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## County adds emergency management resource

By **SASHA HELLER**  
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Gray County residents now have an added level of protection and emergency management as the county's website has added a link to the Resolve to be Ready emergency notification system.

Gray County emergency



management coordinator Sandi Martin announced Thursday that Gray County residents can now use the county's website to register to receive notifications of emergency situations.

"Not only am I signed up for notifications concerning Gray County and the cities of Lefors, McLean and Pampa, I am also signed up to receive notifications concerning Paducah and Cottle County where our daughter teaches school," Martin said.

"This is a very helpful tool for all families in Gray County." Interested residents can visit the county's site at Co.gray.tx.us/ips/cms/index.html. At the bottom of the county's home page, a direction instructs visitors to click the Resolve to be Ready link, which takes guests directly to the Mass Notification

Registry, where registration instructions await visitors. Guests are directed to create a profile, with a user name and password, for i-INFO, the online network that operates the Resolve to be Ready notification system. Visitors are presented with a list of counties to choose **WEBSITE** cont. on page 3

### READY FOR TAKEOFF



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above. Ben Clawson, Med Trans helicopter mechanic, with the air ambulance that transports trauma patients to Amarillo. The helicopter has been stored inside the heliport, not pictured at right, during some of our recent bad weather days. In the background is Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Right. Wood Randolph, left, and Robert Stanley of Ivy Painting from Amarillo work on the inside of the ambulance bays.



## County's heliport nears completion

■ Helicopter has been parked inside facility on bad weather days.

Progress on one of the county's largest infrastructure projects, a heliport behind Pampa Regional Medical Center, is in its final stages.

The \$1.3 million facility is owned by the county and was funded in part with state grants.

Construction began nearly three years ago.

The building itself is completed, along with a cement driveway and a paved walkway to the hospital.

Interior work is now in progress to finish the dormitory and office spaces for the flight crews and three bays for ground ambulances.

Med Trans Air Medical Transport in Amarillo owns and operates the helicopter, which is now parked on the landing pad and has been stored inside the building on some of the colder days so far this winter.

An indoor heliport was needed as a place to house the

heliport during inclement weather, county officials had determined.

Presently, Pampa EMS' three ambulances are housed in the city's old south side fire station about four miles from the hospital, but will be relocated to the heliport.

"The helicopter has been kept inside the the building for protection and the lights around the pad have been used," said Judge Richard Peet, who oversees the Gray County Commission.

"We are keeping it inside on days when the weather is red," said Ben Clawson, a helicopter

mechanic now working at the heliport.

Clawson explained that for helicopter pilots "red" means there is too much icing rain or low visibility to fly. Yellow means they check first with dispatch about weather conditions before attempting flight and green means the weather is fine to take the bird into the air.

Clawson said Med Trans plans to move the wind sock, which is at the northwest corner of the landing pad, further away from the landing pad so it doesn't interfere with the

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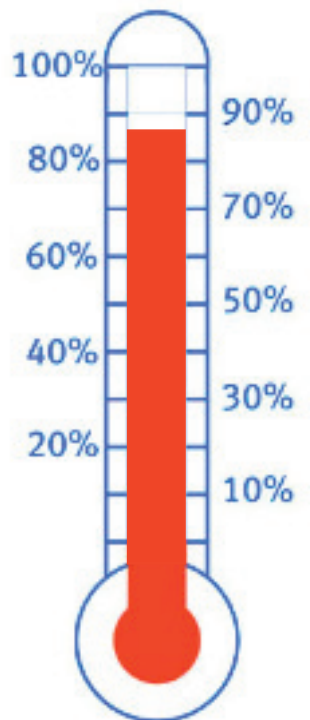
## School districts seek testing waivers

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly two dozen Texas school districts are seeking exemption from some state and federal testing requirements as they push to design new student evaluation systems.

The waivers are sought by the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium. The 2011 Legislature created the group to develop new strategies for public schools.

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that the 23 consortium members say they need more flexibility to design an updated educational blueprint. An update presented last month to the Texas Education Agency **TESTING** cont. on page 3

## United Way campaign falls short



The Pampa United Way only achieved 87 percent, or \$274,000, of its fundraising goal of \$315,000 for 2012.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 39 Low 23	High 41 Low 24	High 48 Low 27

**Friday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 39. No chance of rain. Winds southwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

**Friday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 23. No chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 5:45 p.m.

**Saturday:** Sunny with a high of 41. No chance of rain. Winds west northwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

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

**Sunday:** Sunny with a high of 48. No chance of rain. Winds west at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:54 a.m.

**Sunday night:** Mostly clear with a low of 27. Ten percent chance of rain. Winds south southwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 5:46 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Kristi Dawn Slatten

Kristi Dawn Slatten, 42, of Lefors, died Jan. 1, 2013 in Lefors.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Slatten was born May 16, 1970 in Pampa. She graduated from White Deer High School in 1988. She had been a resident of Lefors since 2005. She married Jarrod Slatten on Sept. 3, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nev. Kristi was the office manager for Donnie Hoover State Farm for 15 years. She also worked at Easy's Eastside for two years. She was a member of First Pentecostal Holiness Church. She was a dedicated mom, wife, sister and daughter.

Survivors include: her husband, Jarrod Slatten of the home; her son, Ryan Lee of the home; her stepson, Joseph Slatten of the home; her mother, Barbara Roe of Lefors; two brothers, Zane Roe and wife Stacy of Lefors and Jon Roe of Pampa; an aunt, Pauline Parker of San Antonio; an uncle, Gene Roe of Wapanucka, Okla.; in-laws, Robert and Louie Slatten of Lefors; two nephews and three nieces. Kristi was preceded in death by her father, Bill Roe; a niece, Ashley Roe; and her grandparents.

Sign the on-line register at [Carmichael-Whitley.com](http://Carmichael-Whitley.com).

## For the record

### Pampa man arrested for family assault

■ 23-year-old Rafael Garcia, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the GCSO for assault against family member — impeding breath.

■ 39-year-old James Michael Brown, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for bond surrender — possession of a controlled substance.

■ 28-year-old Martha Rena Nicholas, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday

by the Pampa Police Department for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

■ 47-year-old William Davbrent Thomas, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the PPD on bond surrender — criminal trespass.

■ 43-year-old Jon Wyatt Roe, Lefors, was arrested Thursday by the PPD for an expired operators license and failure to appear.

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## Kansas wants sperm donor pay child support

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The state of Kansas is trying to force a man who donated sperm to a lesbian couple to pay child support, arguing that the agreement he and the women signed releasing him from all parental duties was invalid because they didn't go through a doctor.

Under Kansas law, a doctor's involvement shields a man from being held responsible for a child conceived through artificial insemination. At least 10 other states have similar laws, including California, Illinois and Missouri, according to the Kansas Department for Children and Families.

William Marotta and the couple he helped have a daughter didn't go through a doctor, so the department is asking a state court to hold him responsible for about \$6,000 that the child's biological mother received through public assistance — as well as future child support.

The department also asked the court to appoint an attorney to represent the now 3-year-old girl, independently of her mother.

Marotta is asking that the case be dismissed, arguing that he is not the child's legal father. A hearing is set for Tuesday.

Department spokeswoman Angela de Rocha said Wednesday that when a single mother seeks benefits for a child, the department routinely tries to determine the child's paternity and require the father to make support payments to lessen the potential cost to taxpayers.

Marotta, a 46-year-old Topeka resident, answered an ad on Craigslist in 2009 from Angela Bauer and Jennifer Schreiner, a local couple who said they were seeking a sperm donor.

After exchanging emails and meeting, Marotta and the couple signed an agreement in which the women agreed to "hold him harmless" financially. It also said the child's

birth certificate would not list a father.

But the state agency argues the agreement isn't valid, because instead of working with a doctor, Marotta agreed to drop off containers with his sperm at the couple's home, according to prepared court documents the department gave to the AP late Wednesday.

The women handled the artificial insemination themselves using a syringe, and Schreiner eventually became pregnant, according to the documents. The couple broke up in 2010, and last year, Schreiner received public assistance from the state to help care for the girl.

"My ex-partner and I wanted to have a baby," Schreiner said in a written statement to the department in January 2012, also included in the department's latest filing. "We were a gay couple so we had a sperm donor."

Marotta told The Topeka-Capital Journal that he is "a little scared about where this is going to go, primarily for financial reasons." His attorney didn't return a phone message Wednesday from the AP, and there was no listing for his home phone number in Topeka.

Phone numbers listed for Schreiner and Bauer were either incorrect or out of service, and Schreiner did not respond to a message sent by Facebook.

The department first filed a petition against Marotta in Shawnee County District Court in October, asking that he be required to reimburse the state for the benefits and make future child support payments.

Along with the 1994 law regarding artificial insemination, the department cited a 2007 Kansas Supreme Court ruling. In that case, the court decided that a sperm donor who works through a licensed physician can't legally be considered a child's father — and doesn't have the right to visit or help raise the child — absent a formal, written agreement.

However, that case involved a sperm donor who was seeking access to a child but had only an informal, unwritten agreement with the child's mother. Marotta's attorneys contend the state is reading it incorrectly.

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## Cruz sworn in to U.S. Senate

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tea party favorite Ted Cruz was sworn in Thursday as the first Hispanic to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate.

A Cuban-American and former state solicitor general, Cruz is more fiercely conservative than the woman he is replacing, fellow Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Dallas.

A Houston attorney and



Ted Cruz

former Ivy League debating champion, Cruz was virtually unknown when he announced his candidacy.

But he used strong grassroots support to upset Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst during a July runoff election for the GOP senatorial nomination.

Cruz then trounced Democrat and former state Rep. Paul Sadler in November's general election. He could be poised to become a rising star among Capitol Hill conservatives, especially given the retirement of tea party leader U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina.

## Heliport

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into the air.

Neither Peet nor Clawson could estimate a date when the interior work would be finished.

Since PRMC does not have trauma designation, patients needing trauma care are flown to the Texas Northwest Healthcare System campus in Amarillo.

The flight takes about 20 to 25 minutes versus an hour or so for a ground

ambulance.

Peet said the helicopter, which has been at the hospital for about three years, has been a lifesaver not just for Pampa residents, but patients throughout the Panhandle and as far as Kansas and Oklahoma.

For instance, if there was a seriously injured patient on Interstate 40 across the Texas-Oklahoma state line, the helicopter could fly to the scene of the accident and transport that patient to Amarillo, Peet said in an October interview with The Pampa News.

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from, including Gray County.

The site reminds visitors that local television, radio, NOAA weather radio and outdoor warning sirens are residents' primary sources for immediate emergency information.

Resolve to be Ready provides national weather service notifications, emergency notices and public safety warnings such as wild fires, evacuation notices, boil orders, amber alerts, silver alerts, missing child, criminal activity and watches and restrictions.

Residents can sign up for particular notifications that they want to receive about any county or city in the Panhandle.

According to Ready.gov, the program's website, Resolve to be Ready asks members to do three things: build an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan and stay informed about various types of emergencies that may occur

and how to appropriately respond to them.

The goal of the program is to get the public involved and ultimately increase the level of basic preparedness across the nation.

Since its launch, the "Ready" campaign has generated more than \$955 million.

The Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA), which oversees the "Ready" program, wants community members to stay informed about: natural disasters, pandemic threats, wild fires, terrorist hazards, as well as recovery and protection options.

When building a kit, include pet supplies, medicines, diapers and infant formula — if necessary.

Remember to pack valid identification and important documents. Use easy-to-carry bags or bins.

When making a plan, have a predetermined set location to meet in the event of an emergency. Take into account any specific dietary or medical needs of any family members with you.

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suggests developing a community-based assessment and accountability

system.

Lawmakers who convene this month and the TEA could act on the waiver requests.



## Texas Department of Transportation signs to stop giving directions to gun shows

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas transportation officials, in the wake of last month's school shooting in Connecticut, are suspending the use of freeway message signs in Houston to provide directions to firearms-related events.

The electronic signs are routinely used to direct traffic or tell visitors where to exit freeways for various events, including rodeos, sporting events and gun shows.

Stuart Corder, director of transportation operations for the Texas Department of Transportation in Houston, tells the Houston Chronicle that officials suspended the signs' use for gun shows shortly after receiving complaints following a gun show that was held a day after the Dec. 14 shooting in which a gunman killed 26 people, including 20 children.

Gun show organizers say the signs are important, but their absence won't ruin their shows.

### Teens drug parents to use Internet

ROCKLIN, Calif. (AP) — Police say two California teenagers used a prescription sleeping medication to spike the milkshakes of too-strict parents so they could log onto the Internet.

The parents called police and the 15-year-old Rocklin girl and a 16-year-old friend were taken to Juvenile Hall. Rocklin is 20 miles northeast of Sacramento.

The Sacramento Bee reports the girls offered to pick up milkshakes at a fast-food restaurant for the parents of one of the girls on Friday night.

The drug was mixed into the shakes and the couple fell asleep. The suspicious parents picked up a drug test kit the following day.

The girls told investigators they wanted to use the Internet, which was shut

down daily at 10 p.m.

It's unclear what the girls did on the Internet.

### Texas couple sentenced for fraud

HOUSTON (AP) — A husband and wife from Spring have been sentenced to federal prison after being convicted of defrauding the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson says a judge Thursday sentenced 40-year-old LaCarsha Goodman to two years and three months in prison. He says 41-year-old Andre Goodman was sentenced in September to two years in prison. They have also been ordered to pay \$23,014 in restitution.

Both pleaded guilty last year to theft of government property and fraud in connection with major disasters.

Prosecutors say evidence showed the couple reported false addresses and damage after Hurricane Ike hit Texas in September 2008. Prosecutors say the two reported multiple addresses as their primary residence, in each instance falsely indicating the residences were damaged.

### Instructor pleads guilty in scandal

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An Air Force trainer at a San Antonio base has pleaded guilty to having illicit relationships with two women, incidents that are part of a widespread sex scandal at the military branch's training headquarters.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Jackson was charged with having sex with the women while they were in technical training schools at Lackland and Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, as well as having improper personal intimate relationships

with them.

The San Antonio Express-News reports Jackson pleaded guilty Thursday during a court hearing at Lackland.

Jackson faces up to one year in prison and a bad-conduct discharge.

Jackson is one of more than a dozen instructors being investigated.

### Ariz. woman denied killing boyfriend

PHOENIX (AP) — A woman charged with killing her motivational speaker ex-boyfriend in a jealous rage in Arizona in 2008 calmly denied any involvement in the gruesome slaying in a recorded telephone call with a detective that was played for jurors Thursday.

Jodi Arias, 32, could become the fourth woman on Arizona's death row if she's convicted of killing Travis Alexander. Prosecutors said she shot him in the face, stabbed him nearly 30 times and slit his throat during a volatile, jealousy-fueled relationship.

Jurors heard testimony Thursday from Mesa detective Esteban Flores and a recording of a conversation he had with Arias in June 2008, a day after the body was found. On the call, Arias denied being involved in the death and calmly told the detective that she had not seen Alexander, 30, in two months.

She also told Flores that she knew of no enemies that Alexander had and described him as a very fit man who would have been difficult to overpower.

The two met in Las Vegas in 2007 and quickly entered into a stormy relationship. Court records show that Arias became jealous on several occasions during their romance, as evidenced during the thousands of emails and instant mes-

sages that the two exchanged.

Prosecutors argue Arias killed him after Alexander tried to end their relationship.

The trial began Wednesday as prosecutors said Arias killed Alexander in cold blood and defense lawyers said she acted in self-defense after the victim lunged at her.

### House wants Shell barge investigated

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Members of a U.S. House coalition are calling for an investigation of a Royal Dutch Shell PLC drilling vessel that ran aground on a Gulf of Alaska island on its way to Seattle.

The House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition says it's calling on the Interior Department and the Coast Guard to jointly investigate the grounding of the Kulluk and related incidents.

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## Boyfriend doesn't want to be father

Dear John, I am a 41 year-old mom of six children, ages 10 to 20, with four of them still at home.

I've dated Andy for six years. We even lived together for three years. We broke up for six months, but WE have resumed seeing each other.



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He tells me he loves me very much, and cannot see himself with anyone else.

Our big ongoing issue is my children. Andy was an only child, and he is not comfortable around my children.

I know that my children must come first, but I also love this man dearly. I really want to grow old with this man, but not at the expense of my children.

Is there anything I can do to assist him in getting a handle on his hang up? —Hopeful, in St. George, Utah

Dear Hopeful, Naturally, you're right to acknowledge that your children come first. Be there for them. Make time to see Andy. In

your own words, however, not at their expense.

Instead, schedule regular dates. Knowing your time constraints, if he wants to see you, he will accommodate you.

Should you want to have an evening alone with him, do so at his place. At least one of your children is old enough to cover for the others.

You can't force Andy to like your children. You can only hope that he can accept them on terms that work for him, and that they will do the same.

If you are willing to accept that fact that he does not want to participate in your parenting experience, enjoy what he has to offer you and expect no more than that.

Dear John, In your Mars/Venus books, you talk about men having "caves" and women having "wells." I've noticed this in my own relationship. Recently, our conflicts have escalated to every few days. He goes to his cave, and I go down into my well. —What's Happening? In Tulsa, Okla.

Dear What's Happening, The problem may be an unresolved issue yet to be addressed by either

of you. If you can think of anything that has made you angry or resentful, you need to bring it up as soon as possible.

Then again, he may be the one with the issue. The best way to find out is to wait until the two of you are alone and neither of you is upset.

If in fact you are the one holding back, tell him why, without blame, anger or guilt.

If you feel that he is still holding back, say: "Honey, I've noticed that we've been arguing more frequently.

I love you so much, and I don't want anything to stand between us. Is there something you'd like to ask me, or is there something that I need to know?"

This lets him know that you are open to hearing any issues. Until we can express our fear, we cannot move beyond it, so start talking. It can create the breakthrough that you're hoping to have.

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## No regulation? No problem

In the short time since President Obama was re-elected, government has issued hundreds of new regulations.

The bureaucrats never stop.

There are now more than 170,000 pages of federal regulations.

President Obama wants still more rules. Cheering on increased financial regulation, he said, "We've got to keep moving forward." To the president, and probably most Americans, "forward" means passing more laws.

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Consider this: An entire sector of the economy operates almost entirely without government controls. Complete strangers exchange big money there every day.

It's the Internet. It does have regulation, just not government regulation.

On my next TV show, titled "Freedom 2.0" which the Fox Business Network aired Thursday, economics professor Ed Stringham explains that PayPal.com, which transfers billions of dollars for people, at first assumed they needed government help to prevent fraud.

"They faced fraudsters from all over the world. They turned to the FBI," says Stringham. "But the FBI had no idea who these people were."

So PayPal invented a new form of regulation. "They developed a private fraud detection system, where they used computers to say, 'This might be fraudulent,' and then it would send it to a human to investigate that."

That dramatically reduced fraud, and PayPal

thrived.

eBay's business model is also threatened by fraud. How can a buyer trust that, say, a seller will actually deliver a \$25 pack of baseball cards and that the cards will be what he claims they are?

In theory, you could sue; but in practice, our legal system is too slow and costly for that.

So eBay came up with self-regulation: The buyers rate the sellers.

"eBay and other groups developed private reputation mechanisms," says Stringham. "When you go onto eBay, you know there's a 99 percent chance that you're going to get the goods delivered."

Private companies found they could "crowd-source" enforcement against fraud and low-quality products, in much the same way that Wikipedia discovered an encyclopedia could be created without a central organizer.

Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales tells me that method "works far better than the top-down system that it replaced."

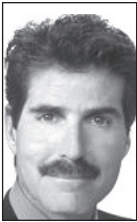
We almost always assume that top-down government regulation is necessary, even though history says otherwise.

Did you know that stock markets began without government regulation?

They came up with private enforcement.

"They traded in coffeehouses. And after a while, they decided: 'Let's enforce rules within this coffeehouse. If you default, you're going to get kicked out of the coffeehouse, and we're going to call you a lame duck.'" (Because you had to waddle out of the coffeehouse. That's actually where the phrase "lame duck" originated.)

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## Resolve to conquer or die trying

When President Barack Obama was re-elected, the winds waned behind many patriots' ships' sails.

My wife, Gena, and I felt that sock in the gut for our country and posterity, too.



**CHUCK NORRIS**

But instead of cowering in defeat, I believe we need to discard conventional (unsuccessful) strategies and advance in new directions.

The future of our country is going to hinge not upon the Republican Party's reinvention (as so many think) but upon each of us patriots asking what isn't working about our approach and modifying our attacks for greater impact in the culture and political wars.

You don't fight and win unconventional wars with conventional weapons; that's why we lost in November.

The majority voted to continue to be pelted from within the U.S. by the Obama administration and from without by the United Nations' rogue usurpation of Americans' rights.

In the past six months alone, the Obama administration has teamed up with the U.N. to enforce

Internet intrusions, clamp down on gun rights, further regulate the airline industry, utilize billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars to expand U.N. global warming control and expand global abortion.

And who can forget the proliferation of Agenda 21 and growth of Interpol to enforce its new international law?

Will the next four years of Obama intensify the secular progressive assault against our republic and your freedoms? Without a doubt! Read "Fool Me Twice," by Aaron Klein, for a preview of the bombardment, or watch the insightful and compelling documentary "The Isaiah 9:10 Judgment," which foretells America's future.

The big question is: Will the next four years result in the fundamental transformation of the U.S.?

The answer to that is: Only if we let it. Freedom is lost not by a single election but by surrendering to everyday assaults on our liberties.

In the Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington faced blistering and humiliating setbacks. One of them was in the Battle of Long Island.

Even with the inspiration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence at his back, on Aug. 27, 1776, British forces under the experienced general Sir William

Howe routed the American Army.

Defeat was never nearer.

According to HistoryNet.com, "General George Washington knew he had badly miscalculated."

But as you know, the difference between a good leader and a great one is his ability to learn from his failures and miscalculations and recalibrate for victory.

As a world-class fighter, I learned a long time ago that it isn't going down that creates defeat; it's staying down and sticking to the same ol' tactics that guarantee future loss.

As the adage goes, if you always do what you've always done, you'll always be where you've always been.

When Washington was cornered by the British and faced what appeared to be impending doom, he stayed the course but almost always revamped his strategies.

What Washington wrote to the Continental Army before the Battle of Long Island should be inscribed on every patriot's wall now, given November's defeat:

"The time is now near at hand which must probably determine, whether Americans are to be, Freemen, or Slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their Houses, and Farms, are to

be pillaged and destroyed.

The fate of unborn Millions will now depend, under God, on the Courage and Conduct of this army.

We have therefore to resolve to conquer or die."

As we walk into 2013, Gena and I have been asking again how we can best be used in the fight for God and country and seeking in particular how the God of our Founding Fathers would have us respond to November's political mudslide. We believe we know.

And part of it means altering our strategies and approach as Washington did.

I'll say this much: If you don't see Navy SEALs on the battlefield, don't assume for a moment that they're absent from the battle.

They merely have gone stealth, underground (or underwater!), cloaked and engaged in covert measures and unconventional methods of warfare.

Washington's words should be reread at the turn of this new year, especially by anyone who feels that the end is imminent.

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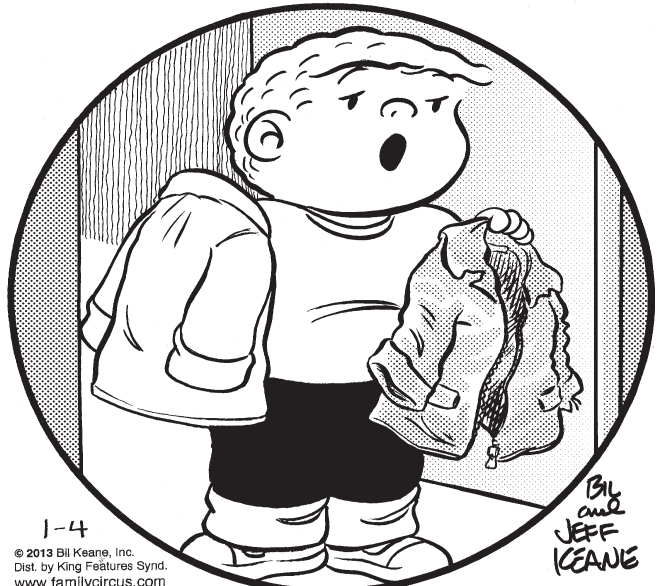
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“Mommy, do you want me to wear my good coat or my bad coat?”

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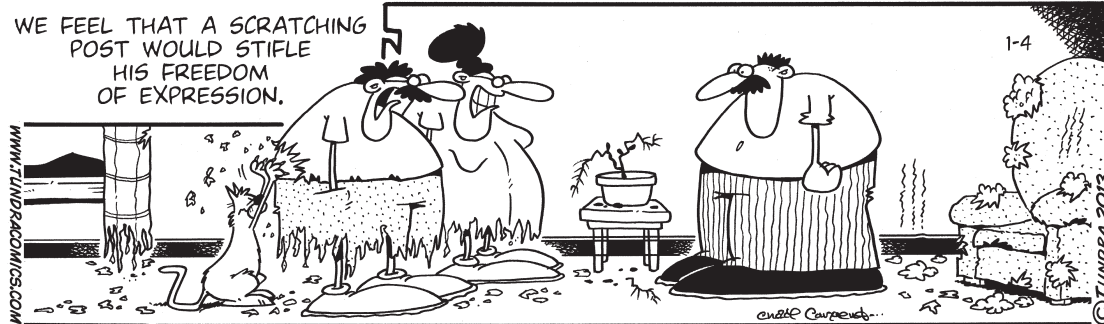
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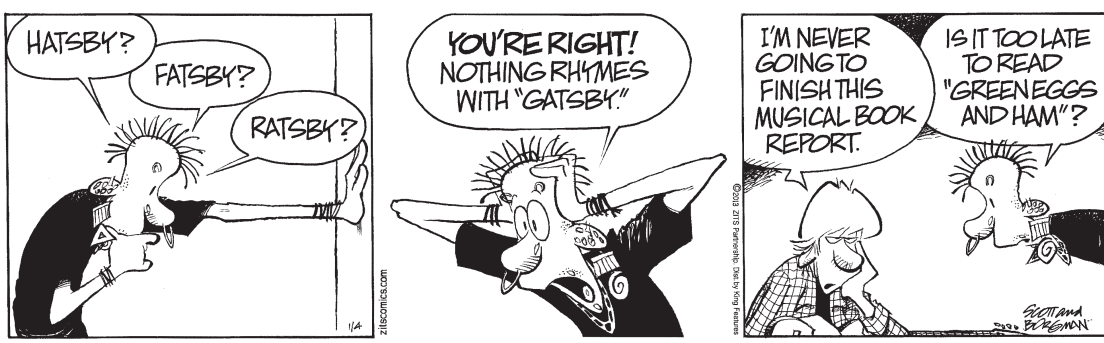
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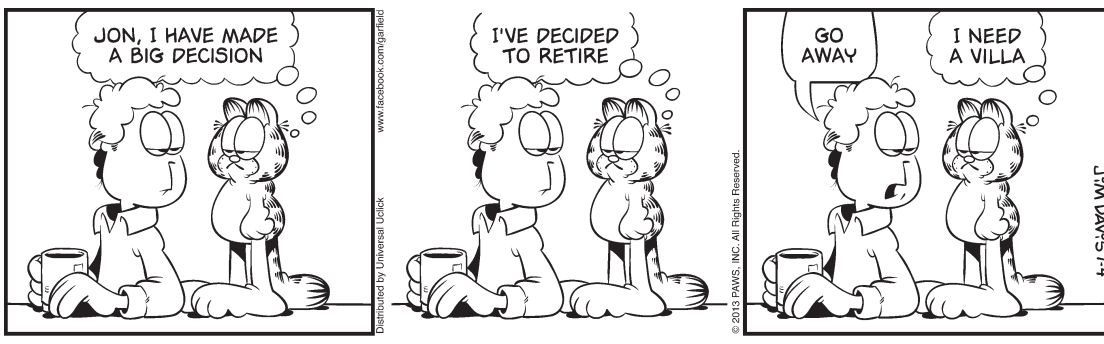
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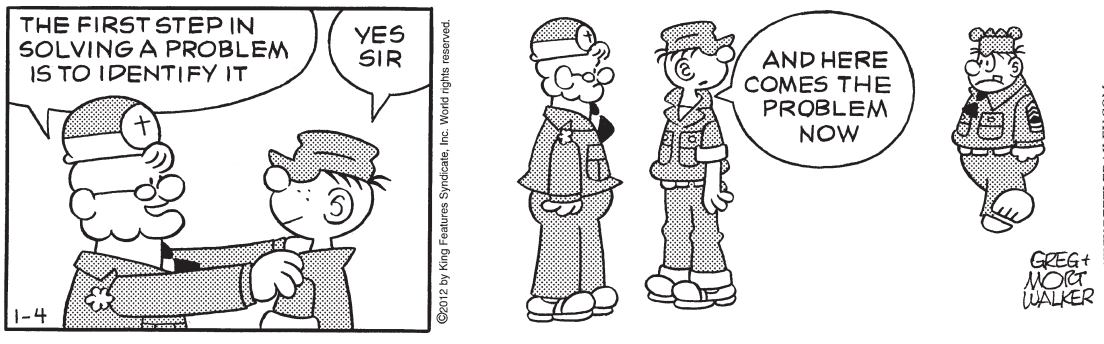
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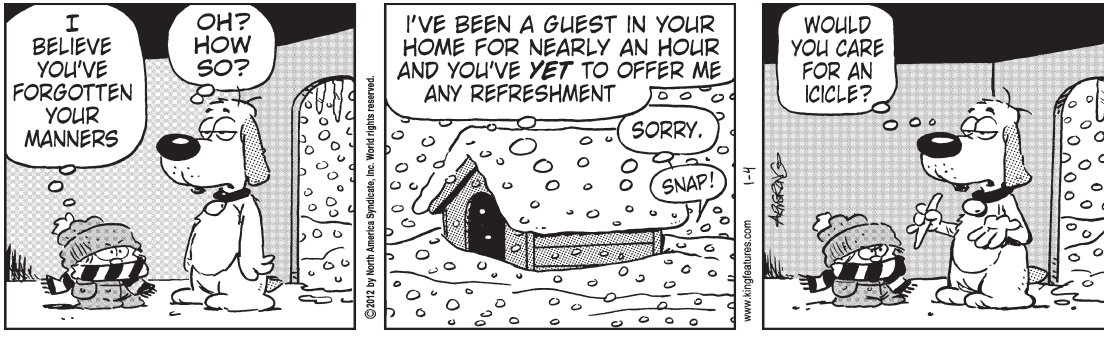
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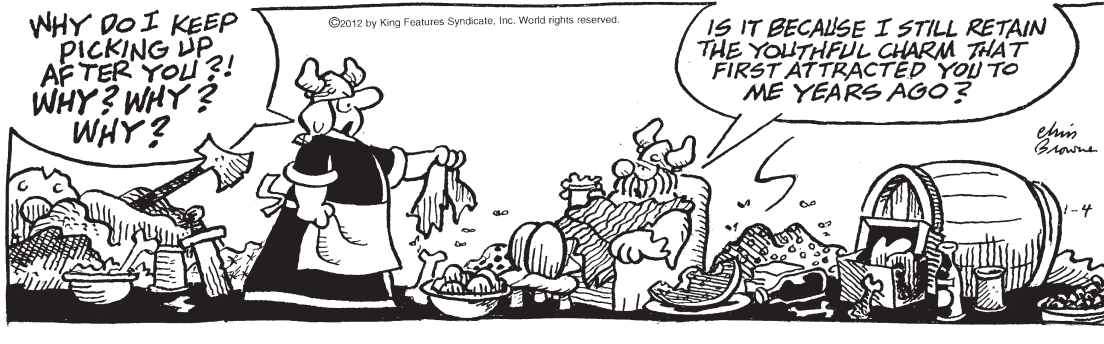
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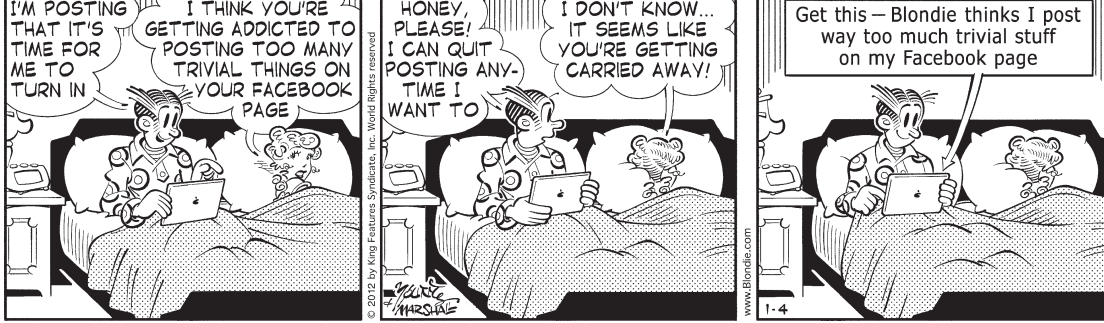
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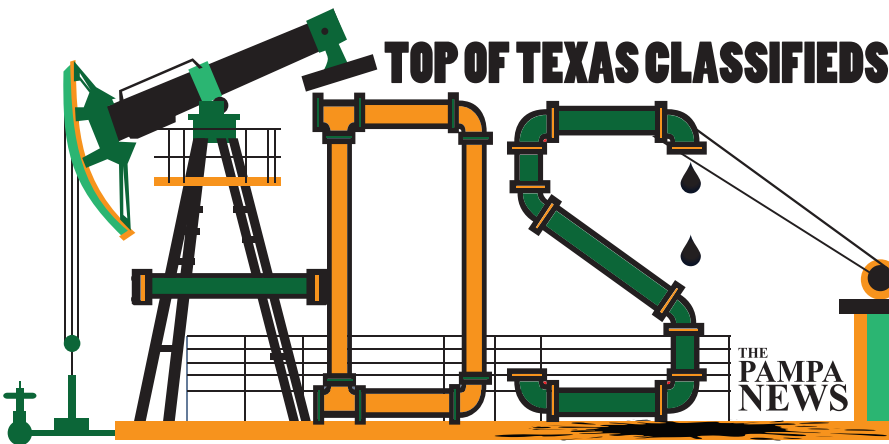


# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013:  
 This year you focus on your goals. Update them as you do your friendships. Be aware that they might be changing as a result of your recent transformation. You might have to endure some harsh conditions in order to achieve a certain goal, but you will. Your well-known determination emerges. If you are single, a friendship could become even more. If you are attached, make sure to tend to the friendship that exists under the romance. When your bond encounters a hardship, which it will at times, your friendship will make all the difference in the outcome. **SCORPIO** is rigid but loyal.  
 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 insist on having their way. You could prevent that from happening, or you could decide to go with the flow. Know that others are coming from a good place. Decide what you want before you head in a certain direction. Tonight: Togetherness works.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★ You finally feel as if you have done enough in the afternoon. Do not insist on inviting others over. It might be nice if they would take over the party and get-together hosting for a while. Enjoy the change of pace! Get into a favorite pastime. Tonight: The later it gets, the better it gets.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★ You have a style that attracts many people. Though you might be in demand right now, you also have to make sure that you're happy. If a situation is out of sync for you, let others know or just walk away. You do not need to put up with any problems. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★ Get some extra R and R. Go to a movie or extra at home, if you so choose. You might need to be a little more assertive and a lot less "at others' service." You will be much happier and get more of what you need as a result. Tonight: Enjoy this newfound freedom.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★ Take care of last-minute errands, finish sending out thank-you notes and stay on top of what you need to do. Someone wants to demonstrate his or her caring in a meaningful way. This person

easily might be a child. Spend the later part of the afternoon at home. Tonight: Order in.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★ Spend some time by yourself. You might need to get some personal errands done. Others are delighted to find you close to home. They just want some easy, relaxed time with you. A child or loved one shares his or her feelings. Tonight: Allow yourself to be indulged.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★ Your spontaneity puts you in the right place at the right time. Someone you run into frequently might be an admirer. Check out what is happening. You do not want to hurt this person's feelings if the feelings are not reciprocal. Tonight: Nap, then decide.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★ The less available you are, the better it is for you and also for others. Make yourself unable to be found while you go off and do what you want. When you finally decide to resurface later on, you will be most appreciated. Tonight: You perk up late in the night.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★ You could be into doing something different. You seem selective or withdrawn to many people. Let your instincts guide you in a situation involving an important loved one. You don't want this person to give you flak for going on an adventure. Tonight: Still unavailable.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★ Even if you have not yet made plans to join your friends, you will. Others enjoy the restoration of the tried and true patterns that all of you have fallen into. Happily get into the moment. A special friend will be delighted to have you around. Tonight: To the wee hours.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★ Others admire you, as long as you make yourself vulnerable enough to listen to their feedback. Responsibilities still demand your attention. You'll get a lot done quickly and efficiently. Call and check in with an older family member. Tonight: Invite key friends over.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★ You might want to understand a friend's true message. If you detach from all of the interpersonal interactions and distance yourself, you will be a lot clearer as to where this person is coming from. Go within yourself before responding. Tonight: In the moment.





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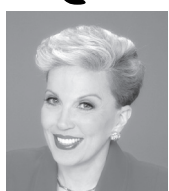
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I run a restaurant in a small town. Recently, my wife came home on my day off and told me that during the lunch hour, one of our servers had come into the kitchen and announced that they'd need extra sanitizer on table 29 because a mother was changing her baby on it!

What has happened in our society that people don't understand that this is unsanitary and rude? Had I been there, I don't know that I could have kept a civil tongue, and I feel like people today regard my disgust as unreasonable. Is there something I'm missing here? — CAFE CRAZY

DEAR "CRAZY": I don't know who you have been talking to, but your disgust is NOT "unreasonable." What that mother was missing was common sense and courtesy for those around her. I agree that changing a baby on a restaurant table was out of the ballpark — particularly if a changing table was available in the women's restroom of your cafe. (I'm assuming there is one, but if there isn't, the situation should be immediately rectified.)

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Gene," and I were married for five years until our divorce six months ago. We still live together and are dating each other. We had so many issues, I felt there needed to be a fresh start, including filing for divorce and living apart.

Now that we have started over, moved away from our hometown and gotten rid of several "friends," our issues are gone and we're financially stable. In fact, our relationship is better than ever.

Since things are now worked out, I'd like us to get remarried. I told him before our divorce that I hoped we could resolve things and marry again. Now he's not sure, because he says if we got divorced again, he couldn't bear the hurt. He says he still doesn't understand why our "fresh start" included a divorce.

Abby, we love each other. We want to be together forever and have children. I don't want to be dating my ex-husband indefinitely. Do you have advice for us? — GOING NOWHERE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR GOING NOWHERE: I sure do. In the interest of solidifying your fresh start, you and Gene should sign up for some premarital counseling. If you do, you may be able to help him understand why you felt the way you did. With counseling, you can sure that your problems are fully resolved, and it may reassure him that this time there won't be another divorce. If you are thinking about a religious ceremony, the officiant may even require it.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and mother went to a movie recently. My sister became concerned that her husband and kids were locked out of the house, so she

quickly took out her phone and texted her husband. It took less than 30 seconds.

A minute later a large man came down the stairs of the theater, got right in her face and began berating her — telling her she was rude for pulling out her phone. It was so upsetting that

she and Mom got up and left. I understand that she should have stepped out of the theater to text. However, the man caused more of a scene than her texting did. What makes people think it is OK to treat people badly? — HOLLY IN KOKOMO

DEAR HOLLY: The same thing that made your sister think it was OK to use her cell-phone in a darkened theater. She's lucky that all she got was a lecture because these days many people have short fuses.

## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

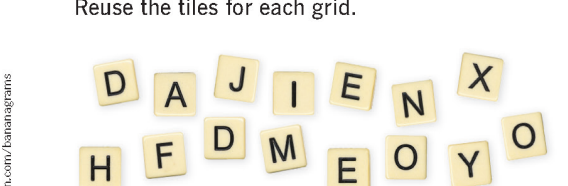
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Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. Reuse the tiles for each grid.



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## BECOMING AN EAGLE SCOUT



Submitted Photo

State Rep. Warren Chisum presents Dathan Reeves with a Texas flag that flew over the Texas State Capitol on June 14 in honor of Dathan receiving his Eagle Scout rank. U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry also provided an American flag to Dathan that flew over the Capitol on June 5. Dathan is the 17-year-old son of Darian and Christy Reeves of Pampa, and the grandson of Kenneth and Carolyn Hall and Scott and Liz Davis, all of Pampa. For his Eagle Scout project, Dathan re-roofed the overhang and painted the exterior of the Pregnancy Support Center building on Ward Street. Dathan started his scouting adventure at the age of 6 as a Tiger Cub. He is a senior at Pampa High School. He plans on attending West Texas A&M and major in writing and theater in the fall.

## Community Calendar

### City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

### School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

### County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the 15th and 30th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

### Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

### Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam sessions every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen.

The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

### Meredith House chili supper

All members of the community are invited to stay warm with a hearty bowl of home-cooked chili. Join the staff and residents from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 10.

### Adoption workshop Jan. 12

An adoption seminar sponsored by If You Were Mine will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 at the First Baptist Church activity building in Perryton. If You Were Mine workshops have encouraged thousands of families nationwide to investigate adoption from a biblical and practical perspective. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The church is located at 415 S. Baylor St., Perryton. RSVP by Jan. 10 by calling Karmyn Heckart 806-435-6942.

### Spiritual event on Jan. 12

Suddenly! is a night of miracles, healing and personal prophetic words. Guest speakers are pastor Rodney Crewse and Darrin Britt. Music is by Daniel and Samantha Mow, who are songwriters and worship leaders for IID Tulsa. The event is sponsored by Fresh Fire Ministries and Britt Last Days Ministries. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 12 in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. For more information, call Rodney at 918-724-4751 or email rcrewse@aol.com. Or call Darrin at 806-663-1082 or email drbrittlastdaysministries@yahoo.com.

### Pampa Pride religion section

The Pampa News will publish multiple special sections in the paper on March 29. One of those sections is the religion section. To have your church featured, please contact the paper.

Send us a story and/or picture about your church or bring it by the paper. Submissions must be received by Jan. 31. For more information, call 669-2525.

### Pampa Pride

The Pampa News will publish multiple special sections in a paper on March 29. Send us a story and/or picture you want featured.

You may also bring the story to the paper. Submissions deadlines vary by section. Please get the stories in ASAP to increase the chances of the story being included. For more information, call 669-2525.

*Editor's note: Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.*

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## Hormel to buy Skippy for \$700 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Hormel Foods apparently has a hankering for a peanut butter and bacon sandwich. The company primarily known for Spam and other cured, smoked and deli meats said Thursday that it's buying Skippy, the country's No. 2 peanut butter brand, for about \$700 million.

Skippy, which was introduced in 1932 and is a staple in American pantries, is intended to increase Hormel's presence in the center of the supermarket where shelf-stable foods are sold.

It also gives the Austin, Minn.-based company a clearer path for growth overseas.

Skippy is sold in about 30 countries and is the leading peanut butter brand in China, where Hormel is also looking for growth.

Hormel, which also makes canned chili, sausages and pepperoni, currently gets the vast majority of its sales in the U.S., with only about four percent of revenue coming from abroad.

Although swings in peanut butter prices has made growth volatile, sales on average have increased about four percent annually on a normalized basis, according to a spokesman for Unilever, which currently owns the brand.

In the U.S., the Skippy line consists of 11 varieties of peanut butter, including Skippy Natural.

Hormel noted that Skippy is the leading brand in the faster-growing subcategory of natural peanut butter.

It estimated peanut butter as a \$2 billion category.

Hormel expects annual Skippy sales of about \$370 million, with almost \$100 million of that from outside the U.S.

The deal includes Skippy manufacturing plants in Little Rock, Ark., and Weifang, China. Hormel Foods Corp. said that it expects the deal to modestly add to its fiscal 2013 results and add 13 cents to 17 cents per share to fiscal 2014 earnings.

The transaction, which still needs regulatory approval, is expected to

close early this year.

Unilever, based in the Netherlands and the U.K., is one of the largest consumer products companies in the world.

It makes Vaseline, Dove soaps and Lipton tea.

The company had indicated last year it was considering selling Skippy as part of a strategic review.

### 76-year-old man trapped hunting for lottery ticket

AMSTERDAM (AP) — A 76-year-old man trapped himself in an underground waste paper container in Amsterdam after he clambered in to hunt for a lottery ticket.

Police said in a statement the elderly man managed to open the container and climb in Thursday because he feared he had tossed out a lottery ticket along with other used paper.

Passers-by heard him calling for help and alerted the police who freed him with the help of firefighters.

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