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Photo by Zachary Green New Clarendon College recruiter Aaron Lopez.

## Clarendon College has new recruiter

By Zachary Green zgreen@thepampanews.com

After working at Frank Phillips College in Borger for the past 10 years, Aaron Lopez decided to return to the place he grew up. Lopez started working for Clarendon College as the recruiter and loan default aversion specialist on Dec. 3.

Before accepting the job here, he worked at Frank Phillips College from 2002-12. Before that, Lopez taught school in Cancun, Mexico from 2001-02. And before that, he taught bilingual elementary in the Amarillo Independent School District from 1997 to 2001. Lopez is a 1996 graduate of West Texas A&M and a 1991 graduate of Pampa High School.

"I am looking forward to getting out and

communicating with the community. I want to show people what programs and services Clarendon College offers and what we have planned for the future," said Lopez. "I want to establish a good relationship between myself and the community. I want to bridge gaps, if any exist, between Pampa and Clarendon College."

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## Abrams brother talks about life on the road

BY SASHA HELLER

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Canadian bluegrass trio The Abrams Brothers are set to play the M.K. Brown Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 24. Oldest brother John Abrams recently opened up about the band's origins, life on the road and how music has the power to bring a community together.

"We're the fourth generation of our family on the road playing music so it's definitely a family thing," Abrams said.

John and his brothers began playing music on the violin at a young age. They soon progressed to other instruments like the guitar and fiddle as their technique matured and they developed their signature style.

"We became the Abrams Brothers officially when we were 9 to 11 years old," he said. "We've been playing on the road for

John said life on the road can be challenging at times, even when you're surrounded

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Submitted photo

The Abrams Brothers are set to play the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium on Jan. 24. Tickets are \$20 or season tickets, including three concerts, are \$40.

## Texas legislative bills would dedicate \$2B for water

By Cody Permenter
The Texas Tribune

State Rep. Allan Ritter, R-Nederland, filed two bills Thursday that would allocate a onetime, \$2 billion sum from Texas' Rainy Day Fund to create a revolving fund for water-supply projects.

Ritter, who chairs the House Natural

Resources Committee, is a key figure on water issues in the drought-ravaged state. House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, has said he is looking to Ritter's leadership on water.

Of the several water hills and proposals

Of the several water bills and proposals from state leaders, Ritter's proposed sum is the largest. The money would come from the Rainy Day Fund, which is also known as the Economic Stabilization Fund and is

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#### BACK IN THE RING



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above: Pampa resident Mark Ambriz is the owner of Solid MMA on North Cuyler Street. The gym is currently open for MMA classes from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Ambriz says he plans to start amateur boxing in the summer. Below: Ambriz coaches a class with Angel Aguilar.

### Gym owner to bring amateur boxing back to Pampa

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE

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Followers of youth sports in Pampa may remember the Pampa Youth Survival Boxing Club. It got coverage here and there in The Pampa News as the kids and their coach, Mark Ambriz, competed and won trophies in amateur boxing events throughout the state.

That was about five or six years

ago. The

The club disbanded as Ambriz moved on to other responsibilities, but is now reemerging in a gym on North Cuyler Street called Solid MMA.

It's not hard to miss the gym if

It's not hard to miss the gym if you're driving by at night. It's big and brightly lit, and you can see a full-size regulation boxing ring, a row of heavy bags and an assortment of exercise bikes, weight presses and other workout equipment.

An "agility ladder" is painted on the floor and there is boxing memorabilia hanging on the walls, like Golden Gloves jackets and a set of boxing gloves and shoes that look like they came from the Jack Dempsey era.

But this time around, it's not just about boxing, said Ambriz, the



gym's owner.

"We have boxing and MMA, which is mixed martial arts, and muay thai," Ambriz said.

Muay thai is a martial art from Southeast Asia that combines kick-boxing with various clinching techniques.

Though the gym was open sporadically throughout the fall, Ambriz said he now plans to have it open every Monday through Friday with the help of another coach, Angel Aguilar.

MMA classes are from 6 to 8 p.m., but individuals can come in during that time to work out on their own, he said.

Ages range from 5 to adults, and about 20 kids and grown ups were at a class on Thursday night.

Among that group were his three sons, Freddie, 18, Sonny, 12, and Ben, 7.

The cost is \$50 a month, but Ambriz said he won't turn a kid away if he or she doesn't have the money.

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Sunday: Sunny with a high of 30. No chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

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5:53 p.m. Monday: Partly cloudy with a high of 30. No chance of rain. Wind east northeast at 9 mph.

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### **Obituaries**

#### Linn Eakin

Linn Eakin, 70, died Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013 in White Deer. Vigil will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa. Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer with the Rev. Mieczyslaw Przepiora, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Linn was born Nov. 8, 1942 in Blackwell, Okla., and was a 1960 graduate of Grant High School in Oklahoma City. She married Paul Eakin on Feb. 4, 1963 in White Deer. At Sacred Heart, she was a member of the Altar Society, served on the church council, and taught Sunday school for many years.

Linn was a member of the PTA at Grandview Hopkins School for several years. She was preceded in death by: her father, Nathan Davis, her mother, Lucinda Davis Runyan, her stepfather, Bill Runyan, a son, Shane Eakin, a brother, Johnny Davis, and a sister, Susie Ingargiola. Survivors include: her husband, Paul Eakin of the

home; two daughters, Donna Eakin of White Deer and Amy Eakin of Amarillo; two sons, Dane Eakin and wife Shelley of Amarillo and Darrin Eakin and wife Cindy of Pampa; a sister, Mary Malone and husband Charlie of Great Bend, Kan.; two grandchildren, Jordan Eakin and wife Samantha of Sundown and Ethan Eakin of Pampa; and by a great granddaughter, Jocelynn Eakin of Sun-Memorials may be made to White Deer/Skellytown

Food Pantry, P.O. Box 812, White Deer, Texas 79097 or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online register book at Carmichael-whatley.

#### Wauline Haynes Reynolds

Wauline Haynes Reynolds, 91, died Jan. 11, 2013 in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 14, 2013 at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with the



Wauline Hayne Reynolds

Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Mrs. Reynolds was born May 5 1921 in Mobeetie and was a 1940 graduate of Mobeetie High School. She married Johnnie Reynolds on May 20, 1945 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 2007 Wauline had been a resident of Pampa since 1943. She was a medical secretary for Dr. Marvin Overton's clinic for 27 years, retiring in 1978.

Survivors include a brother. Walden Haynes and wife, Joy, of Pampa; sister-in-law: Elnora Haynes of Pampa; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents: Frank and Lola Haynes; two sisters: Glorice Jones and Glenna Matheu; and by a brother, Dale Haynes. Memorials may be made to Pampa Senior Citizens, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

### Embattled cancer agency's donor list revealed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) Major pharmaceutical firms and individuals linked to companies that have benefited from a \$3 billion cancer-fighting Texas agency under criminal investigation are among the financial contributors to a nonprofit formed to support the embattled state institute, according to a list of donors released Thursday.

Lawmakers and reporters had sought the identity of **CPRIT Foundation donors** in wake of the recent turmoil surrounding the staterun Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Foundation board members had been reluctant to release the list, saying they wanted to protect their donors from being solicited.

The CPRIT Foundation supplemented the salary of agency executives and helped pay for annual meetings and conferences.

"In light of recent developments associated with the institute, we believe it is appropriate to make this information publicly available at this time, Marc Palazzo, a foundation spokesman.

The donors include drug developers including Eisai Inc. (\$200,000), Pfizer Inc. (\$160,000), Novartis Pharmaceuticals (\$235,000) and Amgen (\$35,000).

Democratic state Sen. Wendy Davis, who had sought the list through open record laws and has called on Republican Gov. Rick Perry to make the beleaguered agency an emergency item of the current legislative session, said she had not yet scrutinized the donors but said it raised red

"It's important that we work to connect the dots

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that might possibly exist between contributions and the awarding of grants," Davis said. "But the list itself certainly indicates some issues that need to be addressed." Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst

also contributed \$1,000 to the foundation in November, when CPRIT appeared to be emerging from months of controversy before a bombshell later that month that put the agency at a standstill - CPRIT disclosed that \$11 million in taxpayer funds were awarded to a Dallas-based Peloton Therapeutics, even though the biotech startup never had its application scrutinized or independently reviewed.

The fallout led to the resignation of the agency's executive director and chief commercialization officer, who submitted Peloton's proposal for approval. Prosecutors launched a criminal investigation into the agency soon afterward, and CPRIT is now under an indefinite moratorium funds.

Dallas-based Mary Crowley Cancer Foundation donated \$35,000 in 2009. Its founder is the grandmother of David Shanahan, a prominent political donor and businessman who founded Gradalis Inc., which in 2010 received nearly \$750,000 in funding from CPRIT.

Bill Miller, an Austin lobbyist and spokesman for Shanahan, said there was no connection between the donation and the Gradalis award. Shanahan has served as president of the Crowley Foundation, and Miller said the donation was consistent with others made to similar cancerfighting and research efforts. Miller added that the

state funding to Gradalis was not directly obtained through the agency, but instead was in tandem with a research award to Baylor College of Medicine. He said Gradalis has applied directly to funding from CPRIT but has never been successful.

"He was absolutely involved (with the donation) and he was happy to do so," Miller said. "\$35,000 is just a drop in the bucket to what they do."

Shanahan also has ties to Caliber Biotherapeutics, which received a \$12.8 million grant in 2011. Miller said Shanahan only has a "small stake" in Caliber and has no title with the company.

CPRIT debuted in 2009 to widespread acclaim. The state-run agency is home to the nation's second largest pot of cancer-research money, behind only the National Institutes of Health, and has awarded more than \$800 million.

#### Warner wins battle for control of Superman

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Just in time for the summer release of a hoped-for blockbuster movie "Man of Steel," Warner Bros. won a second significant legal victory Thursday giving it complete commercial control of the lucrative Superman franchise.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit of Appeals unanimously ruled that the heirs of Superman's co-creator Jerome Siegel must abide by a 2001 letter written by the family's attorney accepting Warner Bros.' offer for their 50 percent share of Superman. Though the five-page letter was never formalized into a contract, the appeals court said it was still binding.

'Statements from the attorneys for both parties establish that the parties had undertaken years of negotiations, that they had resolved the last outstanding point in the deal during a conversation on Oct. 15. 2001, and that the letter accurately reflected the material terms they had orally agreed to on that day, Judge Stephen Reinhardt wrote for the panel. The ruling Thursday un-

does a 2008 trial court decision ordering Warner Bros. to share an undetermined amount of money earned since 1999 with the heirs, and to give the family control of key components of the Superman story, including his costume. If that decision were to stand, the studio would have had to negotiate a new costly royalty agreement with the family.

"The court's decision paves the way for the Siegel finally to receive the compensation they negotiated for and which DC has been prepared to pay for over a decade," Warner Bros. said in a prepared statement, referring to its DC Comics division. "We are extremely pleased that Superman's adventures can continue to be enjoyed across all media platforms worldwide for generations to come.'

The family's attorney, Marc Toberoff, didn't respond to a request for com-

Toberoff said earlier that he would appeal another significant Warner Bros. victory won in October involving the family of Superman's other creator, Joseph Shuster, and their bid for half the commercial rights. Toberoff also represents the Shuster heirs, who lost their bid to retain a 50 percent share of Superman.

A federal judge in Los Angeles had ruled that Shuster's sister and brother relinquished any chance to reclaim Superman copyrights in exchange for annual pension payments from DC Comics. U.S. District Judge Otis Wright noted in that case that the families of both creators have been paid in excess of \$4 million since 1978, plus undefined bonuses and medical benefits.

## Fortherecord

#### N.M. man arrested for possession of controlled substance Thursday

50-year-old Boyd the Pampa Police Depart-Joe Vardy, Estancia, N.M., ment for theft of property the Gray County Sheriff's der — possession of controlled substance.

27-year-old Bruce David Ellwanger, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by

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Office for bond surren- than Daniel Keith Moore, Colorado Springs, Colo., was arrested Thursday by GCSO for violation of probation — driving while intoxicated, failure to appear and open container.

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#### **MMA**

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"If they can't afford it they can come talk to me," ȟe said.

The cavernous gym, which is practically big enough to run laps, was formerly a Dollar General and a flea market, Ambriz

Ambriz said he's always on the lookout for more used exercise equipment, like the two Air Dyne exercise bikes he bought in Amarillo on the same day but in different places for \$150 each.

"To buy them new it would cost \$700," he said. Also, if anyone has used equipment they'd like to donate he'd be happy to take it off his or her hands.

Ambriz said he designed all his logos and signs on

his home computer with Adobe Illustrator. 'I'm completely selftaught," he said. "I started working with computers

around 1995.' Along with computers, he seems to be fairly handy with a welding machine, as he built the steel rack that holds up his heavy bags.

"Whatever my mind can think of I can put it together," he said.

Ambriz said he had a gym similar to the one he has now when he lived in Oklahoma City. He moved with his family to

Pampa eight years ago.

About a year and a half ago, he leased the space on North Cuyler Street as a place to store all the equipment he had moved from Oklahoma.

"Then I wanted to open a gym," he said.

Now that he's back in business, Ambriz said he plans to hold amateur boxing tournaments in the summer.

"We will be putting together a fight team for tournaments," he said. "We will start taking kids out to compete through USA Boxing.'

Solid MMA is located at 105 N. Cuyler St. The phone number is 806-664-4400.

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When asked why what brought him back to Pampa he simply said he wanted to get back to his

"I am really excited to get back to Pampa. I was impressed with everyone when I came to visit. I saw that everyone cared about the students and the community. Everyone here is very welcoming."

Lopez says he believes his experiences at Frank Phillips College can help Clarendon. "I have been around the community college atmosphere for the past 10 years. I grew up in Pampa so I still have some ties here. Knowing people in the community helps.

I am here to help everyone with any questions they have," added Lopez. "We are here to help anyone whether they want to take one class or an en-

tire program. Everyone is here to help the students and community."

He said he also looks forward to forming a strong relationship between Pampa and Clarendon.

"I want to be involved in the community and go to community events to get the word out about Clarendon," said Lopez. "I want to see the college grow. Higher enrollment numbers not only helps Clarendon but it also helps the community.

### Abrams

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by faithful friends and adoring fans.

"I think the fact that you wake up in a different city every day is a bit of a challenge," he said. "The support and love that we have from our loved ones at home is the solid rock we lean on."

John said playing in smaller towns with more intimate venues allows the band to connect with their audiences more than they would in a larger are-

na setting. John added that he and his brethren bandmates enjoy the sense of community they experience when playing smaller towns like Pampa.

"It shows that in some

of the small towns, you get to see what a community really is," he said. "It's really cool to see that because you see people getting together and that is a real testament to what community really is.'

Abrams said music has the power to unite people from all walks of life, as it crosses cultural and even language barriers.

"Music can be played anywhere, in your living room, in a nightclub...it brings people together," he said.

John, who characterizes the band's sound as bluegrass rock, shared about the group's influences.

"When we were writing this record...we were very influenced by the great songwriters,' he said, citing Gordon Lightfoot, Neil Young and The Louvin Brothers.

look to lyrically depict the Canadian landscape we grew up in.'

John and his brothers are excited about their upcoming concert in Pampa and said the audience can expect a high-energy

"We, first and foremost, hope that people can walk away touched from our show," he said.

The Abrams Brothers, who became the youngest Canadians to perform at the Grand Ole Opry, were named Emerging Artist of the Year at the Canadian Bluegrass Music Awards in 2005.

Tickets are available at the door. Individual tickets are \$20. Season tickets can be purchased for \$40, which includes the Jan. 24 event plus two more events TBA.

## Water

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supplied by oil and gas

"It is vital for the future of Texas that a dedicated source of revenue be established for funding the state water plan," Ritter said in a prepared statement, referring to a plan released this year that lists \$53 billion in desired water-supply projects. "Our economy depends on it, our communities depend on it, and ultimately, our daily

Ritter's bills include HB 11, which would secure \$2 billion from the Rainy Day Fund, and HB 4, which would set up how the Texas Water Development Board uti-

lives depend on it."

lizes the funds.

State Rep. Lyle Larson, R-San Antonio, has already filed a bill to use \$1 billion from the fund for water projects, and state Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, has said he believes that up to \$1.6 billion would be needed. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has proposed using \$1 billion from the fund for water.

Hammond, Bill president of the Texas Association of Business, released a statement in support of Ritter's bills, HB 4 and HB 11.

"Without an adequate water supply, our Texas economy will dry up," he said, adding that Ritter's bills would "put in place a funding mechanism for the statewide water plan,' Hammond said.

Along with using funds for infrastructure that expands water supplies, such as desalination plants or pipelines, Ritter's bills would dedicate up to 20 percent of the new fund to projects that emphasize water conservation and reuse.

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club issued a statement praising Ritter's plans, in particular HB 4 due to its focus on water conservation.

#### LUNCHTIME WRECK



An accident occurred around noon, Friday, at the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Russell Street. A 1994 Ford Bronco, heading eastbound on Kentucky, was driven by Floyd Baxter. Baxter collided with a 2007 Volvo S60, driven by Mitchell Simon, heading southbound on Russell. Baxter was issued a citation for running a stop sign. Baxter was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center. Both drivers were wearing their seat belts at the time of the accident.

#### **HOW DOES THE NEWS BECOME NEWS?**



ReDonn Woods, publisher of The Pampa News, was guest speaker Tuesday at the Pampa Rotary Club. Woods' topics included the process in which news is gathered for publication, the functions of some of the staff members and how the paper is

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#### 2 wanted sex offenders caught

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AUSTIN, (AP) — Two of the Department of Public Safety's 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders have been caught in Texas and Loui-

siana. DPS in Austin on Friday announced the arrest of 52-year-old Edward Dwin Jackson and 42-year-old

Jimmy Ray McMillan. Jackson was arrested Thursday night in Houston for failure to register as a sex offender and parole violation. A tip led to his capture at a residence.

I want to thank each and every person for the many phone calls and flowers during the loss of my 20 year friend and companion, Paul Earter. We have many friends who loved us! Thanks Again and God Bless. -Mavis McDowell







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#### 'Most antagonistic' toward Israel? That would be Ronald Reagan's Defense Secretary

When Republican Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina warned on national television over the weekend that Chuck Hagel "would be the

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served him very poorly or he was simply lying to smear his former Senate colleague.

For whatever Hagel's perspective on Mideast policy may be, it would be absurd to compare him with the Secretary of Defense whose hardline hostility toward Israel became notorious during the Reagan administration.

That would be the late Caspar W. Weinberger, of

Weinberger, a longtime Reagan confidant, ran the Pentagon from 1981 until 1987, when he was forced to resign over his involvement in the cover-up of the Iran-Contra affai (a ruinous scandal that involved the secret sale of missiles to the Iranian mullahs and the illegal transfer of profits from those sales to the Nicaraguan contra rebels — and that almost sent Weinberger to prison along with more than a dozen administration officials).

In contrast to other members of the Reagan cabinet known for their sympathy toward the Jewish state, including Secretary of State George Shultz and the president himself, Weinberger developed a reputation not only for opposing Israel's interests directly but for seeking to prevent any action, including counterterrorist operations, that might upset Arab allies of

the United States.

Until the Iran-Contra scandal broke in 1986, Weinberger was perhaps best known for orchestrating the sale of AWACS jets — the highly advanced airborne surveillance, command and control system built by Boeing — to Saudi Arabia. Opposed by Israel and much of the American Jewish community, the Saudi AWACS deal generated enormous controversy.

Weinberger's views on the Mideast were often said to derive from his career at Bechtel Corporation, the mammoth international construction firm where, as general counsel, he had approved compliance with the Arab boycott of Israel. Construction in Saudi Arabia and other Arab states was a major source of profits for Bechtel, and the firm's support of the boycott was so blatant that Edward Levi, a Republican attorney general, filed a civil lawsuit against the California-based company, which led to a consent decree and prolonged litigation.

Among the most outspoken sources on Weinberger's record was retired Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, the former Reagan White House aide and intelligence operative who oversaw the Iran-Contra fiasco.

In his 1992 memoir "Under Fire," North explained what everyone in Washington had long known about the former Defense Secretary: (Weinberger) seemed to go out of his way to oppose Israel on any issue and to blame the Israelis for every problem in the Middle East. In our planning for counterterrorist operations, he apparently feared that if we went after Palestinian terrorists, we would offend and alienate Arab governments — particularly if we acted in cooperation with the Israelis.

Weinberger's anti-Israel tilt was an underlying current in almost every Mideast issue. Some people explained it by pointing to his years with the Bechtel Corporation ... Others believed it was more complicated, and had to do with his sensitivity about his own Jewish ancestry.

As an Episcopalian whose paternal grandparents converted to Christianity — and who later worked at Bechtel, a company with a terrible reputation for anti-Semitism — Weinberger's personal feelings about Jews and Judaism may well have been "complicated." But his record as defense secretary was straightforward enough -- and considering that Graham is a self-styled expert on Reagan administration foreign policy, the South Carolina senator certainly ought to know it.

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## Should you consider an annuity?

Dear Carrie, My mother, who is in her 70s, has recently been advised by her banker to buy an annuity. I've heard that annuities can be costly and risky. What do you think? -AReader

Annuities often seem to raise questions. That's probably because what was once a fairly



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way to secure income for retirement has evolved into a multitude of products with an array of possible features. As a result, the

world of annuities has become incredibly complex and fraught with potential

misunderstanding. Annuities can be divided into

two distinct categories: fixed and variable. Both are contracts with an insurance company; you pay a premium (or series

of premiums), and then receive payments at regular intervals for a stated period of time.

There's no limit to the amount you can contribute to an annuity, however, contributions aren't tax deductible.

Taxes on earnings are deferred until you withdraw the money, at which time you pay ordinary income taxes on your gains. There's a 10 percent penalty for withdrawing earnings before age 591/2, but there is no required starting age for withdrawals.

At a basic level, a fixed annuity may seem like a traditional pension plan, providing a predictable income stream.

Provided the insurance company remains solvent, you can count on receiving payments for a set number of years, for life, or even for the life of a beneficiary.

With a variable annuity, however, you can invest your money in "subaccounts," which are comprised of stocks, bonds,

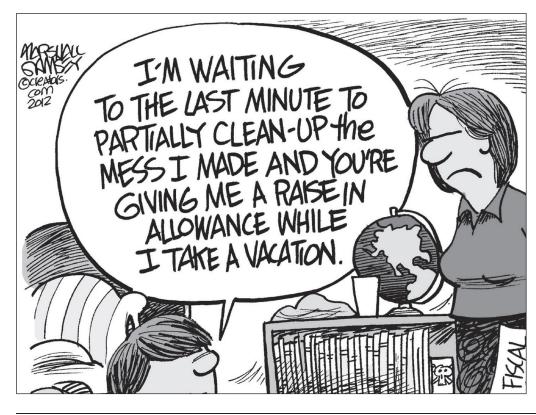
or other vehicles — and your return will vary depending on their performance. For that reason, payments aren't as safe or predictable as they are with a fixed annuity.

Adding another level of complexity, both fixed and variable annuities can be either deferred or immediate. With a deferred annuity, payments start at a future date. An immediate annuity will start to pay out right away, continuing for a specified period of time or for life.

Annuities can have hefty fees and commissions, whether variable or fixed, but that doesn't mean your mother should avoid

In particular, an immediate fixed annuity, also known as a single premium immediate annuity (SPIA), could work well for someone your mother's age under the right circumstances.

Carrie Schwab-Pomerantz is president of Charles Schwab Foundation and author of "It Pays to



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## Jerry Brown says to the feds, back off

"It is now time to return the control of our prison system to California," Gov. Jerry Brown declared at a news conference Tuesday morning.



**SAUNDERS** 

Amen to that. Federal lawsuits and federal judges have taken over the state's prison system. Unelected

judges don't have to worry about paying for what they command. Nor need they worry about losing their jobs should they incite the public's

wrath. Thus, judges have ordered massive increases in inmate health and mental health spending. Those orders have driven up the annual cost per inmate to more than \$55,000. About \$17,000 of that sum goes toward health care.

In 2009, a three-judge panel ordered Sacramento to reduce the population of the state's 33 adult prisons from 150,000 to 110,000 by June 2013.

The current count is 119,213. Brown believes that number has been reduced enough. "We've got hundreds of lawyers wandering around the prisons looking for problems," Brown railed. Judges assign special masters who spend as if they've won the lottery.

Judge Thelton Henderson once appointed a health care receiver who threatened to "back up the Brink's truck" to pay for inmate health care. In his fashion, receiver Robert Sillen meant it. He was paid \$775,790 in 15 months, ending in June 2007.

In such a universe, ordering a state prison population to be cut by more than one-fifth might seem like a benign social experiment. But it is not. There aren't a whole lot of low-level offenders in California prisons. Lowlevel offenders usually go to county jail if there is room.

The judges' order was based on a decision to alleviate "overcrowding" --from 188 percent to 137.5 percent of the system's 'design capacity." Brown, for his part, understands that figure is "somewhat arbitrary.'

Design capacity actually means one person per cell. "That's like saying your car is overcrowded if you have a passenger in it," quipped Michael Rushford, president of the tough-on-crime Criminal Justice Legal Foundation. "If we said two inmates per cell, boom, we're not overcrowded anymore."

In an acute lapse of judgment, the U.S. Supreme Court backed up the three judges in 2010. Brown tried to comply with the federal edict.

Understand: Brown wanted to comply. When he was a talk show host, he called America's incarceration rates "absolute

oppression." As a Democrat, he would prefer to spend limited tax dollars on public schools, health care for the non-inmate population and higher education.

As governor, Brown pushed through Assembly Bill 109 to implement his "realignment" plan to move "lower-level offenders" and parole violators from costly state prison to county jurisdiction. Now he has local politicians from Fresno and Los Angeles blaming him for releasing repeat offenders into probation, to the detriment of public safety.

Though Brown won't concede that AB 109 has endangered the public, he does argue that releasing more inmates threatens to do so. To meet the three-judge goal, the state argued in a legal brief, would entail ordering the "early release of inmates serving prison terms for serious and violent felonies." Including murder.

"It's Crime Fighter Jerry. He's going to defend us," mocked Rushford, who argues Brown should have drawn this line earlier, maybe 10,000 inmates ago.

On the left, Rebekah Evenson of the Prison Law Office thinks Brown is recalcitrant. "The governor has tried this in various other approaches to getting rid of judicial oversight over the years and has pretty much failed.

What we would say to the governor is, 'If you

want to get out of these lawsuits, fix the viola-

tions.' That attitude drives Brown crazy. On the phone Wednesday, Brown told me he had appointed Lawrence Karlton to the state Superior Court before Karlton joined the infamous three-judge federal panel. Brown hires enlightened thinkers. "We have honest, smart, experienced people responding to the most liberal judges in America for not one year (but) many years," Brown said. "At this point in 2013, the sovereign state of California is capable of operating its own prison system."

States' rights? You bet. Enough already of these remote federal judges and their edicts.

You remember the definition of a conservative — a liberal who's been mugged. In this case, 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judges are treating the liberal Brown like a conservative, and he's reacting like one.

Root for Brown. If the three judges succeed in releasing 9,000 serious offenders, there will be more victims of serious crimes.

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## 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 Commisson meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the 15th and 30th of each month

month.

If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday.

If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting with 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

officers indicted

McALLEN, Texas (AP)

– A federal grand jury has

indicted two former South

Texas police officers and

two former sheriff's depu-

office said Wednesday, 28-year-old Jonathan Trev-

ino. 29-year-old Alexis Es-

pinoza, 28-year-old Fabian

Rodriguez and 30-year-old

Gerardo Mendoza-Duran

were indicted on charges of

conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine,

as well as aiding and abet-

The four men were arrested in December after they accepted thousands of dollars in bribes to escort

drug loads in a federal sting

Trevino and Espinoza were officers with the Mis-

sion police department.

Rodriguez and Mendoza-

Duran were deputies with the Hidalgo County Sher-

Trevino is the son of Hi-

dalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino and Espinoza is

son of the Hidalgo police

Chief Rodolfo "Rudy" Es-

ting charges.

operation.

iff's office.

Attorney's

ties on drug charges.

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Texas police

For more information, call 806-664-0824.

#### Adoption workshop is today

An adoption seminar sponsored by If You Were Mine will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., today, 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.

#### Spiritual event is tonight

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 worships leaders for IIID Tulsa

The event is sponsored by Fresh Fire Ministries and Britt Last Days Ministries

The event will be held at 7 p.m., tonight, 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

Send us a story and/or picture about your church or bring it by the paper. Submissions must be recieved 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

#### Poetry reading Jan. 26

Local area poets will hold an open Poetry Reading at Lovett Memorial Library on Jan. 26. The following poets will be reading: Virginia Yates, Panhandle; Gaye Robison, Pampa; and Gloria G. Bowen, Pampa. Any other poets who wish to read, please contact Bowen at 669-1942 or 663-0448.

#### Citizen, business of year nominations

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is now seeking nominations for the Pampa Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year for 2012. Forms may be picked up at the chamber office, 200 N. Ballard St., or by sending an email to

Memory Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum of Pampa

admin@pampachamber.com.

Nominations must be in to the chamber office by 5 p.m. on Jan. 31.

The winners will be announced at the annual awards banquet at 7 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 26, at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Heritage Room.

The cost is \$25 per person and tickets can be purchased at the chamber.

#### Clarendon enrollment open until Jan. 25

Enrollment to Clarendon College is open until Jan. 25.

To enroll visit the college or contact Aaron Lopez.

For more information or to enroll contact Lopez at 665-8801 ext. 2007 or email him at aaron.lopez@clarendoncollege.edu.

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.



## Pampa ISD educational showcase set for Jan. 14

#### SUBMITTED

The Pampa Independent School District's third annual Educational Showcase from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Jan. 14 at Pampa High School.

Parents and community members are asked to join district representatives as K-12 students showcase their learning. Visit academic exhib-

its and listen as students share their knowledge. Enjoy student art work and attend fine arts and physical education performances.

Exhibit booths include: mathematics, parent involvement, Pampa Education Foundation, character education, career investigations and visual arts displays.

Also set to perform are choirs from Pampa High, Pampa Junior High and Wilson, Austin, Lamar and Travis elementary schools as well as the Pampa High band and theater students.

Pampa Snack Pack for Kids will collect food donations of Pop Tarts and peanut butter at their booth.

The Snack Pack booth will also gladly accept monetary donations.

The showcase is open to the public and free of charge.



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#### **GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**



Gray County Genealogical Society guest Vera Plunk hosted a formal dinner for society members.

#### SUBMITTED

One does not have to live in Gray County to be a part of the Gray County Genealogi-

Its membership includes genealogists, archaeologists, historians, teachers, librarians and other regular citizens of Texas. Except for December, meetings are held at 7

p.m. the fourth Monday of every month at the Lovett Memorial Library. Installation of the 2013 Board of Directors will take place, Monday, Jan. 28. to include: President Dalton Lewis, Vice-President Joe Weaver, Secretary Jean Lewis, Treasurer Lucille Roden, Historian Mildred Knight, Youth Ambassador Kay Lard,

Lovett Library Liaison Vera Plunk. The award for service as the GCTGS 2012 Genealogist of the Year will be presented at the January meeting. The ballot included Betty Tiemann Lutz, Jimmy Northcutt, Oma Jean and Dalton Lewis, Shirley and Carl Williamson, Sandra Barnes and Lor-

For its December gathering, society members were guests of Vera Plunk, whose

lovely home radiated with a gold and white holiday theme.

The formal dinner menu included prosciutto crostini with lemony fennel slaw, bacon-wrapped apricots with sage, baked camembert with sun-dried tomatoes, cannelloni soup with ham, bouillon de poulet maison, fresh asparagus, Texas grits, sweet potato casserole with coconut, grilled salmon with dill and lemon, pan-seared beef rib eye, black forest ham and bread pudding with vanilla sauce. White elephant gifts were shared by all.

## Hometown Spotlight



DeWayne Hair is a 1995 graduate of Pampa High School. DeWayne has been married to a hometown girl, Carrie Ellis, for over 17 years. They have two children, Jazmyn and Cameron Hair.

This is his 17th year at Culberson Stowers. He has worked hard and is now a certified Technician. When asked about working so long for

Culberson Stowers, he said." I have worked very hard to become a quality technician. I try to make sure your car is safe and ready for the road before you leave our shop."

"DeWayne takes his time in making sure the job is done right, the first time. He is one of my best employees and has been for 17 years." Said Richard Stowers.

When you bring in your Toyota to Culberson Stowers, be sure to look for Dewayne, he just might be working on your car or truck.

North Hobart Street

## Pampa area support groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa.

Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate.

Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, and at 2 p.m., Fridays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St..

For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131

- Narcotics Anonymous The Pampa Group meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.
- **Diabetics Support** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month

in the Pampa Regional Medical Center

For more info, contact Cynthia Ackley at 806-663-5504.

■ Cancer Support meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafete-

For more info, contact Beth Kean at 806-359-4673 ext. 235.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous Open Door

Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. Al-Anon meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ Pampa Caregiver Support meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

For more information call 806-669-

Accolade Home Care sponsors a Parkinson's Support Group the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St.

For more information, call Lindsey Been at 665-9700 or 324-3230.

#### Nominations for the Pampa Citizen of the Year and Pampa Business of the Year have begun.

Sample ballots:

#### 2012 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR **GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Nominees must have been a resident of the Pampa trade area for at least five years. The nominee should be an individual who has made an outstanding community contribution through his/her job, volunteer efforts, or other activities during the past 3 years.

ise fill out the following biographical data on your 2012 Citizen of the Year candidate and return to the Chamber NO LATER THAN January 31, 2013. Please print or type.

Name of organization or individual making nomination:

Please list who we should contact if more information is needed? (include contact phone number)

Nominee's Name: Nominee's Address:

How long has the candidate lived in this area?\_

What is the nominee's occupation? (Position and Company)\_

Nominee's Background

Schooling:\_

Family:

Please attach a written statement about the nominee stating his/her community service efforts. You may also include letters of recommendation from others in the Pampa area. The Selection Committee will choose a winner from the

material presented. Written documentation should not exceed two (2) pages Please Return to: Pampa Chamber of Commerce 200 N. Ballard

Number of Years employed at this job?\_

Pampa, TX 79065 **DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: January 31, 2013** 

#### 2012 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR **GREATER PAMPA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: This award is open to any entity that would be considered a business—retailer, service provider, manufacturer, cottage industry, etc., and is a member of the Greater Pampa Are Chamber of Commerce. The nominee should be a business that has made an outstanding effort to make the Pampa area a better place to live in the past year.

Please fill out the following data on your 2012 Business of the Year candidate and return to the Chamber NO LATER

THAN January 31, 2013. Please print or type.

Name of organization or individual making nomination:

Please list who we should contact if more information is needed? (include contact phone number)

Nominee's Name: Nominee's Address:

Contact name: Contact phone number(s)

Please attach a written statement about the nominee stating reasons you feel the business should be selected. These may include, but are not limited to: community service efforts, impact on the community, employee satisfaction (if applicable), customer satisfaction (if applicable). You may also include letters of recommendation from others in the Pampa area. The Selection Committee will choose a winner from the material presented. Written documentation should not exceed two (2) pages.

Please Return to: Pampa Chamber of Commerce 200 N. Ballard

Nominee contact information

Pampa, TX 79065

**DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS: January 31, 2013** 

Pampa Chamber of Commerce 200 N Ballard 806-669-3214

## Change to by-laws set for the Pampa United Way

The United Way Board voted and approved on April 10, 2012 to change the by-laws, with current and pro-

**Current:** 

Secretary/Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the treasurer to monitor income and expenses of this organi-

The treasurer will review the monthly financial reports and present financial reports for discussion and approval at each Board of Directors meeting.

This person shall have custody of all funds of this organization and its Board of Directors and of its official committees.

#### **Proposed:**

Secretary/Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to monitor income and expenses of

The Secretary/Treasurer will review the monthly financial reports and present the financial reports for discussion and approval at each Board of Directors

#### Weekly Menus

#### Pampa Independent School District

MONDAY, January 14

Honey rib b que or chicken nuggets, green beans, sliced carrots, mixed fruit, fresh fruit

**Breakfast-** French toast sticks, syrup TUESDAY, January 15

Ravioli or macaroni & cheese, corn, western beans, fresh fruit, juice, garlic toast

Breakfast- Biscuit, gravy WEDNESDAY, January 16

Break fast for lunch or steak fingers, potato rounds, rosie applesauce, fresh fruit, biscuit

**Breakfast-** Cinnamon tastries **THURSDAY**, January 17

Philly steak sandwich or pizza, vegetarian beans,

tossed salad, fresh fruit, juice, macaroni salad **Breakfast-** Pancake n sausage on a stick, syrup

FRIDAY, January 18

Bean & cheese burrito or hot dog, french fries, tossed

salad, peaches, fresh fruit, cookie, Spanish rice **Breakfast-** Cereal, toast

#### Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, January 14

Chicken fried steak or chicken dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, butter pecan cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

**TUESDAY**, January 15

Oven fried chicken or Salisbury steak/gravy/onions, sour cream potatoes, spinach, corn, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, devils food cake, cherry cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, January 16

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, boiled cabbage, fried okra, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, January 17 Chicken strips or chili rellenos, tater tots, hominy casserole, California blend, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, carrot cake, butterscotch pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, January 18

Fried cod filet/hushpuppies or spaghetti & meatballs, potato wedges, Brussel sprouts, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, turtle brownies, cherry cobbler, fruit cup, breadsticks, hot roll, cornbread

#### Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, January 14

Steak fingers/gravy, broccoli casserole, carrots, pears TUESDAY, January 15

Hamburger patties, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, peaches

WEDNESDAY, January 16

Oven-fried chicken, corn, baked potatoes, pudding THURSDAY, January 17

Turkey, rice pilaf, carrots, pears

**FRIDAY**, January 18

Fish sticks, macaroni/cheese, green beans, apricots

Kick your big bank habit.

Make your New Year's

resolution to start getting

The Secretary/Treasurer, in conduction with the Executive Administrator, have custody of all funds of this organization.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall give notice of all meetings of the Board of Director and its official committees to the applicable board members, employees

The Secretary/Treasurer may assign the employees of Pampa United Way to facilitate the notice delivery.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes and records of this organization, its Board of Directors and of its official committees.

The Secretary/Treasurer may assign the recording and typing of the minutes to a board member or employee present at the specified meeting but will be responsible to review the minutes prior to presentation

The Board of Directors of Pampa United Way, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, may elect two separate board members to serve, one as Secretary and one as Treasurer in the roles as outlined above.

The Pampa United Way Annual meeting will be on



name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

a Sun in Capricorn and a Moon in Aquarius.

Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013:

This year you focus on your financial, emotional and creative assets. You might opt to pursue an innate talent and develop another moneymaking resource. Often, when you get upset, you will note a careful. If you are single, you do not need to impress a potential significant other. This person needs to know the real you in order for him or her to genuinely care about you. If you are attached, your significant other might wish you would spend less. Make an a possibility. AQUARIUS tends to distract 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)

★★★★ A friendship pushing so hard when you and this person are on different sides of an issue. 22) You need to know when disagree. Get together with like-minded friends right now. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

to snuff. TAURUS (April 20-May

★★★ You can deal with a difficult associate for only so long. You need to be able to state when you have had enough. Sometimes, by pulling back and saying little, you can communicate your bottom line effectively. The question is: Does the other party want to hear it? Tonight: Make a call to an older

This Week: Zero in on a key project Monday and Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ You can do only

Note: Bigar's Stars is so much. Tend to an imporbased on the degree of tant matter involving a foryour sun at birth. The sign eigner or a friend at a distance. A future trip could be in the works. Are you ready to finalize the dates? Go off to the movies and relax. Let your mind wander. Tonight: Your imagi-A baby born today has nation takes the lead.

on you. You will make a HAPPY BIRTHDAY for decision, act on it and succeed.

> CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Do not feel so pressured to respond instantly to the many people in your life. You could be exhausted by recent events and need some time off. tendency to overspend. Be A loved one might try to energize you, which could result in a spat. Tonight: Make peace.

This Week: Start using your imagination in order to add to the quality of

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everyeffort to make this request thing that is going on with a partner. You can't fight you can give him or her some supportive feedback. How you handle a personal matter could change as a result of this interaction. Tonight: Out for dinner.

and Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

★★★★ Let yourself to pull back and agree to concede to a key person, whether it's when you're making plans or working together to clear up a problem. Though you might This Week: Not until not agree with this per-Wednesday do you feel up son's ideas, you discover that there is validity here. Don't push yourself so much. Tonight: A relaxing pastime.

This Week: Others dominate. Let them. Now, what would you like to do?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

Emphasize \*\*\*\* having a fun time with a loved one. Don't be surprised if this person gets giddy with excitement. Consider the fact that you do not let go often. Let your inner child out. Tonight: Avoid competitions.

This Week: Dive into work, and accomplish what you must quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.

★★★ You might not be as upbeat as you have been in the past. Honor your instincts, and follow through on what you deem important. A partner or roommate might not see eye to eye with you. Avoid an argument and respect your This Week: All eyes are differences. Tonight: Stay close to home.

> This Week: Your creativity eases your path, even enough to tune in to others' when you are overloaded with work.

**SAGITTARIUS** 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Make a call. If someone is hostile, you ing until Wednesday. Exmight want to back off for now; on the other hand, if you know this person well, 20) he or she might need to be pushed into making plans. a bit overindulgent as of Use caution. Tonight: Talk is cheap.

This Week: You are not in full swing until Wednesday, when you become a force to be dealt with. someone, does not mean Watch out, world!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

★★★★ You might dethis person's battles, but cide not to worry so much some extra R and R. about a recent expenditure. You simply are in the and centered. mood to indulge someone, and that "someone" easpositive, even if you find This Week: Work with yourself in a situation (1919), actor could be in jeopardy. Stop a partner directly Monday where you have little con- Bloom (1977)

trol. Tonight: Order in or go out for dinner.

This Week: Speak your mind, but be prepared to hear the counterargument. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You beam under today's lunar rays. You could be a little too energized for some people. which will make them feel uncomfortable. Slow down needs. Let your generous and caring spirit emerge. Tonight: Take care of lastminute errands.

This Week: Curb spendplore your options then.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

★★★★ You could be late. You might feel some anger brewing within. If you do, center yourself and process it. Just because you feel angry at you must tell this person. It is possible that you have a fragility that he or she has triggered. Tonight: Get

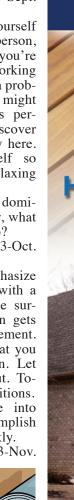
This Week: Remain calm

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Singer/songwriter ily could be you! Remain Miwa Watabiki aka Chara (1968), actor Robert Stack Orlando









## Gasoline prices are predicted to fall in 2013

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — At least gasoline should cost you less in 2013.

Hamburger, health care and taxes are all set to take a bigger bite out of the family budget this year. But drivers' annual gas bills are expected to drop for the first time in four years.

Forecasters say ample oil supplies and weak U.S. demand will keep a lid on prices. The lows will be lower and the highs won't be so high compared with a year ago. The average price of a gallon of gasoline will fall 5 percent to \$3.44, according to the Energy Department.

"Everything is lining up to lead to softer prices this year," said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service.

That would still be the third-highest average price ever. But a discount of 19 cents per gallon from 2012 would save the typical household \$205 this year and free up \$25 billion that could go instead to restaurants, malls or movie theaters—the kind of consumer spending that accounts for 70 percent of American economic activity.

"It's a little benefit to the economy, and it's a little more reason the Fed doesn't have to worry about inflation," said James Hamilton, an economist at the University of California at San Diego who studies energy prices.

Forecasters caution that they can't predict other factors like Middle East tensions, refinery problems or hurricanes along the U.S. Gulf Coast — in other words, the same events that caused gasoline prices to spike in 2011 and 2012. Any or all of those troubles could crop up again in 2013 and push pump prices above last year's record average of \$3.63 a gallon.

The government expected gas to average about \$3 during 2011. Then came the Arab Spring, which included the shutdown of Libya's oil production. Oil prices shot up, and gasoline averaged \$3.53 for the year. The government's forecast for last year also turned out to be too low, by 18 cents per gallon.

And, Hamilton said, consumer spending might not see a boost from lower gasoline prices because most Americans will be paying higher taxes.

The expiration of last year's payroll tax reduction will cost an extra \$579 for households making \$40,000 to \$50,000 in 2013, according to the Tax Policy Center, a non-partisan Washington research group.

But after average gas prices rose in 2010, 2011, and 2012, a little relief will be welcome in 2013.

Gas prices set records each of the past two years

for a few reasons. Global demand has risen as the developing economies of Asia, Latin America and the Middle East burn more gasoline, diesel and jet fuel.

At the same time, unrest in the Middle East has sparked fears of widespread supply disruptions in a region that produces a quarter of the world's oil.

That makes traders willing to pay higher prices up front for oil as a way to protect against possible dramatic price spikes in the future.

In the U.S. last year, several refineries and pipelines had problems that reduced gasoline supplies, especially on the West Coast and in the Midwest, helping to push pump prices even higher.

This year, global oil demand is expected to rise slightly again, but increased production, especially in the U.S., should keep supplies ample.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration said this week that American production will grow next year by 900,000 barrels per day, the nation's biggest single-year increase ever. By 2014, U.S. production will reach its highest level since 1988.

At the same time, U.S. gasoline consumption is back down to 2002 levels because of more fuel-efficient cars and the tepid economy.

It isn't expected to rise this year or next, according to the Energy Department.

That means the U.S. will need to import less oil, which will increase global supplies and help tamp down prices somewhat.

The current average retail price of gasoline is \$3.31 per gallon, 6 cents lower than last year, according to AAA, OPIS and Wright Express. AAA predicts gas won't surpass \$3.80 a gallon this year.

The peak last year was \$3.94, reached in April. The auto club also says average pump prices could drop as low as \$3.20, a level that the country hasn't seen since February 2011.

Tom Kloza of OPIS expects price differences between regions of the country will remain large, and local prices could be volatile as supplies build and dwindle.

In Utah, drivers are paying \$2.88 per gallon on average, while in New York drivers are paying \$3.75. Just in the last four months, gasoline supplies on the West Coast fell to their lowest level in a generation, then rose to where they are now, their highest level in a generation.

AAA forecasts the national average will peak between \$3.60 and \$3.80 in the spring, then drop to between \$3.20 and \$3.40 by mid-summer.

It will rise again during

the hurricane season along the Gulf Coast, the nation's oil-refining hub, before moving lower toward the end of the year.

It's that up-and-down movement that will dictate drivers' moods. Drivers tend to remember what they paid for their last fill-up — not that they may have paid a little less a year ago, Hamilton said.

"People have a short reference point," he said.

#### Statewide gas price average rises

#### SUBMITTED BY AAA TEXAS

IRVING – The statewide average for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel in Texas rose five cents over the last week and now sits at \$3.18, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch.

Motorists in Dallas are paying the most on average at \$3.22, and drivers in El Paso are paying the least at \$2.99 per gallon. Today's statewide average is 13 cents less than the national average of \$3.31.

AAA Texas forecasts gasoline prices in 2013 will be less expensive in 2012 as a result of increased domestic oil production and lower demand.

Gasoline prices should rise steadily through April or early May, but at a slower pace than last year.

As is typical for this time of year, prices will rise as a result of seasonal demand increases and in anticipation of the switchover to more expensive summerblend gasoline.

Following a late-spring peak, prices should drop during the first half of summer before rising again in advance of the Gulf Coast hurricane season and the switchover to winter-blend gasoline.

Prices should end the year by falling to low or near-low averages for 2013.

If there are no significant storms, major wars, or production and distribution outages, AAA expects the single largest factor to influence gasoline prices in 2013 will be the strength of the U.S. economy.

Stronger than expected growth in the economy would result in higher oil and gasoline prices in antic-

ipation of higher consumption, while a weaker than expected economy would drive prices downwards.

Inaction by Congress to reach a debt deal in two months also would result in increased concern about U.S. economy and could lead to lower gasoline prices.

"There are still so many

variables in determining what we'll be paying for fuel in the coming year," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "Whether gas prices are heading up or heading down, we will continue to encourage people to follow the maintenance recommendations in their vehicle owner's manual because that's the best way to maximize your fuel efficiency."

To help consumers identify quality auto repair shops that can assist in the maintenance and repair of their vehicles, AAA offers the Approved Auto Repair program as a free public service.

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#### Lower Texas state unemployment rate results in changes to unemployment benefits

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AUSTIN — The Texas Commission Workforce (TWC) announced Friday that due to the state's imunemployment rate, Texas is no longer eligible for Tier III of federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC). Federal legislation recently extended the EUC program until Jan. 1, 2014.

However, the week ending Jan. 5, 2013 was the last week in which Texas EUC claimants could exhaust Tier II EUC and establish a Tier III claim beginning Jan.

Texas was notified by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) that the state's three-month average unemployment rate fell below 7 percent, the mandated rate for Tier III EUC eligibility. TWC will begin paying EUC at a new maximum rate of 28 weeks beginning with the week ending Jan. 12, 2013. TWC previously administered up to 37 weeks of EUC.

"Texas employers have added 278,800 jobs over the past 12 months, and the unemployment rate is the lowest it has been since December 2008," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "TWC and the 28 local workforce boards remain committed to providing quality services to help connect job seekers to employ-

Individuals who exhaust EUC Tier II benefits beginning with week ending January 12 or after will be affected by the EUC Tier III deadline.

TWC estimates approximately 26,500 EUC Tier II filers will not be eligible for additional weeks of EUC

Tier III benefits.

7,000 Approximately

claimants already receiving EUC Tier III will not be affected by the Jan. 5, 2013 deadline. Additionally, those who exhausted EUC Tier II before Jan. 5, 2013 may be eligible to receive EUC Tier III benefits.

The total maximum weeks of Unemployment Insurance benefits now available to an individual in Texas is 54 weeks, down from 63 weeks.

For more information, to update contact information or to check the status of benefits, claimants may visit the TWC website at Ui.texasworkforce.org.

Reemployment services are available through local Workforce Solutions Offices statewide, or job seekers may visit WorkInTexas.com to register and search for job postings.

For details on TWC and the programs it offers in coordination with its network of local workforce development boards, call 512-463-8942 or visit Texasworkforce.org.

#### Lawmakers urged to close phone loophole

BY PETER MALOF Texas News Service

AUSTIN — Civil liberties groups and privacy advocates are urging state legislators to require lawenforcement officials to seek judicial approval before accessing an individual's location tracking information, such as GPS data collected by cell-phone companies.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that it's unconstitutional to place tracking devices on someone's vehicle without first obtaining a warrant, but lower courts are divided on whether it's okay to simply grab the GPS data routinely transmitted by smart phones.

Matt Simpson, a policy strategist with ACLU of Texas, says it shouldn't matter how location information is gathered.

"These are the kinds of searches that, if done in person, would require a judge to sign off on it. But, for some reason, we haven't yet regulated in Texas how that information is used when basically, collected, electronically.'

Simpson says location tracking has become an easy way for many law enforcement officials to conduct fishing expeditions that rarely result in prosecutions.

He adds that reams of personal information - from where people shop, work and spend their free time are often shared by multiple agencies.

Besides the privacy concerns, Simpson is worried that people could be profiled, or targeted for all the wrong reasons.

"People could be investigated for their religion. People could be investigated for First Amendment protected activity like free speech and free association.

So, there are some real civil liberties issues in terms of who would be investigated if we don't have a warrant process where a judge steps in."

The ACLU is among several groups that will be meeting with lawmakers next week, seeking sponsors for legislation that would make tracking warrants mandatory statewide, and requires law enforcement agencies to publicly report how frequently they rely on cell-phone company data.

Exceptions would be made for emergency situations, such as when officials are trying to locate a missing child.





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#### Indiana boy abducted in '94 found in Minnesota

BY KEN KUSMER Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Richard Wayne Landers Jr. was just 5 years old when he and his paternal grandparents, who were upset over custody arrangements, disappeared from a small town in northern Indiana.

Nineteen years later, news that he has been found living under an assumed name in Minnesota left his mother overjoyed and "jumping up and down," her husband said Thursday shortly after police announced the break in the case.

Indiana State Police said the now 24-yearold Landers was found in Long Prairie, Minn., thanks in part to his Social Security number. His grandparents were living under aliases in a nearby town and confirmed his identity, investigators said.

Police declined to say whether the grandparents will face charges, citing the ongoing investiga-

Landers' mother, Lisa Harter, was "jumping up and down for joy" when investigators told her a few days ago that her son had been found, her husband Richard Harter told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

He said his wife is 'the happiest woman on earth.'

Harter said he and his wife were working with an attorney and hoped to reunite with his stepson soon. Police said Landers is married and expecting his first child.

Harter declined further comment and referred questions about the case to his attorney, who didn't immediately return phone messages Thursday. Investigators declined to

release the names under which Landers and his grandparents had been living.

Police said the boy's grandparents, paternal Richard E. and Ruth A. Landers, abducted him in July 1994 because they were "upset over pending court proceedings" regarding his placement.

Police spokesman Sgt. Ron Galaviz said it appears the boy's father was never in the picture. Lisa and Richard Harter had married a year earlier.

Authorities believe the grandparents took the boy from their home in Wolcottville, about 50 miles southwest of South Bend, and fled. They were charged at the time with misdemeanor interference with custody, which was bumped up to a felony in 1999. But the charge was dismissed in 2008 after the case went cold.

Investigators reopened the case in September when Richard Harter turned over the boy's Social Security card to an Indiana State Police detective.

That turned up a man with the same Social Security number and date of birth living in Long Prairie, about 100 miles northwest of Minneapolis. A driver's license photo for the man appeared to resemble Landers, police said.

Indiana State Police then contacted Minnesota law enforcement agencies, which began investigating along with the FBI and the Social Security Administration.

The grandparents were found living in nearby Browerville, Minn.

"By all accounts, it didn't appear he suffered from any abuse, either physical or mental," Galaviz said.

## Some of 14 hostages in Los Angeles were assaulted

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robbers stabbed a clothing store employee and sexually assaulted another during an hours-long hostage drama that ended early Friday with a police SWAT team surging into the shop and rescuing 14

No robbers were found. Police were seeking at least two men and also were trying to determine whether a car found abandoned in neighboring Culver City was the getaway ve-

The ordeal at the Nordstrom Rack store near Los Angeles International Airport began at about 11 p.m. when a man called 911 and reported that his girlfriend had called and said there were gunmen in the store, Lt. Andy Neiman said. Police officers and special weapons team members

swarmed the Promenade at Howard Hughes Center, an outdoor shopping center that also contains restaurants and a

The officers saw a man leave the second-floor store but he ran back inside when they tried to contact him, Neiman

Moments later, another man came out with a woman, but when he saw the police he grabbed her and pushed her back inside, Neiman said.

SWAT members surrounded the location but weren't able

to talk to anyone inside during the four-hour standoff. When they finally burst into the store, they found hostages locked in a storage room and others in a bathroom, Neiman said.

The 13 women and one man were all believed to be employees because the store was closed when the robbery began, Neiman said.

One hostage was treated at the scene for a non-life threatening stab wound, Neiman said.

Another employee had been sexually assaulted, Neiman said, although he declined to provide details.

Other workers complained of minor injuries, "probably because they'd been manhandled or pushed away by the assailants," the lieutenant said.

Officers searched the store to make sure nobody was hiding but didn't find the robbers, Neiman said.

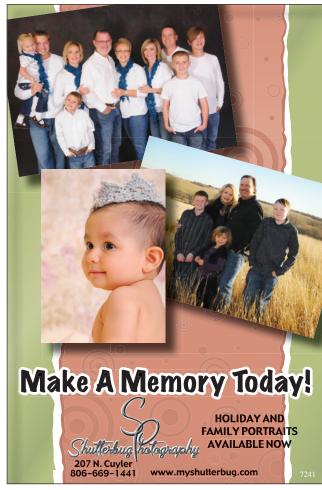
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#### Eldon and LeAlta Smith



Eldon and LeAlta Smith celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family on December 22, 2012 in the home of their daughter in Kansas. Eldon Smith married LeAlta Anderson on December 21, 1952 at First Baptist Church in Texola, Ok. They have lived in Pampa for the past 37 years. Both are retired, Eldon from the oil and gas industry and LeAlte from retail sales. They are members of Central Baptist Church. The couple have three daughters. Debi Johnson of Lenexa, Ks, LeAnn Shelor and husband Greg of Minneola, Ks. and Kim Lancaster and husband Michael of Pampa.

Seven grandchildren include Matt Shelor and wife Marsha, Justin Shelor and wife Cody of Minneola, Ks. James Johnson and wife Kendra of Salina, Ks, Kimberly Chang and husband Paul of Lenexa, Ks. Todd Lancaster and wife Rachelle of Kyle, Tx, Travis Lancaster and wife Lindsay of Plano, Tx and Derrick Shelor of Inman, Ks. They have 11 great grandchildren.







#### **ALL-REGION BAND**



Photo by Zachary Green

Pictured are the students who made the All-Region Band. Back row, from left, Calvin Ambrister, Ethan DeFever, Dakota Roberson, Chris Smith, Austin Young, Miguel Salazar, Michael Parnell, Paul Cuellar, Adrian Lopez, Jacob Sexton, Logan Boehmisch, Josh Archibald, Matthew Porter, Bryce Parker and Caitlin Penaranda. Front row, Kassie Jerome, Cristal Enciso, Christian Penaranda, Greg Smith and Nick Penaranda. DeFever, Young, Salazar, Lopez, Sexton, Boehmisch, Parker and Greg Smith will be participating in the All-Area tryouts at Abilene Christian University in Abilene on Saturday, Jan. 12.

#### Gun beats cattle prod every time

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say a Florida Panhandle man has been arrested after he tried to rob a convenience store with a cattle prod but was thwarted by a clerk with a gun.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office says 26-yearold Lance Tomberlin went into a store just outside Tallahassee on January 2, produced the cattle prod and demanded money from the clerk.

Officials say he shocked the clerk several times before the clerk pulled a handgun.

Authorities say Tomberlin fled and another employee tried to restrain him, but he eventually escaped in his truck. Deputies stopped Tomberlin's truck but he fled on foot.

The sheriff's office says Tomberlin was arrested Tuesday and charged with armed robbery and aggravated battery.

#### Caretaker arrested after body found

CROSBYTON, Texas (AP) — The caretaker for a 2-year-old girl reported missing a week ago has been arrested on a capital murder charge after an toddler's body was found

in her West Texas home. Authorities arrested Matilda Almaraz on Thursday after FBI investigators executed a search warrant at her home, Crosbyton Police chief Greg Parrot told KCBD-TV.

The body of the child believed to be Leah Marie Aguirre was found in Almaraz's basement. An autopsy is pending.

miles east of Lubbock. It was not immediately clear where Almaraz was being held or if she had an

Crosbyton is about 40

attorney. Parrot said the investigation is ongoing and Almaraz might not be the only suspect.

## Senator Jay Rockefeller won't seek re-election for a sixth term

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Jay Rockefeller, who came to West Virginia as a young man from one of the world's richest families to work on antipoverty programs and remained in the state to build a political legacy, announced Friday he will not seek a sixth term.

The 75-year-old Democrat's decision, coming at a time when his popularity in a conservative state had been waning for sparring with the powerful mining industry and supporting President Barack Obama, told The Associated Press ahead of his formal announcement that it was time to retire.

After about three decades in elective office, it was time to "bring more balance to my life after a career that has been so obsessively dominated by politics and public policy and campaigns," he said. "I've gotten way out of whack in terms of the time I should spend with my wife and my children and my grandchildren."

Rockefeller's retirement was widely expected and puts the seat held by Democrats since 1958 in jeopardy for the party. Within weeks of November's elections, Republican U.S. Rep. Shelley Moore Capito vowed to run for the Senate seat in 2014, even if it meant going up against Rockefeller and his storied name. Other Republicans also have been eyeing the seat in recent weeks.

Democrats, who hold a 55-45 edge in the Senate, will be defending 20 seats in next year's election while Republicans have 13 seats on the ballot. Among vulnerable Senate Democrats are Alaska's Mark Begich, Louisiana's Mary Landrieu and Arkansas' Mark Pryor, all in Republican-leaning states.

Rockefeller's retirement is the first of the 2014 class and comes early in the process, giving Democrats time to find a candi-

Rockefeller said Capito's announcement did not influence his decision. Willing to devote millions of his personal wealth toward his campaigns including several against Capito's father, ex-Gov. Arch Moore — the senator said he believes he would have prevailed over the seven-term congresswoman.

In a state that is the second-leading producer of coal, Rockefeller's positions rankled some who are protective of an industry that brings more than 65,000 jobs to one of the nation's poorest states.

He accuses mining supporters of a combative closed-mindedness in the face of inexpensive natural gas, concerns over climate change and calls for cleaner ways to burn coal. Mining advocates accuse Rockefeller of abandoning them as Obama has ramped up scrutiny of Appalachian mountaintop-re-

moval mining operations. "I know the coal companies are going after me. ... I can live with that, because I know that I am fighting every day for coal miners," Rockefeller said.

Rockefeller defended his support of Obama and the president's signature health care overhaul, and insisted that their unpopularity with West Virginians did not influence his decision to retire.

"I'm proud of that work, and if people don't like it, the more it comes into effect the more they will

Gift Shop at Brandon's

understand that it's good," he said of the health care reform.

Rockefeller said the Senate achievement he is most proud of is the 1992 measure aimed at preserving retirement benefits for miners, their widows and children, which he credits for averting a national coal strike. He also has championed stricter coal dust limits in response to a rise in mining-related black lung disease and proposed increased safety measures after the 2010 Upper Big Branch mine disaster killed 29 West Virginians.

Other top issues he has had a hand shaping include child welfare, cybersecurity and foreign trade.

He chairs the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and previously served at the helms of Intelligence and Veterans' Affairs. He co-sponsored legislation creating the states-level Children's Health Insurance Program, and helped persuade the U.S. Veterans Affairs Department to revisit disability claims arising from what has become known as "Gulf War

Illness.' The great-grandson of famed industrialist John D. Rockefeller first arrived in West Virginia as a volunteer with the VISTA national service program in 1964. Within two years, he had won election to the Legislature, and then as secretary of state in 1968. After a failed run for governor in 1972 and four years as president of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Rockefeller won his first term as governor

in 1976. Toward the end of his second term, he narrowly captured the U.S. Senate seat of a retiring Jennings Randolph in 1984. He won by comfortable margins in each of his five terms.

Rockefeller hails from a family of many achievers: In addition to the successes of his oil billionaire great-grandfather, two uncles, Nelson Rockefeller and Winthrop Rockefeller, served as governors of New York and Arkansas, respectively. Rockefeller's father, John D. Rockefeller III, was a well-known philanthropist and founded the Asia Society, while his uncle David Rockefeller ran Chase Manhattan

"West Virginia has become my life and my cause," Rockefeller said. "I never, ever doubt what it is I'm trying to do. West Virginia provides that to me in the form of fantastically hard-working, tough, warm-hearted people."

Rockefeller became the state's senior senator upon the 2010 death of Robert C. Byrd, a fellow Democrat and history's longestserving member of Congress. In his remaining time in office, he said, he plans to focus now on the fight over federal spendlimit and the future of such

programs as Medicaid.

"We have a whole lot of work to do for the next two years," Rockefeller said. "I'm very glad I'm going to be a part of that." Rockefeller was to be

joined during Friday's formal announcement by his wife, Sharon Percy Rockefeller, and other family members. The couple have four adult children and six grandchildren. Sharon Rockefeller was successfully treated for colorectal cancer after a 2005 diagnosis, and the senator has more recently endured torn tendons in his left

"I will spend the next couple of years thinking of what I can do to continue to fight for the causes I believe in," Rockefeller said. He added, "I will not be leaving West Virginia. West Virginia will always be my home.'

#### Pet reptile found guarding pot stash

FRANCISCO SAN Authorities in Northern California made a snappy discovery during a routine probation check: An alligator-like reptile ing, taxes and the debt named "Mr. Teeth," who was apparently protecting

a stash of marijuana. When Alameda County Sheriff's deputies entered the Castro Valley home on Tuesday, they not only found 34 pounds of marijuana valued at an estimated \$100,000, but also the 5-foot-long caiman inside a Plexiglas tank guarding it in a bedroom. Caimans are usually

found in the wetland regions of Central and South America. They're considered close relatives of alliga-

"We get guard dogs all the time when we search for grow houses and people stashing away all types

of dope. But alligators? You just don't see that every day," Sgt. J.D. Nelson said Thursday.

Assif Mayar was arrested on suspicion of possessing marijuana for sale. He could also face citations from the California Fish and Game Commission, including possession of an exotic animal without a permit.

The 32-year-old told deputies he got the creature to commemorate rapper Tupac Shakur's 1996 death.



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## PampaSports

#### Lady Harvesters escape foul-ridden game with rival Borger said Pampa Head Coach

■ 54 fouls were called in the game. 77 free throw shots were attempted.

By Zachary Green

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The Lady Harvesters hosted the rival

Borger Lady Bulldogs on Friday night in hopes to move their district record over

Hayley Burnett started off the game with a steal and a layup.

Then Pampa stole the ball again and Burnett sank a three to make the score 5-0 in Pampa's favor one minute into the

Borger followed with a 6-0 run of their own to take the lead at 6-5. Once Pampa took the lead at 7-6, they would never look back, although the game got really tight at times. Pampa led after the first quarter, 17-11.

Twelve total fouls were called in the first quarter, with seven on Pampa and five on Borger.

Pampa took a 32-19 lead into the locker room.

Twenty-three fouls were called in the first half, with 11 being on Pampa and the other 12 on Borger.

Madison Brown led Pampa at the half with 10 points.

Pampa increased their lead at one point in the third quarter to 37-21 before players started to get in foul trouble, and some questionable calls by the referees gave Borger some life.

A 15-3 Borger run brought the score to 40-36 at the end of three quarters.

The score was close at 46-44 with four minutes left. Borger stayed in the game with the score 50-48 with two and a half minutes left.

With 1:39 left Burnett sank two free throws to give Pampa a 54-49 lead.

A traditional three point play put Borger right back into the game with 56 seconds left at 54-52.

Taylor Eubank sank one of two free throws to increase Pampa's lead to three with 47 seconds left. After a Pampa turnover, Borger had

the ball with 16 seconds left and trailed by only three. Shot attempts failed for Borger and they were forced to foul Burnett with

seven seconds left. Burnett sank one of her two attempts at the line to give Pampa a four-point lead and virtually seal the game.

Rachel Andrews stole the ball with 0.6 seconds left and sank both of her free throws to give Pampa the 58-52

"They made a huge run in the third. I didn't know how we would react to finish the game but we never lost the lead,"

Gene **Valentine** 



Hayley **Burnett** 

feel like we gained confidence playing in these two close games. The biggest part of the victory was our free throws and making them," added Valentine. "On one hand we need close, playofftype games to get us

ready for the rest of dis-

Gene Valentine. "They

stayed mentally tough

and fought through just

like they did on Tuesday

night against River Road.

We made free throws

Valentine said that

Dalhart beat Borger by

nine points on Tuesday.

"It will be another tough

game against Dalhart. I

when we needed to."

trict but it is still stressful during the games. In the long run we can gain from it. I am very proud of the girls for how they played tonight."

Burnett led Pampa with 25 points, including two three-pointers. She also shot 11-13, or 85 percent, from the free-throw line. Brown finished with 12 points. Taylor Morgan added eight points and

shot 3-5, or 60 percent, from the line. Eubank scored five points and shot

3-6, or 50 percent, on free throw shots.

Andrews sank all four of her free throw shots to finish with four points. Hannah Baker added three points and Bailey Wichert scored one point. As a team, Pampa shot 23-39, or 59

percent, from the free-throw line. As a team, Borger shot 21-38, or 55 percent, from the free-throw line.

There were 54 fouls called in the game with 29 being on Pampa and the other 26 called on Borger.

The Lady Harvesters improve their district record to 2-1 and move to 8-13 overall on the season.

They will be back in action at 6 p.m. on Tuesday night in Dalhart.

Photo by Sasha Heller

All the Borger defenders can do is watch as a Madison Brown shot attempt falls through the basket. Brown finished the game with 12 points in the win.

### Hutto sinks six three-pointers to lead Pampa and give them a 1-0 district record

#### ■ Nine three-pointers fuel Harvester victory over rival Borger. Pampa 67, Borger 51. Hutto led Pampa with 22.

By ZACHARY GREEN zgreen@thepampanews.com

The Hustlin' Harvesters hosted the Borger Bulldogs on Friday night. Pampa was in its 1996

commemorate the state

champion team from that

season. Both teams started off slow on offense with Pampa only leading by a score of 9-6 after the first quar-

There were seven fouls called on Pampa in the first quarter to Borger's

In the second quarter, Pampa increased its lead to 26-22 thanks to three three-pointers, two from Ty Hutto and one from Jon Cox. The Harvesters came out of the locker room on

Hutto hit three threepointers in the third quar-

Two of Hutto's threes were back-to-back and gave Pampa a 34-24 lead with 6:37 left in the third.

Hutto finished the third quarter with 11 points. The score after the third quarter was Pampa 48, Borger 34.

Hutto and Ryan Powell both added three pointers to begin the fourth quarter and increased Pampa's lead to 56-37.

The final score from McNeely Fieldhouse was Pampa 67, Borger 51.

"That was a great team effort tonight. I can't say enough about the game Ryan Powell played tonight.

He single-handedly set the tempo of the game.

He frustrated Jamon Hearon, Borger's leading scorer, and caused two offensive fouls on Borger," said Pampa Head Coach Matt Embry.

"I didn't expect them [Borger] to score 51 points tonight. We need eight points and shot 2-2 to keep teams in the 40s from the line. Cory Ponce score six because we don't score nearly 70 points every

time out, but it is tough to complain after a great win. "The tough pre-district Alvey and Jake Green schedule is paying off now and showing the kids there is a reason we made the schedule like that. I am very proud of the effort to-

night," added Embry. "I expect a very physical, low scoring, half-court game on Tuesday. Dalhart is the district favorite but I expect us to put up a fight.'

Hutto led Pampa with 22 points, including six threepointers. He also went 2-2 from the free-throw line. Powell added 10 points, including two three-point-

Cade Engle scored eight points and went 4-4 on free throw shots.

Derrek Pollard added

points. Cox had a three pointer.

Gabe Garcia, Patterson added Green also shot 2-4 from the line. Romel Lee and Cabrales both Oliver scored one point as they went 1-2 from the freethrow line.

As a team Pampa shot 12-19, or 63 percent, from the free-throw line.

'That is the best we have shot free throw wise all season," said Embry.

As a team Borger shot 15-23, or 65 percent, from the free-throw line.

With the win, Pampa improves to 1-0 in district and moves their overall record to 7-13 on the season.

They will be back in action at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday night in Dalhart.



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Early in the game Jake Green dishes a pass to Cade Engle.





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## PampaSports

### Pampa senior James Thompson commits to Frank Phillips College

STAFF REPORT

James Thompson's lifelong dream of playing baseball in College was



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baseball for Frank Phillips College was a decision he knew would shape not only his next four years but would lay the foundation for his next forty years. James was committed to his goal of playing college baseball, and his decision to join NCSA Athletic Recruiting provided him with the opportunity and technology to be proactive in his recruiting process, while also being educated on the steps he needed to take to achieve his goal.

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"I am looking forward to taking my baseball to the next level and beginning the next chapter of my life. I am really excited about the opportunity to play college baseball, said Thompson who is a senior middle infielder and pitcher for Pampa. Thompson will still be a part of the Pampa High School Baseball team for the 2013 season. He will graduate

James has enjoyed academic and athletic success at Pampa High School as a dedicated student-athlete, earning a 3.41 grade point average and being a two year varsity starter and captain of his team. James' dedication and trust in the recruiting process has rewarded him with the opportunity to play baseball at the next level, attending Frank Phillips College — a two-year community college located in Borger, Texas — to play for the Plainsmen.

## Pampa High School spring sports starting up

By ZACHARY GREEN zgreen@thepampanews. com

The Christmas break at Pampa High School is now officially over after school started back on Monday.

This means PHS sporting events have commenced in full swing for the spring semester. The Lady Harvesters opened district play against the district favorite Perryton with a loss.

But then the team quickly evened up their district record at 1-1 with a victory over River Road. They moved above .500 on Friday night by defeating Borger and moving to 2-1

in district play. Next up for the Lady Harvesters is Dalhart.

The Hustlin' Harvesters are 1-0 in district after beating Borger on Friday night. Pre-season projections placed Perryton and Dalhart at the top of the district with Pampa and Borger in the third- and fourth-place spots.

Pampa will need to defeat River Road in both of their match-ups and at least split with Borger to have a chance at the playoffs.

If the Harvesters can pick up two wins against Borger and/or defeat Perryton or Dalhart just one time, that will improve their playoff hopes immensely. Next up for the Harvesters is Dalhart. The wrestling program hosted its first tournament in Pampa since 1991 on Saturday and it was a suc-

Both Pampa teams finished in the top four to receive a trophy from the tournament. The wrestling teams will also participate in a few more duals and tournaments to help prepare for district on Feb. 2.

The swimming teams are headed to Lubbock on Saturday in their last meet until districts. Districts will be on Jan. 25 and 26 in Amarillo where Pampa will be vying for their 14th straight district

The soccer teams are just starting their scrimmages with the boys' season beginning Tuesday and the girls finishing up their season opening tournament today.

The softball team will begin practices on Jan. 18 and the baseball team will begin practices on Jan. 25.

The tennis and golf teams are currently practicing but their seasons will begin later in the semester.

The track team will also begin their season later this school year. It looks to be a great spring sports semester for Pampa athletics.

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"This was our first

game after Christmas

break. Both teams did a

good job hustling. The

A team never gave up

fighting, even though

they were pressed the entire game," said Coach

The 7th grade girls B

Jeanna Cramer.

Kennedy

points.

#### Junior high teams in action against Perryton on Thursday night Alexis Munguia with

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa junior high boys hosted Perryton Thursday night.

The boys went 3-1 on the night.

The 7th B team won 37-27. Zane McCoy had 11 points, followed by Zack Trimble with eight and Oscar Gonzales with

The 7th A team won 39-21. Moses Avila had a season high 12 points.

He was a pest on defense all game as well. Brandon Steward had nine points and Cade Lauderdale had four.

The 8th grade B team

came from behind to beat the Rangers 35-33. Jared Lake led the team

with 10 points and Brett West had eight. West had some key steals in the second half to keep Pampa in the

Juan Perez led the team in rebounds.

The 8th grade A team lost 34-28. Nick Stevens had an excellent game, putting in 19 points. Carson Eubank had several assists.

Ryan Roden came off the bench and made some great plays for the team. Pampa had a 10-point quarter, but Perryton hit some key shots and took advantage of some break downs in the Pampa defense throughout the fourth quarter to get the come-from-behind win.

Pampa hosts Dalhart on Monday. Game times are 4 and 5:15 p.m..

#### Junior high girls

The 8th grade girls defeated the Perryton B team 23-10.

The top scorers were Abby Olveda with eight points and Ale Jimenez wtih six points.

The 8th grade A team lost 43-16.

team defeated Perryton 18-12. The top Scorer was

Ashton Alexander. The 7th grade girls A team lost 22-8.

The top scorer was Tya

#### Golf thought of the week

Yellow: Fashion v. Function.

> BY TIM STADLER Pampa Country Club

I see more yellow golf balls on the course these days, but still not as many



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TODAY JAN. 12

MONDAY JAN. 14

TUESDAY JAN. 15

Girls Wrestling @ Caprock. Boys Wrestling @ Hereford.

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as I would have expected.

Part of the change sureiv fad, just something new to try. But plenty of players by

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Most manufacturers now offer a yellow variant of some or most golf ball models in their range. Whether they are responding to demand or just getting ahead of the curve, I'm not sure. But they are following the trends in other sports.

Tennis is now 'yellow', although at the speed they are hitting the ball, it's far from "mellow yellow". The thinking is that the eye can track the yellow easier than white against most backgrounds.

Softball has followed the trend and even soccer balls in several top leagues are now yellow.

So, my question to you is: has the yellow golf ball begun replacing traditional white? If so, why — is it fashion or function? Let me know, I'd love to hear your opinions. Sign up or login on my website at Timstadler-pga.com to have your say.

Regards, Tim Stadler, Head Golf **Professional** Pampa **Country Club** 

#### 9th girls roll to victory, 45-16

By Zachary Green zgreen@thepampanews.

Pampa's freshman girls team traveled to Amarillo Tuesday for a game against River Road.

The game was well in Pampa's hands from the beginning.

After the first, Pam-

pa led 20-2. At the half, Pampa led 29-8.

After three, Pampa led 36-11 and the final score was Pampa 45, River Road 16.

Megan Brock led all scorers with 16 points. Kassie Jerome added 12 points.

Angel Brumfield and Kathlyn Cummins scored six points each. Mckenzie Dull added three points and Kristen Duree scored two points.

The win evens up the overall record for the freshman girls at 8-8 and evens up their district record at 1-1.



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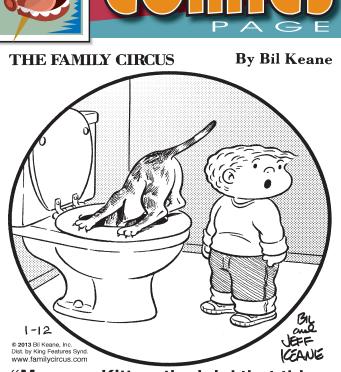
SATURDAY JAN. 19

JH Wrestling @ Altus 9 a.m. Boys Soccer @ Burkburnett Tournament.

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This year many opportunities appear; however, with them come many reasons want the end results, trust yourself and the path you must take. You will hop over several obstacles; you will get there. If you are single, come summer 2013, your love life will become very lively. You will either have a ball dating, or you'll find yourself in a meaningful relationship. If you are attached, the two of you need to plan several getaways together in order to stoke the embers of romance. AQUAR-IUS is quirky, yet he or she understands you well.

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)

\*\*\* Your dreams will be inspirational, and they could set you on a path of soul searching. As a result, you'll be calm and centered. Others approach you with a willingness to share and be more vulnerable. You might rethink your impression of an associate. Tonight: Do your thing.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Zero in on what is important to you. Your perspective about a cohort could be transforming, as you open up to each other more and more. Still, this person might be withdrawn. Curb a your friends are.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your take-charge attitude might emerge. Tap into your creativity, and manifest much more of what you want. Let someone be a little more involved with your decision-making process. Transform a difficult situation into a shared experience. Tonight: In the limelight.

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you trust, and who often provides diverse and sometimes opposing viewpoints. A child might act closed off. This attitude could be necessary, as he or she seems to be going through a phase. Tonight: Feed your mind.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Deal with a partner or associate directly. This person might be unusually plugged into his or her imagination. It could be difficult to communicate at times. Try a very anchored and solid ap-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. proach, and he or she will respond. Tonight: Go with someone's suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*★\*\* Others seem to have everynot to take advantage of them. If you thing under control and are not willing to let go. Do your own thing rather than feel left out. Of course, someone might be looking for you. This person's search could be a problem if it involves work. Do not cut off communication. Tonight: Do not be alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* You have a lot of ground to cover, and you'll get it all done unless you start worrying about a problem and/ or a financial matter. Be willing to revise your boundaries for a day and see what happens. You might want to make a conscious change. Tonight: Burn the mid-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* You have a tremendous amount of self-discipline, should you decide to use it. Your imagination seems to be an endless source of ideas, though they might not necessarily be related to what is going on around you. Work on staying present. Tonight: Spice up the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might have a hard time getting started, which could be for the better. If you can work from home, do. You also might need to work on some other project that you do not have time for normally. tendency to be excessive. Tonight: Where If you run into a roadblock, back off. Tonight: Do not push yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your words have far more impact than you realize. You might not see their effect immediately. You could cause a major transformation with just a few sentences. No fighting is necessary -just your voice and mind. Tonight: Head home after visiting with several friends.

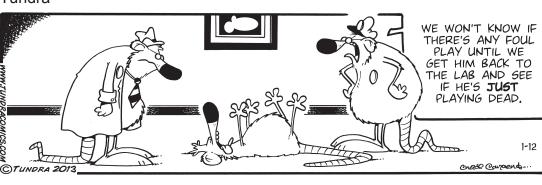
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might want to do what you feel. Think about it, as sometimes taking care of oneself requires some indulgence. Your perspective about an older friend, relative or boss is changing. Try not to be reactive to this person. Step back, if you must. Tonight: Treat yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Follow your intuition as well as your intellect, because both elements of your personality target what you want, just in different ways. Someone at a distance could be acting cold toward you. A meeting with friends or associates will be pivotal. Tonight: As you like.

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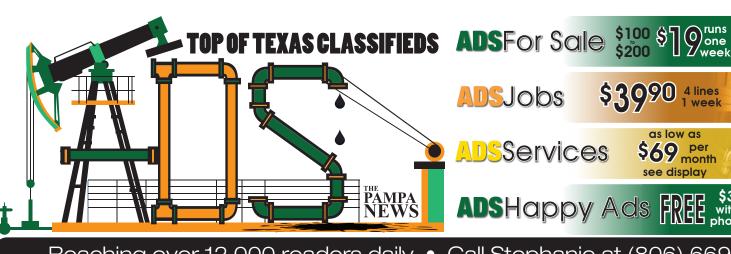




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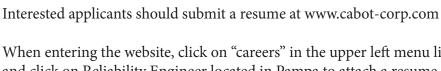
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	748 S Price Rd\$350,000 3	Ac. + 14,400 Warehouse, Offices
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	Harvester St\$150,000	60 x 110 Bldg Lots
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I am worth something —

not telling him, I'm lying. DEAR ABBY: I am He doesn't deserve that in high school and have and I feel I don't deserve that eventually he will always been able to get him. Please help. — NEW "ME" IN ARIZONA

**DEAR NEW YOU:** 

Before I answer your question, there are some months because I met a things I would like you deserve you. sweet, amazing guy who I to understand. First, you ARE "worth somegin, and I think he thinks thing" whether you are me. I have been friendly with this boy or not. It is I'm the whole world to what is moral and right. ing their split. It has put him. I want it to stay like Practice that, and no one me in an awkward posithat. But I know that by will ever again make you tion when we're together. ily startled. If I enter a

feel like a used rag.

You are still in high school, and that's early to be thinking about marriage. I'm advising you hear it from someone else. If he drops you because of it, it will not be because you don't deserve him, but because he doesn't

DEAR ABBY: I'm wondering if you can help with couples, and when dangerous to judge your- an argument arises I have self through the eyes of been caught in the midanother person. It is far dle. Sometimes I have Should I let him keep more important that you felt forced to take sides. if you were told about thinking I'm still innocent? can look at yourself in a Then what happened was, I feel like a worthless used mirror and know you are they wound up mending rag. When I'm with him, a good person because fences and repeating to you try every day to do the other what I said dur-

in the future? — TORN IN DALLAS

future, when your friends heart attack!' to tell this boy the truth have a spat with a spouse complaint about ( ing this." Either that, problem. Your thoughts? sonally. or do a lot of listening and comment, "Oh, that must be painful." Period. That way you're saying nothing you won't later

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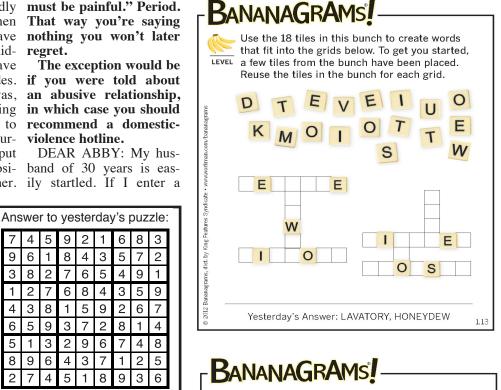
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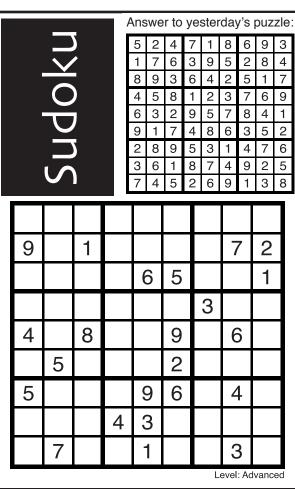
because if you don't, or significant other and this has become an issue. I ior, it should be discussed there is a good chance start to dump on you, don't understand his reac- with his doctor. He may politely decline to listin — he wasn't in the suffer from a hearing loss ten. Say, "If you have a military, didn't have a dan- or some other problem. ), gerous job and hasn't been And because he finds you should work it out in a disaster. I feel like an being "surprised" upsetwith him/her because I'm intruder in my own home. ting, try to accommodate not comfortable hear- He doesn't think he has a him and not take it per-

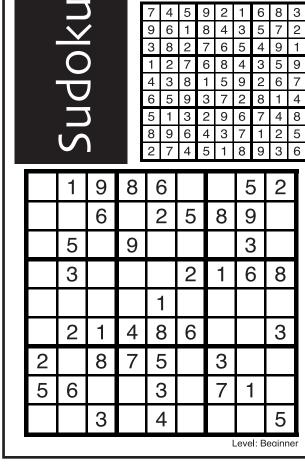
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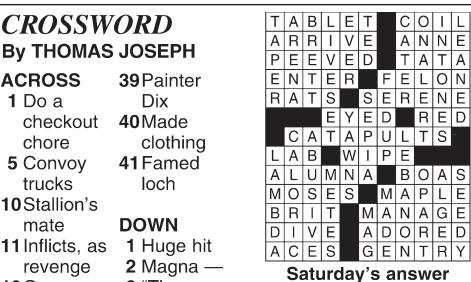
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## Obama, Karzai meeting to discuss ending Afghan war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charting the course for a war's end, President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai meet Friday at the White House to discuss the future of the U.S. role in Afghanistan and the 66,000 American troops in harm's way.



Karzai

The two leaders plan a joint afternoon news conference. White House officials said, however, that Obama will not announce any decisions on the next phase of troop withdrawals or whether any U.S. forces will stay behind in Afghanistan after the war formally ends in 2014. U.S. commanders in Afghanistan have

proposed keeping 6,000 to 15,000 U.S. troops after 2014 to continuing pursuing terrorists and training Afghan security forces. But the White House, which tends to favor lower troop levels than the generals, says Obama would be open to pulling all U.S. forces out of Afghanistan at the end of 2014.

"We wouldn't rule out any option," said Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser. "We're not guided by the goal of a certain number of U.S. troops in the country. We're guided by the objectives that the president set — disrupt, dismantle, defeat al-Qaida."

Beyond troop levels, Obama and Karzai are also expected to discuss preparations for next year's Afghan elections and the prospects for advancing Afghan peace talks with the Taliban.

Friday's meeting was the first between Obama and Karzai since November's U.S. presidential election. Heading into his second term, Obama is shaking up his national security team, including key players who deal with Karzai

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta are both expected to leave their posts within weeks. The president nominated Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., as the nation's top diplomat and former Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., to lead the Pentagon.

Both Kerry and Hagel are likely to favor a more rapid withdrawal of U.S. forces.

After Karzai met Thursday with Clinton and Panetta, the Pentagon chief offered an upbeat assessment of the war's

"After a long and difficult path, we finally are, I believe, at the last chapter of establishing an Afghanistan, a sovereign Afghanistan, that can govern and secure itself for the future," Panetta said.

The U.S.-led NATO coalition is aiming to turn all combat missions over to Afghan forces by the end of this year. The 66,000 U.S. forces still there are already turning over territory or handing off many combat missions to the Afghans.

Still, the war's endgame is punctuated with uncertainty, beginning with doubts about whether the Afghan government can build legitimacy by credibly serving its population. Also in question is whether Afghan security forces will be capable of holding off the Taliban after international

Panetta told a news conference that he and Karzai had laid the groundwork for the Afghan leader's White House meeting.

"We made very good progress on, you know, the kind of equipment that we would try to make available to them," to enable the Afghans to not only secure their borders but also prevent a Taliban takeover, Panetta said.

Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the same news conference that U.S. and Afghan officials are developing a common assessment of threats Afghanistan is likely to face in the future. Conclusions from that study will help determine the full range of Afghanistan's military requirements, he said.

Karzai was greeted at the Pentagon by a ceremonial honor guard, and at a photo-taking session in Panetta's office the Afghan leader said he could assure the American people that his country "will not ever again be threatened by terrorists from across our borders" — an allusion to the al-Qaida leaders hiding in Pakistan. It was from Afghanistan that Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida operatives plotted the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

#### Hawaii-based US Navy sub damaged in Persian Gulf

HONOLULU (AP) — A Pearl Harbor-based submarine was damaged early Thursday when one of its periscopes struck an unidentified vessel in the Persian Gulf, the U.S. Navy said Thursday.

U.S. Naval Forces Central Command said in a statement that no one was hurt in the pre-dawn incident Thursday involving the nuclear-powered USS Jacksonville.

The submarine surfaced from periscope depth to see if the collision damaged the vessel, but the ship continued "on a consistent course" offering no indication of distress or acknowledgement of a collision.

According to a U.S. Navy official, the submarine was submerged when there was a "thump." When submariners tried to see what happened, they were unable to raise the periscope. When they raised the other periscope, they realized the first one had been sheared off and that a vessel – believed to be a fishing trawler — was motoring away and appeared to be operating normally, the official said.

The official, who was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity, said the vessel did not appear to be in any distress. The Navy tried to contact the vessel and determine what it was and what country it belonged to, but was unable to do so. The Navy also reviewed surveillance of the area later and found no vessels in distress, he official said.

The Navy said in its statement that one of the Jackson-

ville's two periscopes was damaged. A P-3 Orion aircraft searched the area but saw no debris in the water or vessels in distress, officials said.

The Jacksonville is currently deployed to the Middle East, conducting normal patrol operations in the gulf.

#### Air Force takes rap for loud booms in Utah desert

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The U.S. Air Force took responsibility Wednesday for a set of mysterious booms that had scientists stumped as they pondered the origin of the vibrations that were widely reported across northern Utah.

They were B-52 bombing runs in the desert.

Seismologists said the booms weren't an earthquake. The Air Force at first denied involvement, saying its fighter jets didn't break the sound barrier. Aerospace company ATK said it wasn't testing any rockets. And asteroid and meteorite watchers had nothing to report.

It had to be something.

"It was like my walls were shaking," said Catherine Whidden of the University of Utah Seismograph Stations, who noted instruments recorded back-to-back booms around 9 p.m. Tuesday.

She believed the low-frequency rumble originated in the atmosphere and not from beneath the ground.

That shifted attention to Hill Air Force Base, about 20 miles north of Salt Lake City, which flies squadrons of sound-busting F-16s. Hill officials blamed the 2nd Bomb Wing of Barksdale

Air Force Base in Louisiana, which was using B-52s to drop bombs in Utah's west desert. We believe conditions were perfect for the noise to trav-

el a long distance," Air Force spokesman George Jozens said Wednesday.

Low cloud cover and dense fog allowed bomb noise to "carry, ricochet and even be amplified" over some 100 miles toward Salt Lake City, he said.

The B-52s were scheduled to drop bombs again Wednesday night across the 2,600-square-mile Utah Test and Training Range.

Meteorologists heard what sounded like thunder and felt the walls of their office shake at the National Weather Service office in Salt Lake City. But the weather was calm.

Before the Air Force took responsibility, science buff Larry Park speculated the vibrations were "earthquake booms" originating inside the Earth.

Park has gained notoriety for trying to forecast earthquakes. Days after a tsunami that swept across the Indian Ocean in 2004, he panicked tens of thousands of people with an urgent warning to authorities that another earthquake could roil the ocean.

6 MONTHS NO INTEREST

