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Businesses partner for today's 'Get Fit, Pampa' event

■ *Four local fitness centers band together to promote physical fitness*

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A group of Pampa fitness centers have banded together to promote exercise with an event called "Get Fit, Pampa"

today in Central Park. Starting at 7 a.m. with registration for a 5K race, the free event will feature a bench press contest, jazzercise demo, hoola hoop contest, squat contest and deadlift contest, with prizes and giveaways. The

Pampa Youth and Community Center, Anytime Fitness, Temple Builders and CrossFit Pampa were involved with putting together the event, which is geared towards people of all ages and physical abilities.

"We want to bring fitness facilities and everyone in Pampa together for a fun day, and we'll give away prizes," said Tara Lindsey, director of the Pampa Youth and Community Center. "Obesity, especially in children, is

on the rise," she added. "We want to deter kids from just sitting around, and encourage them to get fit."

Those involved hope to get people excited about being active.

"We want to raise awareness for health, well-being and fitness, and get people moving," said Sam Steen, owner of CrossFit Pampa. "Our bodies are made for human movement, and we want to promote a healthy, productive life."

ROSE IN BLOOM



staff photo by **Mollie Bryant**

Debbie Heiser checks up on the construction being done on the new Victorian Rose expansion.

Pampa's Victorian Rose plans expansion

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After opening The Victorian Rose in downtown Pampa on 113 West Kingsmill last November, owner Debbie Heiser is planning an expansion of her specialty gift store to the nearby 119 West Kingsmill, the former spot for The Gift Box and a dress store. The move will more than double the store's space from 1,200 to 3,500 square feet around August.

"It's a really big addition," said Heiser. "We're expanding into numerous lines. We'll have a very large bridal registry and lots of home décor."

In its new space, the shop will devote about a quarter of its space to bridal registry, and have an area to sit and sample

food items. Heiser also hopes to have an area in the store where local artists can showcase their work. While The Victorian Rose will maintain its collection of gifts, food, jewelry, home décor and Texas items, Heiser said it will have some surprises.

"The look and feel will remain the same," she said. "I will be able to bring in some of my antique pieces that I had wanted to bring in here, but just didn't have the space. It's going to be more of a unique blend of vintage and new."

Heiser opened The Victorian Rose when she saw a need in Pampa for a gift store. Before that, she had wanted to focus on antiques.

"I kind of changed my thinking on that, and decided to have a new gift store, but decided to have a few antiques

in here, because that's my passion," she said. "It was something I wanted my entire life, and thought it was just a dream, but after my husband and I moved back to Pampa, things led us in that direction."

Heiser's family has been in Pampa since the 30s, and her grandmother owned a grocery store on Alcock during the depression. Heiser lived here as a child, and recently returned to the area.

To connect Pampa's past to its present, Heiser is looking for pictures of old businesses that have set up shop in the building.

"One part of the store was, at one time, the courthouse café, so I'd love to have items like that, that would show the past history of the buildings," she said.

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Underwood Law Firm hits 100 years old

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Amarillo-based Underwood Law Firm, P.C., which has an office based in Pampa, has reached its centennial after providing legal services since 1912. The company will celebrate with a picnic in Pampa in September and by hosting an event with former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani in October.



Rhodes

The President of Underwood, Alan Rhodes, is pleased with the anniversary.



Guymon

"It's a wonderful event for us," he said. "At the same time, it's not about where we've been, but where we're going."

Rhodes said the firm will focus on public education, municipalities, agriculture and wind energy in the future.

Bryan Guymon, an attorney with the firm's Pampa office, said he is looking forward to the picnic in September, which will be open to the public.

"It's great to be a part of a law firm that has that much history and tradition," he said.

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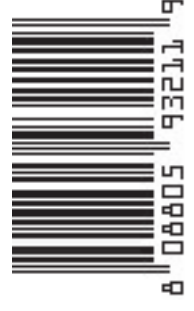
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Sunday Night:
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Rose

According to Heiser, many of her customers come from surrounding areas.

"It has taken off, because it is unique, and I filled the space here really fast," she said. "I didn't real-

ize I'd fill it up so fast. With 3,500 square feet, we'll get to do everything in there that I wanted to do."

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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Friday, July 20 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control agents reported six animal-related incidents.

Pampa PD reported five traffic-related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to four medical calls.

Thursday, July 19

A suspicious person was

reported at the 700 block of East Murphy.

A theft occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

An accident occurred at Wilks and Hobart.

A theft occurred at the 1500 block of North Russell.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 2200 block of North Wells.

An offense against family and children was reported.

Domestic disturbances occurred at the 100 block

of South Starkweather, the 1100 block of South Wells and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of Varnon.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1300 block of North Garland.

Friday, July 20

A suspicious person was reported at Hobart and Somerville and the 200 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of East Murphy and the 1100 block of Varnon.

following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Friday, July 20 at 7 a.m.

Thursday, July 19

Anthony Ryan Ferrell, 29, was arrested by deputies on a sentence for tampering with evidence.

Joshua Earl Cochran, 24, was arrested by deputies on a motion to revoke probation.

Terry James Crow Jr., 23, was arrested by police for assault by threat.

Friday, July 20

Michael Wayne Blalock, 54, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants.

Yvette Mychelle Johnson, 51, was arrested by deputies for possession of a controlled substance.

Sheriff's Office

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Rampage prompts more vigilance

DALLAS (AP) — Police departments across Texas are planning more vigilance at movie theaters and other public places after the Colorado theater massacre (see page 6).

Law enforcement agencies in Dallas, San Antonio and Abilene are among those saying they have procedures established to respond quickly and effectively to incidents such as the deadly rampage in suburban Denver.

In some cases they say their officers have several years' training in how to deal with a person who is actively firing a weapon in public buildings.

Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge acknowledges that "no community is ever prepared for the sudden, tragic loss of life" but they are all doing what they can to keep their citizens safe.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus says he's "thankful the (Colorado) suspect was arrested quickly."

Texas man charged in car crash

HOUSTON (AP) — A 24-year-old suburban Houston man has been charged for his alleged role in a 2008 car crash in Japan that killed his teenage passenger.

James Lewis Yeakey of Spring is charged with involuntary manslaughter. He turned himself in Friday pending arraignment in Houston. Yeakey in March 2008 was overseas because his father was in the U.S. Navy and stationed abroad.

Authorities say Yeakey was speeding and caused an accident in Okinawa, Japan. A 16-year-old riding in the passenger's seat died in the accident. Testing later showed Yeakey had been drinking at the time of the wreck.

He faces up to eight years in prison if convicted.

Online court records show Yeakey does not have an attorney. He did not have a listed phone number in the Houston area.

Air permit for plant needs work

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — An air permit for a planned coal-fired power plant on the Texas coast is expected to face another review by regulators.

Parties in the Las Brisas Energy Center dispute agreed Thursday to fine tune their language related to the disputed permit.

The unit is planned for Corpus Christi's inner harbor. Environmental groups have raised air quality concerns.

A judge in Austin in May rejected the 2011 permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Judge Stephen Yelonosky said TCEQ granted approval based on models not meeting national air quality standards.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports additional information is needed so the judge can update his order and allow the permit to re-enter the TCEQ application process.

Las Brisas officials and the TCEQ have said all federal rules were followed.

Landing leads to legislation

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe's flap with the Federal Aviation Administration two years ago over his landing on a closed runway in Texas has led to an aviation bill now pending in Congress.

Oklahoma's senior senator says the incident helped open his eyes to the power the FAA has over pilots. His so-called Pilots' Bill of Rights has already unanimously cleared the Senate and House author, Rep. Sam Graves, says he expects it will pass in the House next week.

The 77-year-old Inhofe has long been the only pilot in Oklahoma's current congressional delegation, and is often a go-to lawmaker for constituents who have problems with the FAA.

Among other things, the bill would require the FAA to notify pilots when they're the subject of an investigation.

Okla. need for cough vaccine up

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma health officials say word of a possible whooping cough epidemic combined with a state law regarding vaccinations has sharply increased the demand for vaccinations against the highly contagious disease.

Beckham County Health Department director Karen Weaver said Friday that the department has provided 386 vaccinations during July — up from an average of 40 to 50.

The state is not seeing an increase in whooping cough — or pertussis — cases being reported in other states.

State Health Department Chief of Immunization Services Bobbie Nubine says there are 28 confirmed cases in 2012. That's down from 38 at this time last year.

Air Force instructor convicted of rape

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An Air Force instructor was convicted Friday of rape and sexual assault in a massive sex scandal that has rocked a Texas base, one of the nation's busiest military training centers.

A seven-person jury of military personnel at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio found Staff Sgt. Luis Walker guilty on all seven counts he faced, including rape, aggravated sexual contact and multiple counts of aggravated sexual assault.

The jury deleted a clause from two counts that accused Walker of making flirtatious and lewd comments to trainees. However, it upheld the overall counts containing the deleted clauses, which accused him of trying to cultivate a sexual relationship with two trainees.

He faces up to life in prison and a dishonorable discharge. Testimony will begin Saturday in the sentencing phase of the trial.

Walker is among 12 Lackland instructors investigated for sexual misconduct toward at least 31 female trainees. Six instructors have been charged, on counts ranging from rape to adultery, and Walker was the first to stand trial. He faced the most serious charges of all those accused.

Lackland is where every American airman receives basic training. It has about 475 instructors for the approximately 35,000 airmen who graduate every year. About one in five is female, pushed through eight weeks of basic training by a group of instructors, 90 percent of whom are men.

Opening statements began Tuesday and Walker's case included

testimony from several of his alleged victims, including one woman who wiped away tears as she told the court that Walker lured her into an office and sexually assaulted her on a bed while ignoring her pleas to stop.

The women told jurors that Walker gained their trust to get them alone in his office or an empty dormitory where he forced them into kissing, touching and intercourse. Those testifying said they didn't tell anybody at first because they feared being booted from the Air Force.

The Associated Press is not naming those who testified because they are alleged sexual assault victims.

Meanwhile, the case of another former Air Force training instructor has been referred to a general court-martial, according to an Air Force statement issued Friday evening.

Staff Sgt. Craig LeBlanc is charged with sexual misconduct, obstructing justice and making a false official statement. He is accused of using his post as a military instructor to

sexually assault and pursue a sexual relationship with one female trainee, and have a wrongful sexual relationship with another. No trial date has been set.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Saturday, July 21, the 203rd day of 2012. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

On this date:

In 1773, Pope Clement XIV issued an order suppressing the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. (The Society was restored by Pope Pius VII in 1814.)

In 1796, Scottish poet Robert Burns died in Dumfries at age 37.

In 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration (later the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1952, the Democratic National Convention, which would nominate Adlai Stevenson for president, opened in Chicago.

In 1959, the NS Savannah, the first nuclear-powered merchant ship, was christened by first lady Mamie Eisenhower at Camden, N.J.

In 1961, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module for docking with the command module.

In 1972, the Irish Republican Army carried out 22 bombings in Belfast, Northern Ireland, killing nine people and injuring 130 in what became known as "Bloody Friday."

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

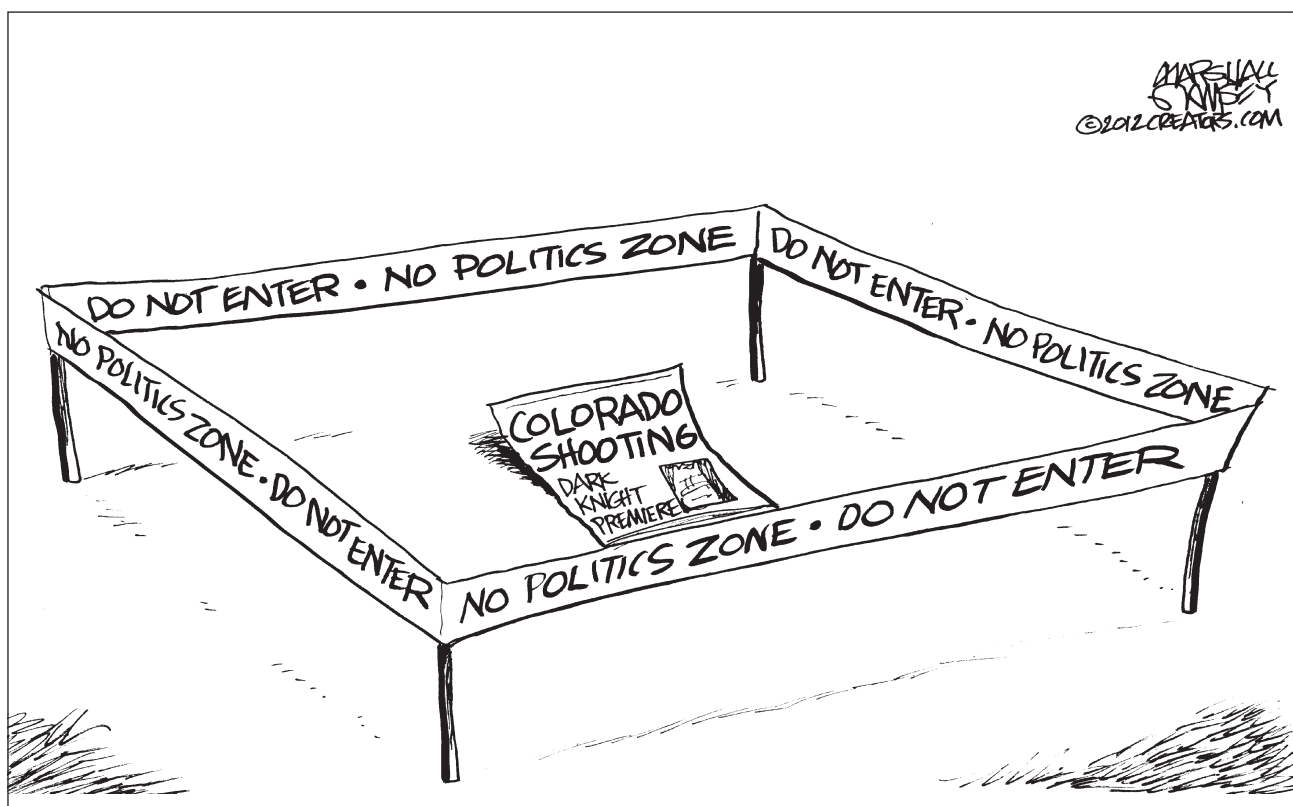
Ten years ago: Telecommunications giant WorldCom Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection about a month after disclosing it had inflated profits by nearly \$4 billion through deceptive accounting. Ernie Els won the British Open in the first sudden-death finish in the 142-year history of the tournament.

Five years ago: Doctors removed five small growths from President George W. Bush's colon after he temporarily transferred the powers of his office to Vice President Dick Cheney under the rarely invoked 25th Amendment. Ruediger Diedrich, one of two Germans kidnapped in southern Afghanistan on July 18, was found dead. David Beckham made his debut with the Los Angeles Galaxy in front of a sellout crowd of 27,000. (Beckham got into the exhibition game in the 78th minute of Chelsea's 1-0 victory.) "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the final volume of the wizard series by J.K. Rowling (ROHL'-ing), went on sale.

One year ago: The 30-year-old space shuttle program ended as Atlantis landed at Cape Canaveral, Fla., after the 135th shuttle flight. Eurozone leaders agreed to a sweeping deal that would grant Greece a massive new bailout and radically reshape the currency union's rescue fund. The NFL canceled its Hall of Fame game between St. Louis and Chicago despite owners voting in favor of a tentative deal to end a lockout.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Kay Starr is 90. Movie director Norman Jewison is 86. Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 74. Actress Patricia Elliott is 70. Actor David Downing is 69. Actor Edward Herrmann is 69. Actor Leigh Lawson is 67. Actor Wendell Burton is 65. Actor Art Hindle is 64. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 64. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 64. Comedian-actor Robin Williams is 61. Actor Jamey Sheridan is 61. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 59. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 55. Actor Lance Guest is 52. Actor Matt Mulhern is 52. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 49. Rock musician Koen Lieckens (K's Choice) is 46. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 43. Country singer Paul Brandt is 40. Actress Ali Landry is 39. Actor Justin Bartha is 34. Actor Josh Hartnett is 34. Contemporary Christian singer Brandon Heath is 34. Actress Sprague Grayden is 34. Reggae singer Damian Marley is 34. Country singer Brad Mates (Emerson Drive) is 34. MLB All-Star pitcher CC Sabathia is 32. Singer Blake Lewis ("American Idol") is 31. Rock musician Johan Carlsson (Carolina Liar) is 28. Actress Vanessa Lengies is 27. Actor Jamie Waylett ("Harry Potter" films) is 23.

Thought for Today: "Suspense is worse than disappointment." — Robert Burns (1759-1796).



Early editions provide historical insight

That's Old News

The West Texas Historical Association recently announced that The Clarendon News is now online, thanks to the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech. Oh, I'm not talking about the current edition—I have no idea about that. What has recently been placed online are the early—and I mean EARLY—editions. From the 1880s.

I love old newspapers. Those early publishers and editors filled them with anything they could get their hands on and they give a lot of historical insight into the period. In the 1880s, the Texas Panhandle was just beginning to be settled. The Indians had been contained in 1875, the buffalo hunters had wiped out the buffalo, and the big ranchers had begun to move in. There were three settlements in the Panhandle, all founded for very different reasons.

"Whose Roost?"

Tascosa had begun as a settlement of Hispanics from New Mexico, but had become a supply point for Panhandle ranches. In other words, a cowtown. Mobettie—then called Sweetwater—grew up around Fort Elliott and the buffalo hide trade. These were "real" towns—towns that grew up (to the extent that they did grow) out of necessity and entrepreneurship.

Clarendon grew out of entrepreneurship, too, but it was a "planned" community—a community with a purpose. L. H. Carhart, a devout Methodist, founded the town as a "Christian Community", nicknamed "Saint's Roost" by the rowdier (dare we say "blasphemy-spewing") element of the Panhandle. It was dedicated to "Christianity, Temperance, and Civilization—Westward". A cousin, Edward Elmer Carhart, started The Clarendon News in 1879, so there are some of the earliest editions of any newspaper published in



the Panhandle.

As the town, or colony, would only be successful by new people coming in, the paper is an unashamed booster. The railroads were coming, but it would be several years before they reached Donley County. When they did, they went several miles south of the existing community—which voted to pick up and move wholesale to the railroad—where the community is today. (Word has it that they may have let a few Baptists and Campbellites slip in at some time. Word also has it that there are one or two folks who take a nip of spirits once in a while. May be the same people.)

The paper is full of tidbits from all over, as well as interesting ads (mostly for the News and its printing office), and religious articles. One section is titled "Notes from The Pala Dura", indicating that at the earliest dates of Anglo settlement, we were mispronouncing the Spanish names.

Prose and Flowers

Obituary — "Died at the residence of Charles Goodnight, Armstrong County, Texas, June 22, 1881, at 11:00 A.M. Mrs. Chas. M. Stephens, aged 24 years.

"Mrs. Stephens came to Texas last January, in company with her husband, purposing to make this her permanent home.

"She was at the time of her arrival

afflicted with Bright's Disease, of which she died, although it had not developed itself.

"She was a lady of culture and beauty of person and during her short residence here had made many and warm friends. She leaves two little children who are too young to appreciate their loss.

"The funeral services were conducted at the house of C. Goodnight by Reverend L. H. Carhart, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. W. Carhart. The Episcopal service was used. Her remains were buried at the foot of a bluff, in rear of Mr. Goodnight's house in a beautiful spot which will scarcely be rendered more glorious on the resurrection morning than it appeared on this solemn occasion. A number of stalwart men, in Mr. Goodnight's employ, acted as pall-bearers; and it was a touching scene to one unaccustomed to such surroundings, to witness the tenderness, care, and reverence with which these men of the mountain and plain laid away the precious dust of this respected woman."

The website is: collections.swco.ttu.edu/handle/10605/12138

Quote of the Week

I love the movie Silverado. Sure it's a cheesy B Western, but it's still one of my favorites. Paden, portrayed by Kevin Kline is rescued by Emmett (Scott Glenn) "I always figure you approach life like everybody's your friend or nobody is; don't make much difference..."

This philosophy almost cost Paden his life, as he discovered too late that the people he trusted were not trustworthy.

Joe Weaver is a Pampa resident and a great storyteller. He may be reached at warp.woof@yahoo.com. This column and other observations can be found at <http://warpwoof.livejournal.com>.



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Sunday in History

Sunday is July 22, the 204th day of 2012. There are 162 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln presented to his Cabinet a preliminary draft of the Emancipation Proclamation.

On this date:

In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina.

In 1796, Cleveland, Ohio, was founded by General Moses Cleaveland.

In 1812, English-led troops defeated the French at the Battle of Salamanca in Spain during the Peninsular War.

In 1893, Wellesley College professor Katharine Lee Bates visited the summit of Pikes Peak, where she was inspired to write the original version of her poem "America the Beautiful."

In 1916, a bomb went off during a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, killing 10 people.

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just seen the Clark Gable movie "Manhattan Melodrama."

In 1937, the Senate rejected President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.

In 1942, the Nazis began transporting Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp. Gasoline rationing involving the use of coupons began along the Atlantic seaboard.

In 1946, Jewish extremists blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 90 people.

In 1962, Mariner 1, NASA's first attempt at sending a spacecraft to Venus, was destroyed shortly after launch because of faulty steering.

In 1975, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

In 1992, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar escaped from his luxury prison near Medellin. (He was slain by security forces in December 1993.)

Ten years ago: Factory worker Alejandro Avila was charged with murder and kidnapping in the abduction and slaying of 5-year-old Samantha Runnion of Stanton, Calif. (Avila was later convicted and sentenced to death.)

Five years ago: A bus carrying Polish Catholic pilgrims from a holy site in the French Alps plunged off a steep mountain road, killing 26 people. Padraig Harrington survived a calamitous finish in regulation and a tense putt for bogey on the final hole of a playoff to win the British Open. Cinematographer Laszlo Kovacs died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 74.

One year ago: Anders Breivik (AHN'-durs BRAY'-vihk), a right-wing extremist, massacred 69 people at a Norwegian island youth retreat after detonating a bomb in nearby Oslo that killed eight others in the nation's worst violence since World War II. A jury in Cleveland convicted Anthony Sowell of killing 11 poor, drug-addicted women whose remains were found in his home and backyard; Sowell was later sentenced to death. President Barack Obama formally signed off on ending the ban on gays serving openly in the military. Former Democratic National Chairman Charles T. Manatt, 75, died in Richmond, Va.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Licia Albanese is 99. Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., is 89. Actor-comedian Orson Bean is 84. Fashion designer Oscar de la Renta is 80. Actress Louise Fletcher is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chuck Jackson is 75. Actor Terence Stamp is 74. Game show host Alex Trebek is 72. Singer George Clinton is 71. Actor-singer Bobby Sherman is 69. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is 69. Movie writer-director Paul Schrader is 66. Actor Danny Glover is 66. Singer Mireille Mathieu is 66. Actor-comedian-director Albert Brooks is 65. Rock singer Don Henley is 65. Movie composer Alan Menken is 63. Singer-actress Lonette McKee is 59. Jazz musician Al Di Meola is 58. Actor Willem Dafoe is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keith Sweat is 51. Actress Joanna Going is 49. Actor Rob Estes is 49. Folk singer Emily Saliers (Indigo Girls) is 49. Actor John Leguizamo is 48. Actor-comedian David Spade is 48. Actor Patrick Labyorteaux is 47. Rock musician Pat Badger is 45. Actress Irene Bedard is 45. Actor Rhys Ifans is 45. Actor Colin Ferguson is 40. Rock musician Daniel Jones is 39. Singer Rufus Wainwright is 39. Actress Franka Potente is 38. Actress A.J. Cook is 34. Actress Selena Gomez is 20.

Thought for Today: "Falling in love consists merely in uncorking the imagination and bottling the common sense." — Helen Rowland, American writer and humorist (1875-1950).

Man convicted of fatal mall shooting

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — A jury convicted a man of first-degree murder Friday in the fatal shooting of a teenager at a Muskogee mall more than two years ago.

The panel deliberated more than four hours before finding Dondray Fowler guilty of murder and of assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Jurors recommended a sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole, the Muskogee Phoenix reported.

Fowler was accused of fatally shooting of Jarrod Reed, 17, and wounding four others on April 10, 2010, at Arrowhead Mall. His attorneys had argued that Fowler fired in self-defense because he was intimidated during an argument between rival gangs, called the "northsiders" and the "southsiders."

Fowler, who didn't testify, was thought to be affiliated with the "southsiders."

But prosecutors said Fowler intentionally shot Reed. During closing arguments, District Attorney Larry Moore showed jurors a mall surveillance image of Reed. In the next image, captured about two seconds after the previous one, Reed was nowhere to be seen.

"Now he's out of the picture and very shortly will be out of this world," Moore said. "This is the last picture of Jarrod Reed alive."

Defense attorney L. Wayne Woodyard argued that Fowler was being blamed for a shooting that was part of a larger gang dispute at the mall. Woodyard told jurors that by charging Fowler with murder, and not leveling charges against any alleged "northside" gang members, prosecutors had "climbed in bed" with the "northside."

"I submit to you these shootings would not have happened were it not for the conduct of the northsiders," Woodyard said. "Unfortunately, they chose another course."

Moore addressed the jury again, telling the panel he hadn't taken sides in the case, just presented the evidence as he saw it.

"If you think Larry Moore has climbed in bed with the northsiders, then cut this man loose," Moore said, pointing to Fowler. "Have you ever heard a prosecutor say that before? I doubt it."

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Twelve dead, several hurt in Colorado theater shooting

AURORA, Colo. A gunman wearing a gas mask set off an unknown gas and fired into a crowded movie theater in suburban Denver at a midnight opening of the Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises," killing 12 people and injuring at least 50 others, authorities said.

Moviegoers didn't know what was happening and some thought the attack was part of the show. Then they saw a silhouette of a person in the smoke at the front of the theater near the screen, pointing a gun at the crowd.

"I told my friend 'we've got to get out of here,' but then he shot people trying to go out the exits," Jennifer Seeger told NBC's "Today." She said the shooter made his way up the aisle, firing as he went, saying nothing.

Federal law enforcement officials identified the suspect as James Holmes, a 24-year-old American.

Holmes is in police custody, and the FBI says there is no indication that incident is tied to any terrorist groups.

The federal law enforcement officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss an ongoing investigation.

Some of those injured are children, including a 3-month-old infant who was shot.

Police earlier said 14 people were dead, but later revised the number to at least 12. It was not immediately clear for the reason for the revision.

Witness Shayla Roeder said she saw a young teenage girl on the ground bleeding outside the theater.

"She just had this horrible look in her eyes We made eye contact and I could tell she was not all right," Roeder said.

Victims are being treated for chemical exposure apparently related to canisters thrown by the gunman. The shooter was arrested shortly after the attack at 12:30 a.m. MDT at the multiplex theater at a mall in Aurora.

It was the worst mass shooting in Colorado since the Columbine High School massacre on April 20, 1999. Students Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, opened fire at the school in the Denver suburb of Littleton, about 15 miles west of Aurora, killing 12 classmates and a teacher and wounding 26 others before killing themselves in the school's library.

Aurora police spokesman Frank Fania on ABC's "Good Morning America" said he didn't know yet if all the injuries were gunshot wounds. He said some might have been caused by other things such as shrapnel.

Police, ambulances and emergency crews swarmed on the scene after frantic calls started flooding the 911 switchboard, officials said.

Officers came running in and telling people to leave the theater, Salina Jordan told the Denver Post. She said some police were carrying and dragging bodies.

Officers later found the gunman near a car behind the theater.

"A gas mask, rifle, handgun at least one additional weapon (were) found inside," he said.

The suspect was taken into custody, but no name was released. Oates said there's no evidence of any other attackers. There was also no immediate word of any motive.

The suspect spoke of "possible explosives in his residence. We are dealing with that potential threat," Oates said.

A large truck lettered "bomb squad" arrived near an Aurora apartment complex where the suspect is believed to have lived, about four miles from the theater. Dozens of police squad cars, vans and other vehicles were already at the scene, along with black-clad officers carrying automatic weapons.

Police evacuated residents of the building. Oates did not say whether any explosives had been found.

He said police also checked for explosives in the parking lot and at the Century 16 theater and secured those areas.

President Barack Obama said he was saddened by the "horrific and tragic shooting," pledging that his administration was "committed to bringing whoever was responsible to justice, ensuring the safety of our people, and caring for those who have been wounded."

Moviegoers spoke of their terror as violence erupted and people around them fell victim.

Benjamin Fernandez, 30, told the Post that he heard a series of explosions. He said that people ran from the theater and there were gunshots as police shouted "get down!"

Fernandez said he saw people falling, including one young girl.

Jordan told the paper that one girl was struck in cheek, others in stomach including a girl who looked to be around 9-years-old.

Jordan said it sounded like firecrackers until someone ran into Theater 8 yelling "they're shooting out here!"

Hayden Miller told KUSA-TV that he heard several shots.

"Like little explosions going on and shortly after that we heard people screaming," he told the station.

Hayden said at first he thought it was part of a louder movie next door. But then he saw "people hunched over leaving theater."

The police chief said 10 victims died at the theater and four at area hospitals.

At least 24 people were being treated at Denver area hospitals.

KUSA reported that some hospitalized victims were being treated for chemical exposure, related apparently to canister thrown by gunman.

Eleven people were being treated at the Medical Center of Aurora for gunshots and ranged from minor to critical condition. Two others walked in to be treated for tear gas contamination.

Denver Health had seven victims one in critical and the rest in fair condition.

The youngest victim reported was a 6-year-old being treated at Children's Hospital Colorado, where a total of six victims were taken. Their condition wasn't known.

Two people in critical condition were rushed to nearby Swedish Medical Center, spokeswoman Nicole Williams said.

Aurora is on Denver's east side and is Colorado's third-largest city with 327,000 residents. It is home to a large Defense Department satellite intelligence operation at Buckley Air Force Base, as well as The Children's Hospital, the University of Colorado Hospital and a future Veterans Affairs hospital.

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Obama, Romney speak after tragedy

WASHINGTON (AP) — For a day, at least, President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney stopped assailing each other and spoke as heartbroken parents.

The Colorado movie theater massacre upended the presidential campaign on Friday, obliging both candidates to cast aside the increasingly bitter tone of the race and reach for a rare moment of American harmony. Yet the moment itself was a political test, for a president charged with consoling a nation and for a challenger needing to show that he could rise to the occasion.

"There are going to be other days for politics," Obama said from one key electoral state, Florida. From another one, New Hampshire, Romney said much the same.

It was more than an unusual case of agreement between the political foes. At times, they sounded just like each other, speaking of evil and of prayer, of the unfulfilled dreams of those killed, of the need to put aside daily and petty grievances to appreciate life and show compassion to others.

The president openly wondered of his 14-year-old and 11-year-old daughters: "What if Malia

and Sasha had been in the theater?"

Addressing a crowd that had gathered for what was expected to be a raucous political rally, he said somberly, "Michelle and I will be fortunate enough to hug our girls a little tighter tonight, and I'm sure you will do the same with your children."

Likewise, Romney said to his audience, "Each one of us will hold our kids a little closer." He said, "I stand before you today not as a man running for office, but as a father and grandfather, a husband, an American."

Amid their calls for unity and prayer, both men said nothing of gun control, a polarizing issue that has been all but absent from the campaign debate this year. Both Romney and Obama have shifted with the times, moving away from stances that favored tougher gun control laws.

The issue may rise anew.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a gun control advocate, said, "You know, soothing words are nice, but maybe it's time that the two people who want to be president of the United States stand up and tell us what they are going to do about it. ... Instead of the two people — President

Obama and Gov. Romney — talking in broad things about they want to make the world a better place, OK, tell us how."

On Friday, Obama and Romney swiftly stripped their day of overt campaigning that surely would have seemed crass given the enormity of the tragedy. They scrambled to yank all their television spots, attack ads or otherwise, from Colorado stations — though strongly critical ads continued elsewhere. Both campaigns pulled their top surrogates off the politically driven talk shows this Sunday.

Nothing else mattered as the country absorbed the news that a man opened fire on people watching the new Batman movie in an Aurora, Colo., theater outside Denver. Twelve people were killed and dozens more were wounded by a suspect said to be using an assault rifle, a shotgun and a handgun in the attack.

"If there's anything to take away from this tragedy, it's the reminder that life is very fragile," Obama said in Fort Myers, Fla.

"What matters at the end of the day is not the small things, it's not the trivial things, which so often consume us and our

daily lives," Obama said. "Ultimately, it's how we choose to treat one another and how we love another."

Romney spoke outside a Bow, N.H., business, at a podium stripped of campaign paraphernalia, in front of a large American flag. He set a tone by saying that he and his wife, Ann, joined Obama and first lady Michelle Obama in offering condolences to those whose lives had been shattered.

"This is a time for each of us to look into our hearts and remember how much we love one another, and how much we love and how much we care for our great country," Romney said.

In Florida, Obama was notified at dawn about the shootings. He canceled a second Florida event and came back to the White House, immediately getting an Oval Office briefing about the investigation. The U.S. flag at the White House was lowered to half-staff, and Obama **TRAGEDY** cont. on page 10



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EPA reviewing part of controversial power plant rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing part of a controversial rule that sets the first federal standards to reduce toxic air pollution from power plants.

The rule, issued in December, is aimed at curbing mercury and other toxic pollutants from coal- and oil-fired power plants. The Obama administration calls the rule a sensible step to reduce pollution, but Republicans have denounced it as a part of a "war on coal." The rule could force hundreds of the nation's oldest and dirtiest power plants to clean up or shut down.

The review, announced Friday, focuses on an aspect of the rule that applies to future power plants. The technical review is intended to clarify how the new standards would apply to five plants proposed in Texas, Georgia, Kansas and Utah.

EPA officials called the review a routine step that will have no impact on

standards already set for existing power plants. Those rules will protect millions of families from air pollution, the agency said.

The review was prompted by criticism from power plant operators who said the rule as drafted was confusing for new plants.

A spokesman for the American Lung Association, which pushed for the power plant rule, called the review "narrowly crafted." While the group is not happy with the change, "it is not a significant deal," said spokesman Paul Billings.

An official for one of the power companies that sought the review said the EPA's decision to reconsider standards for new plants was an acknowledgment by the agency that its standards are unachievable.

Ken Anderson, executive vice president of Colorado-based Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, said the

EPA should review the overall rule "and come back with a regulatory standard that has a proper timeframe and is rooted in the realities of science and engineering." Tri-State has proposed a coal-fired power plant in Kansas.

The EPA rule is intended to slash mercury and other toxic emissions from the oldest and most polluting oil- and coal-fired power plants. The EPA has had authority to set such rules since 1990, but did not impose them until late last year, after a court threw out an attempt by the Bush administration to exempt power plants from such controls.

Power plants are the largest remaining source of manmade mercury in the environment. Mercury is a toxic metal that's known to impair brain development in children, including those exposed in the womb.

When fully implemented in 2016, the standards will slash mercury pollution

from burning coal by 90 percent, lung-damaging acid gases by 88 percent and soot-producing sulfur dioxide by 41 percent. Environmental groups and public health advocates say the rule will prevent thousands of premature deaths and avoid millions of dollars in health care costs for asthma and other illnesses.

Republicans and some industry groups say the benefits of the regulation do not outweigh rising electricity bills, jobs lost from shuttered power plants and the nearly \$10 billion per year cost. They have portrayed the regulation as an effort by the EPA to kill coal, which is responsible for more than 40 percent of U.S. electricity production.

Changing economics, such as low natural gas prices and reduced electricity demand, are major factors in older coal-fired power plants shutting down.

The review of standards for new plants is due to be completed next March.

Protect privacy from drones, say lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before thousands of civilian drones begin flying in U.S. skies, Congress should take steps to protect the public's privacy and prevent terrorists from hacking or jamming signals that control the aircraft, lawmakers said Thursday.

House members from both parties said at an oversight hearing that they're worried about potential privacy and security threats as the use of small unmanned aircraft becomes widespread. The Federal Aviation Administration forecasts an estimated 10,000 civilian drones will be in use in the U.S. within five years.

Even Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, co-chair of bipartisan group of lawmakers promoting greater domestic use of drones, acknowledged that legislation to protect privacy may be necessary.

There is tremendous demand to use drones at home for all kinds of tasks that are too dirty, dull or dangerous for manned aircraft. Drones also are often cheaper than manned aircraft. The biggest market is expected to be state and local police departments.

Industry experts predict the takeoff of a multi-billion dollar market for civilian drones as soon as the FAA completes regulations to make sure they don't pose a safety hazard to other aircraft. But the agency's focus and expertise is safety, not security or privacy.

Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, chairman of a House Homeland Security subcommittee, complained that no federal agency has been willing to tackle the issue of drones and privacy. He said Department of Homeland Security officials refused a request to testify at the hearing, saying regulating civil-

ian use of drones wasn't the department's responsibility.

McCaul said he is considering seeking a subpoena to force officials to testify at a future hearing or asking the White House to issue an executive order requiring the department take responsibility for the matter.

"This is an evolving field and we have thousands of these things that could be deployed in the sky," McCaul said. "I think it's incumbent on the Department of Homeland Security to come up with a policy ... Local law enforcement does need that guidance."

Homeland Security officials didn't immediately reply to a request for comment.

Among the dangers, witnesses said, is that the signals used to guide civilian drones can be hacked or jammed, causing them to crash.

Military drones use encrypted GPS signals for navigation, which protects them from hacking, but the GPS signals used by civilian drones don't have that protection, said Todd Humphreys, an assistant professor of orbital mechanics at the University of Texas-Austin.

In an experiment, Humphreys said he and his students were able

to successfully hack the signals of a sophisticated drone, getting it to change altitude or position through "spoofing" — sending the drone incorrect information on its location. He acknowledged that it would be very difficult for an ordinary person to spoof a drone, although it might be within the capability of a terrorist or criminal network.

GPS signal jammers available for sale on the Internet for as little as \$50 could also be used to cause a civilian drone to crash, said Gerald Dillingham of the Government Accountability Office.

Michael Toscano, president of the Association for Unmanned Vehicles Systems International, pointed out in written comments submitted to the committee that government and industry officials have long been aware that spoofing is a concern for any technology that relies on GPS for guidance and timing, not just unmanned aircraft.

"That said, the industry takes the potential for spoofing very seriously and is already advancing technologies ... to prevent it," he said.

The GAO recommended in 2008 that the Transportation Security Administration, which is part of the homeland security department,

examine the security implications of civilian use of drones. Not only has TSA not done that, but the agency has ignored questions from the GAO about why the recommendations aren't being implemented, Dillingham said.

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BUNA, Texas (AP) — For some, driving an hour to finally arrive at a tiny, obscure brewery in the Piney Woods only enhances the experience of savoring a fine craft brew beer or ale.

Beaumont residents Colleen and Michael Brooks are clearly this breed of beer lover.

With young son in tow, the couple was among an unexpectedly large crowd who dropped in for the Texas Big Beer Brewery grand opening earlier this month in Newton County near Buna.

"We like to support local businesses," Michael Brooks said. "We are highly supportive of that."

They found their support well repaid with the quality of beer and ale on tap at the event.

"I like it," Brooks said, taking a sip from his glass. "It's very good tasting."

Proprietors John and Tammy McKissack of Vidor were pleasantly sur-

prised by the turnout.

"We had no idea," he said of the high attendance, which he estimated at more than 100 people by 7 p.m. "We were hoping for maybe 50."

It's all part of an emerging interest in craft beers, said Alan Ward, a Pasadena brewer who showed up to pour some beer and support the McKissacks in their endeavor.

Ward, proprietor of Brigadoon Brewery, which plies its wares at the Renaissance Festival each year, said he brews beer and ale using methods and equipment used down through the ages.

He and McKissack are part of a close-knit brotherhood of a "very, very friendly, small" craft brewing industry.

But although the industry is small, interest in the product they produce is growing.

"So it's a good time for beer in Texas," Ward said.

John McKissack was bit by the home brew bug about 10 years ago, and at that time he had no idea how far it would take him.

"I just went extreme on home brewing in every aspect," he said. "I just wanted to see if I could make my own beer."

He honed his craft so well, he began winning competitions.

"I thought I would be doing my day job until I was an old man," he said. "I never had any intention of ever retiring."

But all that changed after he was bit by the craft brewing bug.

"He retired, turned 50 and had the grand opening all in the same week!" Tammy McKissack said.

Of the obscure location, McKissack said he enjoys the "small town feeling" and is happy to be able to contribute to the Newton County tax base, rather than somewhere like Harris or Travis County, where his contribution would be a mere

drop in the bucket.

"The more taxes we're paying, the more beer we're selling!" he said cheerfully.

At Saturday's celebration, the McKissacks introduced craft brew enthusiasts to Renaissance Cowboy, a Scotch ale, and Texas Crude, a robust porter. Both products will be available for retail in about three months.

Sarsaparilla and birch root beer were available for the younger set.

"We wanted to make it family friendly," John said.

McKissack said his brews are currently available in stores in Beaumont, Orange, Port Neches, Groves, Bridge City, Silsbee and Gist.

"We only sell to people who ask for it," he said. "We don't have to do any marketing. We're not like Budweiser, we're not producing it by the truck load."

Money vs. name in Texas congressional runoff

ORANGE (AP) — Stephen Takach is spending big money to achieve name recognition in a congressional election where his underfunded opponent already is well-known, doesn't live in the southeast Texas district and appears to be running what amounts to a stealth campaign.

Takach, a financial adviser from Baytown making his first run for office, faces former one-term congressman Steve Stockman in the July 31 Republican runoff for the new Texas 36th District. It's one of four congressional seats added to the state because of population gains counted in the 2010 Census.

Takach and Stockman emerged from a May primary field of a dozen Republicans, but neither came close to avoiding a runoff election. The 50-year-old Takach collected more than 12,200 votes in the primary, about 22 percent of the more than 54,000 cast district-wide, and just 350 votes more than Stockman, whose Friendswood home is outside the district.

The winner will run against Democrat Max Martin, a political neophyte who sells educational software, in the Nov. 6 general election.

The Republican-

skewed 36th District includes an eastern portion of Harris County, central and northern Chambers County, and Liberty, Polk, Hardin, Tyler, Jasper, Newton and Orange counties. Four years ago, 69 percent of the voters in the new district backed GOP presidential candidate John McCain.

The Center for Responsive Politics reported that as of July 11, Takach had contributed \$453,000 of his own money to his campaign, 83 percent of what he's raised.

"It's worth it to me," Takach said. "To me, it's an investment in my children's future and I might get to help generations of other children."

Stockman, 55, who's also worked as an accountant, had raised just under \$94,000 as of June 30, less than 10 percent of it from his own pocket. But Stockman's dollar disadvantage seems to be offset by his notoriety.

Stockman was the political David who stunningly knocked off Democrat Goliath Jack Brooks in 1994. Brooks was the reigning dean of the House, a Lyndon Johnson protege seeking a 22nd term.

"Stockman was lucky enough to be the Republican congres-

sional nominee in 1994 when that tidal wave election swept Newt Gingrich's Republicans into majority status in the House of Representatives for the first time in 40 years," David Castle, a political science professor at Lamar University in Beaumont, said. "If there ever was an accidental officeholder, it was Stockman."

His tenure lasted just two years. Targeted by Democrats, Stockman did himself no favors by becoming known for incendiary language, like accusing the government of "executing" members of Branch Davidian cult after the 1993 siege outside Waco. He also claimed to have received a fax from a militia supporter that seemingly foretold the Oklahoma City bombing. The fax was sent after the bombing.

In 1998, he ran for a seat on the Texas Railroad Commission and lost in the primary. He made a bid for Congress in 2006 as an independent but didn't qualify for the Texas ballot.

Now, despite his single term that ended 16 years ago, campaign signs dotting roadsides in the district label him as "Congressman" and urge voters to "re-elect" him.

"I've had people call

us about it," Tammy Jenkins, the GOP chairman in Chambers County, said. "They thought it was inappropriate, unethical or illegal."

Federal elections and House ethics officials say the signs were OK, Jenkins said.

But she and other Republican chairmen in the district said they rarely, if ever, have seen Stockman, who mostly avoided scheduled joint appearances with the 11 other GOP primary candidates.

"It's a very unusual way to run a campaign," said Benny Fogleman, the Polk County Republican chairman. "Honest to goodness, until the state convention (last month), we never saw him."

Stockman and his campaign didn't respond to emails or phone calls from The Associated Press. On his campaign website, it says he supports securing the border and a federal balanced-

budget amendment and opposes gun control, abortion and homosexual marriage.

"It is a strange campaign style — but then Stockman is a strange character," Castle said.

Takach has adopted a more traditional campaign. He says government spending and entitlements are out of control and his business and financial experience is what's needed in Washington to balance the budget once and for all.

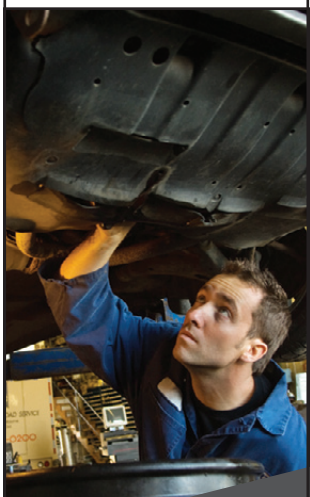
"We're losing this American dream and I think we have to get it back," Takach said at an appearance this month in Orange. "We're losing this with government red tape, government regulation, all the time changing stuff. We have to take our country back, we have to quit spending or our kids and your grandkids are not going to have a future."

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Smithsonian to exhibit Texas man's World War II birds

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — As a pharmacist with the 11th Marines, Sammy Ray took part in some of the fiercest battles of World War II. He was at Okinawa, and still trembles at memories of the peril he faced at Peleliu - for America, the bloodiest battle of the South Pacific.

Attacking Japanese positions may have been the apex of his military years, but the future Texas A&M University professor's academic achievements were equally compelling. For much of his time in the South Pacific, Ray's weapon of choice was a slingshot or a stock-mounted pistol that fired dove shot. His targets were rainbow lorikeets, cardinal lories and Solomon Island cockatoos.

Ray, later interim president of Texas A&M-Galveston, dean of the Moody College of Marine Technology and creator of the popular summer Sea Camp program for kids, was one of hundreds of soldier-scientists who prowled war zones in search of plants, minerals, shells, insects and animals on behalf of the Smithsonian Institution.

Beginning this month, the Washington, D.C., museum will mount a small yearlong exhibition featuring specimens - including some of Ray's nearly 200 birds - collected from the war's Pacific theater.

"By the end of the war," Smithsonian historian Pamela Henson said, "the Smithsonian had become a powerhouse in South Pacific natural history."

Ray, 93, son of a Syrian immigrant peddler, grew up in a series of small Mississippi towns. His introduction to the world of science came from an acquaintance, Merritt Gordon Vaiden, an amateur ornithologist.

At the behest of his parents, Ray decided to drop out of high school to take a post office job. "In Rosedale, a town of 2,000, I never once dreamed of going to college," Ray said. "What was there for me to do except to run a service station or work in a dry goods store? ... Gordon pointed a finger at me and said, 'Sammy, if you don't finish high school, you'll make the greatest mistake of your life.'"

Vaiden offered to teach Ray taxidermy and pay him \$38 a month. Ray accepted, a move that led to his graduation from high school - 12th in a class of 13 - and enrollment at Sunflower Junior College to study biology.

Through Vaiden's connections and his own improving academic performance, Ray continued his studies at Louisiana State University. After a stint in a mosquito control program, he joined the Navy as a pharmacist's mate. His ties to the world of bird research brought him to the attention of the Smithsonian. "Collecting birds - that was my mission. To hell with the Japanese," Ray said.

The young pharmacist's mate, attached to the 1st Marine Division's artillery unit, soon tasted the bitterness of war.

In summer 1944, the 1st Division and the Army 81st Infantry attacked the Japanese stronghold of Peleliu, a coral island honeycombed with fortified bunkers and caves and home to an enemy force of 11,000. The battle lasted more than two months and the Marine division suffered more than 6,000 casualties.

"Looking back on it now," Ray said, "I don't know how the hell I got out of there alive."

Ray's scientific duties, performed at rest camps away from battle, often ruffled the feathers of military brass. On New Caledonia, where he lacked permission to fire his birding gun behind the lines, he felled specimens with a slingshot.

"One of the big problems was that if there was a shot fired behind the lines, no one knew if there was a sniper," Ray said. Through suave diplomacy, Ray succeeded in smoothing the way for his collecting.

A night in a swamp
On a collecting trip in a mangrove swamp on Pavuvu, Ray was separated from fellow Marines. Without knowledge of an all-important password, he had no way of safely returning to camp.

"I was afraid to come out. Without hearing the password, sentries don't ask any questions," Ray said. "I

spent the night in the swamp, slept on logs. Big lizards, iguanas, land crabs crawled all over me. I was surrounded by a pack of wild dogs."

At dawn, Ray returned to receive a chewing-out from his colonel. "Afterward," Ray said, "he and I developed a very good relationship. ... As senior pharmacist, I had control of the sick bay's alcohol and I took care of the colonel. He took care of me. I got to shoot behind the lines."

The Smithsonian's use of Ray and other enlisted personnel as collectors was an outgrowth of the institution's earlier assistance in the war effort, Henson said. "We were sending information to the military because they didn't know much about the South Pacific," she said. "We provided maps, photographs, information about food, insects and disease. We wrote their first survival manual."

At war's end, Ray returned to the states to pursue a medical degree. Instead, he joined an oil company team investigating the cause of an oyster die-off, a job that redirected his career.

After obtaining master and doctorate degrees at Rice University, he worked as a federal research biologist, then, in 1957, joined Texas A&M.

"Birds," Ray said, "have turned my life around in two ways."

The first was the alternative they provided to a career as a postal clerk; the second, the role they played in "capturing the love of my life."

Ray met his future wife, Charlotte, when, as a junior college newspaper editor, she interviewed him for an article on bird collecting.

During the interview, Ray invited the woman to handle a harmless, 5-foot-long chicken snake. Though shaken, his future wife succeeded in manipulating the reptile back into his bag.

"I thought to myself: 'If she can handle a snake, maybe I have a chance with her.'"

The couple has been married 69 years.

Feds take ailing boy to N.M. for treatment

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A 9-year-old boy with a massive tumor was whisked from a dangerous neighborhood in Mexico in an armored vehicle by U.S. agents and taken across the border for treatment in New Mexico, his family said.

The boy and his parents were snatched Thursday from the gang-infested neighborhood in Ciudad Juarez — one of the deadliest cities in the world — after members of a New Mexico Baptist church saw him near an orphanage and sought help.

The parents of the child, identified by officials only as Jose to protect his family, said the tumor on his shoulder and neck has grown so large that it affects his eyesight and could move into his heart.

With no money for medical care, the family sought treatment in Juarez and El Paso, but did not receive any help removing the tumor, which has afflicted Jose since birth.

Si Budagher, pastor of First Baptist Church of Rio Rancho, N.M., said church members spotted the boy while doing missionary work and felt compelled to help him.

"He just came up to us and offered to carry groceries," Budagher said. "The Lord put him in front of us."

Church members only recently resumed missionary work in the border city after suspending visits due to the violence between competing drug cartels. The violence has claimed thousands of lives.

Denise Gutierrez, a victim assistance coordinator for Homeland Security Investigations, said she felt compelled to help as soon as she saw photos of Jose.

"I refused to believe that there was nothing we could do for this boy," she said.

Gutierrez said the boy and his parents were granted a 45-day humanitarian visa for treatment in New Mexico, and a coalition of U.S. agencies led by Homeland Security Investigations began working to get them into the United States.

The U.S. Border Patrol helped the family enter the country.

Asked Friday about the ride in the armored vehicle, Jose's eyes widen before he covered his face with his hands. "I like it here," he said.

Budagher said the church has set up a fund for private donations and is helping with the cost of the family's stay in the U.S. The church is also seeking help from doctors to examine Jose.

It's still unclear, however, what treatment is needed or if he'll need to return for follow-up visits.

Tragedy

ordered similar action at all federal facilities.

Obama telephoned Aurora Police Chief Dan Oates and told him to expect full support from the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies.

It was unclear whether, after the first shock, the episode would inject the volatile issue of gun rights into the election debate.

Twenty years ago, polls showed that a substantial majority — nearly 80 percent in 1990 — supported stricter limits on guns. Now Americans appear evenly divided between those who want tougher restrictions and those who want to stick with current laws.

As a U.S. senator, Obama voted to leave gun makers and dealers open to civil lawsuits, and as an Illinois state lawmaker he supported a ban on all forms of semi-automatic weapons and tighter state restrictions generally on firearms. Romney backed some gun control measures when he was governor of Massachusetts, and when he challenged Sen. Edward Kennedy in 1994 he declared, "I don't line up with the NRA."

This spring, competing for the Republican presidential nomination, Romney told the NRA he was a guardian of the Second Amendment.

Following last year's killing of six people and

the wounding of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson, Ariz., Obama called for a series of steps to "keep those irresponsible, law-breaking few from getting their hands on a gun in the first place."

Among those steps was a better federal background check system. The administration said Friday that it has indeed improved the amount and quality of information poured into that system, allowing background

checks to be more thorough.

But the administration has offered no detailed, public explanation of how it is following up on all of Obama's previous promises, and it had no comment about any need for new legislation.

"The president believes that we need to take common-sense measures that protect Second Amendment rights of Americans, while ensuring that those who should not have guns under exist-

ing law do not get them," presidential spokesman Jay Carney said.

Romney spokeswoman Andrea Saul said the Republican candidate believes the "best way to prevent gun violence is to vigorously enforce our laws."

Others, particularly Mayor Bloomberg, were looking for more specificity.

The question is simple, he said in a radio interview: "What are they going to do about guns?"

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Study challenges historical views about Western forest fires

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Scientists using field notes from surveys first conducted by the government before the Civil War believe they've gained a better understanding of how Western wildfires behaved historically.

Researchers at the University of Wyoming studied historical fire patterns across millions of acres of dry Western forests. Their findings challenge the current operating protocol of the U.S. Forest Service and other agencies that today's fires are burning hotter and more frequently than in the past.

Combing through 13,000 firsthand descriptions of forests and retracing steps covering more than 250 miles in three states, where teams of government land surveyors first set out in the mid-1800s to map the nation's wild lands, the researchers said they found evidence forests then were much denser than previously believed.

"More highly intense fire is not occurring now than historically in dry forests," said William Baker, who teaches fire ecology and landscape ecology in Laramie, Wyo., where he's been doing research more than 20 years. "These forests were much more diverse and experienced a much wider mixture of fire than we thought in the past, including substantial amounts of high-severity fire."

If he's right, he and others say it means fuel-reduction programs aimed at removing trees and shrubs in the name of easing fire threats are creating artificial conditions that likely make dry forests less resilient.

"It means we need to rethink our management of Western

dry forests," said Baker, a member of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service working group that is developing plans to help bolster northern spotted owl populations in dry forests.

Baker's conclusions have drawn sharp criticism from other longtime researchers who believe that decades of fire suppression have led to more densely tangled forests and more intense fires, the position advanced by the Forest Service.

"I have yet to hear any knowledgeable forest or fire ecologist or forest manager say they are convinced by the main interpretations in that (Wyoming) paper," said Thomas Swetnam, a professor of dendrochronology and director of the Laboratory of Tree Ring Research at the University of Arizona. "I doubt it will gain much traction in the scientific or management communities."

The Forest Service did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Baker said the historic government land surveys provided researchers with a surprisingly detailed and precise record.

The studies conducted by Baker and others over the past two years focused on parts of Colorado, Oregon and Arizona, but were indicative of dry forest types stretching from the Rockies to the Sierra Nevada previously thought to be "open and park-like" and typically enduring only cycles of frequent, low-severity fire.

"The major surprising finding was ... areas of high density of forest and higher severity fires in really all dry forests across the West," said Mark Williams, who co-authored two of the three studies with Baker.

"The notes are pretty descriptive," said Williams. "You can look for where the fire started and ended. We were actually walking the same lines, collecting fire scars from trees."

Wallace Covington, the director of the Ecological Restoration Institute at Northern Arizona University, takes no issue with the Wyoming duo's data collection or statistical analysis but said some of Baker's conclusions don't follow from his data. Covington first testified before Congress in 2002 about the urgent need to thin forests to guard against catastrophic wildfires and insists it's still necessary.

Others say the Wyoming studies are important new information in an emerging field of research.

Jennifer Marlon, a Yale University paleoecologist, said a study she recently led on the impact of climate change on forests over thousands of years appeared to be largely consistent "with Baker's idea that there were large, severe fires even in dry forests historically."

The fire record her team built for the Western U.S. for the past 3,000 years shows "that fires during the 20th century generally are actually fewer and smaller than ever before given current climate conditions," said Marlon, who emphasized the role of climate on wildfire.

"The general trend from high fire in the 1800s to very low

fire in the 1900s is strong and clear from three independent datasets," she said. "Open park-like conditions may have indeed occurred after the 'peak' in burning during the mid-1800s."

Baker and Williams contend that past studies of forest structure and fires were not so much wrong as "incomplete" because that they placed too much emphasis on anecdotal references, sampled too small of areas and often concentrated on old-growth stands more resistant to fire.

One of the earliest references to the open nature of the forests is found in a 1943 study by Harold Weaver, a forester from Oregon State who characterized forests in Oregon's eastern Cascades as "like a park, with clean-boled trees and grassy forest floor."

An updated view was summarized in the 2012 spring edition of California Forests: "Human fire suppression activity during the past 100 years have created dense, more crowded forests and shifted the fire regime in Sierran mixed conifer forests from one of frequent, low-level fire to one where high intensity wildfires are more common," wrote John Battles, chairman of ecosystem sciences in Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at the University of California, Berkeley.

Williams said the Wyoming studies have significant implications for wildlife that depends on post-fire habitat, such as the black-backed woodpecker, which has survived for millions of years by eating beetle larvae in burned trees.

Four conservation groups filed a petition with the U.S. Interior Department in May seeking Endangered Species Act protection for the bird in the Sierra Nevada, Oregon's Eastern Cascades and the Black Hills of eastern Wyoming and western South Dakota.

The new studies provide the first "real, direct data" showing that more forests burned historically, creating more post-fire forest habitat, said Chad Hanson, a forest ecologist and director of the John Muir Project who is helping lead the listing effort and suing the Forest Service to block post-fire logging in woodpecker habitat near Lake Tahoe.

"It indicates the woodpeckers had more habitat historically than they do now," Hanson said.

Williams said when he started the study he had "the same general ideas most people have — that the forests were less dense and there were frequent, less severe fires to maintain that structure."

Now, he believes thinning and post-fire salvage operations should be re-examined and emphasis placed on maintaining high-density stands in certain circumstances that would not threaten people or homes.

"We shouldn't be managing just for low-density forests," he said. "We should not be unhappy with — or perhaps even manage for — higher severity fires in the forests."

Weekly Menus

Lunch In the Parks

MONDAY, July 23

Steak fingers, carrot sticks, peach cup, milk

TUESDAY, July 24

Philly steak sandwich, fresh fruit, juice, milk

WEDNESDAY, July 25

Corn dog, carrot sticks, mandarin orange cup, milk

THURSDAY, July 26

Rib b que on a bun, broccoli florets, juice, milk

FRIDAY, July 27

Hamburger, pickle spear, strawberry cup, milk

Lunch In The Parks — Wilson Only

MONDAY, July 23

Chicken & noodle or steak fingers, green beans, sliced carrots, mixed fruit, biscuit

Breakfast- Pancake n sausage

TUESDAY, July 24

Macaroni & cheese or Philly steak sandwich, sliced potatoes, English peas, fresh fruit, hot roll

Breakfast-Biscuit, Sausage patty

WEDNESDAY, July 25

Chicken salad sandwich or corndog, spinach, carrot sticks, pineapple tidbits

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza

THURSDAY, July 26

Popcorn chicken or rib b que on a bun, whipped potatoes, corn, applesauce, hot roll

Breakfast- Biscuit, gravy

FRIDAY, July 27

Red burritos or hamburger, french fries, burger salad, peaches

Breakfast- Cereal, toast

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MONDAY, July 23

Chicken fried steak or chicken & ham tetrazini, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, lemon bundt cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, July 24

Meatloaf or chicken salad, potato Au Gratin, fried okra, spinach, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, applesauce cake, cherry cobbler, fruit cup

WEDNESDAY, July 25

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, marble cake, bread pudding, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, July 26

Chicken strips or taco salad, steak fries, broccoli, hominy, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, red velvet cake, lemon icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, July 27

Cod fish/hushpuppies or lasagna, tator tots, brussels sprouts, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, mocha brownies, tapioca cup, fruit cup, breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, July 23

B.b.q. meatballs, potato salad, baked beans, apricots

TUESDAY, July 24

Hamloaf, hominy casserole, zucchini/tomatoes, pineapple

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Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, peas/carrots, peaches

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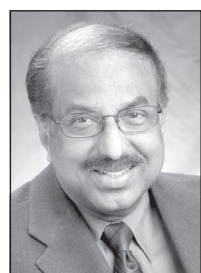
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Report: Fewest cattle in America in at least four decades

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A widespread drought that's forcing ranchers to sell off animals has helped shrink the nation's cattle herd to its smallest number in at least four decades.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported Friday that the number of cattle and calves in the United States totaled 97.8 million head as of July 1. That's 2 percent less than a year ago. Beef cattle numbers were down 3 percent at 30.5 million head counted, while dairy cow numbers remained unchanged at 9.2 million.

Overall, it's the smallest cattle inventory since the agency began a July count in 1973. NASS now estimates

the size of the nation's herd each January and July.

Glynn Tonser, an associate professor in agricultural economics at Kansas State University, said the smaller cattle numbers reflect a years-long trend that was speeded up by last year's drought in the Southwest. Pastures dried up, and feed prices skyrocketed, forcing ranchers to sell off animals.

More ranchers are selling animals this year as the U.S. struggles with the widest drought in decades. However, the report released Friday is based on data collected during the first half of June — before the drought spread and significant sales began.

There are two signs the cattle numbers won't recover soon. The nation's 2012 calf crop also was 2 percent smaller compared to a year ago, with 34.5 million calves expected to be born this year, the report estimated.

Also, a key indicator of potential future herd expansion is the number of replacement heifers ranchers keep in their herds. The July 1 inventory showed the number of beef replacement heifers unchanged at 4.2 million.

And, that number would have fallen if the data had included the latest drought-driven cattle selloffs in late June and July, Tonser said.

Ex-president George W. Bush skips Republican convention

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President George W. Bush is skipping the Republican National Convention next month in Tampa, Fla., where presumptive GOP nominee Mitt Romney will officially become the party's standard-bearer.

"President Bush was grateful for the invitation," his spokesman, Freddy Ford, said Friday in an email. He added that the 43rd president "is confident that Mitt Romney will be a great president. But he's still enjoying his time off the political stage and respectfully declined the invitation to go to Tampa."

Bush's presence at the convention

could undercut Romney's argument that he knows better than President Barack Obama when it comes to improving the wobbly economy. A CBS News/New York Times poll this month found more voters say Bush deserves the bulk of the blame for the nation's economic downturn than think Obama bears a lot of the responsibility. Almost two-thirds of voters think Romney's economic policies would mirror Bush's at least somewhat.

Bush was deeply unpopular when he left office in 2009 amid the nation's worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. He has largely stayed out of politics since returning to Texas with his

wife, Laura.

In a recent interview with the Hoover Institution's Peter Robinson, Bush left little doubt that he prefers to observe the often-messy process.

"I've crawled out of the swamp. And, I'm not crawling back in!" Bush said. "I'm interested in politics. I'm a supporter of Mitt Romney. I hope he does well. But he can do well without me."

He added that he's trying to regain some anonymity "as best I can."

"I really don't want to be in the public eye anymore and feel a certain sense of liberation not being out there," Bush said in the interview.

Bush's father, former President George H.W. Bush, announced earlier this week that he plans to skip the convention for health reasons. That means Romney will accept his party's nomination without any former GOP presidents in the audience.

The elder Bush's spokesman, Jim McGrath, said it will be the first time since 1976, when Bush was director of the CIA and refrained from partisan activities, that he won't attend the Republican Party gathering.

Bush, 88, has a form of Parkinson's disease that afflicts his legs. He uses a wheelchair or motorized scooter.

Texas welder crafts crates for zoo

VICTORIA (AP) — Gene's Machine employee Louis Berger has worked on many projects during his 50-year career as a welder.

He has worked on vessels, various types of oil field equipment and even a fluid swivel that helped keep transportation going in the Philippines.

But it was not until recently that he worked on his first lion crates.

"They turned out nice," said Berger, as he stood next to the gigantic lion crates he had spent countless hours welding over the last two months. "I just hope they hold everything in them."

Gene's Machine, one of the largest fabrication companies in South Texas, donated its labor and equipment to make four transport crates for the Texas Zoo's two Barbary lions and two Bengal tigers.

Zoo staff picked up the crates on July 5.

"If for some reason there was a flood, a hurricane or some other natural disaster, if we had to move the cats, we didn't have the ability to do so," said Michael Magaw, animal curator at the Texas Zoo. "Now, we do."

"There's no way we could have gotten those crates without them," he continued.

In May, former Texas Zoo executive director Andrea Blomberg contacted Gene's Machine in hopes that they would help design, build and make a donation toward the needed crates, which cost about \$5,500 for all four.

A deal was worked out where the zoo would pay \$4,000, \$1,000 per crate, to pay for materials and Gene's Machine would donate the labor and equipment, said Gene's Machine shop foreman Tim Peyton.

"As a company, we try to do good things," said Dwaine Pratkan. "We're trying to be more oriented about the needs of the community."

Regional Steel, namely Elton Calhoun, also helped with the project by providing materials at a discounted

cost, said Peyton.

Very preliminary new drafts of FEMA floodplain maps indicate the zoo will move from being half in a floodway and half in a flood fringe to being totally in a floodway, which is the natural conduit for flood waters.

The Texas Zoo has taken several precautions to prepare for any potential disaster, including flood gates fitted with aluminum panels - one at the front entrance and another at the back that can be supplemented with tarps and sandbags; an aboveground drainage valve that can be closed to keep river water from backing up into the zoo and animal exhibit platforms; and berms are being heightened 3 more inches.

The lion exhibit was built at an elevated height in an effort to prevent flooding.

If the situation got too bad, though, there was no way zoo staff could have transported the almost 600-pound tigers and nearly 300-pound lions to the safety of sister zoos elsewhere.

The crates, which can fit on a flatbed trailer, will also provide a means to transport the felines to the veterinarian if needed.

Now that the zoo has the crates, they still have much more to do to actually put them to use if a situation arises.

The cats have to be trained to go into the large, black, steel-wheeled crates and the lion exhibit needs to be renovated with a ramp to roll the crates up to the exhibit entry.

Preliminary preparations are expected to begin on the latter task later this month.

The revamped lion exhibit, which the zoo is still fundraising for, will feature not only a ramp, but also will triple in size.

"Without volunteers and the goodwill of the community, it would take us years to raise the money and save money to get these projects done," said Magaw. "They are what keep us going."

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A chopped barbecue beef sandwich, prepared for about \$1.

Texana's Kitchen: Quickies

CHRISTINE FRIESENHAHN
Texana's Kitchen

Since back-to-school time is quickly approaching, I thought I would dedicate a post to it. I am going to discuss cheap and easy foods for college students and others on a tight budget, and with limited kitchen access.....There will be ramen noodles. And meat that comes from a can. My friends and readers in the culinary business, or die-hard foodies, may want to avert their eyes for this post.

My sisters and I were fortunate growing up, in that my parents could afford both to send us to college, AND to feed us while we were there. Bonus!

We were also fortunate in that we got to live off campus in nice apartments, with actual kitchens, and full size refrigerators. I know that we all took this for granted, because in fact, we didn't see much of what was going on behind dormitory doors.

We did see dormitory life, but usually only late night glimpses when we were picking up our friends, or crashing in their dorm rooms. There was party hopping at the Dobie Dormitory on the University of Texas Campus, and I am pretty sure I saw bras and boxers hanging from the hallway light fixtures at Jester. Any movie you have ever seen around parties in college dormitories could easily have been filmed at, or based on life therein.

Usually, we weren't around during study time or dinner time, when the realities of sharing a 12 foot by 12 foot living space with another person were more apparent. Hot plates were forbidden, but most people had one anyway, hiding under the dirty clothes in their closets, where no pre-fects were likely to look. Only microwaves and mini refrigerators were allowed.

I spent the night one time with my high school friend Andrea at her barely air-conditioned campus dorm. She was so excited to prepare a meal for her first guest. It was popped rice cakes, topped with peanut butter and sliced bananas. It was tasty, but it was dessert. Or breakfast. I was hoping that something hot and meaty would follow for dessert. It never really occurred to me at the time that it was one of the few things to eat, given the lack of cold storage or heating mechanisms.

Over the years, I heard how the other half was living. Some of them subsisting on monthly meal plans from the commissary. At Texas A&M, one such student dining hall was Sbis (s-bees-uh), which my

friends called S-grease-a. I never had the pleasure of dining there, so I can't say for sure, but I am sure my friends must have been over-exaggerating. Or not.

My friend Lance went to Texas A&M at Kingsville. I remember him telling how, while on Spring Break at the coast, they lived mostly on ramen noodles and beer. I do not doubt the voracity of that for one moment. He also said that if one of the guys failed to do his daily chores, such as taking out the beer cans from the night before, his punishment was that he would lose his flavor packet from his ramen noodles the rest of the day. That would be difficult to bear. Death by hanging might have been a more compassionate choice.

Over the years, though, I have seen more closely how people, not just students, struggle to pay for food. I see people at work who live on spaghetti-o's, bologna sandwiches, and ramen noodles every day, because they are cheap and filling.

The recipes given today will not appear at the top of any haute cuisine favorites lists. Hopefully they offer some tasty, cheap, and easy alternatives for college students and others without the equipment or financial resources for more. Each includes microwave options for those without heating equipment.

Please quit eating spaghetti-o's and canned soup cold, out of the can. My little heart can't take it.

Chopped Barbecue Beef Sandwiches

Serves 4—\$1.00 per serving, 5 minutes prep time

- 1 can corned beef, without potatoes (\$2.30)
- 1 small bottle barbecue sauce (8-10 oz), your choice (\$1.00)
- 4 small hamburger buns (\$.70)

In a small skillet over medium heat, fry corned beef until heated through and getting a crust on it. Add 1 cup of sauce, and heat through. Add additional sauce if needed, for flavor. Place on buns and serve. Top with sliced onions and pickles, if desired.

** If using a microwave, place corned beef in a microwave safe dish, cover with paper towel and heat for 4 minutes. Stop every minute to stir. Add sauce, and heat through another 2 minutes. Stir and serve on buns.

Five Minute Pad Thai

Serves 1—\$.54 per serving, 5 minutes prep time

- 1 packet ramen noodles (oriental or pork) (\$.15)
- 1 T peanut butter (\$.08)
- 1 T plus 1 teaspoon soy sauce (\$.10)
- 1 egg, beaten (\$.15)
- 1 green onion, green and

white parts, thinly sliced (\$.06)

Mix egg with one teaspoon soy sauce. In a non-stick skillet, cook the egg until done, disturbing as little as possible to make a "sheet" of eggs, rather than fluffy little scrambled eggs. Remove from heat, cut into strips or 1" pieces and set aside.

In a small bowl or cup, mix together peanut butter and soy sauce.

Cook ramen noodles according to directions, but drain completely before adding the seasoning packet. Stir in the peanut butter mixture, then toss in the onions and eggs. Add any of the optional additions, if using. Enjoy.

**if using a microwave, cook eggs in a small glass bowl, covered with a piece of plastic wrap for 1 minute, or less, until done.

Christine Friesenhahn publishes her recipes at www.texanaskitchen.com.

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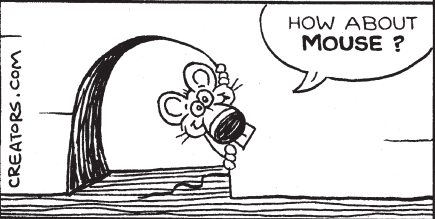
GAMES AND PUZZLES

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DRAW A CHIMNEY ON THIS HOUSE...



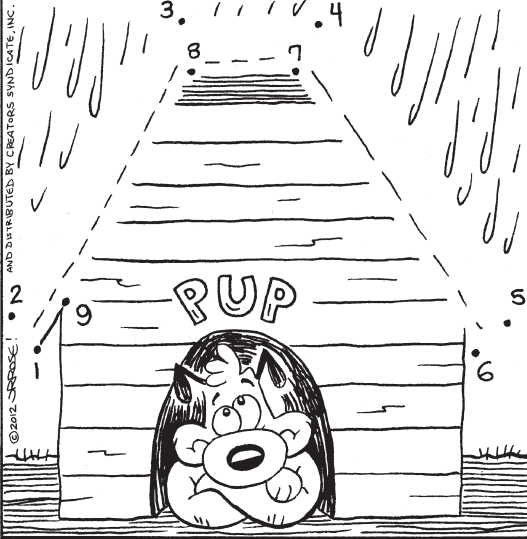
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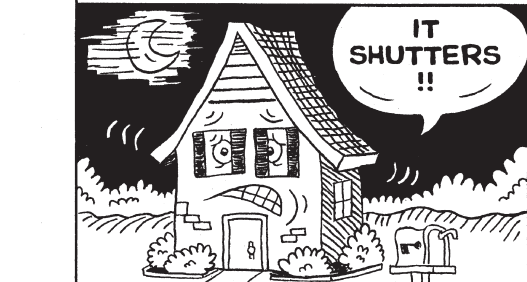


RAIN IS FALLING HEAVILY. ONLY YOU CAN PROTECT ME! HELP ME QUICKLY--WOOF, WOOF, WOOF! JOIN THE DOTS AND MAKE MY ROOF!



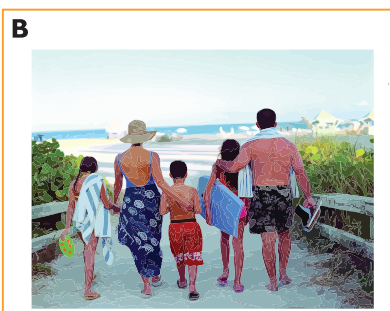
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WHAT IS THE BIGGEST OCEAN IN THE WORLD, COVERING 33% OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE?
ANSWER: THE PACIFIC OCEAN

What's the Difference?
There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



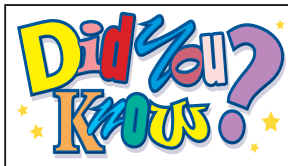
Answers: 1. Frisbee has pink dots. 2. Missing umbrella on horizon. 3. Mom's hair is shorter. 4. Boy's bathing suit waistband is red.



THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
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• 1942: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BEGINS CIVILIAN GASOLINE RATIONING DUE TO WARTIME DEMANDS.
• 2011: NORWAY IS VICTIMIZED BY A PAIR OF TERROR ATTACKS.



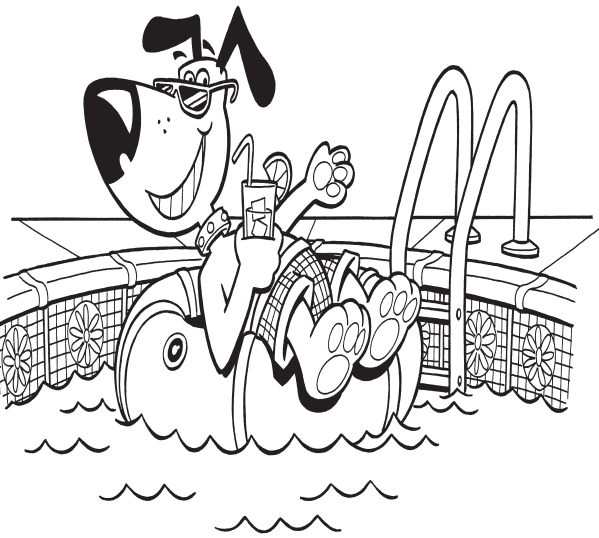
flotsam
wreckage of a ship found floating or washed on shore



IT IS BELIEVED THAT ANCIENT PERUVIANS INVENTED SURFING. THEY WOULD USE SMALL, REED BOATS THAT RESEMBLED SURFBOARDS.



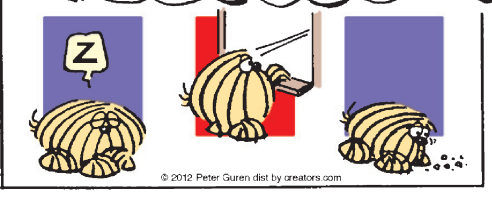
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: FISH



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Richard Henley
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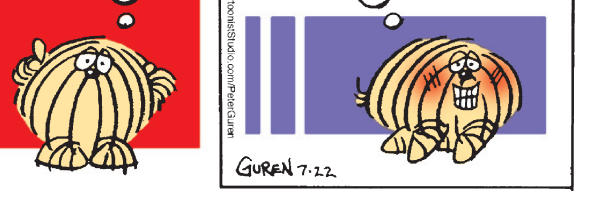
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WE NAP, THEN WE RELAX, THEN TAKE A BREAK, THEN STARE OUT THE WINDOW, THEN ROLL AROUND ON OUR BACKS, THEN SNIFF FOR CRUMBS ON THE KITCHEN FLOOR, THEN...



HISTORICAL SHAGGS
TODAY, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET ANOTHER MEMBER OF MY FAMILY TREE.
SHAGGAIN DAWG (1991 TO 2005) SHE WAS OWNED BY OLYMPIC TRACK STAR USAIN BOLT. IN HIS YOUNGER YEARS, BOLT WOULD PRACTICE SPRINTING BY SNATCHING SHAGGAIN'S DOG BOWL JUST WHEN SHE WAS ABOUT TO EAT.
BARK BARK

NO, WAIT A MINUTE. THAT'S OUR JOB.



adult addlers

GRILLING WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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| Baste | Lunch |
| Black | Marinade |
| Buns | Matches |
| Clean | Meat |
| Coal | Mesquite |
| Cover | Outside |
| Crust | Party |
| Dinner | Poultry |
| Drips | Propane |
| Fire | Pungent |
| Fish | Rack |
| Food | Sauce |
| Fuel | Sear |
| Grate | Smoke |
| Grill | Spatula |
| Hamburger | Steak |
| Hot | Tongs |
| Hot dog | Wings |
| Ignite | Wood |
| Light | Yard |

Conflict

By Charles Preston

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ACROSS

- Like a wet noodle
- Light My Fire group
- Piece of disinformation
- Sandarac tree
- Small razor-billed bird
- Bar intro?
- Tolstoi work
- Cookie-selling org.
- In sequence
- Katherine's dancing partner
- Hook's mate
- Was a bad winner
- More full of ginger
- Way out?
- Some butcher shop wares
- Paired off
- It's a game
- Eyes-a-poppin'
- Like a filet
- Had on
- Word, from the French
- Taps out in code
- Jeer at
- Exercise routine

DOWN

- Some are blue
- Latin hymn word
- Golfer Dave
- Expressing approval
- Twofold
- Ending -doko
- Frame for cray
- Summoned back
- Androgen, for one
- Hassle over
- Magazine edition
- Hop on
- Conductor Kurt
- Tags
- Pick up item
- Ways out
- Wrestling maneuver
- Possum of the comics
- Disturbance quelling groups
- 40-card game
- What happened next?
- Comus composer
- Jazzman Stan
- Stay relaxed
- Traveled about
- Businessman's carryall
- Picker-upper
- Sine non
- Track competitor
- Remainder, in Rennes
- Jury member
- Stag group
- Tend to a wok
- Saintly Philip
- Eire man
- Barely manages
- Not just any

Crossword Puzzle Answers

CONFLICT

Word Search Answers

ACROSS: 1. HOLE, 2. KICK, 3. BURN, 4. CRAY, 5. FILE, 6. CRAY, 7. CRAY, 8. CRAY, 9. CRAY, 10. CRAY, 11. CRAY, 12. CRAY, 13. CRAY, 14. CRAY, 15. CRAY, 16. CRAY, 17. CRAY, 18. CRAY, 19. CRAY, 20. CRAY, 21. CRAY, 22. CRAY, 23. CRAY, 24. CRAY, 25. CRAY, 26. CRAY, 27. CRAY, 28. CRAY, 29. CRAY, 30. CRAY, 31. CRAY, 32. CRAY, 33. CRAY, 34. CRAY, 35. CRAY, 36. CRAY, 37. CRAY, 38. CRAY, 39. CRAY, 40. CRAY, 41. CRAY, 42. CRAY, 43. CRAY, 44. CRAY, 45. CRAY, 46. CRAY, 47. CRAY, 48. CRAY, 49. CRAY, 50. CRAY, 51. CRAY, 52. CRAY, 53. CRAY, 54. CRAY, 55. CRAY, 56. CRAY, 57. CRAY, 58. CRAY, 59. CRAY.

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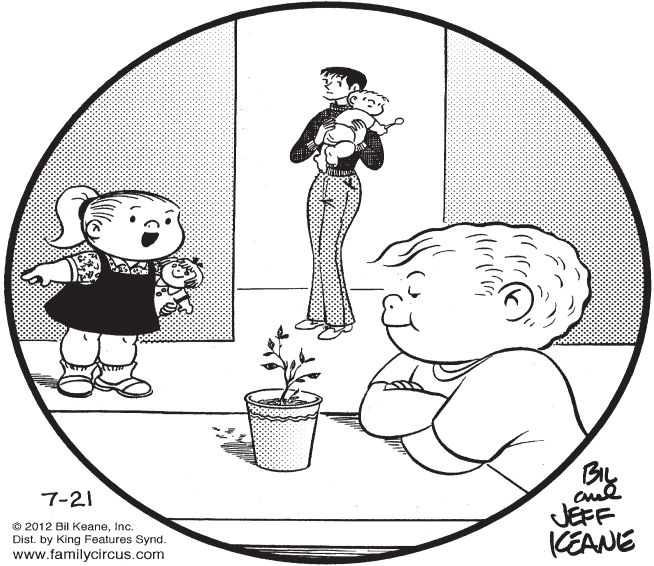
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Ah Hex! Solution

EACH NUMBER REPRESENTS A DIFFERENT COLOR.

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Bil and Jeff Keane

"Wow! Jeffy's plant is really growin'! When he gets older, he's gonna be a very good mother."

Non Sequitur



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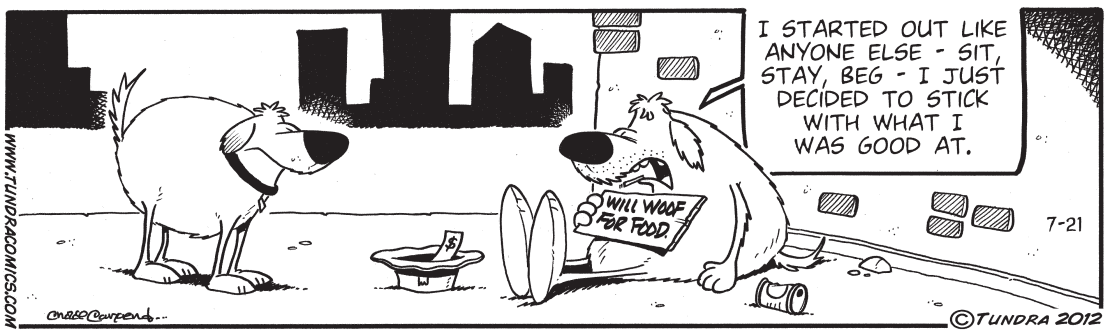
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 23, 2012:
 Do not make your life any more complicated than it is. In fact, this year you have an opportunity to add clarity to your life and ideals. If you are single, you attract a host of people. Some, of course, will be friends, but a romantic and worthy relationship also could be heading your way. This person communicates well. If you are attached, the two of you need to go out more as a couple and enjoy each other's company. You do not always need to have people around. Your sweetie seems unusually attracted to you. LIBRA can tell you to back off so nicely that you might not even realize it for hours.
 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)
 ★★★★★ Others seem to fall in line and do what you want. You might not even need to say anything. Stay centered, as many people bounce their ideas off you. Recognize when someone hits a dead end, and diplomatically bring it to this person's attention. Tonight: Sort through offers.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ Play it relaxed, and you'll notice that others center themselves as well. You come up with some wild ideas in a discussion. Hold some of them back, as many people are not in the same head space as you are. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Relax.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You cannot help but express your feelings, especially about a child or potential loved one. You might be worried about being so vulnerable. Consider being open as your best defense; it is hard to intentionally hurt someone this way. Tonight: Act like it is Friday night.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ Many of you could choose to stay home and relax. You have pushed hard and now are experiencing more fatigue than usual. Slow down before you become sick. Take care of yourself, or else you will not be able to help anyone. Tonight: Order in.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You do not have to push hard if you ask the right questions. Wherever you are, others seem to want to get feedback from you. Remain responsive, and make sure to return all your calls and emails. Others will appreciate it. Tonight:

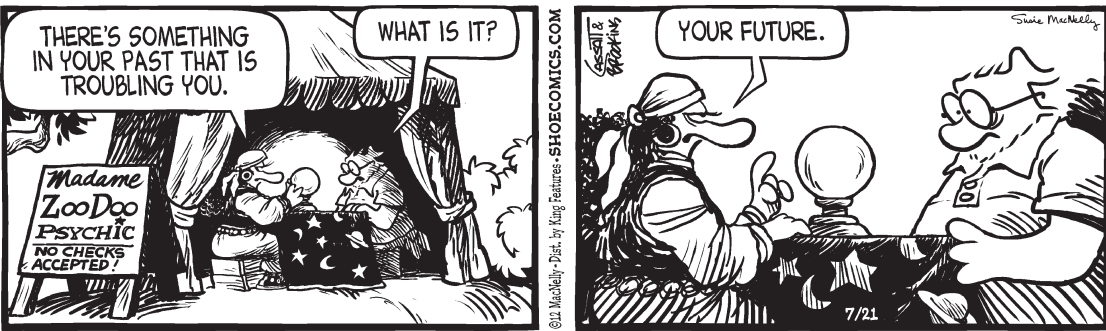
Meet a friend for munchies, and catch up on news.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★ Work on gaining a realistic attitude about money in your life. Do not go to extremes, as that perspective could be your downfall when handling a touchy situation. Zero in on the pros and cons of a certain meeting. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You beam and draw others in. If ever there was a time where your actions count, it is now. Do not let a personal or domestic problem invade other areas of your life. Be yourself, and be responsive; the problem will resolve itself. Tonight: Dream up what you want.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Step back some from your life, and enjoy being an observer rather than a player. You might need some time to regroup, think over recent events and consider alternatives. A lot has happened in the past few months. Tonight: Make it a personal night.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Your ability to take in the whole picture without projecting too much ego marks your interactions. A meeting could be more important than you realize right now, for reasons not yet known. Tonight: Where the fun is.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★ You are an old hand at accepting responsibility and managing situations that many other people would flee from. Just because you have these skills does not mean you always need to step up to the plate and help. Tonight: In the limelight.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Your mind keeps drifting to distant lands and other people. You might not be able to center yourself with your mind wandering. Recognize this fact, and allow yourself a little more understanding. Consider a trip in the near future. Tonight: Put on a favorite music track.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Relate on a one-on-one level, especially if you want to accomplish something. People are highly responsive to your attention and caring. Do not forget a personal matter that you need to handle. It could be something as simple as calling the doctor for a checkup. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

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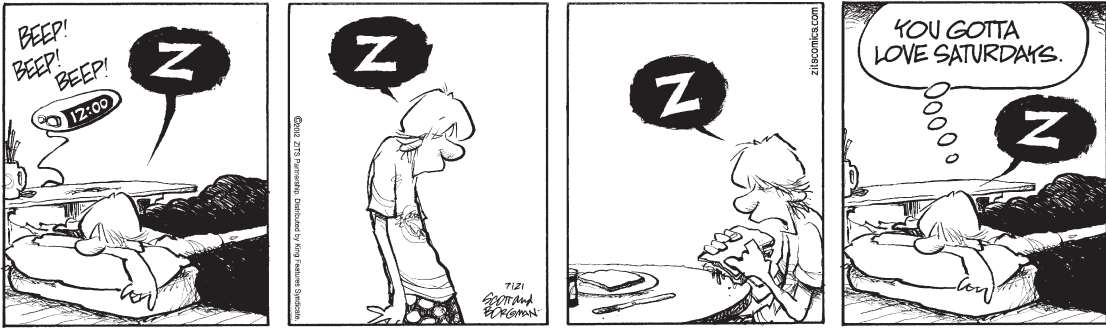
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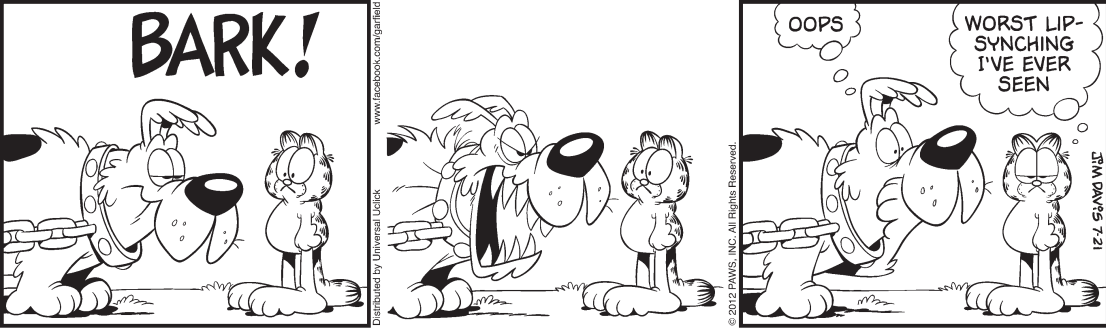
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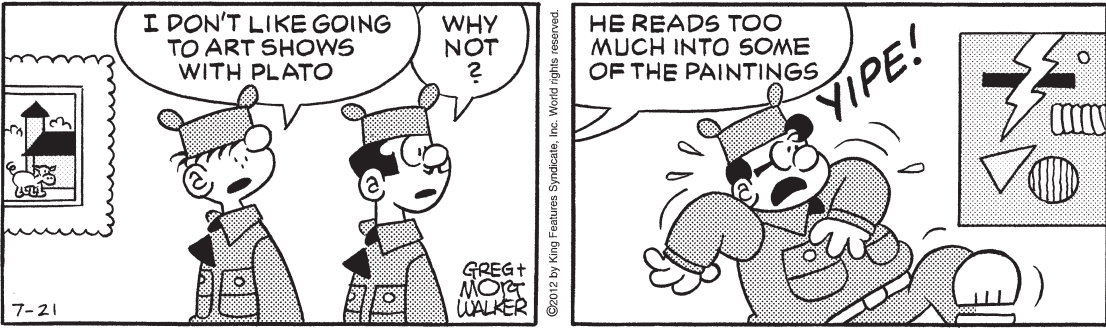
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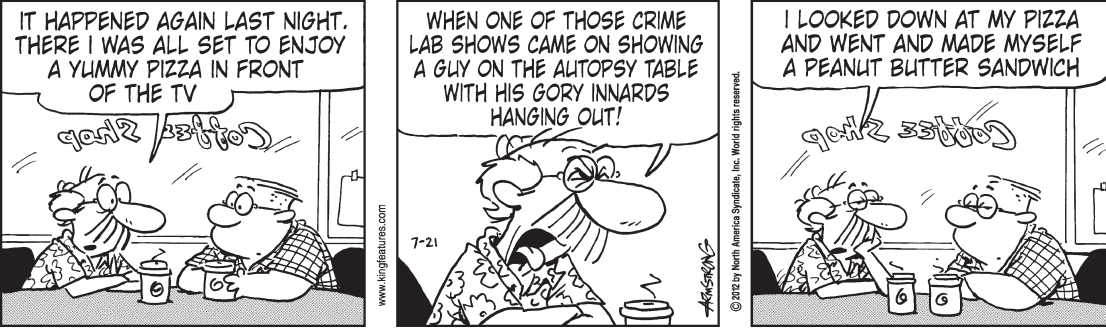
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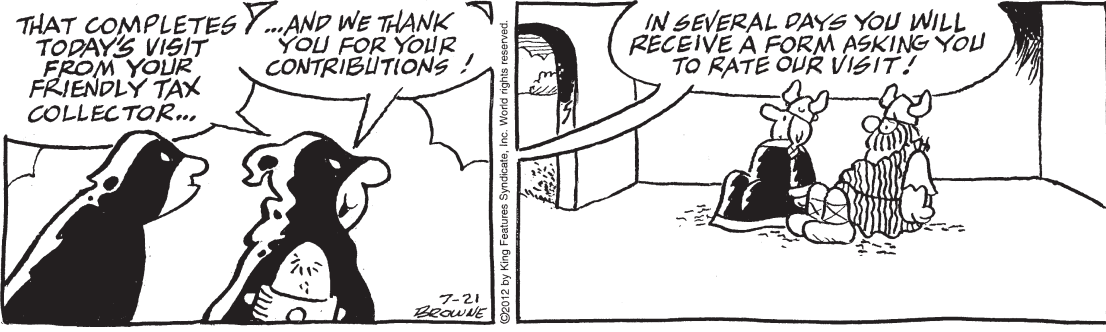
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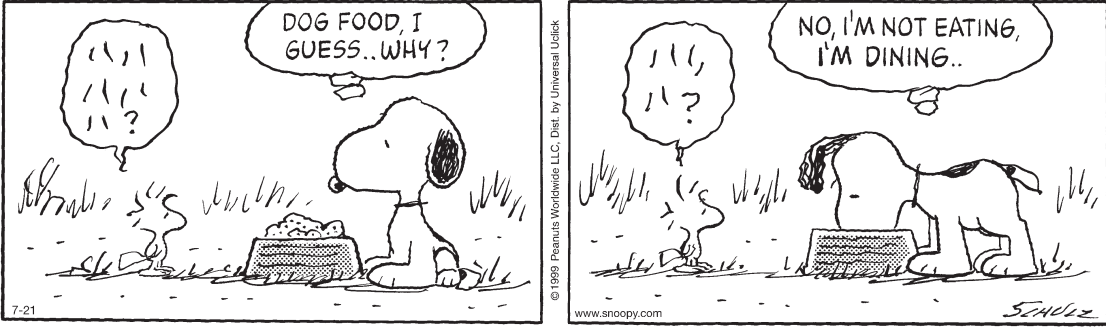
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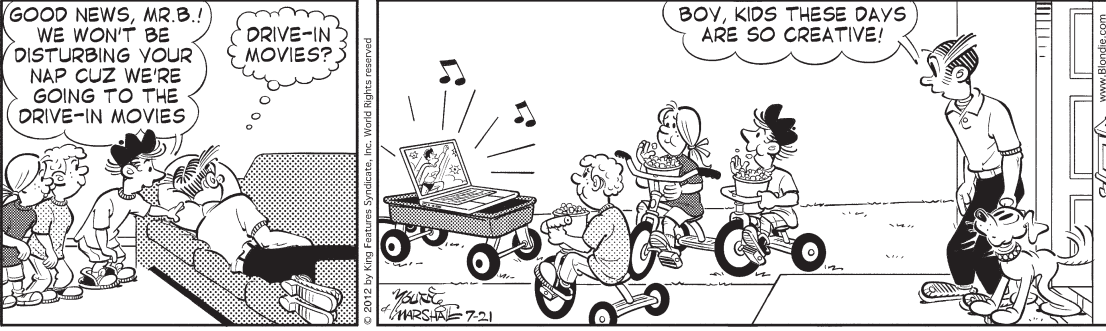
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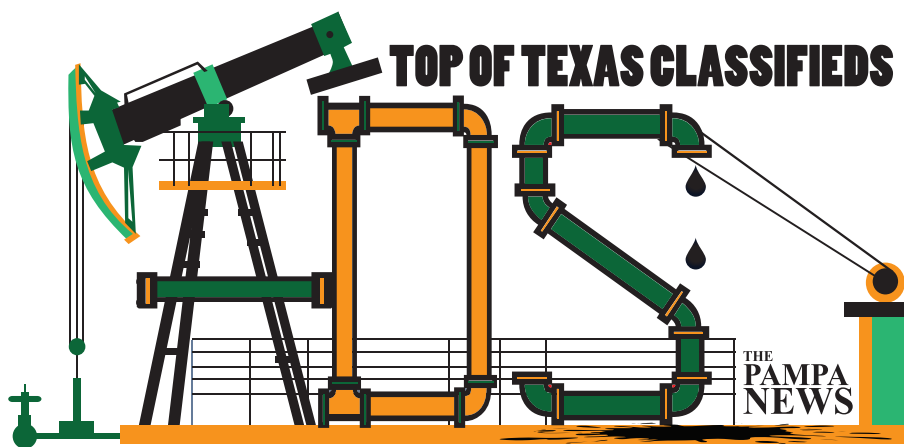


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21 Help Wanted
 B&C Portables is looking for CDL Driver. Must pass drug test & physical. Send resume to PO Box 1582, Pampa, TX 79066-1582 or call 806-663-0686, ask for Brian Smith

60 Household
 RCA 25 Inch Color Tv w/ Remote Control, Cable Ready! \$49 obo. 516 N. Frost Apt. 3, Pampa 928-235-1778
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69 Misc.

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10 Lost/Found
CHIHUAHUA found on the Highway by the Jr. High. Female with red/brown collar, no tags. White with dark spots. Call 664-0154

14s Plumbing
JACK'S Plumbing 715 W. Foster 665-7115

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PART-TIME Maintenance man w/ pool experience. Apply Holiday Inn Express, 3119 Perryton Pkwy, Pampa

69 Misc.
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NEW MATTRESSES. Qu Set \$246. Full \$236. Tw \$200. Red Barn, 1424 S. Barnes 665-2767

FURNITURE, household goods, clothes. Fri & Sat 8am-? 104 W. Craven.
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14d Carpentry
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1101 Christine St.....	\$425,000	4/3/2	4278 SF/GCAD
2732 Beech Ln.....	\$175,000	3/2/2	2298 SF/GCAD
2200 Dogwood Ln.....	\$172,500	4/2/2	2629 SF/GCAD
2417 Navajo Rd.....	\$146,000	3/1.75/1	2100 SF/Owner
1616 Russell St.....	\$140,000	3/2/2	2313 SF/GCAD
2541 Christine St.....	\$129,500	3/1.75/2	2050 SF/GCAD
2511 Charles St.....	\$115,500	3/1.75/2	1537 SF/GCAD
2320 Christine St.....	\$115,000	3/2/1	1234 SF/GCAD
2406 Mary Ellen St.....	\$110,000	3/1.75/2	1464 SF/GCAD
930 Christine St.....	\$85,000	3/1/0	1402 SF/GCAD

LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT Southwest

1514 McCullough Av.....	\$87,500	3/2/2	1242 SF/GCAD
310 West St.....	\$81,000	4/1.75/2	1917 SF/GCAD
1114 S Faulkner St.....	\$49,000	3/1/0	1440 SF/GCAD
100 S Wells St.....	\$47,500	3/1.5/2	1388 SF/GCAD
409 N Nelson St.....	\$40,000	3/1/1	1008 SF/GCAD

TRAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT West and Northwest

1916 Lynn St.....	\$149,900	4/2/2	2258 SF/GCAD
1424-1426 Dwight.....	\$149,000	2704	SF/GCAD Duplex
1816 Zimmers St.....	\$136,000	3/2.75/2	2114 SF/GCAD
2113 Lynn St.....	\$118,900	4/2/2	2007 SF/GCAD
1510 N Wells St.....	\$118,000	3/1.75/2	1544 SF/GCAD
1048-1050 N Dwight St.....	\$115,900	2407	SF/GCAD Duplex
1908 Zimmers.....	\$110,000	3/1.75/2	1633 SF/GCAD
2128 N Dwight St.....	\$59,500	3/1/1	1064 SF/GCAD

WILSON SCHOOL DISTRICT Southeast Pampa

1216 E Kingsmill Ave.....	\$35,000	3/1/2	1136 SF/GCAD
1324 Garland St.....	\$25,000	2/1/1	909 SF/GCAD

OTHER AREAS Outside Pampa City Limits

612 Ware Av, Groom.....	\$130,000	3/1.75/4	1637 SF/CCAD
415 Hattie St, Miami.....	\$125,000	3/2/2	1562 SF/RCAD
804-806 W. Jackson Ave, WD.....	\$120,000	4/2/2	2536 SF/CCAD Duplex
708 Daffodil, WD.....	\$110,000	3/2/2	1772 SF/CCAD
705 E 6th St, Lefors.....	\$87,900	3/2.50/0	2128 SF/GCAD
820 S Stee St.....	\$80,000	3/1.5/2	1534 SF/CCAD
420 Grove St, McLean.....	\$75,900	3/1/1	1077 SF/GCAD
600 W 3rd Av, WD.....	\$67,500	3/1/1	1104 SF/CCAD
400 S Popham, WD.....	\$64,900	3/1/0	1494 SF/CCAD
400 Williston St, WD.....	\$62,900	3/2/2	1642 SF/CCAD

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY & LAND

Perryton Parkway.....	\$2,503,828	9.58 acres east of hospital
120 S. Gillespie St.....	\$4,100/mo	For Lease - 7,372 SF/GCAD
30th & Charles St.....	\$1,400,000	45.9 acres of land N of Walmart
FM 14 Rd, Lefors.....	\$530,000	530 acres w/water well
500 W Harvester Av.....	\$350,000	Lots south of United
748 S Price Rd.....	\$350,000	3 Ac. + 14,400 Warehouse, Offices
302-308 W Foster.....	\$309,900	4 Retail Outlets 10,874 SF/GCAD
117 - 121 Ballard.....	\$230,000	24,500 SF/GCAD
854 S Hobart/900 Wilks St.....	\$175,000	4 Lots + 10' on north
420 W Foster Av.....	\$165,000	Houston Lumb & Gas Station
Harvester St.....	\$150,000	60 x 110 Bldg Lots
FM 2300 & 1-40, Groom.....	\$145,000	Quonset & 6+/- acres
1435 Alcock St.....	\$135,000	2 Bldg. 3,200 SF/GCAD; 1,020 SF/GCAD
1421 N Hobart St.....	\$105,000	1,816 SF/GCAD Smokehouse
523 W Foster Av.....	\$85,000	7,598 SF/GCAD
301 & 305 W Foster Av.....	\$75,000	3,500 SF/GCAD each
23rd & Crescent Dr.....	\$65,000	Lot 4 Blk 1 North Crest Sec 1
Chaumont Addition.....	\$35,000	Lots 1 & 2 Block 2
Dogwood Ln.....	\$22,000	Lots 15-17 & 40' of 18
Wall St.....	\$15,000	1/2 Block
Fraser Annex #3 28th.....	\$10,000	Lot 8, W45' Blk 71
Holly Lot 10.....	\$10,000	Residential Lot 85' x 120'
Dogwood Ln.....	\$9,000	Lot 2 & 40.35' of Lot 1
Jupiter St.....	\$9,000	Lot 3 Blk 4 Country Club Heights
Jupiter St.....	\$9,000	Lot 7 Blk 3 Country Club Heights

14h Gen. Serv.
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12240 HWY 60 E.	172,500	3/2	2632
1908 Evergreen	162,000	3/2	2221
2241 Charles	160,000	3/2	2685
2321 Aspen.	159,500	3/2	2172
1437&1439 N. Wells	149,000	(2) 2/1	1510/1475
2145 Aspen.	144,900	3/1.75	2100
1701 Evergreen	139,000	3/1.75	2104
1501 N. Faulkner	135,000	5/2	2400
1515 N. Wells.	124,500	3/2	1543
120 E. 28th	119,900	3/1.75	1578
2017 Mary Ellen - PENDING	119,900	3/1.75	2224
1722 Aspen - SOLD	118,500	3/2	2070
1212 W. 21st.	99,000	3/1.75	1608
2526 Mary Ellen - SOLD	89,900	3/1.75	1423
8321 Cole - SOLD	82,000	3/1.75	1604
705 E. 15th - SOLD	69,000	3/2	1177
2235 Williston.	65,000	3/1	1056
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2739 Cherokee. Baby Clothes, Men's Clothes, Furniture and Books

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MULTI Family Garage Sale, 701 N. Wells, Fri. & Sat. 8-3 Lots of clothes & misc.

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1812 N Summer.
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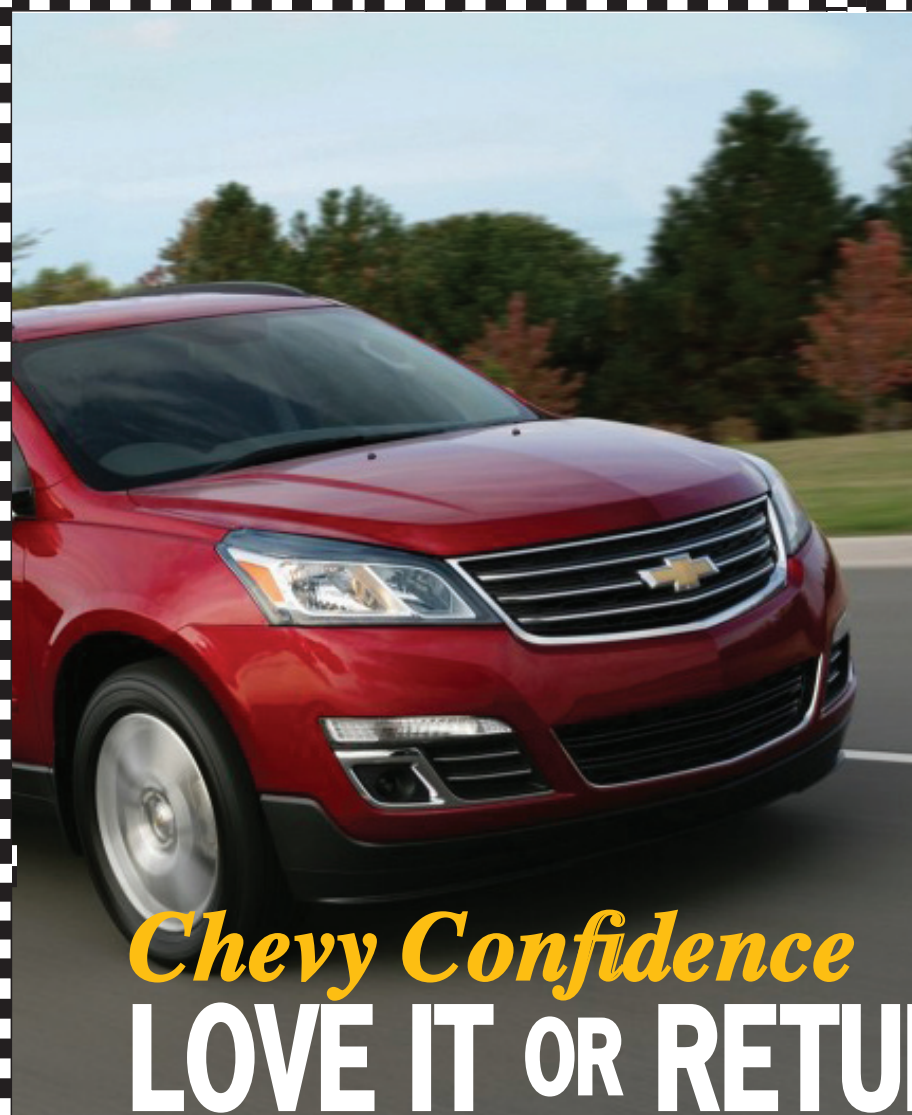
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 - It may not have more than 4,000 miles from the date of delivery
 - It must be returned between the 31st and 60th day from the date of purchase
 - It may not have more than \$300 in damage
 - It can not have been involved in any type of accident
 - The owner must be current on their loan payments
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Program Changes

- Customer Cash / APR / Dealer Cash / Bonus Cash offers
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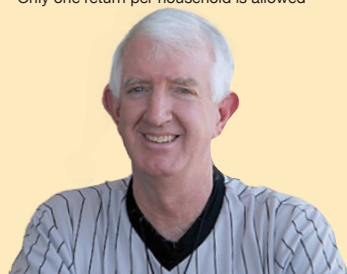


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sunday horoscope

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You move away from being concerned with your immediate environment and a potential domestic change. Suddenly, you turn into a kid who is ready to romp the day away. Wherever you are, much fun occurs. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

This Week: Others want what they want -- do not get in their way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might really need some time to clear up paperwork, return calls and enjoy some R and R. You must give yourself this time in order to stay fully functional. Be sure to touch base with an older

relative during the day. Tonight: Happy at home.

This Week: Focus on work as much as you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Make phone calls to friends you have not stayed in contact with but who you think of often. Making plans together in the near future might feel very good. Visit a friend for a late movie and munchies later. Tonight: Hang out.

This Week: Tap into your creativity to make the next few days as easy as possible. Enjoy those around you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might want to indulge someone, but there are limits to what you can do. Also, be aware that you do not need to spend money to let this person know how much you care. Use your imagination, and both of you could be delighted. Tonight: Don't forget to treat yourself.

This Week: Stay close to home, or at least try not to run away from a problem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You feel great and decide to approach others. You quickly could discover that others are unusually responsive. Seize the moment. A child or loved one delights in your company. Tonight: Whatever you want.

This Week: You magnetize the people around you. By Thursday, you could

become possessive of one key person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ If you want to, take a lazy day. Feeding your mind and catching up on some R and R could be healthy, as you typically push yourself very hard. A conversation with a loved one is positive. Both of you will want to celebrate. Why not? Tonight: Play it low-key.

This Week: You are concerned with your finances. Communicate your thoughts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Join friends, especially if they are involved in some group sport or activity. Playing a game of softball or just sunbathing could be fun. You have an important conversation with a loved one that allows you to understand him or her better. Tonight: Where the action is.

This Week: You have the ability to change others' minds and make them move in new directions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Return calls and get together with family. Someone in this group seems to need all the attention. Let this person have it, and don't make a big deal of it. Let a loved one know how much you think of him or her. Tonight: Forget tomorrow. Live now.

This Week: Don't worry

that you don't want to do anything. You will from Thursday on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ A day trip could provide you with a lot of R and R and help you gain perspective on a situation. If you choose to go with someone, this escape also will help your bond. You might be amazed at how different someone is out of his or her normal setting. Tonight: Hang out as long as you can.

This Week: Use Monday through Wednesday for projects that must be successful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ A partner makes a request that you might not want to say "no" to. Adjust your day accordingly. The two of you bond and have a great time together. A conversation between you makes a big difference in how you relate. Tonight: Let relaxing happen.

This Week: You are watched and admired right now. Your actions count.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others come forward with great ideas; some have to do with plans, others about a situation in your life. You always value your friends, but especially at the present moment. Tonight: You pick the "how, where and when."

This Week: Read between the lines with someone at a distance. This person's words might not be heartfelt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Complete a project rather than begin a new one. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening, but maintain your focus. You have a way about you that helps a partner open up.

This person senses your caring. Tonight: Do for you.

This Week: Get feedback from others. You will act after Wednesday, once you are sure of yourself.

BORN TODAY
Actress Selena Gomez (1992), drummer Don Henley (1947), politician Bob Dole (1923)

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Advanced

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: You once printed a letter from a man who was dying. He wanted his surviving widow to pursue happiness after his death with some man who would be kind to her. The letter was mainly addressed to those who might stand in judgment if she began dating soon after he was gone.

Abby, is there a rule of thumb about how long the widow or widower should wait after the death of the spouse to begin pursuing another relationship? — **LONELY IN GADSDEN, ALA.**

DEAR LONELY: There was a time when it was considered scandalous for a widow or widower to date before a year of mourning had passed. However, today the grieving spouse may begin to date whenever he or she feels ready to do so.

The letter you remember was signed "Mac' in Oregon," and it bears repeating. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for supporting the widow who started dating three months after her husband died. You were right when you told her, "The time to show respect for one's spouse is while that spouse is living."

Here is my story, and there must be a few thousand husbands (and wives) who feel the same as I do.

My wife and I have had many good years together. We raised kids, lived through joyous good times and horrendous bad times.

I am in my 18th month of chemo treatment for various cancers. I may live three months or five years. It doesn't matter how short or how long my life will be, but it's reasonable to assume that I will die before my wife does.

I have had a more

rewarding and fruitful life than I probably deserve, for which I am grateful. But the day I die, my last thoughts will be regret that I shall leave her alone. So sad, to me, to know that after so many months of total concentration on my welfare — days of putting up with my misery and never letting me see her own misery — her reward will be to be left alone.

Abby, she is not the kind of person who should be left alone.

So I tell her now, and I want all my kids and friends to listen: "As soon as you possibly can, after throwing my ashes off the boat into the Pacific, wrap the memories of our life together around you — and begin a new life. If three days, or three months, after I'm gone, you find a man who will love and cherish you for a few years as I have for so many, go for it! You've earned it." — **"MAC" IN OREGON**

DEAR MAC: Your sincerity rings true, leaving me uncharacteristically speechless. Thanks for a two-hankie letter.

DEAR ABBY: My granddaughter is due to have a baby in a short while. She wants to have a baby shower and would like to invite her girlfriends with their husbands or boy-friends.

I always thought that baby showers were for females only. What is your opinion? — **WONDERING GRANDMOTHER**

DEAR WONDERING: Times have changed. Baby showers now often include men and take place on a weekend afternoon, preferably not on the same day as a major sports event.

One thing that hasn't changed, however: A baby shower is usually hosted by friends of the parents-to-be, rather than family.

BANANAGRAMS!

Rearrange the letters of each word below and place them in the blanks so that, together with the two letters that have already been placed, they form a new word.

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Yesterday's Answer: STRATEGY, ANTILEAK, ASBESTOS

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
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 - 1 Plumbing problem
 - 5 Unexciting painter
 - 9 Battle site of 1836
 - 10 Set off
 - 12 "I understand"
 - 13 Caesar's land
 - 14 Uranium 235, for one
 - 16 Leather shade
 - 17 — lines (connectors of ancient sites)
 - 18 "The Twilight Zone" host
 - 20 Correcting aid
 - 22 Aware of
 - 23 Letter after iota
 - 25 "Pretty please?"
 - 28 Account book
 - 32 "Anne of Green Gables" setting
 - 34 Reduce drastically
 - 35 Porch sight
 - 36 Pros
 - 38 Practical
 - 40 Swirly posters

- DOWN**
- 1 Ninth-inning pitcher
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 - 3 Leave out
 - 4 Set sail
 - 5 Home run, in slang
 - 6 Mimic
 - 7 Purple swallow
 - 8 Wandering
 - 9 Acrobatic
 - 11 Lively dance
 - 15 Puzzle
 - 19 Washer unit
 - 21 Tattoo site
 - 24 Chinese food veggies
 - 25 "The Stranger" writer
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Few bright spots in Texas crop situation

ROBERT BURNS
Texas AgriLife Extension Service

COLLEGE STATION — If it's true misery loves company, drought-hammered Midwestern farmers should find lots of company in Texas, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service agronomist.

"Certainly, we've had very short rainfall in many areas of the state, and we're looking at less-than-average (cotton) crop yields over most of the areas I'm familiar with," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomist, College Station.



Miller said the same could be said of most crops in Texas, despite recent rains in parts of the state. "We've had a lot of rain along the Gulf Coast, and through parts of the Hill Country and Austin," he said. "All were good rains, but most of it came too late for crops."

Miller said he expected cotton yields to be all over the place. In the Gulf Coast area, where cotton was being harvested, there was some cotton yielding in the 200- to 300-pound range and better. In the Rolling Plains and large parts of the South Plains, farmers were expecting a lot of failed acres. In other parts of the Rolling Plains and South Plains, those farmers who had timely plantings were holding on, hoping for more rain.

From AgriLife Extension county agent reports, some cotton has already been replanted to other crops after being zeroed-out by insurance adjusters. However, cotton in a few areas, such as the Panhandle and South Plains counties of Cochran and Deaf Smith, was doing reasonably well thanks to recent rains and excellent heat units. There were also a few reports of cotton doing well in North Texas.

From fellow AgriLife Extension agronomists, Miller said he's heard of some good grain sorghum yields along the Gulf Coast, with reports of 5,000-pound yields per acre — but some much less.

Soybean plantings, not a common crop in Texas on an average year, were down this year because the crop is not as drought tolerant as others.

"When soybeans are flowering and setting pods, it's pretty important they have a shot of water," Miller said.

If there are any bright spots, it's the fact that commodity prices are so high, he said. "We've got sharply increased prices for the crops that we do have, and sometimes if you have a very high price you can compensate for the low yields," he said.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

PANHANDLE: Most of the region received from a trace to 2 inches of rain. Irrigators were active. Corn was in mostly fair to good condition. Hansford County reported some hail damage to corn and other summer crops. Sorghum, soybean and peanuts were in mostly fair to good condition. Cotton was in mostly fair to good condition. The wheat harvest was complete. Rangeland and pasture ratings continued to vary from very poor to excellent, with most counties reporting very poor to poor. Cattle were in fair to good condition. Insect activity on all crops was average, with a few flare-ups of spider mites in corn.

ROLLING PLAINS: Scattered showers fell across parts of the district, but most counties remained dry. Irrigated cotton was growing slowly, but dryland cotton showed stress. Producers were spraying herbicides. Pastures were quickly drying out in most areas, but some counties reported that rangeland and livestock were in fair condition thanks to recent rains. Producers worried they won't get another cutting of coastal Bermuda hay. Sorghum forage was being baled. Grasshoppers were a problem in some areas. In King County, most ranches had either liquidated or relocated cattle.

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