of Mexico in the event of a blowout," the environmental groups wrote to the appeals court, urging them to block the plans.

"Shell calculates a potential initial uncontrolled discharge of 405,000 barrels of oil per day and a projected total discharge of approximately 45 million barrels of oil if a relief well is necessary to kill the well," the environmental groups said in court filings.

However, the appeals court in Atlanta concluded

ed that an environmental assessment extensively analyzed the risks and consequences for such an event.

The court's decision states that after taking into account new regulations since the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management determined the risk of another spill was low.

In announcing its approval of the exploration plan

last year, the federal agency said its review was done under heightened standards now being used after the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill.

"The standards are higher than they used to be, and further support our goal of ensuring that deepwater exploration is done more safely and with greater protections for the environment than ever before," the agency said.

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Fire victims crowd shelters as crews fight to save homes

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Fire crews fought to save the U.S. Air Force Academy and residents begged for information on the fate of their homes Wednesday after a night of terror sent thousands of people fleeing a raging Colorado Springs wildfire.

More than 30,000 have been displaced by the fire, including thousands who frantically packed up belongings Tuesday night after it barreled into neighborhoods in the foothills west and north of Colorado's second-largest city. With flames looming overhead, they clogged roads shrouded in smoke and flying embers, their fear punctuated by explosions of bright orange flame that signaled yet another house had been claimed.

"The sky was red, the wind was blowing really fast and there were embers falling from the sky," said Simone Covey, a 26-year-old mother of three who fled an apartment near Garden of the Gods park and was staying at a shelter. "I didn't really have time to think about it. I was just trying to keep my kids calm."

Wilma Juachon sat under a tree at an evacuation center, wearing a mask to block the smoke. A tourist from California, she was evacuated from a fire near Rocky Mountain National Park last week and, now, from her Colorado Springs hotel.

"I said I hope it never happens again, and guess what?" Juachon said.

Constantly shifting winds challenged firefighters trying to contain the 24-square-mile Waldo Canyon blaze and extinguish hot spots inside the city's western suburbs. The National Weather Service reported 60 mph winds and lightning above the fire Wednesday afternoon.

"It won't stay in the same place," said incident commander Rich Harvey.

Some 3,000 more people were evacuated to the west of the fire, Teller County authorities said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the White House said President Barack Obama will tour fire-stricken areas of Colorado on Friday and thank firefighters battling some of the worst fires to hit the American West in decades.

City Police Chief Richard Carey said Obama's visit to Colorado, considered a key battleground state in the presidential election, would not tax Carey's already-strained police force. Gov. John Hickenlooper said he expected the president might sign a disaster declaration that would allow for more federal aid.

The full scope of the fire remained unknown. So intense were the flames and so thick the smoke that rescue workers weren't able to tell residents which structures were destroyed and which ones were still standing. Steve Cox, a spokesman for Mayor Steve Bach, reported that at least dozens of homes had been consumed, though he had no more precise figure.

Indeed, authorities were too busy Wednesday struggling to save homes in near-zero visibility to count how many had been destroyed in what is the latest test for a drought-parched and tinder-dry state. Crews also were battling a deadly and destructive wildfire in northern Colorado and another

that flared Tuesday night near Boulder.

Carey said officials had no plans to release the numbers of homes destroyed — insisting residents have a right to be told first, in private.

FBI spokesman Dave Joly said federal investigators are working closely with local and state law enforcement to determine if any of Colorado's fires were deliberately set or resulted from criminal activity. He did not elaborate.

Colorado Springs Fire Chief Rich Brown said his personnel heroically saved many homes in the midst of the firestorm. The strategy: protecting houses adjacent to those in flames to prevent a domino effect and then racing to the next suburban hot spot, a technique he called "triage." Federal firefighters worked with U.S. Army bulldozer crews from nearby Fort Carson to create perimeter lines.

The Waldo Canyon Fire burned about 10 acres along the southwest boundary of the Air Force Academy campus. No injuries or damage to structures — including the iconic Cadet Chapel — were reported. With 90 firefighters battling the flames, Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Michael Gould said 1,500 cadets taking summer

classes and more than 1,000 freshmen arriving Thursday will be safe — with campus ceremonies or housing to be moved away from the fire-hit area or off-campus if needed.

Four firefighting bulldozers were in a convoy heading into the academy Wednesday evening.

The Red Cross struggled to accommodate victims at its shelters, with space enough for perhaps 2,500 people. Most evacuees were staying with family and friends.

Colorado wasn't the only state affected by fire, as several burned throughout the parched West.

Tom Harbour, director of fire and aviation management for the U.S. Forest Service, said that with several fires burning, there is competition for firefighting resources, but "we're still at a point where we've got lots of available assets to mix and match on individual incidents."

Harbour said there's a difference between what incident commanders want and what they need to fight a fire effectively. And despite some criticism, he said the agency has been working to get equipment where it's needed most. At total of 18 air tankers were assigned to wildfires across the region.

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How Pampa athletics molded me into a better man

My name is Jonathan Polasek and I just completed my freshman year at Oklahoma Baptist University.

I am pursuing a degree in Digital Media Arts to become a sports broadcaster. A good amount of you (the community) know me from various things. I'm writing this column in my new capacity as the part-time sportswriter for The Pampa News.

This column is going to be about how Pampa High School athletics changed me for the better.

Going into high school, our class felt like we had a good chance in every sport to compete. We all dreamt of going to Austin someday to play for state championships, and we knew it was not going to be easy.

The earliest memory of athletics was 5:30 a.m. summer workouts before our freshman year, wiping the sleepy out of eyes as assistant football coach Jeff Quisenberry yelled at us to "Get better today!"

To be honest, it drove me crazy. I didn't want to be awake, little on wanting to get better at that moment. Everybody continued to work hard and to improve our physical self as well as mental strength.

Our first couple of years in the high school did not bring much success in



JONATHAN POLASEK

any sport. We got caught in all of the coaching changes and controversy, but we continued to push through and persevere.

Skip forward to 2010, where I was preparing to become the next quarterback of the Pampa Harvesters. I was hit with a roadblock.

The dream that I had dreamt since I watched John Braddock and Johnny Moore lead the Harvesters deep into the playoffs was now over. Multiple concussions throughout my career ended it on a dime; after praying for multiple talks with head football coach Heath Parker, we made the decision that it would be better to not risk my health and not play.

From there it was all about focusing on God and knowing that some good could come out of the whole situation.

Focusing on basketball is what I had to do to take my mind off of not being able to play my senior year with the guys I had played football with since we were 8 years old.

I was, of course, excited to get into

the gym and be a leader along with four other seniors in the offseason. We talked together the first day of off season that we were going to have to turn things around from the past year. We wrote goals on the white board of what we wanted to be remembered for. We put stuff like 20 win season, district champs, win a playoff game, go to regionals, and win state. Then we put a list of things that we wanted to focus on to make us a better team. We listed that we wanted to be a family, that was it. No matter how much a certain person didn't like another person, we were going to succeed.

Then I went to work, being the most vocal and physical leader possible. The other seniors joined in the challenge and became better and better. We were prepared to play our games as long as we needed to without the three football players (Latigo Collins, Reid Miller, and Garrett Ericson)

The community knows how far we went, but those three days and three

playoff games against El Paso Fabens, WF Hirshi, and Burkburnett changed my life forever. Our team had quickly become a family at Texas Tech, and even though we did not get to take the trip to Austin to go for a state championship, we had accomplished our biggest goal: To get Pampa Harvester Basketball back on the map.

Going through the system of Pampa High School athletics changed me so that I realized how to get through tough situations and learned to persevere to make something positive. Even though I was never able to celebrate to the sound of "On Ye Harvesters" with my teammates after scoring a touchdown, I was able to be a part of something special with our basketball team.

Pampa changes people for the better, just like how it has molded me into a better man.

Jonathan Polasek is a sportswriter for The Pampa News. He graduated from Pampa High School in 2011.

Even after Finals run, Thunder could have holes to fill in draft

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — If the Oklahoma City Thunder are going to build a dynasty, they made need to have success at Monopoly first — or at least the NBA's version of it.

"The draft is just like a board game where you pass 'GO' and you get a free chance to improve," general manager Sam Presti said. "We've got to figure out the best way to use that. Sometimes it's not drafting a player. Sometimes it's using it to push it down the line or some other way to help the business. We'll look at everything."

Perhaps no team has played this particular game better in recent years, with All-Stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook, plus Sixth Man of the Year James Harden and NBA blocks leader Serge Ibaka all coming through the team's own first-round draft picks over the past five years.

After losing in the NBA Finals, the Thunder aren't supposed to pick until the 28th choice in the first round on Thursday night. That's the team's only pick of the night right now because Oklahoma City

shipped its second-round choice to Minnesota in the preseason trade for reserve Lazar Hayward.

The Thunder also lost one of its second-round picks for next year when the league awarded it to Boston on Tuesday as part of a dispute over the Jeff Green-Kendrick Perkins trade.

Presti has a habit of making frequent moves on draft night, though, and despite Oklahoma City making it all the way to the NBA Finals before losing to Miami in five games, there could be some holes he needs to fill.

Veterans Derek Fisher, Nazr Mohammed and Royal Ivey are all free agents and another group of players — including Harden and Ibaka — will be up for new contracts if they aren't re-signed by the end of next season. So, Presti may be in the market for backup plans in case he's not able to keep the Thunder's core together as he's successfully done for the past few years.

It could also be an opportunity to find some relatively cheap labor to play alongside Durant and

Westbrook, who already have multimillion-dollar deals for the long-term, if he also has to spend big to keep Harden and Ibaka.

"We're going to look to see what's there that might be able to add to our team whether it's now or in the future," Presti said.

"I wouldn't say that we're looking to move our draft pick. I've read that some places. If there's a player on the board that we feel like fits our organization, fits our identity, we'll draft them. If we feel like there's a better way to use the draft pick, then we'll look at that."

Presti batted away Harden's suggestion after the season that Oklahoma City could be on its way to building a dynasty, joking that his top bench player was more of a 1980s TV aficionado than him.

"We have a long way to go as an organization before we start talking about things in those terms," Presti said. "It's part of what I love about James is his confidence but at the same time ... this organization has to be thinking about how we do things and not pointing to what we want to do."

Clemens juror: McNamee not credible enough for conviction

WASHINGTON (AP) — A juror in the Roger Clemens perjury trial said Wednesday that he and his fellow jurors didn't find the key prosecution witness in the case credible.

The witness, Clemens' longtime strength coach Brian McNamee, testified that he injected the star baseball pitcher with steroids and human growth hormone. But McNamee's physical evidence was kept in a beer can and his story changed over time. Clemens was acquitted last week of charges that he lied to Congress in 2008 when he denied using steroids or HGH.

"Brian McNamee was not a strong enough witness to render a verdict of guilty against Roger Clemens," juror Bradford Weaver told The Associated Press. He said that McNamee wasn't credible for the jury because of a lack of "truthfulness."

"The witnesses for the prosecution were, uh how does one put it, kind of wanting if you will. ... It was quite lacking. If that's what they were going to go with, then

they should probably not have pursued the case in the first place if that's all they had, you know."

The U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Columbia, which prosecuted the case, declined to comment Wednesday.

Weaver said that jurors didn't believe that the physical evidence — medical waste that contained both steroids and Clemens' DNA — was solid.

And he said that the testimony of Clemens' longtime friend and teammate, fellow pitcher Andy Pettitte, "was quite important to all of us, because he recanted." Pettitte testified that Clemens acknowledged in a conversation using HGH — only to say under cross-examination it was fair to say there was a "50/50" chance he misunderstood Clemens.

Weaver, 63, works as an administrative assistant at the Canadian Embassy, which coincidentally is next door to the federal courthouse where the Clemens trial was held. He said during jury selection in April that he was not a baseball fan, and that Clemens "seemed

forthright" in his 2008 congressional appearance.

Jurors deliberated less than 10 hours, and Weaver said no one had to be persuaded to vote for acquittal. He said the jurors were unanimous from the beginning.

Weaver said he doesn't have a personal opinion about whether Clemens used performance-enhancing drugs. And he declined to comment when asked if he thought the case was a waste of money.

He also said that the two jurors who were dismissed for sleeping were very young.

"And given the nature of the case, and the intricacies that we had to deal with, I'm not surprised that they found it a bit boring," he said.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton on Wednesday released the names of the jurors in response to a Washington Post application for access to the names.

Besides Weaver, all other jurors AP was able to locate Wednesday either declined to comment or did not respond to messages.

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Business

Cabot Corporation buys Norit

MARSHALL (AP) — Norit, an international manufacturer of activated carbon with U.S. operations based in Marshall, has been sold for \$1.1 billion to Cabot Corporation, but details remain slim on the future effects of the sale.

According to Vice President of Public Relations & Communications Mark Trinske, the sale should yield positive results for the company.

"We were owned by a private equity firm, which is a type of company that invests in business with the intent of growing them and selling them later down the road," he said. "The aim is to get a good return on their investment. Cabot, which is based in Boston, has bought us, because they want to own us for the long term; they're not an investment company looking to sell in few years."

Cabot Corporation sees Norit's position as the world's leading producer of activated carbon as a valuable addition to their business and an excellent fit for their operations, said Trinske.

"I would venture to say that this long-term ownership will give us a far more stable foundation for growth," he said. "All said, our position will be at least what it was, if not significantly improved."

However, whether or not Norit will maintain all of its employees and administrators under the new ownership is not certain.

"That's something that will be up to Cabot during this transition period," Trinske said. "It's likely that the vast majority will stay with us, but we'll learn more about the

integration process over the next couple of weeks."

With Cabot's headquarters located in Boston, there is also uncertainty whether Norit's administrative headquarters for U.S. operations will remain in Marshall.

"Obviously, we're not going to relocate our manufacturing operations from Marshall and our other facilities, but the final location of our administrative headquarters has yet to be determined," Trinske said. "However, all manufacturing facilities will continue as Norit properties."

Before the being sold, Norit had originally intended to go public after the mandatory six-months of silence.

"We had filed a registration statement to do a public operation, and that's when Cabot approached our owners about purchasing the company," Trinske said. "Either way, we are now a part of a publicly traded company."

MEDCO Chairman Leslie Chambers said that the economic development corporation had not been able to speak with their contacts at Norit yet, regarding the acquisition.

"I have not talked to anyone yet, and, as far as I know, (Executive Director) Donna (Maisel) hasn't been able to contact them yet either," Chambers said. "However, the company that has acquired Norit is a United States based company interested in long-term growth, which I believe could be a very good thing for Marshall."

Founded in 1882, the Boston-based Cabot Corporation primarily manufactures specialty chemicals and performance materials.

There's help for the shy type

Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
Creator's Syndicate

Scientists have found the gene for shyness. They would have found it years ago, but it was hiding behind a couple of other genes. — Jonathan Katz, American humorist

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So if people can overcome it, what about dogs?

The following letter from a reader chronicles the difficulties for a dog burdened with shyness — and demonstrates the patience required of its owner.

"I adopted an Australian/German shepherd mix almost two years ago. She is about 5 years old and very attached to me, but it's taken a long time for her to come out of her shell.

"When I first got her, she trusted nobody and would run away and hide all the time. I don't know whether she was socialized as a puppy. I've put everything into getting this dog to trust me and can honestly say she now does. She never takes her eyes off of me.

"The problem: She's insecure with everyone else. When my kids (10 and 14) are home, she stays in my room. I have to close the doors to all the rooms to keep her from hiding. At that point, she stays right by my side or under my feet, always happy to see me, but never excited for anyone else. She will take treats from my husband, but she runs behind the chair to eat them. If she is panicked, she won't take treats from anyone. She's scared to death when walking on a leash with my husband or my kids, but walks great with me.

If I'm outside with her, she's pretty good, but if anyone else comes into the yard or she hears a strange noise, she runs to the door to go inside. She's afraid of all noises.

"I don't understand why she is afraid, especially after all this time. I was going to take her to obedience classes to socialize her, but I don't think she would do well being around so many different people and pets. Do you have any ideas?"

Build confidence. This is the key to combating shyness in a dog. Depending on the dog's age, the degree of shyness and the reasons behind it, this process can take weeks, months or years. But every effort will help.

How do you build confidence in a dog? Desensitization and obedience training using love, praise and affection.

Desensitization is the process of gradually introducing the dog to those things he is afraid of: people, noises, places, objects, circumstances. The trick is to introduce the frightening situation and let the dog approach at his own pace. Do not force anything, but rather, reassure your dog that you will not push him too far past his comfort zone.

A method of training steeped in love, praise and affection is what I recommend for all dogs, but especially for the nervous, shy or timid. Stern or angry words will only backfire when working with these personalities, and your success with desensitization depends on the dog believing he has an ally in you.

For a more in-depth examination of canine shyness and techniques for relieving it, check out "When Good Dogs Do Bad Things" and "I Just Got a Puppy. What Do I Do?" or visit www.unclematty.com.

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Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

MORE BUSINESS AROUND TEXAS

Pilots to decide on American contract offer

DALLAS (AP) — Union leaders at American Airlines agreed to let pilots vote on a company proposal for deep cuts in labor spending, just two days before a bankruptcy judge could have imposed even tougher terms.

A union spokesman said Wednesday that the Allied Pilots Association board voted 9-7 to order a ratification vote on American's offer, reversing a board decision from last week.

American said that with the pilots' vote now set, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Sean Lane would postpone his decision scheduled for Friday on whether to throw out the airline's contracts with pilots and other employees for several weeks.

The union said pilots would begin voting in mid-July and results would be counted Aug. 8, and the judge would delay his ruling until after the vote-counting.

Separately, American said it also would resume negotiations with flight attendants and mechanics next week.

American has said all along that it wanted to reach voluntary cost-cutting deals with its unions. But negotiations went nowhere for weeks other than settlements with a few smaller groups of workers.

But American may have broken the logjam last week when it eased demands on pilots, including removing a threat to lay off 400 of them.

If ratified, the deal would give American the right to hire other airlines for more of its regional flying, something the pilots have long opposed as a threat to job security.

But the pilots would get 14.8 percent pay raises over five years and a stake in the "new" company that emerges from bankruptcy. Their pension plan would be frozen but not terminated.

Even if no pilots are furloughed, American's current plan still calls for 9,800 job cuts, mostly among ground workers but including 2,300 flight attendants. Those groups are likely to seek reduced

job losses in new negotiations that begin next week.

Northwest Airlines was able to use bankruptcy to throw out a contract with flight attendants, but more often unions have negotiated concessions as American's unions are now doing.

American, the nation's third-biggest airline, hopes that it can impress its bankruptcy creditors by showing that it can negotiate deals with labor and cut around \$1 billion a year in costs. That might help American delay or fend off a budding takeover bid from US Airways Group Inc.

Lockheed workers to vote today

FORT WORTH (AP) — After more than two months on strike, Lockheed Martin machinists are expected to vote today on a new labor contract after a tentative deal was reached with the company.

Lockheed officials announced late Saturday that after four days of negotiations, the aerospace company reached a tentative agreement with the union that represents 3,600 striking employees. No terms were disclosed.

"Lockheed Martin's revised offer will be unanimously recommended for acceptance by the union bargaining committee to the membership at the ratification vote early next week," Greg Karol, company vice president of labor relations, said in a statement. "We look forward to having them back on the job, building the world's best fighters."

Officials with Fort Worth-based Machinists Local 776 did not immediately return calls seeking comment Sunday.

Union members went on strike April 23, a day after overwhelmingly rejecting Lockheed's latest contract offer. Members said they opposed the company's proposed changes to the health care plans — including higher deductibles and co-payments — and the plan to eliminate pensions for newly hired workers.

At the time, the company said it believed

that the offer, which included wage increases of 3 percent each year, a \$3,000 signing bonus and increased retirement income for current workers, was fair.

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