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Lefors woman found dead

Thursday, January 3, 2013

Authorities suspect foul play in New Year's Day death of Kristi Slatten.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews. com

A 42-year-old Lefors woman who had ties to Pampa was found dead in her home on New Year's

The body of Kristi Slatten was found by deputies from the Gray County Sheriff's Office, who also discovered evidence of foul play at the scene, according to a released statement from the Texas Department of Public Safety in Amarillo.

GCSO requested the Texas Rangers assist with the investigation. Slatten was strangled, according to a preliminary autopsy report by DPS.

Slatten had been the

office manager at Dannie Hoover State Farm in Pampa for the past 15 years and worked parttime at Easy's Eastside Liquor Store on East Brown Street.

Authorities investigating Slatten's home in Lefors determined her Chevrolet Avalanche was missing and a warrant was issued for the stolen vehicle, the release stated.

At approximately 2:27 p.m., Tuesday, officers with the Panhandle Police Department, Carson County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Highway Patrol stopped the vehicle on U.S. Highway 60 two miles west of Panhandle, according to the state-

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Pampa Chamber Exec. Director Steele resigns

BY SAHSA HELLER sheller@thepampanews.com

Pampa Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jane Steele has quit her post at the chamber, having submitted her resignation shortly before Christmas.



Jane Steele

Chairman John Curry said Steele's executive assistant, Lori Byrne, will serve as interim executive director until the chamber board meets on Jan. 17.

"At this point, Lori Byrne, the executive assistant, is the acting executive director," Curry said Wednesday.

Curry reported that Steele leaves the chamber in a solid financial position, having balanced the chamber's budget during her year of service with funds left in the bank.

"The chamber's had a wonderful year," Curry said.

"Ms. Steele provided excellent leadership."

During her tenure, Steele had the chamber's building repainted and made the facility more user-friendly and inviting to customers, Curry said.

County courthouse to get new exterior doors

BY SASHA HELLER

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Gray County Courthouse will receive multiple sets of new exterior doors after the Gray County Commission Wednesday morning unanimously approved a contract with Drennan and Boyd Construction, of Amarillo, to provide engineering services.

"They were here Monday making some more measurements," Judge Richard Peet said.

The county will pay

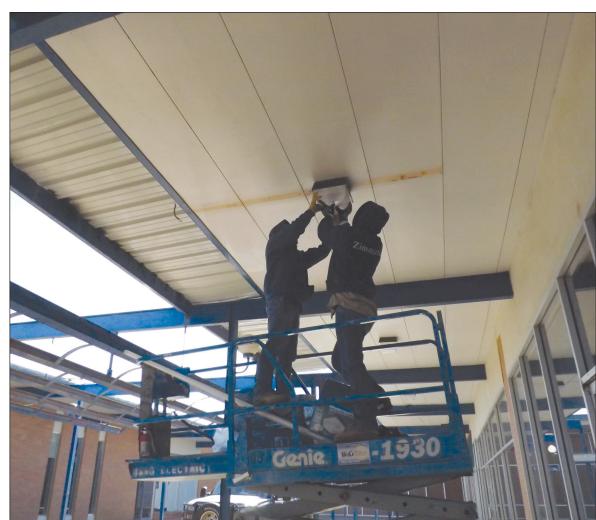
\$5,000 as a down payment for construction before Jan. 15, Peet said, adding that construction begins the date the contract is signed.

The new sets of doors at the north and south entrances will be electronic and will fold inset similar to the set of exterior doors at the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

The east door of the courthouse will be revolv-

The next county commision meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Jan. 15.

LIGHTING THE WAY





Photos by Timothy P. Howsare CHANGES. Above, Jeremy Hill, left, and Chris Armstrong of B&G Electric install new security lights in the Las Pampas Square near the Cinema 4 movie theater. Hill said they are replacing all of the security lighting in the outside corridors and redoing some of the electrical inside the buildings. Left, The rust-colored awning in front of Steeles will be installed throughout Las Pampas Square. Bottom, A courtyard area behind Bealls Department Store.

Las Pampas renovation moving forward

New businesses on horizon, says PEDC executive director.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Las Pampas Square, formerly the Coronado Shopping Center, is getting more than just a face-

Right now, electricians are installing new security lights in the outdoor corridors, and there are plans to paint and extend throughout the center the new rust-colored awning that now decorates the front of Steeles and Hastings.

"A lot of the infrastructure work we are doing can't be seen," said Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corp.

Rice said the PEDC, which bought the 50-yearold shopping center in June for \$1.7 million, is redoing much of the plumbing and electrical, along with fixing some of the roofs.

The PEDC acquired a \$3.7 million loan from First Bank Southwest to remodel the square.

According to its mission statement, PEDC is a nonprofit corporation governed by the Texas Development Corp. with the purpose of promoting, assisting and enhancing new and existing businesses in Pampa.

The Coronado Center on North Hobart Street has long been anchored by Bealls Department Store, Hasting media store and the Cinema 4 movie the-

Another department store, Dunlap's, closed sev-

eral years ago.

Since its purchase by PEDC last summer, discount department store Steeles and energy company Enbridge have moved in. Enbridge in November held a grand opening for its new office, which houses 235 employees.

Rice said about half of the center's 200,000 square feet is available for leasing.

We have two or three interested parties," he said. Though he could not name the potentials, he said they are all good prospects. "We are talking to them about what we have there.'

Along with adding new stores, Rice said a few

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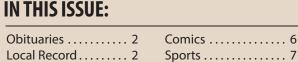
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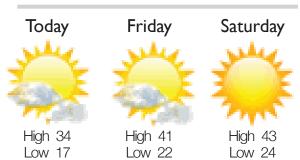


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PAMPA FORECAST



Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 34. No chance of rain. Winds northwest at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 17. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 5:44 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 41. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 5:45 p.m. Saturday: Sunny with a high of 43. No

Friday night: Clear skies with a low of 22.

chance of rain. Winds northwest at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

Saturday night: Clear skies with a low of 24. No chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 5:46 p.m.

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Obituaries

Allie Lorene Jones Hoyt

Allie Lorene Jones Hoyt passed away on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012 at the age of 80.

Services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, in the United Methodist Church of Groom with Pastor Todd Dyess officiating.

Interment was in the Groom Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Robertson Funeral Directors of Claren-

Allie was born on April 1, 1932 in a dugout in Giagos, N.M. She was the youngest of 12 children born to her parents. She spent most of her formative years on the family farm near Grady, N.M. She met Norris L. Hoyt in 1961 when she waited on him in the café in which she was

He left her a dime tip! They soon married and ran restaurants in Odessa, Bushland, Wellington and Amarillo. They eventually returned to Groom, Norris's hometown,

and made their life here. Allie worked as a cook at The Grill in Groom on Old

Route 66 for 30 years. She could still tell you how many of Groom's residents

liked their eggs prepared.

working as a waitress.

Allie

Hoyt

She prided herself on making delicious doughnuts and pies and the best hamburger you ever put in your mouth. She did not stop cooking when she retired, just began to cook for a more selective group — her children, grandchildren and all their friends.

She loved nothing better than to have four or five little girls in their pajamas sitting at her kitchen table while she made hotcakes.

Allie was a grandmother to any child who would let her love them.

Many children, not related in any way, still call her "Grandma" years after they were grown.

She always had toys, dolls, puzzles, cards, trucks and cars long after her own children and grandchildren out-

Allie loved to crochet and quilt and always had something in her hands to keep her busy. She loved animals and always spoiled her pets the same way she spoilt the children in her life... lavishly. In later years she helped out at the Groom News and loved driving around in her green golf cart.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, all her siblings, and her son, Jim Burton.

She is survived by: her husband, Norris Hoyt; daughter, Donna Burton of Groom; son, Roy Whittaker of San Angelo; grandchildren, Melody and David Miller of Kuna, Idaho; April and Brandon Jones of Amarillo; great grandsons, Taylor Jones of Amarillo; Jerome and Cedar Miller of Kuna, Idaho; and numerous other children that called her "Grandma."

The family suggests memorials be made to the United Methodist Church of Groom, P.O .Box 489, Groom, Texas 79039, or to the City Park Playground

Equipment Fund, c/o The City of Groom, P.O. Box 217, Groom, Texas.

Sign the online guestbook at Robertsonfunderal.com.

Mary Hurst

Mary O. Hurst, 91, died Dec. 31, 2012 in Amarillo. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. today at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, with the Rev.



Mary Hurst

Jay

Harstead

Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hurst was born Oct. 28, 1921 in Sunset. She attended school in Wheeler. She married Leo Hurst on Dec. 2, 1942 in Amarillo, and he preceded her in death in 1996. Mary had been a resident of Pampa since 1950. She worked in retail sales at JC Penney and Montgomery Ward. She was a member of Central Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include: her sister, Lanell Waters of Amarillo; a nephew, Waylon Bullard and wife Karla of Del Rio, and three nieces, JoAnn Shelton, Leanna Waters and Darla Waters, all of Amarillo. Mary was preceded in death by: two brothers, Horace Bullard and Jasper Bullard.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at Carmichael-whatley.com

Jay Harstead

Jay Harstead, 40, of Fritch, died Jan. 1, 2013 in Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with the Rev. Danny Courtney, pastor of First

Baptist Church of Fritch, officiating. Cremation will follow under the direc-

tion of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Di-

Mr. Harstead was born March 4, 1972 in Williamsport, Pa., and was a longtime resident of Borger and Amarillo before moving to Fritch with his life partner,

Brett. Survivors include: his life partner, Brett Bontke of Fritch; his parents, William W.

Carma Bontke of Fritch; two brothers, David Lovejoy and wife Stacy and Kenny Lovejoy and friend, Kristina Sheppard, all of Fritch; brother-in-law, Michael Bontke and wife Erica of Dumas; seven nieces, Emilee Lovejoy, Hanna Lovejoy, Allison Lovejoy, Kurstin Lovejoy and

Hayleigh Bontke, both of Dumas; three nephews, Kayson Lovejoy, Jaxon Sheppard and Collin Sheppard, all of Fritch; an uncle, R. D. Smith of Fritch. Jay was preceded in death by: a nephew, Caleb Lovejoy; his sister, Jennifer Lovejoy; his grandmother, Peg-

Makenzie Lovejoy, all of Fritch, and Breanna Bontke and

and Pamela Lovejoy of Fritch; his in-laws, Wesley and

gielue Lomison; and his dog, "Daisee." Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O.

Box 1872, 207 S. Ridgeland, Fritch, Texas 79036 The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight

at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

Sign the on-line register at Carmichael-whatley.com

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Pampa man arrested on New Year's for DWI

- 33-year-old Cameron Gene Ellis, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Department of Pubic Safety for driving while
- intoxicated. 46-year-old Georgia Ann Taylor, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Depart-

ment for theft by check — Cherokee County.

- 22-year-old Randall Jack Hatcher, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office on an arrest warrant for credit or debit card abuse.
- 38-year-old Ramiro Castillo Blanco, Canadian,

was arrested Monday by the DPS on an arrest warrant in Hemphill County for failure to comply with requirements involving an automobile accident.

■ 38-year-old Jeffrey Glen Wilson, Booker, was arrested Monday by the DPS on an arrest warrant for no valid drivers

license and warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

■ 36-year-old Carl Zackery Lee, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the PPD on an arrest warrant for public intoxication, no valid drivers license, and driving without lights.

Texas fugitive kills self near Vegas Strip

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Las Vegas police say a man wanted for murder in San Antonio, Texas, fatally shot himself a block east of the Las Vegas

Police Capt. Chris Jones says authorities arrived about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday to a Super 8 hotel on Koval Lane, where the suspect was believed to be.

Jones says the man emerged from the hotel about an hour later, ran a short distance, and shot himself.

Las Vegas police haven't identified the man, who is believed to be in his early 30s.

Police initially described the situation as an officer-involved shooting, but Jones clarified that no shots were fired besides the one the suspect inflicted on himself. Jones said he had no details on the

underlying murder case from Texas.

NJ Gov. Christie blasts fellow Republican Boehner

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is blasting fellow Republican John Boehner for the House Speaker's decision to delay a vote on Superstorm Sandy

relief and says the inaction is "inex-Christie said Wednesday that the House is playing politics with the

\$60 billion aid request and it's hurt-

ing Northeasterners who are relying on aid to be able to repair their homes, reopen businesses and make decisions about how to rebuild after the October storm.

The governor, who is one of the nation's highest-profile Republicans, hinted that he might campaign against some members of his own party who acted to delay a storm-aid

In the days after the storm, Christie frequently praised Democratic President Barack Obama for his response and attentiveness.

Ethics agency fines Texas billionaire's PAC \$6,500

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - State ethics officials have issued a \$6,450 fine to a political action committee of Dallas billionaire Harold Simmons over nearly \$65,000 in illegal campaign contributions.

The ruling by the Texas Ethics Commission comes nearly a year after a watchdog group filed a complaint against WCS-Texas Solutions. The PAC was created by Waste Control Specialists, which is owned by Simmons and runs a nuclear waste site in West Texas.

The PAC violated a state law that requires at least 10 donors before making political contributions. Simmons, one of the nation's top Republican donors, solely funded the PAC when it gave money to 18 Republican and Democratic state lawmakers.

The ethics commission closed the complaint Dec. 20. Bill Lindquist, the PAC treasurer, has previously described the violation as a mistake.

Woman dies on Texas bound flight from Brazil

HOUSTON (AP) — Police say an American Airlines jet flying from Brazil to North Texas has diverted to Houston after a 25-year-old passenger died aboard the aircraft.

Houston police spokeswoman Jodi Silva says homicide detectives responding to George Bush Intercontinental Airport just before daybreak Wednesday found no signs of trauma on the woman. An autopsy will be performed. The name of the female passenger wasn't immediately re-

An American spokesman says Flight 962 left Sao Paolo, Brazil, just after 1 a.m. Wednesday bound for Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The Boeing 777, with 220 passengers and a crew of 14, diverted to Houston due to the medical emergency and landed shortly after 6:30

The plane continued on to DFW airport about three hours later.

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Death

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The driver, Joshua Keith Rigo, 28, of Amarillo, was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and the passenger, Steve Preston Dean, 47, of Amarillo, was arrested on unrelated charges. Both men were taken to the Carson County Jail, the release stated.

No charges have been filed in connection with the woman's death and the investigation continues, said Trooper Daniel



Steve Dean

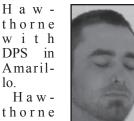
Hawthorne said he c a n not say

DPS

whether Rigo and Dean are suspects in connection with

Slatten's death. "They were in a stolen vehicle that belonged to someone who died suspiciously so they will be questioned (by the Texas Rangers)," he said.

Slatten's employer at



Joshua Rigo

Farm agency, Dannie Hoover, said she was g o o d worker and wonderful

the State

person. "Kristi was a tremendous person," he said. "She was friendly and outgoing. You couldn't ask for a better office manager."

Anyone with information about the incident should contact GCSO at 806-669-8022.

'Fiscal cliff' deal sends markets shooting higher

NEW YORK (AP) — The "fiscal cliff" compromise, for all its chaos and controversy, was enough to send the stock market shooting higher Wednesday, the first trading day of the new year.

All the major U.S. stock indexes swelled by at least 2 percent. For the Dow Jones industrial average, up 263 points soon after the market opened, it was the biggest surge in six months.

Stocks around the world also leapt higher. The major indexes in Britain, France and Germany rose more than 2 percent, and Greece and Spain were up by more than 3 percent. Stocks in Asia

In the U.S., the rally was extraordinarily broad. For every stock that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, roughly

The Dow was up 263 at 13.369 after the first 45 minutes of trading. The S&P 500 was up 30 to 1,456. The Nasdaq composite was up 82 to 3,102.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose sharply, to 1.84 percent from 1.75 percent, as investors dumped safe harbor investments like U.S. government bonds and plowed money into stocks.

The dollar fell against the euro and prices for oil and other commodities

Late Tuesday night the U.S. House of Representatives passed a budget bill meant to ward off the "fiscal cliff." Many House Republicans balked at voting for the bill because they wanted a deal that did more to cut government spending.

Because lawmakers didn't have a budget compromise in place when the new year started on Tuesday, the U.S. technically did go over the "fiscal cliff," meaning tax increases and government spending cuts automatically kicked in

Some analysts worried that the combination would kick the U.S. back into recession. But the bill passed Tuesday night by the House will prevent the "cliff" from taking hold. It already has Senate approval, and now awaits a signature from President Barack Obama.

Some investors, even as they watched the stock market leap higher, cautioned that the euphoria could be short-lived. The deal leaves a host of questions unresolved.

Notably, the core issue of the "fiscal cliff" standoff in Washington has been the country's long-term plan for trimming its debt, and the deal doesn't include any significant deficit-cutting

Next up is what could turn into a vicious fight over the debt ceiling, or how much the government is allowed to bor-

And the U.S. could still get its debt rating downgraded by one of the ratings

The stock market plunged in August 2011 after Standard & Poor's cut the U.S. government's credit rating.

Some investors also noted that the "fiscal cliff," which has dominated headlines for weeks, is only masking serious problems punctuating the world economy, including the still-unsolved European debt crisis and middling growth for the U.S. economy. Wednesday, the president of debt-wracked Cyprus said he'd refuse to sell government-owned companies, a provision that the country's bailout deal says it must at least consider.

Among stocks making big moves, Zipcar shot up 48 percent, or \$3.96, to \$12.20 after the company said it had agreed to be acquired by Avis. Avis rose \$1.16 to \$20.98.

Zipcar has a business model that's popular with drivers, allowing them to rent cars for just a few hours at a time.

The company has struggled to win over investors, however, and its stock plunged nearly 39 percent in 2012. Avis rose 84 percent in the same period.

Start early to make 2013 better

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Everyone is waiting for the fiscal cliff problem to be solved — or to see what those that need happens if we don't solve it and face higher taxes and higher government spending cuts. There's nothing you can do about that.

for the New Year.

Here are some tips:

 Organize your checkbook. Of course, you may not use a checkbook anymore, preferring to do all your banking online. But this is the moment to go over your check payments which are tax deductible for your 2012 return.

checks to charities, or to pay for business expenses and travel. Get it sorted out

Or better yet, download the latest version of Quicken from Quicken. com. Download your entire year's checking activity into the program with the stroke of a key — and you'll be able to categorize all your spending, including tax-deductible items. And tax time will be a lot less harried if you organize for the year-end statements and 1099 notices of income from your bank accounts well as your W-2 from your employer.

- Check your insurance policies. Your agent is either on vacation — or sitting waiting for your call! This is a perfect time to see if you have enough homeowner's or auto coverage,

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- Plan for 'what if.' As now, and set up a folder we look forward to the New Year, it's always with the anticipation of better things to come. But just in case, and brokerage accounts, as you should be organized

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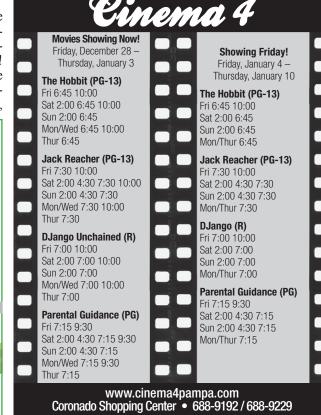
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Step up and scale down with new 12-week program healthy recipes and tips, lines, which is intended to

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This is the time of year when everyone seems to be saying to themselves "maybe I should try to start exercising or diet-

ing.'

Just in time for your New Year's resolution of a healthy lifestyle, the local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office is launching Step Up & Scale Down a new 12week weight management program to help the public in their efforts.

The series will kick off Tuesday, Jan. 8 at the Gray County Annex.

Classes will be held from noon to 12:45 and again from 5:30 to 6:15 for 12 consecutive Tuesdays.

"Step Up & Scale Down" is a great program to do with a friend or family member.

"It is always easier to reach your goals when you have additional support," said Joan Gray-Soria, Gray County Extension agent.

The program will consist of weekly lessons to help participants move toward a healthier weight and will include a weekly weight check-in, weekly challenge to "stay the course," Dinner Tonight!



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exercise resources and a weight-loss planner.

The 12 sessions include: Scale Down by Setting Goals, Step Up to a Healthy Plate, Scale Down by Label Reading, Step Up to Breakfast and Menu Planning, Scale Down with Moves to Lose, Step Up Your Hydration, Scale Down by Finding your Motivational Mojo, Step Up to Healthy Snacking, Scale Down with a Colorful Plate, Step Up to Successful Socializing, Scale Down by Knowing Your Numbers, and Step Up

and Celebrate. The Step Up and Scale Down program is based on the USDA 2010 Guide-

help Americans choose a healthful eating plan. "Step Up & Scale Down is a researched based program that has proven success in weight management and building healthy lifestyle habits," Gray-

Soria said. Cost for the 12-week program is \$35, which includes all course mate-

Pre-registration is available until Monday, Jan. 8 by contacting Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Gray County Office, at 806-669-8033 or email

at j-gray@tamu.edu. For more information, call Joan Gray-Soria at the Gray County office.





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The government that ate America

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or energy — not least the ideas — to launch

another rescue mission? Apparently he had none of these. Not much came, re-

portedly, of the Biden-McConnell negotia-

One is struck anyway by an infinitely larger question — how did we as a society, as a nation, get to this point: wrapped in suspense while the government of the United States works out, or tries to, the solutions to our greatest problems?

The government? Joe Biden? The Senate? The House? The presidency? The courts?

What has a structural arrangement devised for the maintenance of ordered liberty got to do, legitimately, with all it's got to do with?

On Monday morning, the talk in Washington, D. C. — a city named for a president with entirely modest aspirations when it came to power — revolved around more than latenight negotiations.

Matters such as income levels, "chained CPI," alternative-minimum tax patches and Medicare payments, swam before the eyes of our elected representatives who, understandably, looked goggleeyed as they rehearsed their arguments or recounted their labors. The New York Times highlighted Illinois Democrat Richard J. Durbin's account of the proceedings: "It looks awful.'

That might be because it is: predictably so. Americans have had a good if unsettling look at the number of patch jobs necessary to make the pistons of modern government move with anything resembling regularity.

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It was no wonder on Monday morning nothing was getting done. To switch metaphors, the pieces of the puzzle scattered on the respective floors of Congress' two Houses are infinite in size, variety and configuration.

Who's able to assemble so great a number of pieces in the manner best suited to the needs of a diverse nation?

The trouble here is obvious. Anyway, it becomes so with a little thought.

The bigger the policy questions at stake become, the more numerous the stakeholders become; thus, the dimmer grow the prospects for reconciliation of variant viewpoints. Everybody wants his piece of the action. In a democracy, that means, everybody gets it.

If you've gathered by now this is an anti-big government sermon, you have certainly gathered correctly. Americans perennially bat back and forth the arguments over big government's costs and who ought to pay them. How about introducing into the mix the topic of big government's basic unworkability? Too big to pay for equals too big to work. Can there be any doubt of it?

What's been happening the past decade or so in Washington — not just since the election — is the slow-paced screening of a disaster flick,

"The Government That Ate America," in which demands that Congress and the president do a bit of everything finally overload the machinery of government.

Orange and red lights start to flicker. YOU CAN'T HAVE EVERY-THING YOU WANT! is the message the control system flashes.

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Ask Carrie

Estate planning in a second marraige: What's fair?

Dear Carrie, My wife and I have two children, and I have two children from a previous marriage. How can I make sure that my estate plan treats ev-

eryone fairly? —A Reader

Dear Reader, Estate planning in a second marriage can be tricky, especial when there are children from different mar-**POMERANZ** riages involved. What seems fair to

you may not seem fair to your wife. She, quite naturally, will want to protect herself and your mutual children. And of course, your children will have their own feelings about what's fair.

CARRIE

SCHWAB-

In my mind, giving each of your kids an equal share of your assets is probably the most equitable — and possibly the easiest — solution. After all, it's not just about money. It's also about the way that money so often represents love.

But that's my take. What's important is that you decide yourself what seems most appropriate for your own circumstances.

In any case, communication is essential. I know that talking about money is often difficult. And talking about inheritance can be even tougher because you need to confront the painful possibility of someone's death. However, that's what you need to do first.

An estate-planning attorney can help you with the technical aspects of dividing up your estate, but you and your wife need to do some serious upfront thinking, and talk through your concerns openly and honestly.

When the kids are old enough to understand, share your plans as well as the reasons for your decisions.

Setting everyone's expectations about their inheritance is important to avoid family resentments when the time comes.

The thinking — and talking — that you do now may not only mean greater family accord in the future, but also greater family harmony today.



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Robert Griffin III gets 'Uncle Tom' treatment

To a black ESPN sports analyst, this is the critical question: Is Robert Griffin III, aka RG III, the black rookie sensation Washington Redskins quarterback,



LARRY **ELDER**

"a brother, or is he a cornball brother?" What has RG III done or said to raise a

suspicion about his bona fides

as a black person? More importantly, what does this have to do with appreciating — or choosing not to appreciate — Griffin as an athlete?

Turns out RG III fancies himself as a quarterback who happens to be black — as opposed to a black quarterback. When asked for the millionth time about his status as a "black quarterback,"

Griffin responded: "I don't play too much into the color game, because I don't want to be the best African-American quarterback, I want to be the best quarterback."

And, when asked at a press conference about Martin Luther King Jr., RG III said: "For me, you don't ever want to be defined by the color of your skin.

You want to be defined by your work ethic, the person that you are, your character, your personal-

That's what I've tried

to go out and do. I am

an African-American in

America. That will never change. But I don't have to be defined by that.

Holy color-blindness! Such an attitude doesn't cut it with ES-PN's Rob Parker, who in addition to the "cornball brother" comment, said: "OK, he's black, he kind of does the thing, but he's not really down with the cause. He's not one of us. He's kind of black, but he's not really, like, the guy you want to hang out with because he's off to something else. ... We all know he has a white

Then there was all this talk about him being a Republican."

Griffin is a winner so popular his jersey set a single-year NFL record for sales.

Elected high school class president, RG III ranked seventh in his class, graduated a semester early and began college at 17.

He graduated from Baylor University in three years with a degree in political science, a 3.67 GPA and two appearances on the Dean's List.

He took graduate courses during his fourth

He is the youngest of three children — his mother and father both sergeants in the Army. He's had the same girlfriend since college.

Yep, RG III's practically a degenerate.

Parker's comments got him suspended for 30 days. He wrote this apology: "I blew it and I'm sincerely sorry. I

completely understand how the issue of race in sports is a sensitive one and needs to be handled with great care. This past Thursday I failed to do that. I believe the intended topic is a worthy one.

Robert's thoughts about being an African-American quarterback and the impact of his phenomenal success have been discussed in other media outlets, as well as among sports fans, particularly those in the African-American community.

The failure was in how I chose to discuss it on 'First Take,' and in doing so, turned a productive conversation into a negative one."

But what Parker said about RG III is standard operating procedure for the hosts and pundits on MSNBC and other outlets, who question the "blackness" of "inauthentic blacks" like Herman Cain, Allen West and Clarence Thomas.

Where's the apology from, let alone suspension for, the following?

■ MSNBC contributor Karen Finney, who said about Republican Herman Cain: "I think he makes that white Republican base of the party feel OK, feel like they are not racist because they can like this guy. I think he is giving that base a free pass, and I think they like him because they think he is a black man who knows his place."

MSNBC's Martin Bashir, who said: "Mr.

Cain was supposed to attend the dedication of the Martin Luther King Memorial on Sunday ... but he failed to attend.

Now there's been some surprise at his absence. But being honest, isn't this consistent for a man who really doesn't want to be overtly associated with African-Americans?"

■ MSNBC's Chris Matthews, who told black former Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele that his party was "the Grand Wizard crowd."

HBO's Bryant Gumbel, who on his "Real Sports" program, said that he wouldn't watch the Winter Olym-

"Try not to laugh when someone says these are the world's greatest athletes, despite a paucity of blacks that makes the Winter Games look like a GOP convention.'

It took the bigoted treatment of RG III to make some people wake up and smell the ideological totalitarianism. Maligning a black person for "not being black enough" is a hideous form of bigotry, the antithesis of what Martin Luther King Jr. stood for.

Will ESPN send Parker to "sensitivity training," where many companies send their white bigots?

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of the existing businesses could move to new spaces within the center.

Kathy Cota, PEDC administrative assistant, said the PEDC is removing the old brick planters and doing a lot of clean up.

"We will be doing a lot of landscaping in the next three or four months," she said.

Cota said a new sign with a theater marquee eventually will replace the old one that still reads Coronado Center. Rice said the PEDC is not

trying to relocate businesses from the downtown into the

"We want all of Pampa to grow and prosper," he said.

Rice said Las Pampas is part of an economic hub in the city that includes Mc-Donald's and other nearby restaurants, the AmericInn hotel, the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and several nearby banks.

He said that as new business owners and shoppers are drawn to the center, they will likely visit other parts of Pampa, so revitalizing the center is good for the entire community.

Feds say delay made oil spill worse in Yellowstone

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Delays in Exxon Mobil Corp.'s response to a major pipeline break beneath Montana's Yellowstone River made an oil spill far worse than it otherwise would have been, federal regulators said in a

The July 2011 rupture fouled 70 miles of riverbank along the scenic Yellowstone, killing fish and wildlife and prompting a massive, months-long cleanup.

The damage could have been significantly reduced if pipeline controllers had acted more quickly, according to Department of Transportation investigators.

The report, provided to The Associated Press by the office of Montana U.S. Sen. Max Baucus, marks the first time federal regulators have highlighted specific actions by Exxon as contributing to the severity of the spill.

An Exxon spokeswoman said Wednesday the company was reviewing the findings.

The spill released about 63,000 gallons of crude into the river near the city of Laurel.

That damage would have been reduced by about two-thirds if controllers in Houston isolated the rupture as soon as problems emerged, investigators said.

Instead, as Exxon personnel weighed the appropriate response, crude drained from the severed, 12-inch pipeline for another 46 minutes before a control valve was finally closed. Exxon spent \$135 million on

its response to the spill, including cleanup and repair work. Spokeswoman Rachael Moore said the company will continue

to cooperate with Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and "is committed to learning from these events." The report chalks up the immediate cause of the spill to floodwaters that damaged the pipeline

and left it exposed. Debris washing downriver piled up on the line, increasing pressure until it The "volume would have been much less" and the location of

spill "would have been identified far more quickly" if Exxon's emergency procedures had called for the immediate closure of upstream valves, investigators said.

The report also faulted Exxon for lacking a plan to notify pipeline controllers that the river was

Exxon's field observations and "depth of cover survey took reasonable precautions to address the flooding of the Yellowstone River it the spring and early summer of 2011," the investigators

City officials in Laurel had warned Exxon that the riverbank was eroding. The company, however, continued to run crude beneath the Yellowstone after finding that a section of pipeline leading away from the river was still buried more than 6 feet deep. The report did not address con-

cerns raised by Baucus, a Democrat, and other lawmakers over whether existing pipeline regulations do enough to prevent spills at river crossings.

Under current rules, companies must bury pipelines 4 feet beneath a riverbed and inspect them periodically.

Those rules are being reviewed, and Baucus said Wednesday that "transparency and oversight are critical to making sure we never have to go through the devastation of the Yellowstone River oil spill again."

Landowners along the river have sued Exxon, saying the company didn't do enough to prevent the spill and should have shut down the line during flooding. Exxon is fighting the law-

Father, son killed in Austin motorcycle wreck

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Police say a man and his juvenile son have died after their motorcycle hit a parked car in a Central Texas neighborhood.

Austin police Lt. Doug Dukes says the victims were not wearing helmets in the crash late Tuesday afternoon.

Police say the father was dead

Authorities say the boy was transported to an Austin hospital, where he died.

Their names and further details weren't immediately re-

Expansion of Interstate 35E to begin this year

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Beginning this year, Interstate 35E will be expanded between Dallas and Denton.

Work should begin by midyear. Officials say motorists can expect about 3½ years of construction on I-35E between LBJ Freeway in the Dallas area and the I-35E/35W split in Denton. The work is scheduled to be complete in 2016.

The project is centered in Dallas and Denton counties.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that AGL Constructors was selected for the roughly \$1 billion project, which includes adding a free lane in each direction, reversible toll lanes and improved frontage roads.

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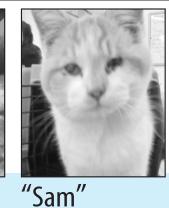




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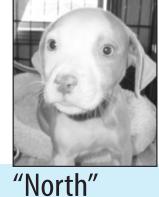




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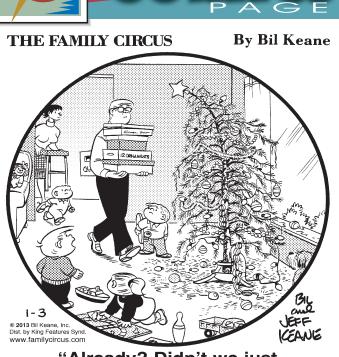


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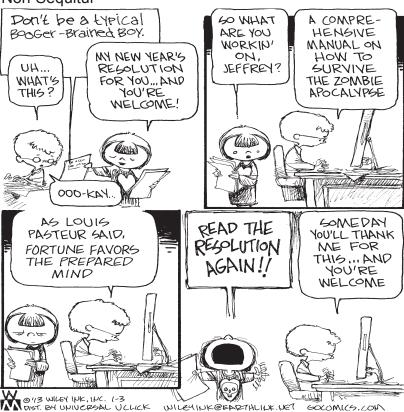
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Nest Heads





This year others become aware of your plethora of innate skills. You often find that you are being placed on a pedestal. Recognize the fragility of your position. Accept the responsibility of the limelight, but remind others that you are only human. If you are single, you'll have many opportunities to change your status, but it's up to you whether you choose to take advantage of it. You simply might enjoy playing the dating game. If you are attached, a community commitment could keep you busy. Find a way of drawing in your significant other, as it would bring the two of you closer together. LIBRA gets into a power struggle with you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You could be jolted awake this morning. You might find yourself walking into a big problem; however, you'll be pleased how easily this issue can be resolved. All you need to do is focus on the outcome, and the right path will appear. Tonight: Do not play devil's

advocate. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might not believe how someone's wish could be misinterpreted. Rather than clarifying, decide to let it go. A boss, friend or older relative could be difficult at best. A change in plans is likely. Do not be elusive with funds. Tonight: Relax. You need to unwind more than you realize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Where others might be jolted by news, you'll go right in and solve the issue. You see possibilities where others don't, and you'll take a different approach. Your energy pushes you to act and think outside of the box. Tonight: Settle in with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Pressure builds around an obligation, a personal matter and someone's expectations. You could be in a situation where you might want to rethink a personal matter. Do one thing at a time; otherwise, your mind could go on overload. Tonight: Happy at home. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Be aware of your options, as the unexpected does occur. Do not get locked into either/or thinking. To clear

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. analyze the situation and brainstorm with a pal. Together, you'll come up with a solution. Tonight: Choose a favorite spot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Remain sensitive to your bud-

get. You might be having trouble switching modes from prior holiday shopping to now. Walk away from a risk, and understand that you are better off nixing it. Tonight: Handle some must-do errands, and pay bills before deciding whether you want to go out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You are capable of experiencing one extreme after another. An element of confusion will straighten out, especially if you detach from the situation. Some of the insight you gain might not be comfortable, but it will be very practical. Tonight: Honor what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***

★★★ You could feel pushed by a personal matter that you might choose not to share. Listen to your inner voice. It is likely that you need some downtime for yourself or space away from others. Take a walk or choose some other relax-

ing hobby. Tonight: Play it low-key. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You could find a partner highly supportive and upbeat. You might want to reorganize your finances as you look at recent developments. Know that you can be positive and assertive when you need to be. Tonight: Where people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ If you want to take a stand, the right time will appear very soon. Remember, others model their behavior off of how you conduct yourself. Stay away from a control game, even if you could win. Your efforts count more than you know. Tonight: In the limelight.

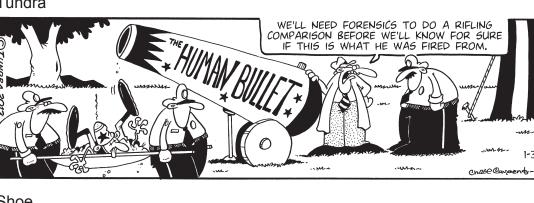
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. Your feelings need to be honored more often. When you decide that the jig is up, you will not change your mind. Your creativity flourishes, especially when dealing with a loved one. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

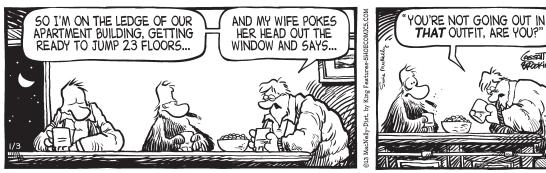
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ How you deal with a child or loved one could change radically as a result of handling a different situation that is causing you some stress. If you can, separate the two matters. Try to direct your frustration where it belongs, for evup what is happening, you will need to eryone's sake. Tonight: Make nice.

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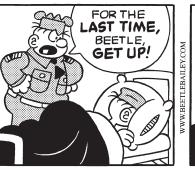
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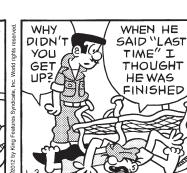
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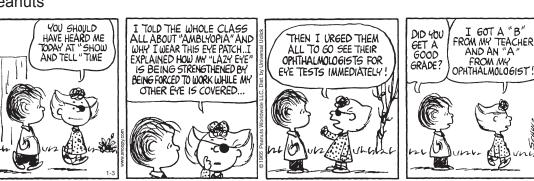


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Tournament wrestling action returns to Pampa





Photos by Zachary Green

PREPARING. Left, Pampa wrestlers doing drills in preparation for the Pampa Duals Tournament this weekend. Right, Pampa Wrestling Coach Michael Stovall instructs wrestlers during their drills. Both boys and girls wrestling teams have been in two-a-day practices this week to prepare for the tournament, with one practice in the morning and one practice in the evening. The tournament on Saturday will be the first one Pampa has hosted since the early 1990s.

By Zachary Green

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On Saturday, Pampa will host its first wrestling tournament since the early 1990s. The tournament will be a dual format. That means it will be a round robin format where each team wrestles five times.

The tournament will start at 9 a.m. and go until everyone finishes wrestling. Matches will be held in the Dennis Cavalier Activities Center and in the McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa Wrestling Coach Michael Stovall is in his second year coaching the Pampa wrestling program.

He said that the boys team will face some of the top teams in the Panhandle in Hereford, Vernon and Palo Duro. Stovall also said the girls' will face some of the top teams in the state in Palo Duro, Caprock and Tas-

"This is huge for us to be hosting a tournament. A couple of years ago the wrestling program was very lacking. Numbers have since tripled," Stovall said. The support these kids get from the administration and boosters is second to none."

"We are still trying to get more community support. The kids put in hard work to show their appreciation for the support," Stovall added.

The district tournament is only one month away for Pampa.

There are eight teams in Pampa's district and only the top four wrestlers go to regionals.

After that, the top four from regionals will go to state.

"We have the toughest district in the panhandle and toughest region in the state. Teams like Randall, Dumas, Caprock and Hereford are very tough,"

Stovall said.

Michael

Stovall

"It is going to be tough from here on out. How much work we put in will determine how well we do in district," he said.

Stovall said that last year Pampa sent 11 wrestlers to regionals but none made it to state. "That goes to show you how tough our region is. If you can make it to state from our region, you'll have a pretty good shot at placing in state.'

He added that the last state qualifiers from Pampa were Kristin Miller in 2010 and Steven Botello in 2009

The girls team is 3-2 in duals and the boys team is

1-4 in duals this season.

"The guys have played some tough teams. We will put it together for district. We are a better tournament team than a dual team," Stovall said.

"Pampa's girls wrestling program is in its second year of existence and they are facing teams that have established programs," Stovall added.

"They are working to emulate teams like Caprock and Tascosa. It will be interesting to see where we win this year.'

Stovall said he likes to wrestle as many matches as possible instead of traveling for just one dual. This makes for a lot of tournaments the wrestling

teams head to. "The program is growing in leaps and bounds," Stovall added. We have 45 in the high school program, 25 in the junior high program and about 20 in the Harvester Take-

down Člub," Stovall said. After the tournament this weekend Pampa will have

five more tournaments or duals. Those tournaments and duals include the Caprock girls, Hereford, Vernon, Borger, River Road, Amarillo High and Caprock again.

The district tournament is Feb. 2. Regionals and State will follow the district tournament later in February.

Huge Harvester rally falls short in Lubbock

By Zachary Green zgreen@thepampanews.com

Pampa's Hustlin' Harvesters traveled to Lubbock for a rare Wednesday afternoon game against the Monterey Plainsmen.



Derrek **Pollard**

At one point in the game, the Harvesters themselves hefound hind 40-17. Pampa came storming back and went on a 23-4 run to cut the lead to 44-40. Unfortunately for the Harvesters, it was just too little too late as Monterey was then able to ice the game on free throws. The final was

Monterey 53, Pampa 44. After the first quarter Pampa trailed 11-

7. At the half, Monterey's lead increased to 27-13. After three quarters Pampa still trailed 43-28.

"We had to play the fouling game late and free throws by Monterey got the best of us. We played a great second half," said Pampa Coach Matt Embry. "I am really proud of the guys. They showed incredible team chemistry. You know when you play a school with two thousand kids like Monterey you expect a challenge. The way our guys responded to the challenge is something to be proud of. It will show once district play starts."

Derrek Pollard led Pampa with 20 points, including 10 rebounds. Pollard also shot 3-6, or 50 percent, from the free-throw line. Cade Engle scored six points. Engle also shot 1-2, or 50 per-



Matt **Embry**

cent from the free-throw line. Romel Lee added five points. Gabe Garcia scored four points. Oliver Cabrales, Ty Hutto and Ryan Powell all added three points. Powell also shot 3-4, or 75 percent, from the free-throw line. As a team Pampa shot 7-15, or 47 percent, from the free-throw line. En-

gle, Lee, Cabrales, Pollard and Hutto all made one three-pointer.

Taylor Chapman led the Plainsmen with 19 points, including three three-pointers. As a team Monterey shot 4-13, or 31 percent, from the free-throw line. However, most of those four free-throws were in crucial late in the game.

The Plainsmen also made five threepointers as a team.

With the loss, Pampa's record moves to 6-11 on the season.

The Harvesters will be back in action Friday at 7:30 p.m. Panhandle where they hope to avenge an earlier season loss.

Son of LA Clippers owner found dead in Malibu

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The son of Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling was found dead of an apparent drug overdose at his Malibu home, authorities said Wednesday.

The body of Scott Ashley Sterling, 32, was found shortly after 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Los Angeles County coroner's Lt. Larry Dietz said.

Deputies dispatched to check on Sterling's welfare found his body. A friend of Scott Sterling said he hadn't been heard from for several days, according to a statement from the county Sheriff's

Paramedics pronounced him dead at

"Sheriff's homicide and Los Angeles County coroner's personnel at this time believe that Sterling died of an apparent drug overdose," the statement said.

Dietz said the death appeared to be

accidental, but an autopsy was planned to determine the exact cause of death.

Messages left for Donald Sterling and a Clippers spokesman were not immediately returned.

In 1999, Scott Sterling, then 19, was arrested for shooting his friend with a shotgun. Beverly Hills police said Philip Scheid was shot in the legs during an argument at Donald Sterling's mansion. Scheid said he was shot from behind while running away. Sterling said he fired in self-defense after Scheid approached him with a knife. The county district attorney's office declined to file criminal charges, citing credibility problems with the victim.

AP source: Price, Rays agree on 1-year deal

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — David Price got a hefty raise for winning the AL Cy Young Award.

A person with knowledge of the deal said Tuesday night that the three-time All-Star and the Tampa Bay Rays have agreed to a one-year contract worth just over \$10 million, avoiding arbitration.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team had not yet made a formal announcement. Price earned \$4.35 million last season, when he went 20-5 with an American Leaguelow 2.56 ERA.

The hard-throwing left-hander barely beat out Detroit's Justin Verlander to become Tampa Bay's first Cy Young winner. He tied Jered Weaver for the league lead in wins and winning percentage and was sixth in strikeouts with 205 in 211 innings.

The Rays are expected to announce the deal with 27-year-old later this

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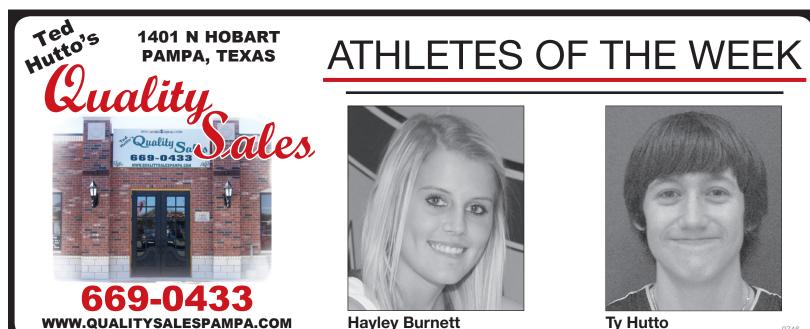
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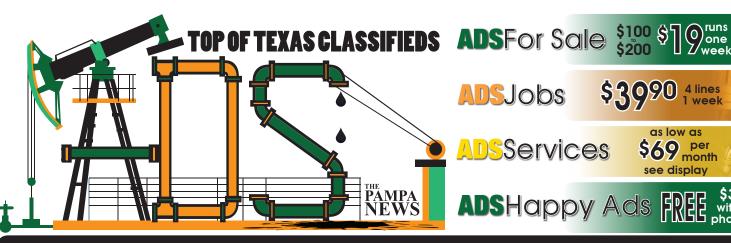




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It must have been a lot for him to take in at one time. He told me plainly that he could not support my decision because he have to make the next move. could not "understand" it. He does not acknowledge them as who changed me for the better. his grandchildren.

by email that he was glad to hear from me and he hoped for a reconciliation, but was not sure how to go about it. I responded by email that I was cautiously optimistic that we could reignite a respectful relationship.

I haven't heard back from him and I suspect it's because he saw that I had changed my last name from his to my husband's, a decision I made after our marriage. My father was not aware that I had gotten married. I think I have overwhelmed him again, which has rendered him speechless. Please advise me on how to proceed. — PRODIGAL SON IN CALIFORNIA

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overwhelmed him or not is to Claudette, but also to irrelevant. The ball is now in her mother - because they your court, so if you want to appear to be joined at the have a hope of a relationship hip, and the part that's doing with your father, YOU will the thinking isn't your for-

DEAR ABBY: Two years has never met our children, and ago, I proposed to the woman I love her with all my heart, This year on Father's Day, I but after we had been engaged sent him a card and he replied for only four days everything came to a stop. Her mother was against the marriage, and my fiancee wasn't strong enough to follow her heart. We had been in a relationship for more than nine years, most of it long distance except for the last two years.

> I couldn't understand her change of heart, and I tried with all my might to find some middle ground. "Claudette" has three children from her first marriage, and I had become a part of their lives and an important family friend. After getting no reason for

calling off the wedding, I began texting her for an answer only to be arrested for cyber-stalking. **DEAR SON: Call your** I know in my heart from letters father, tell him you love him sent back and forth that this and that you would like to wasn't Claudette's idea, but I schedule a visit with him - can't let go. I know she's the but would like to send him one for me. We made a great some reading material before couple, but her mother couldn't you do. Then contact PFLAG stand the fact that we were so

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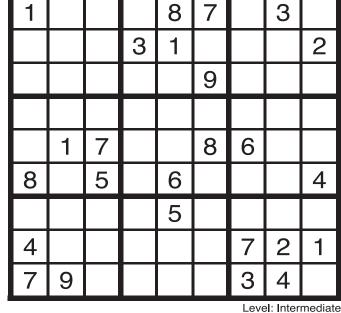
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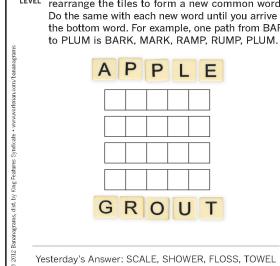
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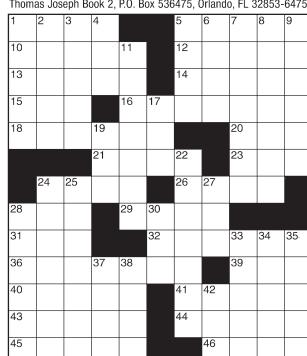
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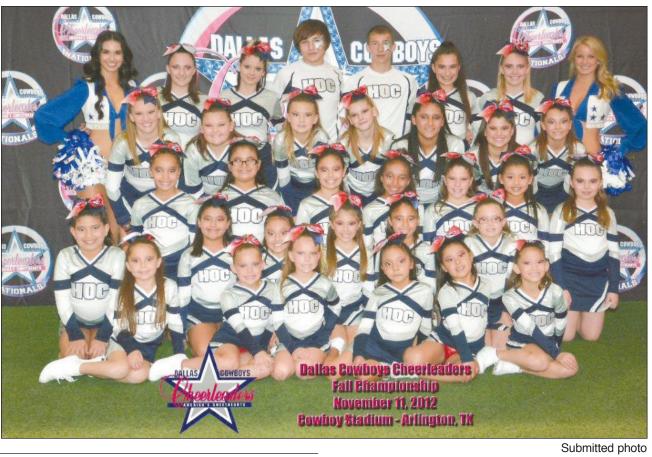
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Twin mothers in Ohio give birth the same day

AKRON, Ohio (AP) - Aiden and Donavyn didn't wait until New Year's Day to come screaming into the world, but the circumstances of their births are still pretty special:

The babies were born about two hours apart to Ohio mothers who are identical twins.

The Akron Beacon Journal reports that the 19-year-old mothers — Aimee and Ashlee Nelson — weren't raised to do things alike and did not plan the births to come at the same time. In fact, their due dates were about a week apart.

But Donavyn Scott Bratten was born just after noon on the last day of 2012. Aiden Lee Alan Dilts made his appearance at about 2 p.m.

They were delivered by the same doctor at Summa Akron City Hospital.

Program to build Ospreys in Amarillo

ÁMÁRILLO, Texas (AP) — The Navy has added \$1.4 billion to a Bell-Boeing contract to build 22 V-22 Ospreys in Texas.

The Amarillo Globe-News reported Tuesday that the contact modification includes fiscal 2013 funding for 17 MV-22s, the Marine Corps Osprey version, and four CV-22s for Air Force Special Operations.

Bell-Boeing is a joint venture between Textron Inc.'s Bell helicopter business and Boeing Co.

The U.S. military plans to use the tilt-rotor aircraft to replace older CH-46 helicopters.

More than 10 percent of the work will be performed in Amarillo, where Bell Helicopter also assembles utility and attack choppers for the military.

officials say Navy about 25 percent of the work will be done in Fort Worth.

The deal also provides funding to help build 19 MV-22s and 18 CV-22s in fiscal 2014.

Congress extends wind, biofuels credits

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The bill Congress approved Tuesday night providing tax relief for most taxpayers also helps wind energy and ethanol producers by extending tax credits designed to encourage continued development.

States like Texas, the nation's leading wind energy producer, and Iowa, the leading ethanol maker, should benefit from the incentives.

Many of the credits had

expired in 2012. The bill extends to the

end of the year a production tax credit for wind energy on any facility under construction before the end of 2013.

The bill also extends a \$1.01-per-gallon tax credit for cellulosic ethanol made from corn plants, grasses, algae, and sources other than corn kernels.

The bill allows ethanol makers to depreciate equipment for new plants placed in service in 2013 and extends biodiesel production tax incentives for two years.

Man swept to sea trying to save dog

POINT REYES, Calif. (AP) — A man has been swept to sea and drowned while trying to save his dog hit by a rogue wave on a Northern California beach.

The Coast Guard says the man and his wife were walking on the beach near Point Reves on New Year's Day when a wave overtook the dog.

Point Reyes is a popular tourist destination about 30 miles northwest of San Francisco.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports the couple went into the water to rescue the dog but the man was swept away.

His body was found about three hours later.

The wife and dog made it safely to shore.

Names haven't been released. In November, three

people drowned in roiling surf while trying to save their dog at Big Lagoon state beach near

Love tryst leaves two women dead in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) Houston police say a domestic dispute has left two women shot to death in an apparent murder and then a suicide at their house.

Police on Wednesday identified the pair as 24-year-old Ana Flores and 29-year-old Belinda Espinoza.

Both were dead at the scene of the New Year's Day argument.

A police statement says Flores called 911 before she was fatally shot late Tuesday afternoon, allegedly by Espinoza.

Espinoza then turned the gun on herself. Officers who responded to the emergency call forced their way into the residence and found the bodies.

Police say the women were in a romantic relationship.

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