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The Gray County Commissioners on Thursday toured the new hangar at Perry Lefors Airfield.

County Commission tours new airport hangar

■ Grand opening planned for later this month or early May.

By **SASHA HELLER**
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The Gray County Commissioners Court on Thursday toured the new hangar at Perry Lefors Airfield. The commissioners walked through the facility, observing the lounge area, conference room, mechanical room, flight planning room and various offices.

The lounge area will be furnished with couches, chairs and a TV. The walls will be decorated with art work cre-

ated by members of the Pampa Art Club. "They're excited," Judge Richard Peet said of the artists. "That will help give it decor."

Pilots can file their flight plans in the flight planning room and, while there, can survey weather radar and a selection of maps.

Former landman Bill Arrington said construction on the hangar is essentially done. County officials are now focused on supplying the new facility with natural gas. The hangar currently has propane capabilities. However, using natural gas to heat the hangar would be considerably less expensive than propane.

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Jerry Dobbs receives a hot meal Thursday from Jeane Autry, Meals on Wheels executive director. Dobbs said he has been a client of the program for four or five years.

Meals on Wheels luncheon April 9

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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Pampa Meals on Wheels will hold an appreciation luncheon for its volunteers and donors at noon, Tuesday in the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

This year's theme is "Celebrating You."

Meals On Wheels is a nonprofit organization that delivers hot, nutritious meals to the homebound, elderly and severely disabled who are unable to prepare adequate meals for themselves.

Meals on Wheels has been holding the luncheons annually for 35 years as a way to thank its volunteers and financial supporters, said Executive Director Jeane Autry.



Photo by Zachary Green

The Pampa Meals on Wheels is located at 302 E. Foster Ave.

She estimated there are around 100 volunteers, and couldn't count the financial donors, because there are some who donate one time and others who donate every month.

But regardless of how much or how often a donor gives to the

organization, he or she is invited to the luncheon, she said.

"We are very happy the community has supported us not only with money but with time and help in the kitchen and with the deliveries," Autrey said.

She added they are also seeking more volunteers.

The luncheon is free for volunteers and donors, who need to RSVP by Monday if they plan to attend.

Sponsors for the luncheon include Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home, Culberson-Stowers, Duncan-Fraser & Bridges, Insurance, Lewis Meers, CPA, and Duane Harp, Keith Demetriades and Tom Reynolds of Edward Jones Investments.

To RSVP or for more information, call 806-669-1007.

Texas senators discuss fracking groundwater rules

By **KATE GAILBRAITH**
 The Texas Tribune

For about two hours on Tuesday, the Senate Natural Resources Committee discussed whether or not to tighten rules governing water wells used to supply hydraulic fracturing operations.

The discussion centered on Senate Bill 873, carried by state Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, which would allow local groundwater authorities to require oil and gas companies using water for fracking to obtain permits.

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a water-intensive operation involving shooting roughly 4 million to 6 million gallons of water — or more — down a hole to break up rock and retrieve oil and gas. The water also contains sand and chemicals.

Currently, many groundwater districts say Texas law is unclear about whether they

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Briefly

Community church sing

STAFF REPORT

The Community Fifth Sunday Sing, sponsored by the Pampa Ministerial Alliance, will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler St.

"Everyone is welcome, we truly want all churches to participate," said Pastor Blossom Matthews of First United Methodist Church.

The community sing is normally held on the fifth Sunday in the months with a fifth Sunday, but was moved from March 31 to this Sunday because last Sunday was Easter.

The night will include hymn singing and several specials by musicians from Pampa churches. Please come and enjoy the worship.

For more information, call 665-5941.



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First Assembly of God will host the Community Fifth Sunday Sing at 6 p.m., Sunday, April 7.

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High 80 Low 49	High 77 Low 46	High 80 Low 47

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 80. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 25 mph. Sunrise at 7:25 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 49. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 22 mph. Sunset at 8:09 p.m.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 77. No chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:23 a.m.

Saturday night: Clear skies with a low of 46. No chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 9 mph. Sunset at 8:10 p.m.

Sunday: Sunny with a high of 80. No chance of rain. Wind north northwest at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:22 a.m.

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For the record

Pampa woman arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon

• Amber Rose Ellwanger, 29, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• Michael Dewane Cox, 49, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Pampa Police Department for capias pro fine — no drivers license and capias pro fine

— leaving the scene of an accident.
• Efrén Hernandez, 18, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the PPD for capias pro fine — possession of

drug paraphernalia.
• Michael Lane Hall, 20, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the GCSO for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Texas House begins debate on \$93B spending plan

By PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Backroom deals doused potential political fireworks early Thursday in the Texas House where Republicans and Democrats dug in for a lengthy debate over a \$93.5 billion state spending plan that was widely expected to slog well into the night.

Majority GOP leaders spoke proudly while laying out details of a new two-year Texas budget that throws additional dollars at public schools and mental health. Even financially shaky state parks are spared from closure, symbolic of the Legislature's spending power because of a roaring Texas economy.

The House budget bill boosts state spending by 7 percent and is among the most significant votes in a 140-day session that has enjoyed two months of relatively feel-good bipartisanship — at least compared to the acrimony in 2011, when the Republican-controlled Legislature cut the budget to the bone.

Contentious amendments about women's health and abortion threatened to sour that harmony

Thursday, but a bipartisan pact led to both sides pulling a handful of volatile proposals, averting the rehash of another intense political feud in 2011 when the Legislature cut state funding to Planned Parenthood.

That alone promised that the House would more quickly reach an up-or-down vote, relatively speaking. Nearly 270 amendments were filed for debate Thursday, ranging from library funding to who must register as lobbyists.

Rep. Bryan Hughes, among the leading tea party members in the House, said both sides backed down since funding for women's health funding is increased and taxpayer dollars are already off-limits to health providers linked to abortion services.

"We were able to get that done without having some divisive debates on the floor," Hughes said.

But the most closely watched issue is the state's bottom line.

"We've been able to restore significant portions of last session's cuts," said state Republican Rep. Jim Pitts, the House's chief budget-writer. "We've not done so recklessly, and we

have not replaced every dollar removed from last session."

The budget plan doesn't restore about \$15 billion lawmakers slashed in 2011 — which included about \$5.4 billion cut from public schools. The House budget restores about \$2.5 billion to school districts, \$1 billion more than the budget passed by the Senate last month.

Sneaking more money into schools emerged early Thursday as one of the Democrats' major concerns.

"It's a huge chunk of money to restore what was cut," Democratic state Rep. Donna Howard said of the school spending. "Not what we wanted to be, obviously, but it did restore."

Republican state Rep. John Otto, who led the school finance negotiations in the House, said the budget covers enrollment growth for an estimated 85,000 new Texas pupils in 2014-15 and bolsters per-pupil spending for many school districts.

But the extra dollars won't be evenly spread: Otto said that while some property-poor districts would receive \$100 to \$200 more per student,

wealthier ones would get an additional \$6 to \$8.

"Everybody is getting some restoration. Granted, property wealthy (districts) is minimal," Otto said. "I'm not going to tell you they're getting restored. They're not."

Even though nearly every state agency is in line for additional funding under the House budget, there are some exceptions, including research and economic development programs championed by Gov. Rick Perry. Neither his Emerging Technology Fund nor deal-closing Texas Enterprise Fund would receive new taxpayer dollars for private businesses.

Replenishing the scandal-wracked Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas is also on hold until sweeping reforms pass both chambers. The \$3 billion cancer-fighting agency, known as CPRIT, is under criminal investigation and a spending freeze following the revelation of grants that bypassed the reviewed process.

About \$594 million is on the table for CPRIT if reforms are passed. The most significant reform bill cleared the Senate on Wednesday.

Teacher gun training bill headed to full Senate

By WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A plan to train armed teachers for gunfights in classrooms or at campus sporting events or board meetings won approval from the Texas Senate Education Committee on Thursday and now heads to the full chamber.

Texas already allows teachers and other school personnel who have previously been certified to carry concealed weapons to do so in classrooms with the permission of their local school districts.

The bill's sponsor, Houston Republican Sen. Dan Patrick, said only three school boards statewide currently allow that but others have authorization pending.

The proposal calls for 16 hours of training to instruct teachers how to first conceal children during an attack, and then return fire. It would apply to charter schools as well as public schools that don't already employ armed guards.

Several proposals to extend the reach of guns in schools are moving through the Legislature, which opened its biannual session a month

after 20 schoolchildren were killed in a mass shooting in Connecticut. The National Rifle Association has called for an armed guard in every school in America.

The committee, which Patrick chairs, voted to send the measure to the Senate 9-0, but only after modifying it to allow teachers and school officials with handgun licenses to carry firearms at campus board meetings and University Interscholastic League events.

Lubbock Republican Sen. Robert Duncan pushed for the expansion, saying officials representing many school districts told him they support the idea of additional gun training to protect students and want their personnel to be able to do so in football stadiums or gyms that host basketball games or debate competitions.

The bill was originally set to cost more than \$9.3 million. But the version approved Thursday authorizes a maximum \$1 million, while allowing school districts to seek charitable donations to raise additional funds.

Sen. Kel Seliger said he'd rather not allocate any state money toward classroom firearms training.

"I think my problem is spending

public money on something that should be paid for by the school district, if they wish, or by the teachers themselves," the Amarillo Republican said.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, a Brownsville Democrat, said the state may not spend the full \$1 million if districts can get sizeable donations from businesses and residents to cover the training.

"I think we're really going to have a lot of people who want to contribute," Lucio said.

Patrick offered a more emotional response: "We're going to pass a budget of about \$200 billion, in that neighborhood."

"Potentially we would stop a bill from passing that could save the lives of students with a teacher that's trained, over \$1 million?" he asked. "With all the money that we're spending, there's nothing more important."

The bill could still face a tough road in the Senate. Democrats have been quick to point out that the Legislature cut \$5.4 billion from public schools and education grants in 2011, but now is finding money for on-campus gun training.

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Texas Motor Speedway has new menu

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Texas Motor Speedway is revving up its race day concessions by tempting fans to take a bite out of the Hub Cap.

"Food is a big part of the race day experience, and we wanted to enhance that," said Marc Mann, operations director.

"The biggest thing is the theme, the Wild Asphalt Circus, and the message is that fans should expect the unexpected. We've taken these tastes and textures that our fans love and fused them in unexpected ways."

The Smokn' Hub Cap is the unexpected creation of executive chef Joel Pena. Since November, Pena has been combining the flavors and textures that TMS fans adore to develop a concession menu like no other. His research indicates that bacon, barbecue brisket and doughnuts dominate the list of

fan favorites.

"We were trying to make something different," he told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I wanted something you could only get at Texas Motor Speedway. The Smokn' Hub Cap is just that."

To make each Hub Cap, Pena tops a glazed doughnut with barbecue brisket, then piles on crunchy onion strings, cheddar cheese and coleslaw.

Other culinary peculiarities debuting at the O'Reilly Auto Parts 300 on April 12 include the Jackalope Sausage, Bacon Cotton Candy and a Bacon Cotton Candy Martini.

"We are also featuring a Kid's Favorite Hot Dog, which is an all-beef hot dog topped with creamy macaroni and cheese and finished with a crunchy Frito topping," Mann said.

Pena said the Jackalope Sausage is destined to become another fan favorite.

Hangar

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“The people with the hangars — it’s really hard on airplanes, just like it’s a car,” Arrington said, referring to the effect of harsh weather on airplane exteriors.

He then compared heating up a plane before take-off to warming up the engine of a car.

“It’s much nicer to get into a warm airplane,” Arrington said. “It’s much better on the airplane to pull out of a heated hangar so we really need natural gas out there.”

Peet said the new hangar could serve as a financial boon to Gray County by helping to attract new business and industry.

“The big thing is that we want it to be a nice-looking facility,” Peet said. “First impression is always very important when people are flying into your community. It’s so important that the impression is there.”

Junior High pre-enrollment meeting Monday

STAFF REPORT

Pampa Junior High School is having their parent pre-enrollment meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the PJHS campus.

The sixth grade will meet in the cafeteria. The seventh grade will meet in the gym and the eighth grade will meet in the library.

The meeting is for parents of all upcoming sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders in Pampa.

Parents outraged that kids were denied lunch

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — School officials say as many as 25 students at a Massachusetts school were denied lunch this week because they either could not pay or their pre-paid accounts did not contain enough money.

Outraged parents say some students at Coelho Middle School in Attleboro cried when they were told by a worker they could not eat on Tuesday.

Superintendent Pia Durkin tells The Sun Chronicle that a worker for the contractor that provides lunch service at city schools has been suspended. She has also scheduled a meeting with officials at the company, Whitson’s.

Meanwhile, workers have been told not to deny any child a meal.

Holly Von Seggern, vice president for marketing and community relations for Whitson’s, says the company apologizes and is investigating.

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can require frackers to get a permit for their water-supply wells. The law exempts water wells used for rigs’ “drilling or exploration” operations from permitting requirements. But that language was written more than a decade ago, before the spread of fracking, and the legal debate centers on whether fracking falls into the categories of drilling and exploration.

Hegar said he is simply trying to clarify the law so that groundwater districts could require the permits if they want to.

“What I’m trying to do is provide some clarity and certainty that yes, districts have that ability” to require permits, Hegar said. He emphasized that his bill would not require districts to require permits.

A permit can create a limit on the amount of water used.

Groundwater districts supported Hegar’s bill, while oil and gas groups generally opposed it.

Teddy Carter, a representative of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, said that his “biggest worry” is the possibility that groundwater authorities would not be able to issue permits quickly, thus delaying drilling operations. “Some groundwater districts are pretty limited on their supply and staff,” he said.

State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, appeared interested in ending the “drilling or exploration” exemption in general. Farmers must obtain permits for water wells, he noted, so why shouldn’t oil and gas companies be required to get permits too?

“Why would we grant an exemption to the oil and gas operation but not to the corn farmer?” Duncan asked. “... What’s the difference between the corn farmer and the oil company that’s getting at least \$80 a barrel? ... What’s equitable about

allowing some industries to have an exemption and not others?”

Hegar responded that the equity questions were valid and could merit further discussion, but his bill was focused on a narrower point.

State Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, the committee chairman, appears to favor the bill. Senate Bill 332, which passed through the Legislature last session and was carried by Fraser, struck a delicate balance between declaring that landowners own the water that comes up from their ground, and yet allowing for continued groundwater district regulation.

“My legal advice is you’re interpreting the law the wrong way, and that is not the intent of the Legislature,” Fraser told Cory Pomeroy, a representative of the Texas Oil and Gas Association, which opposes SB 973 and argues that oil and gas drillers are currently exempt from the groundwater districts’ permitting requirements, even when it

comes to water for fracking.

Mike Mahoney, the general manager of the Evergreen Groundwater Conservation District, a four-county district in the Eagle Ford Shale, said that his district requires permits for fracking water wells and has had no difficulty with compliance.

“We are in no way doing anything that is preventing the oil companies from being able to drill the wells or to frack the wells,” he testified.

Stacey Steinbach, executive director of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts, testified that normally groundwater districts can process drilling permits in two weeks.

To address the drillers’ concerns about permitting time, Fraser suggested adding language to the bill that would specify that the districts issue permits to frackers in a “timely” manner, perhaps within 30 days.

The bill was left pending and has not yet progressed to the Senate floor.

‘Wildlife for Lunch’ webinar addressing waterfowl habitat management to be held April 18

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The next webinar, “Waterfowl Habitat Management”, will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013.

This month’s presenter will be Jared Loring, Regional Waterfowl Biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife. This webinar will provide of what is waterfowl habitat, why it is important, and how to develop and maintain habitat for waterfowl.

How to sign on: On the day of the webinar, simply point your browser to Texas-wildlife.webex.com and click to join the Wildlife for Lunch webinar. (Please note: WebEx webinars are not supported on handheld devices

such as iPads or iPhones.) Each web based seminar is fully interactive and allows you to engage the experts, make comments, and ask questions during the course of the presentation.

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For more information, contact Texas Wildlife Association’s Helen Holdsworth at hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org or 1-800-839-9453.

Midstates buys oil-producing properties for \$620M

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON (AP) — Midstates Petroleum Co. said Thursday that it agreed to buy oil producing properties as well as developed and undeveloped land in Texas and Oklahoma from Panther Energy LLC and two of its partners for \$620 million in cash.

The Houston-based exploration and production company said the deal adds about 36.4 million barrels of oil equivalent proved reserves that are 45 percent oil and 21 percent natural gas liquids. Midstates expects the deal to increase its net current daily production by about 8,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day.

The deal also expands the company’s acreage position by about 140,000 net acres, along with about 280 gross producing wells that are over 80 percent operated. Midstates said it expects to drill about 40 to 45 wells on the new acreage this year.

Midstates said it expects the acquisition to immediately boost its earnings. The company said it has secured \$620 million in bridge loan

commitments and plans to permanently finance the deal by raising \$725 million to \$750 million in debt and equity.

Panther’s partners include Red Willow Mid-Continent LLC and Linn Energy Holdings LLC. Both Panther and Red Willow are subsidiaries of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund, which manages that tribe’s business ventures.

The deal is effective April 1 and is expected to close on or about May 31.

Midstates Petroleum shares finished at \$7.38 on Wednesday. They are up 57 percent from their 52-week low of \$4.71 in November.

They peaked for the past year at \$16.95 per share last April.

Goat that walked into bar taken from zoo

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — So the goat that walked into a Montana bar last weekend .. was stolen from a petting zoo.

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort general manager Steve Luebeck says staffers knew the goat was missing but didn’t realize it had been stolen until they saw a story in The Montana Standard on

Wednesday reporting that a goat had been taken into a Butte bar early Sunday.

The pygmy goat named Shirley was returned to the resort’s petting zoo.

Luebeck tells The Standard he has never had an animal stolen from the zoo, which has goats and miniature horses.

He says zoo managers would like to know who took the animal so they can press charges.

Army employee shot, killed at Fort Knox

FORT KNOX, Ky. (AP) — An Army civilian employee was shot and killed in a parking lot at Kentucky’s Fort Knox, and investigators were seeking to question a man in connection with the shooting, authorities said.

Army officials said in a news release late Wednesday that the victim was an employee of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, which handles personnel actions for soldiers.

The shooting occurred in a lot outside the command. The victim was transported to the Ireland Army Community Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

“Special Agents from the U.S. Army Criminal

Investigation Command are investigating a personal incident and not a random act of violence,” said Chris Grey, spokesman for the independent Army investigative agency.

The identity of the victim was being withheld pending notification of family.

Police were seeking to speak with a person of interest in the case.

The news release identified him as a 5-foot, 9-inch black man who is American and is believed to be using a black Yamaha motorcycle for transportation.

Fort Knox police received a 911 call about the shooting at about 5:40 p.m., the news release said.

As a security measure, the post’s gates were locked down at about 5:50 p.m. About an hour later, the main gate was fully reopened, but due to enhanced security measures, those coming and going were advised to expect delays.

Fort Knox spokesman Kyle Hodges said late Wednesday that the post remained on a heightened security alert, but said officials don’t believe the person of interest was still on post.

He said he could not

comment on whether the victim was targeted, or whether the shooting may have been related to his work.

He also couldn’t say what type of weapon was used.

The FBI dispatched two agents to Fort Knox and is assisting in the investigation, said Mary Trotman, a spokeswoman for the FBI in Louisville.

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Trust issues affect relationship

Dear John, I've been seeing Jack for almost two years, and we've been happy. Today, however, I saw his truck parked in another town and I flipped out! I turned around and parked near the truck, and then I waited for about 10 minutes for him to come out. When he didn't, I left to come home. He just called me, and guess what? He saw me out there, and he is very upset by this because he feels that I don't trust him — which is in fact my problem. I did not go out looking for him, but since I saw the truck, I jumped to a bad conclusion. I'm worried



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that I might have really done it this time! How can I remedy this situation? —Screwed Up in College Station, Tex.

Dear Screwed Up, I'm glad that you recognize the fact that you do have trust issues that are affecting your relationship. These may stem from unresolved feelings you have from past relationships — either with this partner, a former partner or a parent's past behavior. Trust is the hardest issue to resolve. You must try to do this, however, if you are ever able to salvage this relationship and move beyond your fears. Start by writing a "feeling letter" in which you'll do the following: 1) acknowledge your anger, 2) express any feelings of sadness from this

past hurt and distrust, 3) Face up to your fears and, 4) discuss your future hopes.

You should also write a "response letter," which will give you the answers of support you are truly seeking from those who love you now and the ones who have hurt you in the past. Its format will include: "I understand ...", "I am sorry ...", "Please forgive me for ..." and "You deserve ..." Then, apologize to your boyfriend, and ask him to bear with you as you go through this process. If he truly loves you, he will give you the support you need.

John Gray is the author of "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus."

Conservatives shouldn't own newspapers?

The Los Angeles Times is up for sale, and there are super-wealthy conservative bidders. Get out the popcorn out and watch the liberals squeal. The hilarious kick-off came when two leftist collectives — the Daily Kos website and the California-based Courage Campaign Institute — set out to buy an ad in the LA Times to protest the Koch brothers pondering a bid. I kid you not, the ad began: "WE NEED NEWS, NOT MORE SPIN."



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to America" because they weren't running enough live coverage of President Obama being applauded by supporters in Israel.

The Kos crowd has argued the liberal media are completely worthless in defending the Left's agenda.

"This supposedly Liberal media was the media that allowed Republicans to almost sink the Affordable Care Act," they've complained, and "allowed birthers to have the semblance of plausibility" (?) and "provided a false equivalence to Republicans holding the entire country hostage to get their will because of the President's refusal of draconian cuts to the social safety net."

The Koch brothers aren't the only potential bidders for the LA Times that upset the Left. Rupert Murdoch is also quite interested in buying the Times and the Chicago Tribune from the troubled Tribune Company.

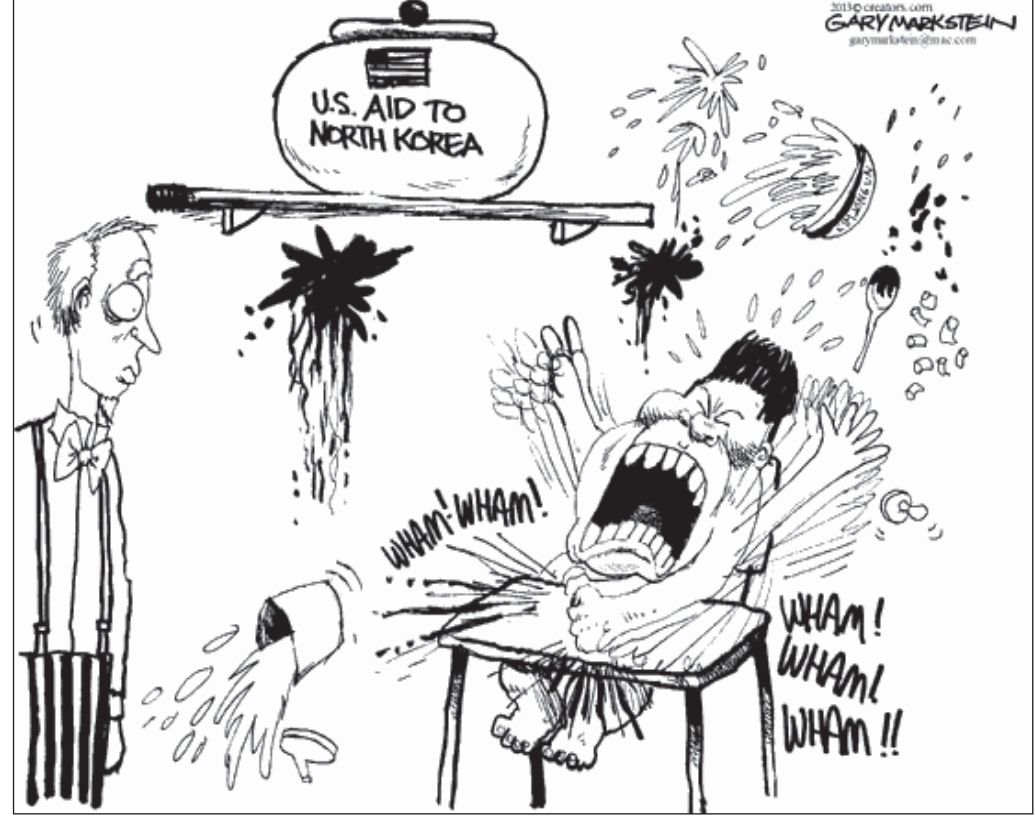
One might think that Murdoch's sober journalistic operation of The Wall Street Journal after he bought it might calm the panic. You would be wrong.

In front of a graphic reading "Murdocho-poly," Fox-hating Jon Stewart on "The Daily Show" announced the government has prevented cross-ownership of TV stations and newspapers in the past. "We wouldn't want Rupert Murdoch to be disproportionately powerful," said Jon Stewart. He fake-interviewed Murdoch with old video clips and asserted, "I assume you are asking us to waive our laws as a courtesy, so you don't have to break them."

Liberal hypocrites claim to be defenders of freedom of speech — but they can't stand it when a conservative owns a media outlet because that's not freedom.

That's somehow an abuse of capitalism and of democracy.

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Dr. Phil! Help me fall back in love with baseball

I used to love baseball. No, not like. Really, really love it.

As a kid, I was a star pitcher and first baseman for a Little League team called the Padres. My brother played in the older division for the Pirates. We used to play countless games of catch



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in the backyard, at the park, you name it. If we went on a family trip, our gloves went with us.

My mom's side of the family loved the sport, too. There were eight siblings, and my grandfather used to coach many of them.

All of us — my aunts and uncles had more than 40 children — would gather every Sunday at my grandparents home in Houston and we would often make our way to the park around the corner for softball.

The hometown team was the Houston Astros. They had a kiddie program called the "Astros Buddies." We got a hat, t-shirt and a package of tickets to home games. Me, my brother and sister loved going to the Houston Astrodome to watch the home team.

I can still feel the nice breeze of the fan in the living room as we watched Houston Astros games on TV. I had hurt my left shoulder playing football in the front yard and stopped playing for years, but I still adored the game.

Baseball books? I devoured them, even memorizing statistics of players that later won me a radio contest.

I played two years if baseball in high school. It really wasn't about the love of the game but a quest to get a letterman's jacket. But when back on the field, I remembered why I loved the game. My shoulder burned with pain — that childhood injury is still with me today — but I persevered, playing a year of JV and my senior year on the varsity.

But the true love affair had diminished. And by the time I went off to college in 1987, it was gone.

I've tried to remember why my passion for the game dissipated, and the only thing I could think of was reading a Sports Illustrated magazine piece that dealt with problems in baseball. I recall a Don Mattingly quote where he said all he wanted to do was come to the park, play and go home.

Forget the autographs. Forget the playing to the fans. It was all about him.

And with that — poof! — baseball lost me.

You might say that's ridiculous for one comment to do it. But reading that really cemented in my mind that the sport a kid loved was ruined by a player not recognizing the value of the team's fans.

So baseball became less important in my life. I began to watch fewer and fewer games. It then reached the point where I could barely watch an inning.

Even when my hometown Astros finally made it to the World Series in 2005, I was happy for them and the city, but

that's it. I was living in Chicago at the time and talked trash on my radio show as I rooted against the White Sox. I made no attempt to go to any games and barely remember watching the games on TV.

My baseball Jones was dead. Seemingly gone forever.

This has had nothing to do with the team, but the sport. I love my hometown and cheer for all of our teams. But it reached the point where baseball was boring to me. Too slow, too methodical, not enough action.

I am now an avid golfer and would watch four rounds of golf non-stop before even considering a baseball game.

So three years ago, I tried to rekindle my love affair with baseball. After owning no Houston Astros gear, I bought a jersey.

I lived in Chicago for six years and never went to Wrigley Field; I decided to go when the Astros were in town.

The crowd was hyped, lots of energy, but by the fifth inning I wanted to leave. The stadium music was the same as when I was a kid, and it no longer excited me. I didn't go to another game for two years.

Last year, when the Astros came to town to play the Washington Nationals, my wife and I went to two games. I enjoyed the night out with her, but nothing close to the fervor I have for attending a Rockets or Texans game.

In the past year, I've met the new majority owner of the Houston Astros, Jim Crane, played golf with a minority owner, Shawn

Taylor, and amped up my Astros gear.

The team hasn't been good for the last two years, but I'm recommitting myself. Maybe it's because they have brought back the old colors from my childhood. Why else would I wear a bright orange jersey?!

Baseball could do a better job to energize the game by stealing some of the marketing pizzazz of the NBA and the NFL.

Save for a handful of players, most baseball guys are not known figures across the county. You don't see lots of national commercials led by baseball players.

The previous labor disputes haven't helped. That only solidified anti-baseball feelings of many of us.

But my last point for baseball owners is to ensure the connection between the fans and the players. Don't just retreat to the clubhouse. Make sure fans can touch them, feel them, relate to them.

Now that the baseball season has begun, I'm going to do my best in 2013 and not just rock my Houston Astros gear, but recommit myself to the game.

Just like a lost love from years ago, I'll slowly get to know baseball, see how we've both changed, and if the love rekindles, we'll see if we can live happily ever after.

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Laws, rumors have ammo flying off store shelves

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ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gun enthusiasts fearful of new weapon controls and alarmed by rumors of government hoarding are buying bullets practically by the bushel, making it hard for stores nationwide to keep shelves stocked and even putting a pinch on some local law enforcement departments.

At a 24-hour Walmart in suburban Albany, the ammunition cabinet was three-fourths empty this week; sales clerks said customers must arrive before 9 the morning after a delivery to get what they want. A few miles away, Dick's Sporting Goods puts up a red rope after ammunition deliveries so buyers can line up early to get a number, averting races up the escalator to the gun counter. Both stores are limiting ammunition purchases to three boxes a day.

In mid-January, two days after New York became the first state to toughen laws post-Newtown, hunter and target shooter Mark Smith spent \$250 to stockpile ammunition, including \$43 for a brick of 500 .22-caliber bullets, commonly used for target shooting and hunting small game.

"I had a feeling there was going to be a huge ammunition shortage," said Smith, browsing shotgun shells this week at Dick's. "Especially .22s. It's probably the most popular round out there."

Likewise, the .223 ammunition used in popular semi-automatic rifles is hard to find.

At Hunter's Haven, a strip-mall gun shop in the farming community of Rolesville, N.C., north of Raleigh, clerk Dean Turnage said ammunition is going out "as fast as we can get it in," even though new gun controls are not on the state's agenda.

The run started in November with President Barack Obama's re-election, followed by the mass shooting in December of children in Newtown,

Conn., which led the president to launch an effort to strengthen federal gun controls and several states to tighten their laws.

Connecticut on Thursday became the latest to crack down as the governor signed a measure — effective immediately — that adds more than 100 firearms to the state's assault weapons ban, creates a dangerous weapon offender registry and institutes eligibility rules for ammunition purchases.

Hours before the law took effect, hundreds of customers streamed out of Hoffman's Gun Center in Newington with guns and boxes of ammunition.

"The bad guys are going to get guns," said John Power, 56, of Bristol, arguing the new law would not stop a troubled gunman.

The nation's 100 million firearms owners are driving the market for some 10 billion rounds annually, with demand and gun purchases both increasing the past several months, driven partly by fear that tougher laws will restrict the ability to buy firearms, said Lawrence Keane, whose National Shooting Sports Foundation is based in Newtown.

"There's a concern by firearms owners that this administration will pursue bans on products, bans on ammunition. ... It's not limited geographically to New York or anywhere else. It is nationwide," he said.

Some government critics attributed shortages to federal purchases of bullets, accusing officials of trying to hoard a billion rounds and disarm the populace.

"Department of Homeland Security and the federal government itself is buying up ammunition and components at such a rate, it's causing artificial shortage of supplies for the regular consumer," said Jesse Alday, a state corrections officer who was buying a couple of boxes of primers at Hunter's Haven.

"They're buying it up as fast as they can, for reasons they're not officially willing to admit or go into.

... They're not willing to come up with any answers as to the reasons behind why they have enough ammunition on the U.S., on our own home soil, to wage a 25-year war," he said. "That's kind of strange."

Keane, whose group includes manufacturers, said the reports of massive federal purchases were not true.

The government routinely buys products in bulk to reduce costs, and Homeland Security has said the latest purchases are no different.

Last year, the department put out bids for a total of about 1.6 billion rounds of ammunition over the next five years. The rounds are to be used for training, routine weapons qualification exercises and normal duty by various department agencies.

On a smaller scale, some local law enforcement agencies are also having problems getting ammo.

Jennifer Donnals, a spokeswoman for the Tennessee Highway Patrol, said the agency was still waiting on rifle and shotgun ammunition ordered in November.

In Phoenix, the Police Department has stopped providing officers with 100 rounds of ammunition per month for practice. Sgt. Trent Crump said 10 to 15 percent of the department's 3,000 officers, who are assigned .40-caliber and .45-caliber handguns, had taken advantage of the ammunition for practice shooting.

In January, police chiefs in central Texas said they were having trouble arming their officers because of shortages of assault rifles and ammunition.

The major U.S. manufacturers are running shifts around the clock to try to meet increased demand, Keane said. The foundation projected \$1.5 billion from ammunition sales in 2011 and \$2.8 billion from gun sales, totals that more than doubled in a decade.

Stockpiling has also been fueled by false online rumors, such as one that purports a coming nickel

tax on each bullet, which would triple the cost of a .22-caliber cartridge, said Hans Farnung, president of Beikirch's Ammunition, a retailer and wholesaler in Rochester, N.Y., that sells in seven states.

"I don't want to call them doomsdayers, but people get on these blogs on the Internet and they drive people's fears," he said. "They do not want to wait around and see."

The tax rumor was fueled by proposals in Connecticut, California and Illinois that haven't advanced.

This isn't the first U.S. run on ammunition. Walmart's Kory Lundberg said the retail chain previously rationed in 2009, the year Obama entered the White House. However, sportsmen and tradesmen say the current shortages are nationwide, and the worst they've seen.

New York's law will require ammunition sellers to register and buyers to undergo a background check starting Jan. 15, 2014. Richard Aborn, president of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, said the run on guns and ammunition isn't surprising and is fueled by "gross exaggerations," when reasonable discussion is what's needed.

Bruce Martindale, a champion marksman from upstate New York who normally uses .22-caliber rimfire ammunition, said it's now hard for him to get anything, partly because online retailers are reluctant to ship to New York and risk running afoul of its new law.

"I can't buy supplies anywhere," he said. Like many competitors, he has cut back on practice but says he doesn't see a public safety concern.

"This is legitimate gun owners buying," he said. "I don't think criminals are stockpiling."

2 with gang ties sought in prison chief death

DENVER (AP) — Authorities investigating the death of Colorado's prisons chief told law enforce-

ment officers Wednesday to be on the lookout for two known associates of a white supremacist prison gang.

James Lohr, 47, and Thomas Guolee, 31, aren't being called suspects in the death of Colorado Department of Corrections chief Tom Clements, but their names have surfaced during the investigation, El Paso County sheriff's Lt. Jeff Kramer said. He wouldn't elaborate.

An officer safety bulletin regarding the two was sent out Wednesday. Kramer said Lohr and Guolee are known associates of the 211 Crew. That's the same gang whose members included Evan Ebel, who is a suspect in the death of Clements on March 19 and of Nathan Leon, a pizza deliveryman, two days earlier.

Ebel was killed in a shootout with Texas authorities after the deaths. Investigators have said the gun Ebel used in the shootout was also used to kill Clements when the prisons chief answered the front door of his home.

Ebel is the only suspect that investigators have named in Clements' death, but they haven't given a motive.

They have said they're looking into his connection to the gang he joined while in prison, and whether that was connected to the attack.

"Investigators are looking at a lot of different possibilities. We are not stepping out and saying it's a hit or it's not a hit. We're looking at all possible motives," Kramer said Wednesday.

Sheriff's investigators said they don't know the whereabouts of Lohr and Guolee or if they are together, but Kramer said it's possible one or both of them could be headed to Nevada or Texas.

Both are wanted on warrants unrelated to Clements' death, and authorities believe they are armed and dangerous.

Guolee is a parolee who served time for intimidating a witness and giving a pawnbroker false informa-

tion, among other charges, court records show. Lohr was being sought on warrants out of Las Animas County for a bail violation and a violation of a protection order, according to court records.

The 211 gang is one of the most vicious white supremacist groups operating in U.S. prisons, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks extremist groups. It was founded in 1995 to protect white prisoners from attacks an operator only in Colorado, according to the center.

Ebel joined the 211 Crew after he entered prison in 2005 for a string of assault and menacing charges that combined for an eight-year sentence. He was supposed to spend an extra four years in prison for punching a prison officer in the face in 2006, but a clerical error led that sentence to be recorded as one to be served simultaneously with his previous sentences.

He was released on parole Jan. 28.

Records show that the vendor operating the electronic monitoring bracelet that Ebel wore noted a "tamper alert" March 14. Corrections officials left a message for Ebel telling him to report in two days and have the bracelet repaired, records show.

The next day, for the first time since his release, Ebel did not call in for his daily phone check-in.

On March 16, he missed his appointment to repair the bracelet. Only on the following day do the records show that a note was made in the corrections system that he failed to show up.

By then, Leon, a father of three, was shot and killed after answering a call for a pizza at a Denver truck stop.

On March 18, parole officers contacted Ebel's father, who said he was concerned his son had fled and gave him permission to search Evan Ebel's apartment.

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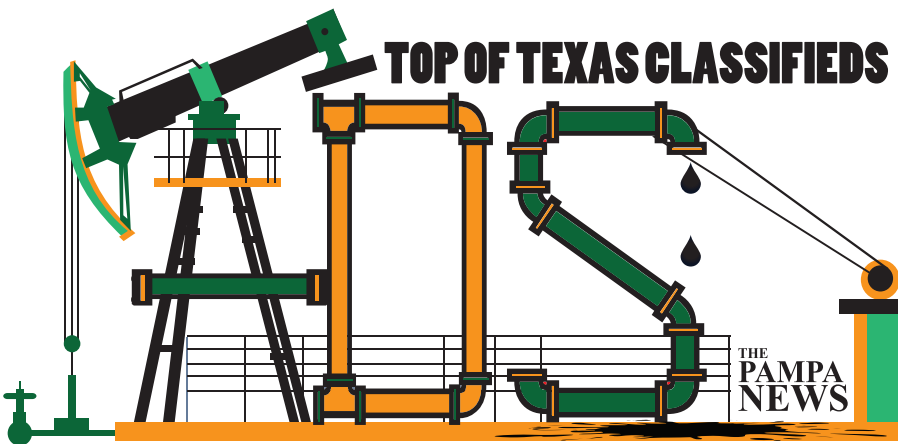
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 Send Resume to: 2410 W. 23rd, St. Pampa, TX 79065 Attn: Personnel Committee.

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 One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.
4-5 CRYPTOQUOTE
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ON March 25, 2013, Educational Media Foundation filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for the renewal of FM translator station K228EB which is licensed to serve Pampa, Texas. The station rebroadcasts KXLV with an effective radiated power of 0.062 kW.

Our license will expire on August 1, 2013. We have filed an application for renewal with the FCC.

A copy of this application is available for public inspection during our regular business hours. Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether this station has operated in the public interest should file comments and petitions with the FCC by July 1, 2013.

Further information concerning the FCC's broadcast license renewal process is available at 2288 Airport Boulevard, Santa Rosa, California 95403 or may be obtained from the FCC, Washington DC 20554. D-85 April 5, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL REAL PROPERTY AND INVITATION TO BID

The Board of Trustees of the Pampa Independent School District (PISD) hereby serves notice to the general public that PISD will receive sealed bids from persons interested in purchasing the following real property and improvements located within PISD, Pampa, Texas, formerly known as Baker Elementary School, 300 E. Tuke, Pampa, Texas.

Interested parties may contact Betty Meadows, Purchasing Director, PISD, 321 W. Albert St., Pampa, TX 79065-7801, phone number (806) 669-4700, to arrange for inspection of the premises and for review of the sales contract and Special Warranty Deed.

Interested bidders may obtain a bid packet from Betty Meadows, Purchasing Director, PISD, 321 W. Albert St., Pampa, TX 79065-7801. The bid packet contains: bid instructions and the District's "Contract of Sale." Bidders shall return a completed "Contract of Sale," with the required earnest money, in a sealed envelope marked "Former Baker Elementary School Real Property Bid, to Pampa Independent School District, 321 W. Albert St., Pampa, TX 79065, Attention: Betty Meadows, Purchasing Director. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on April 15, 2013. All bids received at or prior

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to such time will be opened and read aloud immediately following the deadline to submit bids. Bids received after such time will not be opened or considered. The highest acceptable bid or bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review and possible approval at a meeting on April 25, 2013, at 5:45 p.m.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed and the required restrictive covenants prohibiting the establishment or operation of a segregated school system in accordance with standing orders entered in *United States v. Texas*, Civil Action No. 5281, (E.D. Tex., August 9 and 15, 1973). The conveyance is contingent upon review and approval by the Texas Commissioner of Education.

Bids must be based on a lump sum cash payment (net of all closing costs), payable at closing not more than 30 days following approval of the sale by the Board of Trustees. Bidders will be responsible for arranging any desired surveys, title insurance, inspections of the premises, and all other "closing costs" without cost to PISD. Bids, which specify other payment terms will be deemed non-responsive and unacceptable and such bids will not be considered. **PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITIES.**

WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A BID TO THIS INVITATION TO BID, THE BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING A BEST BIDDER. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE BIDDER FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT AND ANY OF ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID. D-86 April 5, 6, 2013

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Texas; and certain personal property. You are notified that this Cause No. 3685 will be heard in the County Court of Carson County, Texas located in Panhandle, Texas, on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, in the County Court Room located on the second floor of the Court House.

Attorney for Applicant and Requesting citation: Don R. Lane P.O. Box 1781 Pampa, TX 79066 Telephone: 806-665-5753 Facsimile: 806-665-1307 ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, at Panhandle, Carson County, Texas, 79068 on this the 27th day of March 2013.

Celeste Bichsel, County Clerk Carson County, Texas By Megan Hicks, Deputy

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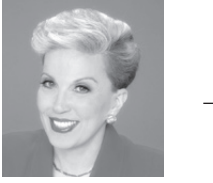
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

tom of the same disorder. The International OCD Foundation is a reliable resource that may be able to help you both. It offers individuals with this disorder the support they need to manage their symptoms, and has many local chapters. You can locate it online at www.ocfdoundation.org or reach it by calling 617-973-5801.

DEAR ABBY: Maybe you would like to pass this on to the parents of teenage boys. It worked for me when I had the sex talk with my sons. I knew their brains had not yet fully developed. They thought they were invincible and had an "it could never happen to me" attitude.

Because money seems to be the one thing at that age they can relate to, I decided to turn it into a mathematical problem: I told them that if they got a girl pregnant, they could figure on a minimum of \$300 a month child support, multiplied by 12 months for 18 years. (That totals \$65,000 — unless the girl has twins, which would double the amount.)

Then I told them if they were tempted to have unprotected sex, they should look at the girl and ask themselves if they would pay her \$65,000 to have sex with them. If they couldn't answer yes, then they needed to walk away.

Abby, it worked! No grandchildren appeared until after they were married. Feel free to share this with other parents who would appreciate a "non-traditional" approach that is effective. — TONY IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR TONY: Gladly. I'm passing your technique along because money is a great motivator, and your idea makes "cents."

DEAR ABBY: My room-

mate insists that undershirts should be washed right-side-out. I say as long as you're using detergent and bleach, it doesn't matter. Who is right? — MR. CLEAN IN OCEANSIDE, CALIF.

DEAR MR. CLEAN: I don't claim to be a domestic goddess, but I don't think there is a right or wrong way to wash undershirts. I have heard, however, that washing garments inside out will prevent lint buildup on the outside, and in the case of denim, less fading.

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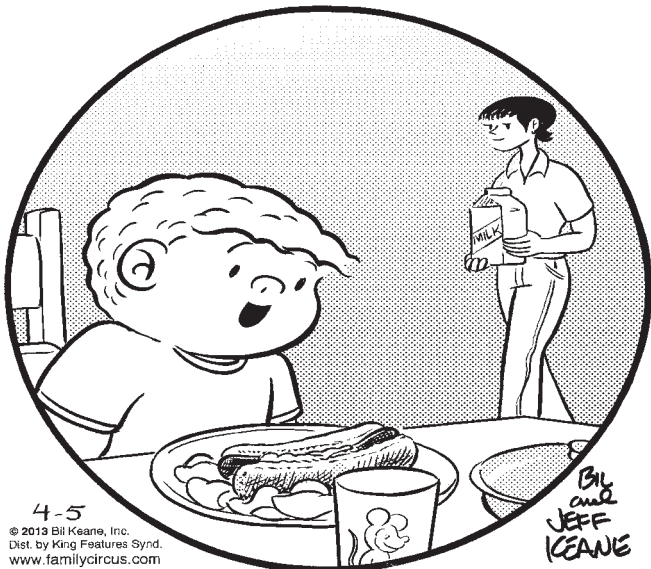
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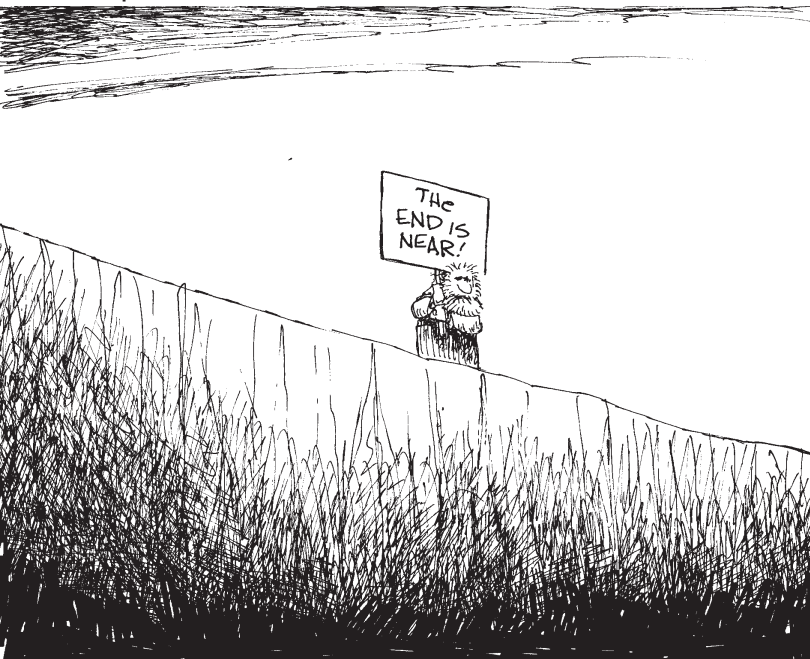


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Oh and
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“Oh boy! I’m a LOT hungrier now that I know we’re havin’ HOT DOGS!”

Non Sequitur



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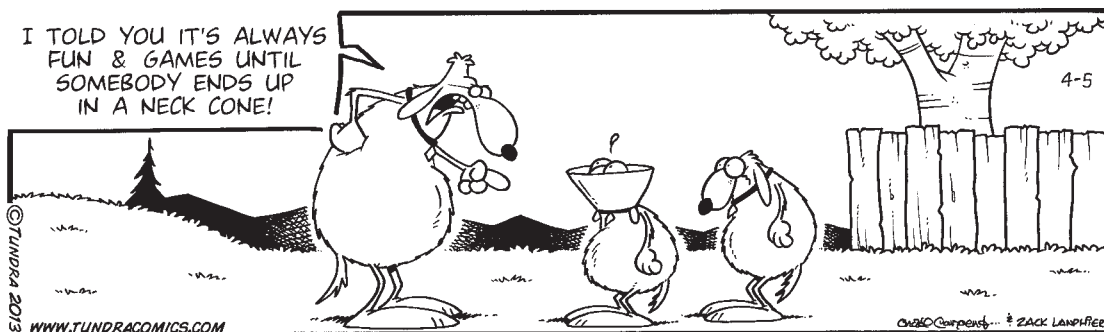


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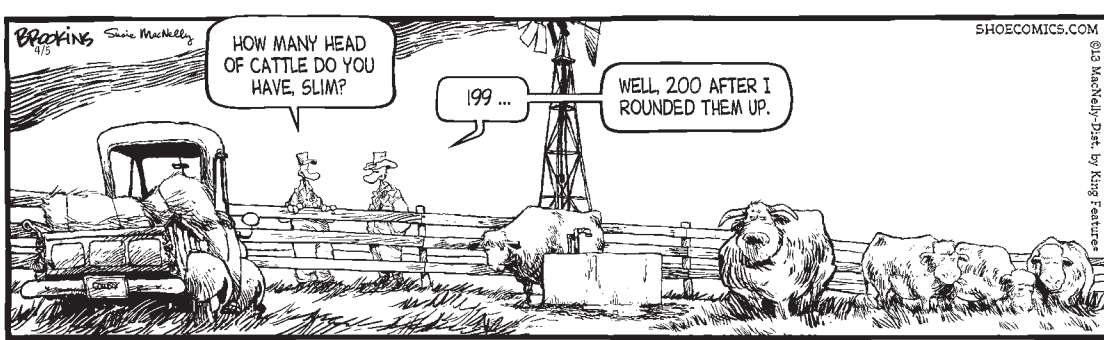
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 6, 2013:
This year you assume an unusually low profile. You often might be found thinking, reading and/or researching. You might decide not to share much with those around you. If you are single, you'll want to be reserved when meeting new people. They might not be everything that they make themselves out to be. If you are attached, as a couple you'll benefit from several weekends away from your hectic lives. You will reconnect in a deeper way as a result. **PISCES** reads you cold.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You suddenly might run out of steam. Considering everything that you do, are you really that surprised that you need to slow down? Choose to do only what you have committed to do. You come from a more secure place than you have in a while. Tonight: Don't push.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Listen to news, and see what is going on behind the scenes; understanding will evolve as a result. Make plans accordingly. Meet a dear loved one for a fun day of visiting a museum or driving to the beach. Whatever you choose to do will work. Tonight: Let the fun begin.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. No matter how you sort the facts, you'll need to take action. Some of you might need to check in with an older relative. Others will have to take care of different responsibilities. Tonight: Honor a change of plans. Do not get uptight.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Stay enthusiastic about plans, but understand that they could change. Sometimes you push so hard that you push away a good opportunity. Touch base with an older relative who you care a lot about. Recognize your limits, but also trust in your desirability. Tonight: Off to a movie.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner or dear loved one pushes to get feedback. Know that it might be better to share your feelings and strengthen your bond. A domestic matter feeds into the current mood. What is agreed to likely will be honored in the near future. Tonight: Togetherness is the

theme.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others share so much with you that you could be overwhelmed. Listen to someone share more of what is going on with him or her. You might undermine yourself by not being open. Silence could be a defense. Tonight: Decide what would be the most fun to do.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Pace yourself, but get as much done as possible. By taking a break and enjoying the company of a loved one or making plans with your pals, you will produce better-quality work. You need a change and some distance from a project. Tonight: Let the good times roll.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Share some of your fun, imaginative ideas, as your creativity is high. Choose to be with a friend who would delight in you adding to his or her day with some wild plans. Watch this person loosen up and drop his or her reservations. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Tension builds on the personal front. You might want to express your creativity. As much as you might like a roommate to be on your side, he or she might not be as supportive as you'd like. Use your intuition to diffuse a difficult interaction. You know what to say. Tonight: Order in.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Follow through on your desire for some space. Think about planning a picnic at a lake if the beach is not an option. In a different setting, a loved will open up to you. Be willing to share your feelings and have that long-overdue discussion. Tonight: Enjoy a dinner out.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might feel as if a lot is on your plate. You could be involved with a yard sale or a new hobby. Allow more experimental ideas to frequent your plans. You will find life more exciting if you do. Tonight: Do whatever you want — as long as you are not following your routine.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Explore different options. You will find that more emerge as soon as you get past some judgments. Express your caring by buying a token of appreciation for someone else. Your smile will grow as you recognize a new quality that can improve your life. Tonight: Just be yourself.

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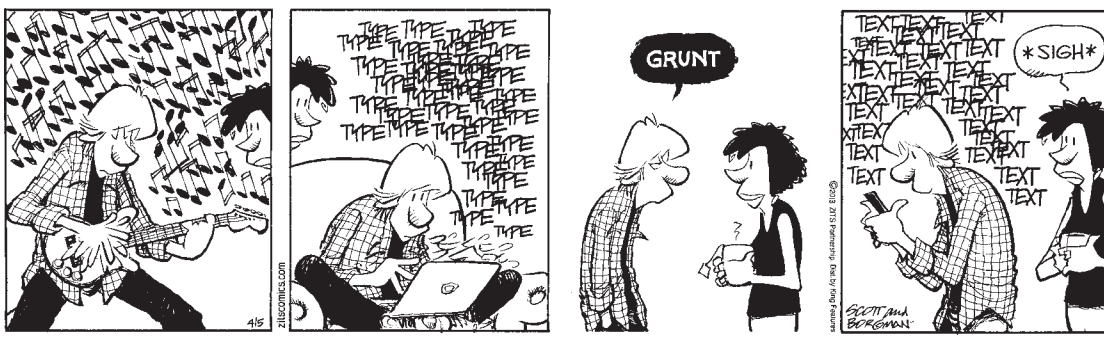
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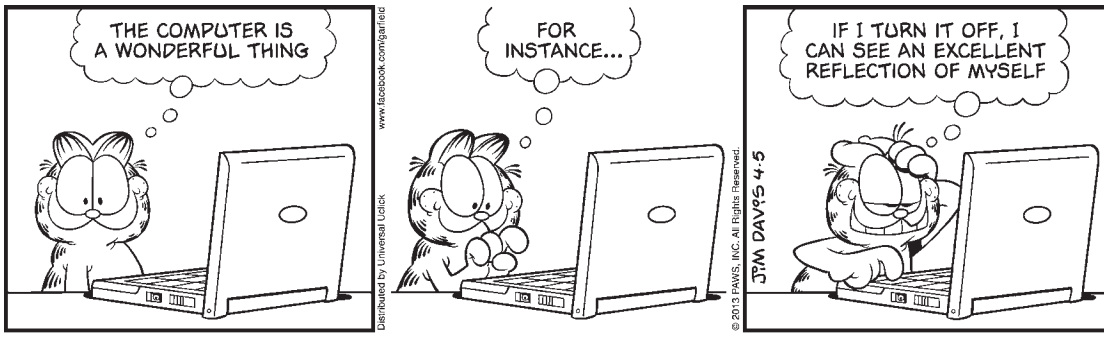
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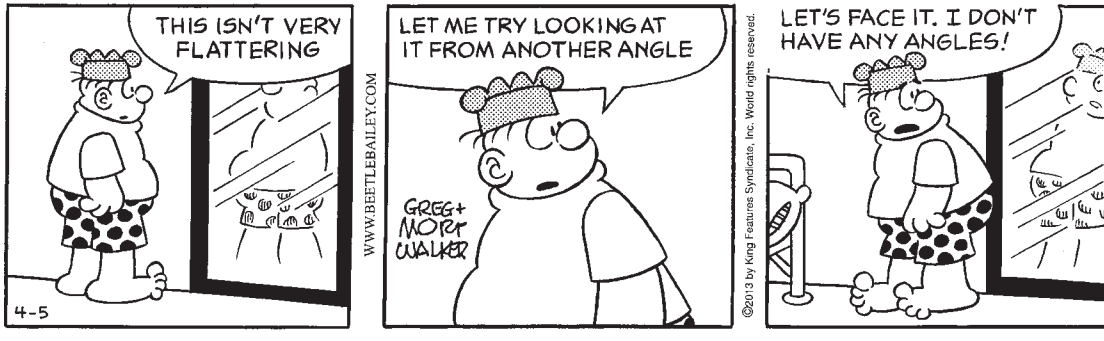
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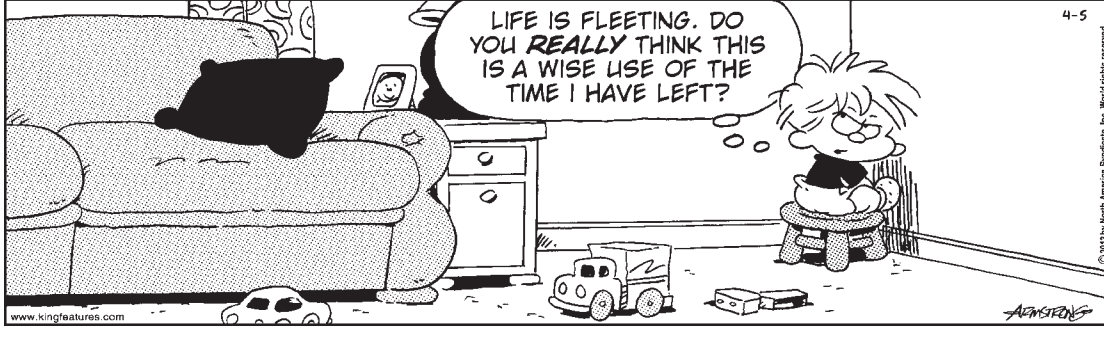
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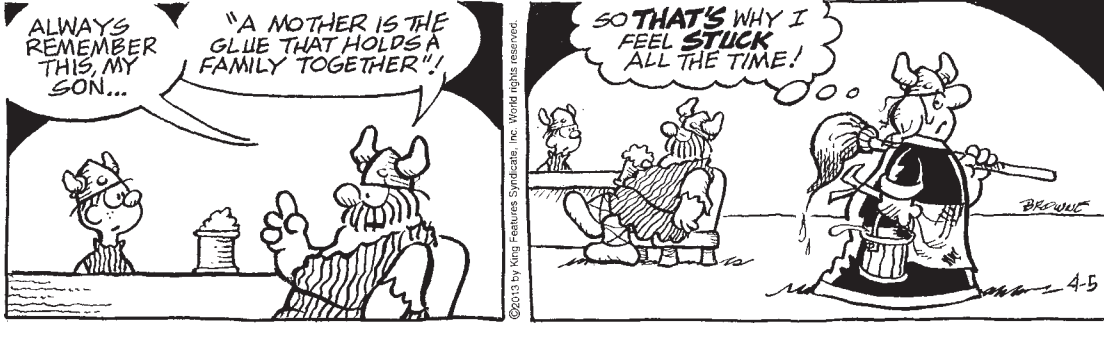
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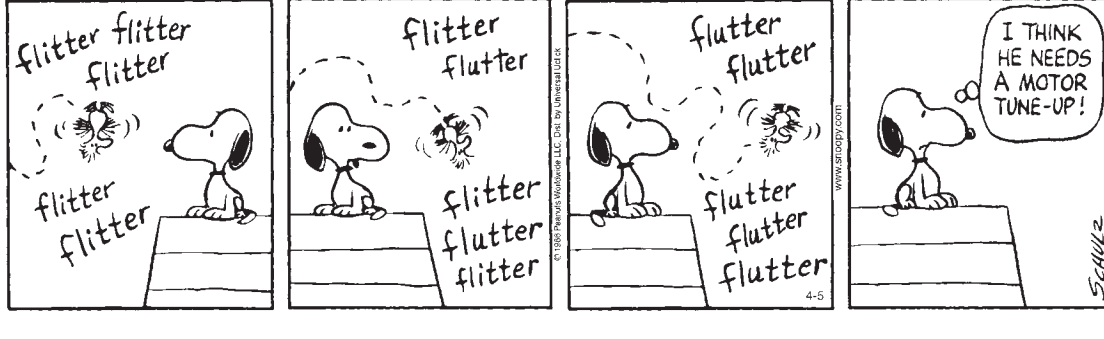
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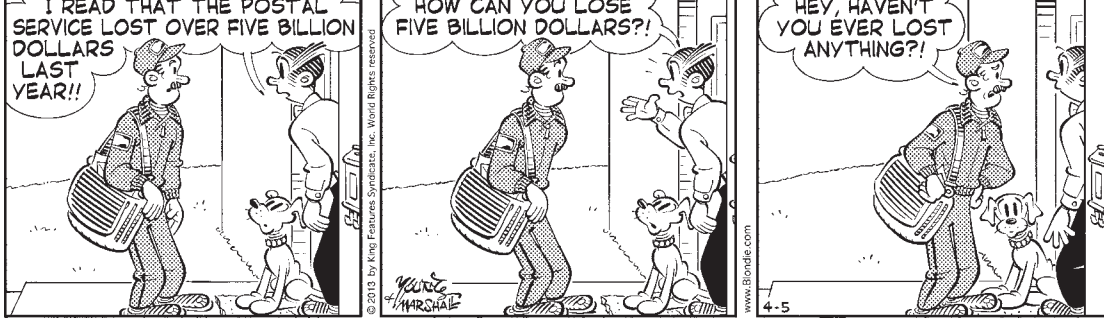
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Rutgers fires basketball coach over abuse, taunts

By **TOM CANAVAN**
Ap Sports Writer

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — Once the video went viral, Mike Rice's coaching days at Rutgers were over.



Mike Rice

Now the question is whether anyone else will lose their jobs — including the athletic director who in December suspended and fined Rice for the abusive behavior, and the university president who signed off on it.

Rice was fired Wednesday, one day after a video surfaced of him hitting, shoving and berating his players with anti-gay slurs. The taunts were especially troubling behavior at Rutgers, where freshman student Tyler Clementi killed himself in 2010 after his roommate used a webcam to spy on him kissing another man in his dorm.

It also came at an especially embarrassing time for the NCAA, with the country focused on the Final Four basketball tournament this weekend.

Rice, in his third season with the Scarlet Knights, apologized outside his home in Little Silver, N.J.

"I've let so many people down: my players, my administration, Rutgers University, the fans, my family, who's sitting in their house just huddled around because of the fact their father was an embarrassment to them," he said. "I want to tell everybody who's believed in me that I'm deeply sorry for the pain and hardship that I've caused."

Athletic Director Tim Parnetti was given a copy of the tape by a former employee in November and, after an independent investigator was hired to review it, Rice was suspended for three games,

fining \$75,000 and ordered to attend anger management classes. University President Robert Barchi agreed to the penalty.

Parnetti initially said Tuesday he and Barchi viewed the video in December. The president issued a statement Wednesday, saying he didn't see it until Tuesday and then moved to fire the 44-year-old coach for repeated abusive conduct. Through a school spokesman, Parnetti backed up his president and said Barchi did not view the video until this week.

"Yesterday, I personally reviewed the video evidence, which shows a chronic and pervasive pattern of disturbing behavior," Barchi said in a statement. "I have now reached the conclusion that Coach Rice cannot continue to serve effectively in a position that demands the highest levels of leadership, responsibility and public accountability. He cannot continue to coach at Rutgers University."

Later Wednesday, 13 faculty members posted a letter on the internet to the school's trustees and Board of Governors demanding the resignation of Barchi. It says his handling of the "homophobic and misogynist abuse" was inexcusable.

The video shows numerous clips of Rice at practice during his three years at the school firing basketballs at players, hitting them in the back, legs, feet and shoulders. It also shows him grabbing players by their jerseys and yanking them around the court. Rice can also be heard yelling obscenities and using gay slurs.

Several college coaches said they had never seen anything like the Rutgers video and it broke a cardinal rule: Never put your hands on a player.

"Don't tell me that's the old way. That's the wrong way," said John Thompson Jr., the Hall of Famer who led Georgetown to the 1984 national title. Thompson, the father of current Hoyas coach John Thompson III, called the images "child abuse."

UConn women's coach Geno Auriemma, winner of seven national titles, said "there is no line that could be drawn that would make that behavior acceptable."

The most famous case of a coach accused of abusing a player is the one involving Bob Knight of Indiana. The university put him on a zero-tolerance policy in 2000 after an investigation into a former player's allegations that the coach had choked him during a practice. When a student alleged that Knight grabbed him later that year, Knight was fired. Knight, who now works for ESPN, couldn't be reached Wednesday.

The Rice video drew outrage on campus and all the way to the capital in Trenton, with lawmakers and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie supporting the firing at the state's flagship public university.

"This was a regrettable episode for the university, but I completely support the decision to remove Coach Rice," Christie said in a statement. "It was the right and necessary action to take in light of the conduct displayed on the videotape."

"Parents entrust their sons to the Rutgers athletic department and the men's basketball program at an incredibly formative period of their lives. The way these young men were treated by the head coach was completely unacceptable and violates the trust those parents put in Rutgers University. All of the student-athletes entrusted to our care deserve much better."

Clementi's family applauded the firing in a statement issued by the foundation named after their son.

"All students require safe environments to learn and reach their full potential, and Coach Rice's conduct has no place on a campus that is devoted to learning and fostering a sense of community," it said. "We know Rutgers is such a place, and, like all colleges and universities, it must not tolerate that kind of behavior."

State lawmakers want explanations from both Parnetti and Barchi on the initial decision not to fire Rice.

Parnetti took responsibility for trying to rehabilitate Rice instead of firing him.

"Dismissal and corrective action were debated in December and I thought it was in the best interest of everyone to rehabilitate, but I was wrong. Moving forward, I will work to regain the trust of the Rutgers community," he said.

Rice, who helped Robert Morris to two NCAA tournament appearances, was one of the hot coaching candidates in the spring of 2010. But he wasn't able to push Rutgers into the upper echelon of the Big East Conference, and went 44-51. Rice was 16-38 in the Big East, after going 73-31 in three seasons at Robert Morris. The Scarlet Knights went 15-16 this season and 5-13 in the league.

The firing means Rutgers has now seen its last four coaches dismissed for poor decisions and controversy, rather than simply wins and losses.

Rice was Parnetti's first major hire after getting the AD's job.

Parnetti, who has a year left on his contract, said his decision to only suspend Rice was made in part because the coach was remorseful.

The videotape was given to Parnetti by former director of player development, Eric Murdock, who was hired by Rice in 2010.

The two had a falling out over Murdock's appearances at a camp, and Parnetti said Murdock's contract was not renewed for last season.

A woman who answered the phone at Murdock's home told the AP he was out. His cell phone did not answer.

Murdock, who said he was fired, compiled the video after losing his job.

Parnetti said about 60 percent of the incidents happened in Rice's first season.

Big East to become American Athletic Conference

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
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NEW YORK (AP) — The current Big East will be called the American Athletic Conference starting next season.

The conference announced the decision Wednesday after university presidents approved the new moniker earlier in the day.

The Big East football schools were in need of a new name after they agreed to let seven basketball schools break away from the conference to start a new league this summer to be called the Big East.

In return, the football schools received about \$100 million of a \$110 million pot the league had accumulated in recent years from exit and entry fees and NCAA basketball tournament revenue.

The American Athletic Conference will have 10 members in its first season: Rutgers, Louisville, Connecticut, South Florida, Cincinnati, Central Florida, Memphis, Houston, SMU and Temple.

Rutgers and Louisville are likely leaving after 2013 and are set to be replaced by Tulane, East Carolina and Tulsa in 2014.

Navy is scheduled to join in 2015 for football only, and the conference will begin playing a league championship football game.

Nine of the schools set to compete in the American Athletic Conference were at one time part of Conference USA. By 2014, South Florida, UConn, Temple and Cincinnati will be the only schools in the AAC to have been in the Big East.

Commissioner Mike Aresco said the members worked with marketing experts, media partners and asked for feedback from fans to come up with a list of possible names.

"Versions that included the word 'American' led every list," Aresco said in a statement. "American Athletic Conference represents a strong, durable and aspirational name for our re-invented Conference."

The rebuilt conference has new television deals in place with ESPN and CBS.

"The American Athletic Conference is a brand that suggests a national scope and quality membership," said Burke Magnus, Senior Vice President, College Sports Programming, ESPN. "It is an exciting time for the new conference and ESPN looks forward to our future together."

The Big East will now be a basketball-centric conference with old Big East members Georgetown, Villanova, St. John's, Seton Hall, Marquette, DePaul and Providence, along with Xavier, Butler and Creighton.

Rangers to announce shortstop Andrus' new contract

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Elvis Andrus is set to stay with the Texas Rangers for as long as another decade.



Elvis Andrus

The Rangers called a news conference Thursday afternoon to announce the new contract that the two-time All-Star shortstop agreed to earlier this week.

Andrus is guaranteed \$120 million over an additional eight seasons through 2022 with the Rangers. The deal includes a vesting option for 2023.

With the two years left on his current deal at more than \$11.2 million, Andrus would earn more than \$131 million over 10 seasons.

The 24-year-old Andrus is already in his fifth major league season. He was part of the only two World Series appearances in Rangers history.

Andrus gets a \$2 million signing bonus with the new deal that includes the opportunity for him to opt out and become a free agent after the 2018 season, soon after he turns 30 years old. He could also exercise that option after 2019 if still with the Rangers then.

Texas now has both of its All-Star middle infielders under contract through at least 2017.

Second baseman Ian Kinsler, a three-time All-Star, is signed through 2017 with a club option for 2018.

The Rangers acquired Andrus from Atlanta in the July 2007 trade for that sent Mark Teixeira to the Braves. Texas also got in that deal left-hander Matt Harrison, an 18-game winner and All-Star last year who started the season opener Sunday, and hard-throwing Neftali Feliz.

Andrus hit a career-best .286 in 158 games last season. After his 25 errors in 2011 that were the second-highest total for a shortstop, Andrus had only 16 last season while playing 10 more games in the field.

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Xcel Energy made a matching donation of \$21,209 to Pampa United Way, which is the amount their employees raised individually in 2012. The company's donation on Wednesday brought the total for the 2012 campaign up to \$312,560, or 99.2 percent of the goal of \$315,000. Jana Gregory, center, executive administrator for Pampa United Way, accepted the check, which was presented by Xcel's Pampa employees.

THE WHITE DIAMONDS



Submitted photo

The White Diamonds is a group of four young girls that helps raise money for the Pampa Animal Welfare Society by doing flash mobs. Their name came from the song "Diamonds" by Rihanna. The first flash mob in February raised \$199. The second one was on Monday, at Walmart, and it raised \$110. The next flash mob will be on April 13 in the United Supermarket parking lot. All of the proceeds go directly to PAWS and the girls do their own choreography. Pictured are back from left, Maggie Hernandez and Faustina Curry, president of PAWS. Front row, Riley Elliff, Preslee Alvey, Ally Gutierrez and Diamond. Diamond is a dog the group adopted from PAWS after their last flash mob.

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Philadelphia gets ready to play Pong on a building

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia is getting ready for a supersized game of Pong.

The classic Atari video game will come to life on the facade of a 29-story skyscraper.

Hundreds of built-in LED lights at the Cira Centre will replicate the familiar paddles and ball.

The effort is the brainchild of Frank Lee, a Drexel University game-design professor.

Pong will be played April 19 and 24, to bookend an event called Philly Tech Week.

The black-and-white arcade game introduced in 1972 had no complicated graphics, just geometric shapes.

Players controlled digital paddles and tried to hit the ball so their opponents could not return it. A home version paved the way for the game console industry.

In Philadelphia, gamers will control

their paddles from afar, standing across the Schuylkill River from the building.

Texas Senate votes to ban smoking at Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Senators have voted to ban smoking from the Capitol grounds.

Sen. John Whitmire, a Houston Democrat, complains that smokers pollute the areas and entryways around the Capitol and subject visiting school children to second-hand smoke. His proposal would make it a Class C misdemeanor, which is subject to a \$500 fine.

Whitmire says that's the same penalty for smoking on a public school campus.

Smokers would have to move outside the fence surrounding the Capitol grounds, which can be several hundred feet from the building in some places.

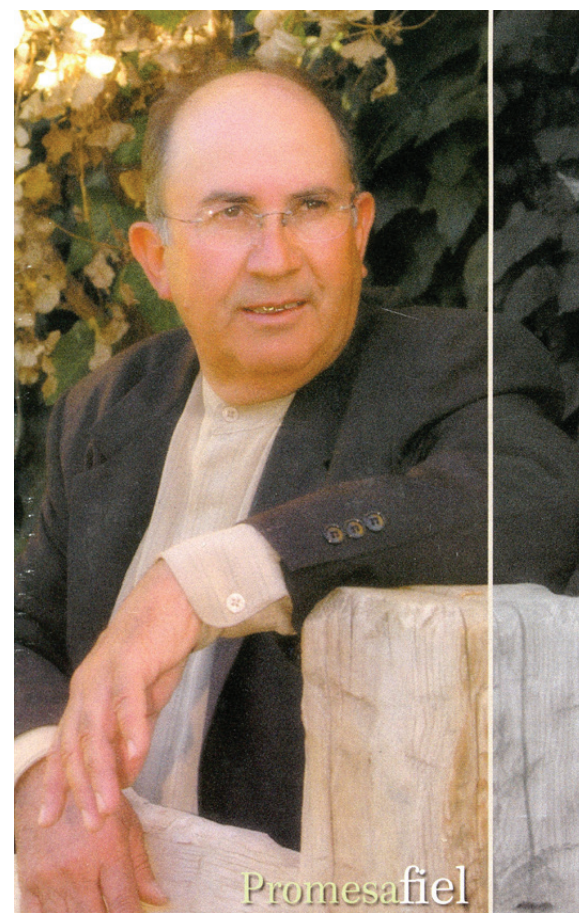
The ban was placed on a broader bill about the agency that manages the state Capitol complex. That bill, and the smoking ban, now goes to the House for consideration.

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