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Photo by Sasha Heller This 3-D model interprets how Overland's apartment complex would be situated.

Developer meets with concerned residents

Plans include building either apartments or duplexes

By Sasha Heller sheller@thepampanews.com

Overland Property Group developer Brett Johnson met with around 150 residents, most of whom were unhappy, Wednesday night at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium to listen to their concerns regarding a proposed 48-unit, low-income apartment complex planned for their neighborhood.

The location of the project is a 15-acre site east of Navajo Road and between Laguna Road and Sioux Place.

"When we heard there was a group of concerned citizens, that's when we organized this meeting," Johnson said. "This meeting was not required by the city. This meeting...is informational. I wanted you guys to know what you were concerned about."

Johnson began his presentation by noting how Pampa's officials have been as uninformed as the city's residents throughout the development process.

"I know your city leaders have taken

a lot of heat. But your city staff, mayor, councillors, have been, pretty much, where you are in terms of information," he said.

Johnson explained what HUD housing is and discussed concerns about blight, lower property values and increased crime rates. Johnson said there are a lot of areas across the U.S., in both urban and rural settings, where HUD housing projects have not been successful.

However, the apartments Overland has planned for Pampa are not HUD housing.

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Senators to US FWS: Keep bird off list

Texas lawmakers request extensions on lesser prairie chicken decision.

STAFF REPORT

DALLAS — Both of Texas' U.S. senators, John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, along with two senators from Oklahoma and two from Kansas, sent a letter to the Daniel Ashe, director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife





Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Doug Kidwell, left, and Rusty Ferguson, both employees for Gray County's maintenance department, shovel snow at the county courthouse Thursday morning. The National Weather Service said Pampa received three inches of snowfall, though in some places the accumulation appeared much heavier. The NWS said a system is coming through north of Pampa tonight, but the likelihood of Pampa getting more snow won't occur until Sunday night, when there is a 20 percent chance of a small accumulation through Monday morning.

Foster parent recruiters to visit Pampa monthly

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews. com

Trying to recruit people to become foster parents can be a lonely business.

On Wednesday, Shawna Broaddus, Amarillo-area director for Foster in Texas, and one of her coworkers, Kellee Massie, regional recruiter, made the 50-mile drive from Amarillo to conduct an information meeting Wednesday afternoon about foster parenting at the CASA of the High Plains office in Pampa.

Foster in Texas is a program of Lutheran Social Services. Though Wednesday's meeting was publicized in the newspaper and Facebook, only one person showed up.

But Broaddus said that's to be expected.

"People usually have to hear about it six or seven times before they truly become interested," she said.

Taking that into consideration, Broaddus and Massie have decided to visit Pampa every month to get the word out about foster parenting.

"There is a huge need for foster families in Pampa," she said in a previous newspaper article. "Most kids in **FOSTER** cont. on page 3



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Shawna Broaddus, left, Amarillo-area director for Foster in Texas, and Kellee Massie, regional recruiter, at the CASA of the High Plains conference room on Wednesday.



Service (FWS) requesting a 60-day extension of the comment solicitation period and a six-month extension of any final decisions on the proposal by FWS to list the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species. The letter was authored by Cornyn.

John Cornyn

The other senators on the letter include Jim Inhofe and Tom Coburn of Oklahoma

and Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran of Kansas.

All six senators are Republicans and represent three of the five states where the species, which is a member of the grouse family, is known to have habitats. The other states are **LETTER** cont. on page 3

State lawmakers mixed on charter school proposal

> By MAURICE CHAMMAH The Texas Tribune

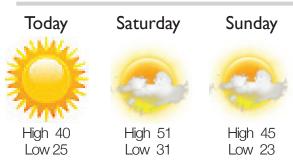
Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, continued his push for school-choice reform by attempting to build consensus around his bill to expand charter schools at a Thursday Senate Education Committee hearing.

Patrick's Senate Bill 2 would overhaul the state's charter school system by creating a new state board to authorize new charter schools and lift the cap on the number of these schools that can exist in the state. Current law sets a limit at 215 charter schools, which are overseen by the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency. It would also allow an allotment for state facilities funding for charters, which along with the state cap on charter school contracts, is a primary focus of a lawsuit pending against the state.

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Jimmy Ray Hooker

Jimmy Ray Hooker, 69, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2013 in Pampa. Services will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013, at Carmichael-Whatley Colo-

Mr. Hooker was born Jan. 12, 1944

the U.S. Navy. He married Judy Hud-



Hooker

son on April 25, 1964 in Wellington. He was a longtime mechanic and mechanical consultant in the offshore drilling industry, having worked in such places as Singapore, Africa, Thailand, Brazil, Israel and offshore Gulf Coast. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Harold Hooker; and a son, James Glenn Hooker.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Hooker of the home; two daughters, Lisa J'Non Winegeart and husband David of Amarillo, and Jessica Lauren Hooker of the home; a son, Dylan James Hooker, U. S. Army, Fort Benning, Georgia; three grandchildren, Kylie Sawyer and husband Brad, Kaitlin Winegeart and Kassidy Winegeart; and two great-grandchildren.

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Pampa man arrested for assault — family violence

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Garland boy, 3, dies after being shot at home

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vonne Shelton, Pampa, was

arrested Wednesday by the

Gray County Sheriff's Of-

fice for possession of drug

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ment of Criminal Justice.

44-year-old Carlos

paraphernalia.

GARLAND, Texas - Police say a (AP) 3-year-old Dallas-area boy has died after being shot in the head while at his home. Garland police are investigating circumstances of Wednesday night's shooting while both parents and at least two other children were at the residence. Police say one of the parents called 911. Officer Joe Harn says police are trying to determine whether the shooting was an accident and if anyone will be charged. Harn says there's no record of previous violence reported at the home. The name of the boy and further details on the investigation weren't immediately released.

Top detective appointed new Pistorius investigator

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — South Africa's top detective was appointed lead investigator in the Oscar Pistorius case Thursday, replacing a veteran policeman who was charged with attempted murder in the latest shock development to hit a case being watched closely by the nation.

National Police Commissioner Riah Phiyega promised that a team of 'highly skilled and experienced" officers would investigate the killing of Pistorius' 29-year-old girlfriend. Pistorius, 26, has been charged with premeditated murder in the case

The decision to put police Lt. Gen. Vinesh Moonoo in charge came soon after word emerged that the initial chief investigator, Hilton Botha, is facing attempted murder charges, and a day after he offered testimony damaging to the prosecution in Pistorius' bail hearing

Pistorius, an Olympic runner whose lower legs were amputated when he was less than a year old, killed his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp in the predawn hours of Valentine's Day. He claims he mistook her for an intruder when he shot her through a locked door in a bathroom in his home. Prosecutors say the shooting happened after the couple got into an argument and allege the killing was deliberate, carried out with no mercy.

Botha acknowledged Wednesday in court that nothing in Pistorius' version of the fatal shooting of Steenkamp contradicted what police had discovered, even though there have been some discrepancies. Botha also said that police had left a 9 mm slug in the toilet and had lost track of allegedly illegal ammunition found in Pistorius' home.

"This matter shall receive attention at the national level," Phiyega told reporters soon after the end of proceedings in the third day of Pistorius' bail hearing. The case has riveted South Africa and much of the world and has placed the country's judicial system under close scrutiny. Bulewa Makeke, spokeswoman for South Africa's National Prosecuting Authority, said the attempted murder charges had been reinstated against Botha on Feb. 4. Police say they found out about it after Botha testified in Pistorius' bail hearing Wednesday. Botha and two other police officers had seven counts of attempted murder reinstated against them in relation to a 2011 shooting incident. Botha and his two colleagues allegedly fired shots at a minibus they were trying to stop.

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Asked about Botha court performance and handling of the investigation, Phiyega said South Africa's police force "can stand on its own" compared to others around the world.

Makeke, the spokeswoman for the national prosecution office, had said before Botha was dismissed from the Pistorius case that he should be taken off, but added that it was up to the police force to make that decision.

Makeke indicated the charges were reinstated against Botha because more evidence had been gathered. She said the charge against Botha was initially dropped "because there was not enough evidence at the time."

Pistorius' main sponsor Nike, meanwhile, suspended its contract with the multiple Paralympic champion, following eyewear manufacturer Oakley's decision to suspend its sponsorship. Nike said in a brief statement on its website: "We believe Oscar Pistorius should be afforded due process and we will continue to monitor the situation closely.'

The judge is still trying to decide whether to grant Pistorius bail, and under what conditions.

During Thursday's bail hearing, Chief Magistrate Desmond Nair asked the defense of Pistorius' bail application: "Do you think there will be some level of shock if the accused is released?"

Defense lawyer Barry Roux responded: "I think there will be a level of shock in this country if he is not released."

Opposing bail, prosecutor Gerrie Nel painted a picture of a man "willing and ready to fire and kill," and said signs of remorse from Pistorius do not mean that the athlete didn't intend to kill his girlfriend.

"Even if you plan a murder, you plan a murder and shoot. If you fire the shot, you have remorse. Remorse might kick in immediately," Nel said.

As Nel summed up the prosecution's case opposing bail, Pistorius began to weep in the crowded courtroom, leading his brother, Carl Pistorius, to reach out and touch his back. "He (Pistorius) wants to continue with his life like this never happened," Nel went on, prompting Pistorius, who was crying softly, to shake his head. "The reason you fire four shots is to kill," Nel persisted. Earlier Thursday, Nair questioned Botha over delays in processing records from phones found in Pistorius' house following the killing of Steenkamp, a 29-year-old model and budding reality TV contestant.





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"We are not developing HUD subsidized housing in Pampa. Never have, never will," Johnson said.

Overland's plan is to build Section 42 housing, which is significantly different than its Section 8 housing counterpart. The income cutoff levels are higher for Section 42 housing tenants and the longterm investment made on the part of the developer is considerably more than what's made by Section 8 developers. Section 8 housing is typically referred to as "projects." Section 42 housing is something completely different.

Johnson also noted that the public has misconceptions about who lives in Section 42 housing.

"These are people that live in vour neighborhood already," who may work at your church or whose kid plays Little League with your kid, he said.

Johnson then compared the backlash Overland has received from Pampa's neighborhood action group to the initial negative feedback offered by Dumas residents, in anticipation of a similar property Overland is building there. He said many Dumas residents gathered at multiple meetings to express concerns but that, eventually, the residents came around and accepted the project.

Johnson remarked that during his time in town, Pampans have been very cordial to him, which differs from how he has been received by other communities.

"I've seen a lot of ugliness in other communities," he said.

Something will be built

Overland plans to develop 6.6 acres of the 15-acre lot to be used for housing, parking and facilities. However, the property's plat, which is zoned multi-family residential, was approved in 1982 to build 70 units for what appears on the plat to be duplexes.

"We prefer to develop apartments," Johnson said, adding that Overland feels like building more apartments would address Pampa's housing needs more efficiently. But whether it's apartment buildings or duplexes, something will be built there.

Johnson said if the apartments do not work out at that site, then Overland would consider building 70 duplexes instead, since those would also fit the plat's current zoning.

Some of the residents at Wednesday's meeting voiced their concerns about possible impact to the local school system, higher crime rates and increased traffic on neighborhood streets.

"Higher density does not mean more kids. It means less kids,' Johnson said, adding that 1/4 of residents living at Overland properties are senior citizens whose children have moved away. Johnson also noted that many young couples live at Overland's properties. Young couples who, if they get pregnant, would likely move away to a small house to start their family.

Regarding increased crime levels, Johnson said, "Most of the senior citizen residents are the police of our neighborhoods. If there are problems, they'll let us know." He added, "Density does not create crime. It doesn't know an address."

Concerning traffic, Johnson said the senior citizen and young cou-



Photo by Sasha Heller Overland Property Group developer Brett Johnson speaks with a group of concerned residents Wednesday about a proposed 48-unit, low-income apartment complex planned for the northeast section of Pampa.

ple residents would likely own only one car.

Johnson closed the meeting by asking if anybody present was in favor of the project. One person raised their hand. A resident seated in the back of the auditorium said, "All of these people here today are here to say, 'They don't want it!""

A round of applause followed the gentleman's comment.

Letter

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Colorado and New Mexico.

"The outcome of this listing proposal is vitally important to many sectors in the local economies of



Ted Cruz

energy,' Cornyn wrote in the letter. "Listing the lesser

prairie chicken under the Endangered Species Act would negatively impact these sectors for many years to come," Cornyn wrote. "With this in mind, and knowing that conservation efforts are ongoing and that the science evaluating the status of the species is still developing, it is imperative to provide sufficient time to evaluate the true health of the species rather than simply hold fast to arbitrary court-mandated deadlines that do not account for ongoing species recovery developments."

The letter acknowledges that the wildlife agencies in five states home to the lesser prairie chicken, including Texas, are working hard to finalize and submit a conservation plan by mid-March, the same

time as the comment period is scheduled to end. The 60-day extension would allow state agencies time to incorporate comments to the Service's proposal as well as allow the states to complete this spring's aerial population survey, which is conducted in the month of April.

For more information on the lesser prairie chicken issue or for the mailing address of FWS, visit pproa.org.

Editor's note: To read an editorial on the impact listing the species could have on the Pampa economy, turn to page 4A.

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foster care here in Pampa are placed with relatives and the others are going to Amarillo.'

Broaddus and Massie will conduct their information meetings from 4-6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at the CASA office, which is located at 315 N. Ballard St.

Along with recruiting foster parents, Broaddus said they are seeking candidates for their kinship program.

Through that program, a child can live with relameet the same qualifications and verification as those who wish to become foster parents.

Once a foster family is verified, Broaddus said, they will have ongoing responsibilities that include annual training hours, fire and health inspection of the home, pet vaccinations if applicable, monthly status reports and medication logs, auto insurance verification and annual criminal background and driving record checks.

For the convenience of those living outside Amarillo, Lutheran Social Services offers online training.

Foster families are provided with reimbursement



tives while receiving the same financial reimbursements as foster parents who are not related to their foster child.

However, the child remains a ward of state and the kinship parents must

Charter

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Patrick, the committee's chair, faced concerns from other lawmakers over that lifting the cap would reduce quality and creating a new authorization agency would reduce accountability to voters.

The bill was also opposed by various public school advocacy groups including Raise Your Hand Texas. The current cap, said CEO David Anthony in a statement, assures "quality control." Patrick's current bill, he said, would weaken the standard for renewing charter and be "fundamentally at odds with the goal of producing more high-performing charters to benefit students and families."

"The cap creates a pressure on low performers,' said state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth at the hearing Thursday.

"It's a pretty crude tool to use that as your quality strategy," responded Greg



for mileage and expenses such as clothing for the child.

There is also an incentive for referrals.

For more information, call Broaddus at 806-351-0168.

Richmond, president of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers, explaining that creating an authorizing body, another provision of Patrick's bill, will do far more to ensure qual-

ity. "Approve the good proposals, don't approve the bad ones," Richmond said.

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Republicans are seen, and most Republicans see themselves, as the anti-government party. Republican solutions to most of the country's problems

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discussing the military budget. Democrats, in stark contrast, mostly believe the government can be and has been an instrument of both social justice and economic growth. Somebody much smarter than I, with a dollop of cynicism, once observed that American voters send pro-government Democrats to Washington to be sure voters get all the benefits and services the federal government offers and that those same voters send anti-tax Republicans to Washington so that they, the voters, will not have to pay for those government services. An old Irish saying held that the Devil was an angel until he started knocking his old hometown. There is no recorded evidence that President Barack Obama has ever heard this line. But he certainly does. especially for a Democrat, spend a lot of time knocking his adopted hometown of Washington – a place he has spent the better part of six years of his life and a couple of billion dollars in order to live in its most prestigious public housing. To a crowd in Seattle, the president announced. "It's good to be outside of Washington." Nevadans heard Obama declare: "You know, it's always a pleasure to get out of Washington. Washington is OK, but it's nice taking time to talk to Americans of every walk of life outside the nation's capital." Cannon Falls, Minn.: "So I am very pleased to be out of Washington." Strongsville, Ohio: "Good to be here in the Buckeye State. And it's even better to be out of Washington for a while." Why so eager to leave D.C.? To Asheville, N.C.:

"Not much listening" (in Washington), too much "political point-scoring." To Racine, Wis .: "But

it's wonderful to be here, and it's just nice to get out of Washington." Columbus, Ohio, heard the president criticize sharply the "kind of game-playing we've gotten used to in Washington," while Denver learned that "a lot of folks have lost confidence in Washington." So voters don't much like or trust Washington? Neither, if you listen to what he has said, does their Democratic president. Who can argue, after Obama became the only U.S. president since hero Dwight David Eisenhower, to win a majority of the popular vote in successive national elections, that voters have not been charmed or impressed by the president's anti-Washington lyrics?

But missing from such rhetoric is the Democrats' historic summons to a public sector that abolished slavery, ended racial segregation, saved the Great Lakes and built the world's greatest higher education system. Absent is the inspiring call of John Kennedy: "Let the public service be a good and lively career. And let every man and woman who works in an area of our national government, in any branch, at any level, be able to say with pride and with honor in future years, 'I served the United States government in that hour of our nation's need."" This is about much more than words or quotes. It is about a national mood and spirit that an American president can influence or even inspire. After thousands of Americans, during the New Frontier, volunteered to join the brand-new Peace Corps, skeptics were astonished.

Let Texans run the show

Ranchers, oil producers can manage bird species

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's potential listing of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species is definitely a concern for ranchers and oil and gas producers.

If the bird, which is a member of the grouse family, is put on the list the oil and gas producers will have to apply to the federal instead of the Texas Railroad Commission for permits, dragging out the process from two or three weeks to months.

Along with that, third parties such as environmental groups that aren't even located in Texas would be allowed to contest those permits.

But this is not just an issue for the oil and gas industry.

Anything that can put a damper on energy exploration and production in the Panhandle can put a damper on the

Our View

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economy at-large.

If you drive by Pak-A-Sak on North Hobart Street at six in the morning, you will see white oil field pickup trucks at nearly every gas pump and if you drive by Easys a little further south you will see lines of trucks in the drive-thu buying coffee and breakfast.

Oil and gas brings revenue to just about every business in Pampa, along with sales tax revenue for the city.

The same could be said for other small cities in the Panhandle, like Borger, Canadian and Wheeler.

Habitat areas for the bird, which span across Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas

and Colorado, must be protected. This is important.

In Kansas, the population of the grouse is increasing, and there is even a hunting season.

In Texas, there is a movement among landowners, in concert with the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association and Texas Parks & Wildlife, to develop a grassroots plan to preserve the grasslands the birds call home.

Under their plan, ranchers and oil producers would essentially enter into a voluntary agreement with state wildlife officials for a biologist sign off before there is any new drilling or construction.

In other words, let the property owners, who in many cases have lived on the land for several generations, manage their land and not the bureaucrats in Washington.



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Perhaps the best explanation for that remarkable outpouring was offered by a young woman who became a volunteer: "I'd never done anything political, patriotic or unselfish, because nobody ever asked me to - Kennedy asked."

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GOP has trouble settling on candidates who can win

One of the interesting things about recent elections is that Republicans have tended to do better the farther you go down the ballot.

They've

lost the

contests.



They've failed to win a majority in the U.S.

Senate, something they accomplished in five election cycles between 1994 and 2006.

But they have won control of the House of Representatives in the last two elections, and in eight of the last 10 cycles.

And they've been doing better in elections to state legislatures than at any time since the 1920s.

One reason for this is that, as I have written, Democratic voters are clustered in large metropolitan areas, which helps them in the Electoral College but hurts in legislatures with equal-population districts.

But there's another reason, which has been particularly glaring in races for the U.S. Senate: candidate quality.

Over the years, I've noticed that Democrats tend to have a disproportionate share of candidates with sharp political instincts and ambition

Probably that's natural. Democrats tend to want more government, and smart Democrats like to go into politics. Smart Republicans tend to take other paths.

This helped Democrats maintain congressional majorities and big margins in state legislatures when Republicans were sweeping five of six presidential elections from 1968 to 1988.

They lost that edge in candidate quality in the 1990s, but they seemed to regain it in the later Bush years.

That's the main reason why Democrats have a 55-45 majority in the Senate after the very Republican election cycle of 2010 and a 2012 cycle in which 23 Democratic and only 10 Republican seats were up for grabs.

It's generally agreed that Republicans booted sure Senate wins in 2010 in Nevada and Delaware and perhaps Colorado.

Foolish statements about abortion and rape cost Republicans wins in Indiana and Missouri in 2012.

They also lost two very winnable races in North Dakota and Montana and two races in which former officeholders fell just short in Wisconsin and Virginia.

Last month, Karl Rove said his Crossroads group would spend money in primaries to prevent the nomination of weak candidates.

He was promptly at-

tacked by L. Brent Bozell of the Media Research Center, who said conservatives, not the Republican establishment, should choose party nominees.

Actually, both insiders and outsiders have made bad picks. Rove can cite the Senate races listed above

His critics can cite the elections of Marco Rubio in Florida in 2010 and Ted Cruz in Texas in 2012. The National Republican Senatorial Committee originally supported Gov. Charlie Crist, now a Democrat, over Rubio. Almost all Texas Republican leaders supported Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst over Cruz.

But neither Rubio nor Cruz was a total outsider. Rubio was speaker of the Florida House and had quiet backing from Jeb Bush. Cruz was a solicitor general of Texas and had a nationwide network of fans.

The fact is that some candidates who rise up from nowhere turn out to have good political instincts, like Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson, while others make game-losing mistakes.

The Republican Party has benefited on balance from the infusion of new people symbolized by the tea party movement, just as the Democratic Party benefited on balance 40 years ago from the infusion of people from the peace movement.

But such outsider movements also produce some candidates with a gift for

campaign-losing gaffes. And they produce primary electorates who prefer a disastrous purist over someone not far off in views but also capable of winning an election.

Assessing whether a candidate has good political instincts is a matter of judgment about which reasonable people will disagree.

Rove has had a good record of doing this over the years.

He really was the Republican establishment in 2002, when he picked winning candidates in key races

Of course, it helped that he had the backing of a Republican president with 60-plus percent job approval.

There's no Republican establishment like that today.

Republican National Chairman Reince Priebus is by definition an insider.

He also seems to have good political instincts - good enough that in Wisconsin he backed a newcomer like Ron Johnson in 2010.

So I don't see this as a fight between the grass roots and the Washington establishment. It's a struggle to find candidates with serious convictions and good political instincts which is usually an uphill struggle for Republicans.

Michael Barone is a senior political analyst for The Washington Examiner.

U.S. Army general faces sex charges

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — A U.S. Army general charged with sexual misconduct plans to add civilian lawyers to his legal team after expressing concern his military lawyers feared their careers would be harmed by defending him.

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair appeared in court Thursday for a hearing on pre-trial motions.

Sinclair faces court martial in June on charges that include forcible sodomy, indecent acts, violating orders and adultery. He has thus far deferred entering a plea.

Military judge Col. James Pohl asked Sinclair Thursday about an e-mail the general sent to the head of the Army's legal branch suggesting the three lawyers assigned to defend him feared retaliation.

At a past hearing, the defense has suggested they may call some of the Army's top generals as witnesses in the case.

"I had a belief, I was concerned," Sinclair told the judge. He then added that he felt his military lawyers would defend him to the utmost of their ability, but that he still wished to add four civilian lawyers from the firm Montgomery McCracken, based in New York and Philadelphia.

On Thursday, Pohl denied an earlier motion from the defense to disqualify prosecutors over privileged emails erroneously sent to them by criminal investigators. The messages included exchanges between Sinclair and his lawyers, his wife and with a family friend who is an ordained minister.

Other pre-trial motions in the case are due Friday. The Army has thus far rebuffed public records requests from The Associated Press for copies of all motions filed in the case by either the prosecution or defense.

A 27-year Army veteran, Sinclair faces life in prison if convicted on the most serious offenses. It's rare for an Army genexchanged with a Tampa, Fla., socialite. The Pentagon later cleared Allen of inappropriate conduct, but he announced earlier this week he would retire rather than take command of NATO forces in Europe, as had been scheduled.

At an evidentiary hearing for Sinclair in November, prosecutors presented testimony about his conduct with five women who were not his wife, including officers who served under his direct command. The charges involve activities when he was in Afghanistan, Iraq, Germany and at installations in the United States.

Sinclair was deputy commander in charge of logistics and support for the 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan before being relieved in May during the criminal investigation.

He has been on special assignment since then at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

The female captain at the heart of the case said she carried on a three-year sexual relationship with Sinclair, a father of two. Adultery is a crime under military law, and the admission could end her career.

She testified at the evidentiary hearing that she repeatedly tried to break off the affair with Sinclair, who she says threatened to kill her and her family if she told anyone about their frequent sexual liaisons in hotels, headquarters and war zones.

The woman said she usually wanted to have sex with the general, though she said that on two occasions he exposed himself and physically forced her to perform oral sex, even as she sobbed.

The Associated Press does not publicly identify victims of alleged sexual assaults.

Two other female officers who served with Sinclair also testified that they had given the general nude photos at his request.

Sinclair is also accused of possessing alcohol in a war zone and disobeying orders. Maj. Gen. James Huggins, Sinclair's superior officer in Afghanistan, testified he ordered Sinclair to cease contact with the female captain after she reported the affair. Sinclair is alleged to have willfully disobeyed that order by then calling the woman's phone. Sinclair has not yet spoken publicly about the charges against him. At the pretrial hearing, his defense lawyers conceded the affair with the female captain, while working to paint her as a liar trying to ruin the general's life and military reputation. During the hearings, they characterized her as a manipulative "back-stabber" who blamed others for her mistakes. The general's wife,

Rebecca Sinclair, has stayed away from court but went public with an opinion piece in The Washington Post.

In that column, she said she was not condoning her husband's infidelity, but she said that a decade of war had taken a toll on military couples and brought pressure on their marriages.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Rebecca Sinclair said her husband called her last spring to tell her about the affair and allegations, and she said they were trying to mend their relationship.

DNA tests on dead Texas immigrants?

FALFURRIAS, Texas (AP) — Civil rights advocates are asking a South Texas county to do more to identify suspected illegal immigrants who have died on sprawling ranchlands.

The Texas Civil Rights Project and other groups Wednesday delivered a letter to Brooks County officials asking that DNA samples be taken from all unidentified remains.

Brooks County is home to a rural Border Patrol checkpoint near Falfurrias. Some illegal immigrants with little water during hot weather have died in the brush trying to avoid the checkpoint.

Authorities found 129 bodies in the county last year.

More than a third haven't been identified.

Brooks County officials have said they'd like to do more but don't have the money. Advocates say the University of North Texas will do the DNA testing without charge under a federal grant.

Texas inmates got millions in benefits

HOUSTON (AP) — State officials acknowledge nearly \$3.4 million in unemployment payments were distributed to inmates over the last four years, in violation of state rules meant to prevent such payouts.

That's not your honey, honey

CHICAGO (AP) — Federal prosecutors in Chicago say two companies and five individuals are charged with illegally importing honey.

Authorities claim the honey was mislabeled to indicate it was from other countries to avoid paying antidumping duties, or it contained antibiotics not allowed in honey sold in the U.S.

They say the scheme cost the government more than \$180 million.

Honey Holding Solutions of Baytown, Texas, has agreed to a \$1 million fine for allegedly buying Polish honey that contained a banned antibiotic. Groeb Farms of Onsted, Mich., agreed to pay \$2 million for allegedly buying Chinese honey that it knew was imported illegally to avoid duties. Defendants also included three honey brokers, former Honey Holding sales director Douglas Murphy and Donald Courture, president of Ontariobased honey broker and distributor Premium Food Sales.

Utah women poured hot sauce in boy's eyes

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) — Police in Utah say two women duct-taped a teenage boy, forced him to use marijuana and poured hot sauce in his eyes to punish him.

West Valley City police say the 33-year-old woman and 38-year-old woman began abusing the older woman's son two years ago when he was 12. Police say the women tried to force the heat to

tried to force the boy to smoke marijuana and poured alcohol over his face and mouth while prying his mouth open. Authorities say that on one occasion in 2011, the boy broke a glass dish and one woman pushed the boy onto the glass and poured Tabasco sauce in his eyes and face to punish him. The women were arrested on multiple felony child abuse and endangerment charges.

Perry appoints 2 new regents

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has appointed two new members of the University of Texas System Board of Regents, even as state lawmakers investigate recent actions by the board over University of Texas President Bill Powers. Perry appointed new members Ernest Aliseda of McAllen and Jeff Hildebrand of Houston. Perry also reappointed regent Paul Foster of El Paso. Thursday's appointments are for six-year terms and subject to Senate confirmation.

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eral to face court-martial. There have been only two cases in recent years.

More commanders have lost their posts over sex. Of the 18 generals and admirals, from one star to four stars, fired in recent years, 10 lost their jobs because of sex-related offenses.

That tally does not include retired Army general David Petraeus, who was forced to resign as CIA director in November after he admitted to an affair with the woman who wrote the biography of his military career.

The investigation of Petraeus also ensnared Marine Gen. John Allen, the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, over thousands of flirty emails he KHOU-TV in Houston reports more than 1,700 cases of inmates erroneously collecting benefits. The Texas Workforce

The Texas Workforce Commission, which oversees unemployment payments, says lists of eligible recipients are checked against names of those incarcerated in state prisons. But city or county inmates, and federal ones, are not checked.

Those filing for benefits must meet various criteria, such as being available for full-time work.

The commission says it recently launched a \$450,000 program to better detect fraudulent claims. It includes compiling more comprehensive listings of inmates statewide. Name_

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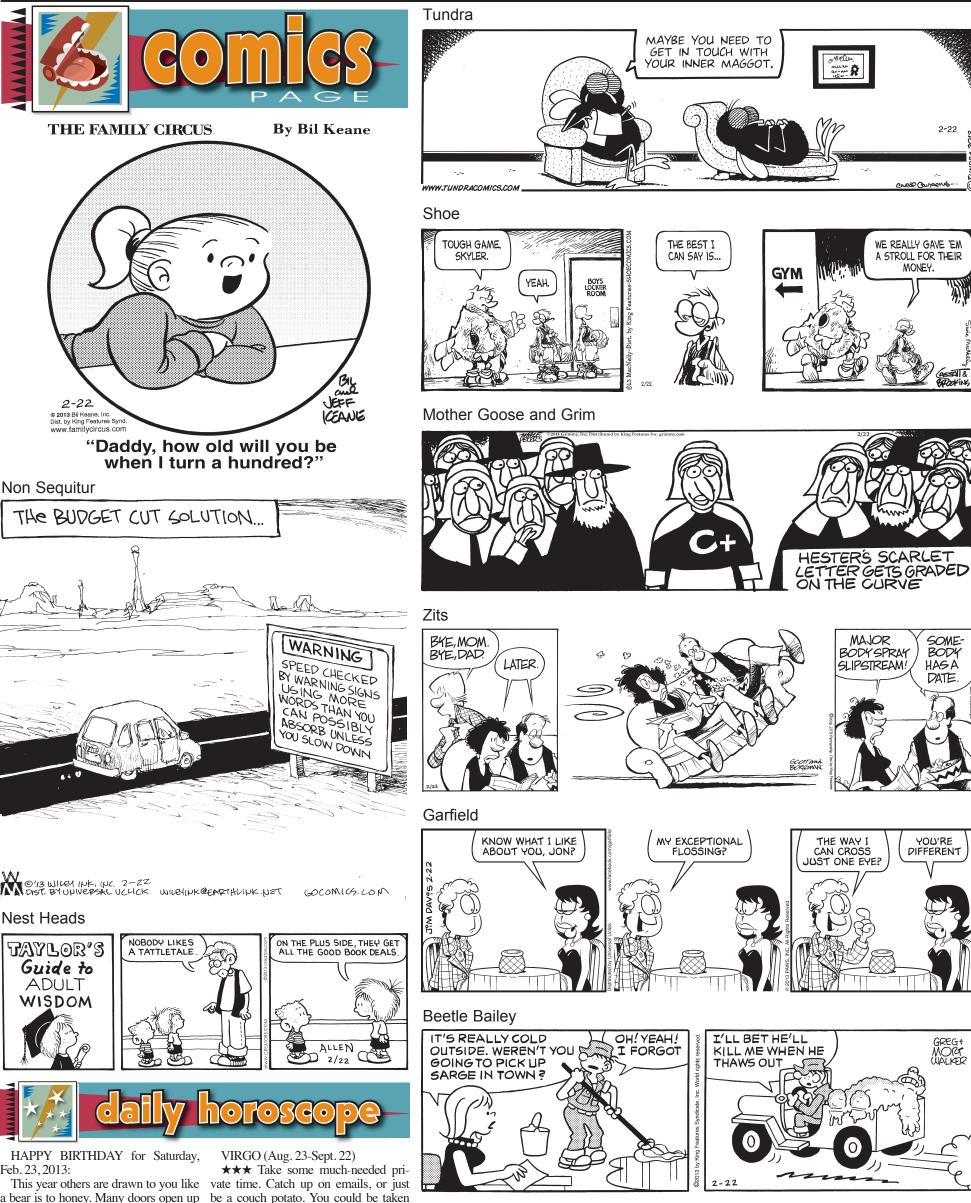
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as a result. There is a theme of confusion aback by the many options that appear. that rides through your communication. You will learn to confirm meetings and question that which does not sound logical. If you are single, it might be difficult to get a relationship off the ground. The period prior to summer will be excellent for meeting potential suitors. If you change plans or do something very difare attached, the two of you will need to work on your communication, as misunderstandings tend to occur too easily. LEO makes you smile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might be mulling a lot over. You could have some difficulty tossing yourself into whatever might be occurring around you. A loved one knows how to entice you. Once you let go of the issue at hand, you will start living in the moment. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star\star\star$ You hear from a friend and decide to invite him or her to a late brunch or dinner. Entertain from home or go to a place nearby. Structure your weekend near home base. Someone at a distance might need more of your time. Make this a priority. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Your sense of direction takes you right out the door after making calls. Meet a friend with whom you have made plans. Your levity and humor make all the difference in what occurs. Touch base with an older family member. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You might not like everything about your plans right now. Apparently, your budget is not the same as a family member's. You will find a way to adapt, or you'll figure out how to let this person know that downscaling would be a good idea. Tonight: Enjoy yourself wherever you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ If you want to take off for a day trip, do. Just don't be surprised if you encounter a snafu along the way. Communication about meeting times and places could be the source of the problem. You might be happiest getting together with a close friend. Tonight: Initiate a talk.

You understand a lot more than you originally thought. A partner surprises you. Tonight: You do not need to explain anything.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ It could be a hassle to ferent. Be honest with yourself, and know that you might not have a choice. You grasp the importance of a special person at a distance. Allow in more playfulness. Tonight: Wherever you are, others will follow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

 $\star \star \star \star$ A friend could be difficult or out of sorts. Call this person and listen to what he or she has to say. Money dealings will need to be observed much more carefully than they have been in the past. You could need some downtime to recharge your battery. Tonight: To the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might decide to break

through the veil of confusion that surrounds you and others. You are in a changeable period right now. During the next few weeks, you could see the flaws in your thinking, or where you need to make a change. Tonight: Say "yes" to an adventure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Deal with a loved one directly. The topic at hand might be more difficult than you would have liked. If you believe you will have a quick conclusion to this discussion, think again. A misunderstanding is weaving through this conversation. Tonight: Agree to an offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Defer to others, and you will have less difficulty. However, if your anger suddenly flares up, remember that you let others take the lead. In the future, it might be a good idea not to get involved. Tonight: The more people around you, the better the night will be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Pace yourself, and get ahead of what needs to happen. An unexpected twist involving your finances could surprise you. Don't take good luck for granted. A domestic issue will work out much better than you think. Squeeze in some exercise. Tonight: You do not have to go far.

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Photo by Charla Shults

Pampa High School senior Tiffany Britton signs a letter of intent to play softball at Frank Phillips College in Borger. Back row from left, Frank Phillips Head Coach Lucas Grider, PHS assisstant coach Stephanie Cameron and PHS Head Coach Bobbi Gill. Front row, Britton and her parents Curtis and Vanessa Boland.



Pampa youth wrestlers bring back trophies from state



Left, Brock Ferguson with his second-place trophy and Derrick Addington with his first-place trophy.

By ZACHARY GREEN zgreen@thepampanews.com

Five members of the Harvester Takedown Club traveled to Dallas this past weekend for their state wrestling tournament. The wrestlers were coached by Rick Addington, Nikki Guthrie and Cal Ferguson.

Derrick Addington took home first place with a pin in the championship round.

All of Addington's matches were won by pins. Brock Ferguson took home second place by challenging the previous second-place finisher to earn second place. Marcus Fletcher, Austin Guthrie and Tanner Wade also participated in the state tournament.

Photo by Zachary Green

The rookie state tournament was Friday, with Saturday being the open state tournament.

Rookie state is for wrestlers in their first year of wrestling and open is for wrestlers in their second or more years of wrestling.

"It was awesome. The boys fought their hearts out. Throughout the year you could watch them becoming better wrestlers," said coach Addington.

"This last month especially the wrestlers stepped it up and responded well to the big atmosphere of regionals and state. I am honored to have coached these boys this season."



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Pampa High School senior Johnny Price signs a letter of intent to play football at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Price is pictured with his siblings from left, Joshua, Nicholas, Nolan and Jennifer. Seated at the table with Price are his parents Eva and Alan.

Girl wins Mass. wrestling title

MARSHFIELD, Mass. (AP) — For the first time in the history of Massachusetts high school wrestling, a girl has won an individual state championship.

North Andover senior Danielle Coughlin won in the 106-pound weight class at Wednesday's Division 2 state tournament in Marshfield.

Her victory also helped North Andover win the team title for the fourth consecutive year.

Coughlin said the fact that she'd wrestled in big matches in the past gave her a mental edge.

She says most girls don't want to wrestle because they have to go up against boys, but she says it's something she has "gotten used to."

Coach Carl Cincotta says her early triumph was the key to paving the way for the team title.



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Tebow cancels talk at controversial Dallas church

DALLAS (AP) — New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow has backed out of an appearance at a Baptist mega-church in Dallas with a pastor who has created controversy with his remarks about other faiths.

Tebow said on Twitter Thursday that he had canceled a scheduled April 28 appearance at First Baptist Church in Dallas. Tebow pointed to "new information that

has been brought to my attention."

First Baptist is led by the Rev. Robert Jeffress, who has preached that gay sex is sinful and has criticized Mormonism, Catholicism and Islam.

Jeffress told The Associated Press that Tebow called him Wednesday night and said he needed to avoid controversy right now "for personal and professional reasons."

Hidden Hills scramble results

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Second place with a score of 64, the team of O.K. Lee, H. Knutson, F. Snow, C. Ritthaler and T. Johnston.

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Third place with a score of 66, the team of E. Maxwell, G. Hall, J.G. Davis and J. Stavenhagen.

Fourth place with a score of 67, the team of R.D. Stephens, G. Owens, M. Allison and J. Gilbert.

The closest to the pin winner for hole No. 6 was J. Gilbert.

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when she should not have in the mail twice a year? been. I knew she had The money is insignificant. I was not aware that she BATTLE CREEK, MICH. was falsifying documents in order to receive the benefits. I feel hurt, betrayed and offended. I am a retired law enforcement officer and currently an independent fraud investigator. Our relationship had been on the rocks for some time prior to this humiliating event. How do I handle this mess? — **BETRAYED IN FLORIDA** DEAR **BETRAYED:** The first thing to do is realize that your wife's indiscretions are a reflection only on her character, not yours. Then let the law take its course, and once you have cooled off, decide rationally if you want to continue a marriage that has been "on the rocks for some time." DEAR ABBY: Before my daughter turned 18, she followed the court's visitation specifics, as her brother does. Now that she's 18, she doesn't call or come over at all. She won't answer phone calls, so I text her. She'll respond with oneword answers "yes," "no," "maybe." It doesn't bother me that she chooses to live this way. She's an adult. I sent her money for her birthday. She didn't acknowledge it. If I text invitations to her, I still don't hear from her. She doesn't go to college, doesn't drive, doesn't have a job and lives off her enabling mother. According to her brother, she plays video games all night and sleeps all day. After her birthday silence, should I continue sending

DEAR ABBY: My wife her money for occasions? same reasons. To make a of six years was recently The lack of respect makes long story short, we kept in arrested for wire fraud, me think not, but my love touch and now we're datinvolving the receipt of for her says I should. Is there ing. We benefitted from the unemployment benefits. a lesson to be taught, or do experience and are good for She was receiving money I continue dropping a check each other. applied for benefits since Learning respect, I believe, from me. We see each other she was laid off; however, is important. — DAD IN frequently, but friends often DEAR DAD: It doesn't bother you that your daughter chooses to live this way? That she doesn't how we have known each work, doesn't go to school, plays video games all night and sleeps all day? Is she on drugs? Suffering from severe depression? Your daughter's behavior is not normal. You question? - DODGING have described a young THE QUESTION IN THE woman in serious need of counseling to bring her back to reality. If you love is difficult to sidestep a your daughter, forget the question that is asked so etiquette lesson and help frequently in the course her to get the psychological help she needs. DEAR ABBY: When compatible. Because you I was 17, I was checked into a psychiatric hospital cific, just say you met in for severe depression and a teen counseling group a suicide attempt. While I a few years ago. It's the was there I met "Jim," a truth - you were being boy who was there for the counseled.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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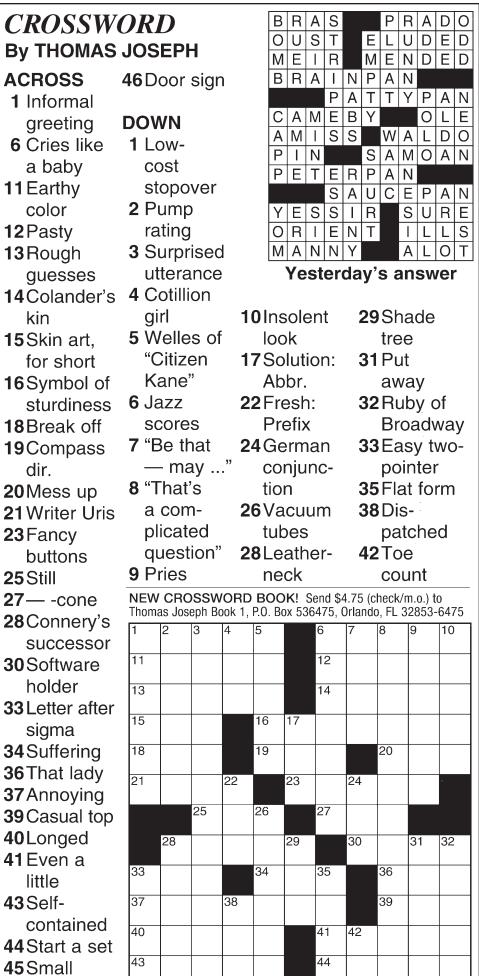
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