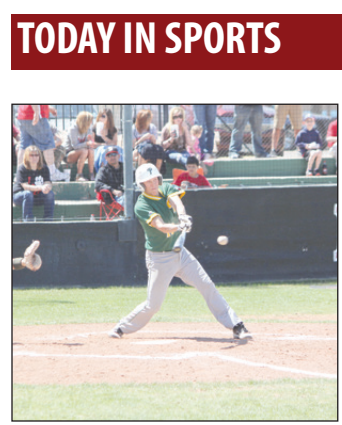


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Pampa Bennigan's will be first of its kind



Images courtesy of Bennigan's Franchising Company
 Artistic renderings of the Bennigan's that's in the works for Pampa, which CEO Paul Mangiamele said is a prototype design for the casual dining franchise. Construction will begin in a month or two. When opened, Bennigan's will employ between 60 to 80 full- and part-time workers.

Restaurant expected to open in late 2013 or early 2014.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Pampa is getting a Bennigan's, that's for sure. But it won't look like any other in the franchise chain because this one will be the very first of its kind, said Paul Mangiamele, CEO of Bennigan's Franchising Company. Joining Mangiamele in his office in Dallas for a conference call with the Pampa News was Nimit Patel, owner of Paradigm Hospitality LLC. "This is a brand new prototype," Patel said Thursday. "It's not like any



Paul Mangiamele

you've seen before. It will be really appealing when you see it." The Patel family has operated businesses in Pampa for nearly 50 years, and Nimit is a 1999 graduate of Pampa High School. Nimit studied information technology in college, and had a background in the hotel business. "The next step for me after graduating was to further my reach in the

hospitality business and to expand my knowledge in other areas of the industry," he said. "I felt the Bennigan's franchise fit the bill do to its large growth and unparalleled management. In this day and age you don't see much change in the casual dining scene. Just no buzz." Nimit said it took a lot of hard work and continuing commitment to bring Bennigan's to Pampa. He said the architects are currently working on preliminary drawings and construction should begin within a

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Lefors FD to open McLean substation

County Commission approves up to \$7,000 to equip new McLean ambulance.

BY SASHA HELLER
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The Gray County Commissioners Court on Monday unanimously approved the City of Lefors' plan to expand the coverage area of the Lefors Fire Department (LFD) into McLean by opening a substation in town to house an ambulance. Commissioner Jeff Haley said Lefors' volunteer fire and EMS departments have agreed with the City of McLean to locate a licensed ambulance in McLean to be used at local emergency scenes that require EMS services. "The reason to do so would be to cut down on the driving time from Lefors," Haley said. "The other thing is to take advantage of some people who are licensed (to drive ambulances)."

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Folk concert at Guthrie center set for April 23

BY SASHA HELLER
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Folk rock singer/songwriters Alison May and Jackson Emmer are set to play a concert at The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center at 6:30 p.m., April 23, with a jam to follow at 8 p.m. May, a Waxahachie, Texas native, sings and plays the piano, guitar and drums. The Berklee College of Music graduate recently released her debut album, "Earnest Keep," on Misery Loves Company records. Now based out of Oakland, Calif., May credits artists like Nick Drake, Sixto Rodriguez and Duncan Browne as influencing May's unique sound and style. Emmer is a songwriter, performer and teacher who plays a variety of instruments including mandolin, guitar and banjo. He also sings with a sweet, ragged voice. In previous interviews, Emmer has cited a range of influences spanning the sonic spectrum, from funk-rock pioneer Prince to trip-hop microphone mercenary Atmosphere and everything in between.



Alison May



Jackson Emmer

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Women's Expo leaves them pampered — and informed

BY SASHA HELLER
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On Saturday, M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium's Heritage Hall became a luxury mall, where more than 1,000 community members gathered for a Women's Expo for shopping, pampering and some valuable information of women's health. Around 70 vendors displayed an assortment of clothing items and fashion accessories, body lotions and oils, scented candles, fruits, nuts and other healthy edibles. Attendees on Saturday surveyed each vendor's wares, sometimes striking up a casual conversation with a friendly face before maneuvering on to the next vendor's display table. Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC) was very visible at the expo and hosted multiple info booths, including an interactive, surgical remote arm



Photo by Sasha Heller

From left, Chris Madrid, Alexis Vasquez, Nelson Garcia, Rodolfo Mares and Esmeralda Madrid at the Women's Expo on Saturday.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
High 73 Low 48	High 81 Low 29	High 52 Low 27

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 73. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind northeast at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:10 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 48. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind east southeast at 18 mph. Sunset at 8:18 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 81. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:08 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 29. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind north at 21 mph. Sunset at 8:19 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 52. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind north northwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:07 a.m.

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Obituaries

Diane Hornsby

Diane Hornsby, 56, died April 15, 2013 in Pampa. There are no services scheduled. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hornsby was born June 28, 1956 in Canadian. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1984. She worked 10 years for the Gray County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher and jailer. Diane married Cliff Hornsby on May 1, 2008 in Pampa. She was preceded in death by her parents, E.F. "Buster" Porter and Loretta Wehrs Porter; a sister, Donna Hamel; and four brothers, George Perrin, Jim Bill Porter, Robert Porter and Mike Porter.

Survivors include her husband, Cliff Hornsby of the home; a son, Joel Hornsby of Pampa; six sisters, Ida

Swansen and husband Tom and Mary Jo Languell and husband Gerald, all of Guthrie, Okla., Debbie Clark and husband Roger and Polly Chaffin and husband Jim, all of Canadian, Marcia Back and husband Brandon of Darrouzett; and Peggy Miller of Pampa; two sisters-in-law, Brenda Perrin of Canadian and Debbie Hornsby of Spearman; two brothers-in-law, Jack Hamel of Flippin, Ark. and Larry Hornsby of Spearman; numerous nieces and nephews; and a very special friend, Billie Moore of Miami.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice in Pampa, c/o Harrington Cancer Foundation, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106, or the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com

For the record

Pampa man arrested by PPD on Oklahoma fugitive warrant

- Dustin Allen Hawkins, 23, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Pampa Police Department on a fugitive warrant — Oklahoma.
- Richard Olney Stark, 45, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of controlled substance — less than 1 gram, prohibited substance in correctional facility, tampering/fabricating with physical evidence with intent to impair and expired registration.
- Isaac Arvisu, 18, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for consumption of alcohol by a minor, failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, violating promise to appear and no drivers license.
- Michael George Williams, 55, Jefferson City, Mo., was arrested Sunday

- by PPD for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- Carl Allen Hinds, 30, Pampa was arrested Friday by the PPD for driving while license invalid with previous conviction.
- Marie Ann Williams, 35, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for failure to appear, capias pro fine — expired motor vehicle registration, no seat belt — child and failure to appear.
- Tony Eric Steeves, 35, McLean, was arrested Friday by GCSO for theft by check.
- Kirt Wayne Tanner, 28, Lubbock, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.
- Aaron Lopez, 18, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for capias pro fine — public intoxication.

Pampa FD call log — April 12-15

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

April 12
• At 11:46 a.m., to false alarm, in 1100 block of Terrace.
• At 11:42 p.m., to medical assist in 2700 block of Randy Matson.

April 13
• At 10:57 a.m., one unit, two personnel to dumpster fire in 2900 block of Per-

Judge holds himself in contempt for his own smartphone

IONIA, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan judge whose smartphone disrupted a hearing in his own courtroom has held himself in contempt and paid \$25 for the infraction.

Judge Raymond Voet has a posted policy at Ionia County 64A District Court stating that electronic devices causing a disturbance during court sessions will result in the owner being cited with contempt, the Sentinel-Standard of Ionia and MLive.com reported.

On Friday afternoon, during a prosecutor's closing argument as part of a jury trial, Voet's new smartphone began to emit sounds requesting phone voice commands.

Voet said he thinks he bumped the phone, and the embarrassment likely left his face red.

"I'm guessing I bumped it. It started talking really loud, saying 'I can't understand you. Say something like Mom,'" he said.

Voet has used a BlackBerry mobile phone for years, and said he wasn't as familiar with the operation of the new touchscreen, Windows-based phone.

"That's an excuse, but I don't take those excuses from anyone else. I set the bar high, because cell-phones are a distraction and there is very serious business going on," he said.

"The courtroom is a special place in the community, and it needs more respect than that."

Over the years, the judge whose court is about 110 miles northwest of Detroit has taken phones away from police officers, attorneys, witnesses, spectators and friends.

During a break in the trial, Voet held himself in contempt, fined himself and paid the fine.

"Judges are humans," Voet said. "They're not above the rules. I broke the rule and I have to live by it."

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Climbers recover 9-year-old

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — The body of a 9-year-old boy has been recovered from a crevasse in an Alaska glacier.

Alaska State Troopers spokeswoman Megan Peters says the body of Shjon Brown, of Fairbanks, was recovered at 12:40 a.m. Monday. The boy was on a snowmobile outing Saturday with his father and others in the Hoodoo Mountains. The Hoodoo mountains are south of Delta Junction off the Richardson Highway.

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BP manager testifies at trial over Gulf oil spill

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A trial designed to assign fault to the companies involved in the deadly Deepwater Horizon disaster has resumed with testimony of a BP manager who supervised two rig managers indicted on manslaughter charges.

John Guide was BP's wells team leader for the well that blew out in the Gulf in 2010. He was the first witness to testify Monday as the trial entered its eighth week.

Guide supervised two rig managers who have been indicted on manslaughter charges in the deaths of 11 workers during the April 20, 2010 explosion.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier is hearing testimony without a jury. Barring a settlement, Barbier could decide how much more money BP and its contractors should pay for their roles in the nation's worst offshore oil spill.

9/11 memorial charging \$2 reservation fee

NEW YORK (AP) — Visitors to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum must now pay a \$2 service fee to reserve passes online or by phone.

The fee went into effect last month, although there is no charge for admis-

sion to the memorial on the World Trade Center site. There's also no charge for same-day passes distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Family members of some 9/11 victims say the fee violates the memorial's mission.

"They're making money off the people that died. It's disgusting," Jim Riches, a retired FDNY deputy chief who lost his firefighter son, told the New York Post.

Memorial President Joe Daniels issued a statement Sunday saying that "like other similar institutions, in order to help support the operational needs of the 9/11 Memorial we have implemented a service fee, solely for advance reservations."

The memorial's website says the reservation system is temporary until certain construction projects are finished. Tax-funded grants have paid for about \$300 million worth of construction, and more than \$400 million came from private donations.

The memorial opened in 2011, attracting about 7 million visitors so far to its two reflecting pools with waterfalls that outline the footprints of the fallen towers.



Photos by Sasha Heller

Jason "J.C." Rowe, 12, wows surgical techs from Pampa Regional Medical Center on Saturday with his impressive display of hand-eye coordination while operating a remote arm surgical device at the Women's Expo.

Expo

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video device used in gall bladder surgeries.

PRMC Surgical Services Director Dr. Denise Daves explained that the device is a teaching box that shows how each instrument works when performing surgeries.

She said advancements in medical science have made gall bladder surgery more efficient and easier on both the surgeon and patient. In the past, surgeons would have to remove other organs that sit on top of the gall bladder in order to operate on the affected area. Patients

would usually be required to rest in the hospital post-surgery for three to four weeks.

However, using the remote arm video device, surgeons can reach the gall bladder directly and repair as necessary. Daves said gall bladder surgery patients now leave the hospital on the day of the surgery.

Daves noted that medical techs have found, through utilizing information booths like the one on Saturday that feature robotic arm devices, that children and teens are especially successful at immediately picking up the technique. Daves said the youths have mastered the skill through years

of playing video games, which have the unintended benefit of increasing hand-eye coordination, timing and space differential. Daves said a generation of brilliant surgeons have been raised on Zelda, Call of Duty and Halo, and they don't even know it yet.

Jason "J.C." Rowe, 12, is one of those examples. Jason wowed Daves and the surgical techs present with his perfect scores on the remote arm device system. Maybe J.C.'s mom will go easier on him the next time he asks for an extra half-hour of video games.

PRMC also operated a sonogram booth at Saturday's event.

Travis County DA pleads guilty to DWI

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Travis County district attorney has plead guilty to a drunken driving charge two days after a 911 caller alerted authorities to a vehicle weaving and crossing into oncoming traffic.

In a letter to the prosecutor and the court, Rosemary Lehmborg said Monday her plea was unconditional and to any charge the prosecutor felt was supported by the facts.

Concert

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Based in Colorado, Emmer also teaches workshops for mandolin players, as well as offering

group and individual music lessons.

There is no charge for tickets but donations are appreciated. The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-669-3241.

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month or two.

The restaurant is expected to open by January 2014, he said. It will be located at 2428 Perryton Parkway, on the first commercial lot sold by Open Range Development in the Edwin Park Subdivision.

The restaurant is expected to employ between 60 to 80 full- and part-time workers, Mangiamele said.

There will be four management positions that require eight weeks of mandatory training paid for by the company. For employment consideration, email your resume to BennigansPampa@gmail.com.

Mangiamele, who has been CEO since 2011, said when the first Bennigan's restaurants were built in the late 1970s, they offered smoking and non-smoking sections, so the seating areas were very compartmentalized.

Now, with smoking banned in restaurants, the design of the Pampa Bennigan's goes completely against the grain of the old concept, he said, with

an airy, open seating area and a "shot gun" bar that goes along one wall instead of a raised island that is common in many casual dining chains. Another feature will be a patio.

Mangiamele added there will be a new food and drink menu.

Bennigan's is an Irish-themed casual dining eatery that serves beer, wine and mixed drinks.

Though only beer and wine can currently be sold in restaurants and bars in Pampa, there is special election May 11 in which city voters can choose to allow mixed drink sales in restaurants.

Patel said he is hopeful the referendum will pass.

"The additional sales tax revenue is a positive thing for the city," he said.

Mangiamele said he and Patel had been in discussions for about a year, and that last week's meeting was to work out of all the logistics.

Mangiamele said when he enters a franchise agreement, it's not just a business deal, but also a relationship with an individual or family who represents the core values of the Bennigan's brand. "We have been talking for

the better part of the year. I want to know who is representing my brand."

Mangiamele said what is universally lacking in the restaurant industry today is passion and dedication.

Hence, the company's new motto is "Bleeding Green 25/8," which means raising the bar from 24/7 to give you very best as an employee or manager "25 hours a day, eight days a week."

"We believe in a team approach," Mangiamele said. "I look at my team as a leadership circle."

The CEO said there are more seats than people now in the restaurant industry.

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We're not in this together

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who died April 8 in London at the age of 87, was often quoted as saying, "No one would have heard of the good Samaritan if he hadn't been rich." The actual quote, given in a January 1980 television interview at No. 10 Downing St., was slightly more nuanced. After Thatcher agreed with the journalist that her program would create more economic inequality, she argued that it also would create more wealth overall and that everyone would benefit. "No one would remember the good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions; he had money, as well," she said. (Of course, no one would remember the good Samaritan if he had not been an exception — that's why he was the focus of the parable — and it's hard to base a societal model on the citizen who is the exception.)

Give her credit for having convictions. Margaret Thatcher was an unflinching political fighter who believed that government efforts to support the poor and working classes were stifling economic growth, and she set out to undo them. As Thatcher exited the world stage, Bill Clinton entered. He became president on a different vision. At the 1991 Democratic Leadership Council conference in Cleveland, he offered "a new choice, rooted in old values ... that offers opportunity, demands responsibility, gives citizens more say, provides them responsive government — all because we recognize that we are a community. We are all in this together, and we are going up or down together."

About a year later, when Clinton had been nominated as the Democratic candidate for president and I was

working in the office of Rep. Kweisi Mfume of Maryland, I took a call from an angry constituent. She ripped into the congressman for co-sponsoring a bill for universal health insurance, something Clinton also was promoting in his presidential campaign. Before she hung up, she shouted, "I'm not paying for lazy people to have health care!"

Clearly, the idea that "we are a community" — that "we are all in this together, and we are going up or down together" — struck this voter as a hostile ideology, both a threat and a taunt.

I don't know what her family circumstances were. I suspect she wasn't rich. She may have been economically comfortable by some measure but probably didn't feel comfortable. If we had talked longer and more openly, I suspect she might have told me something like this: "My husband and I work hard to make what we can and buy what we need, and we save the rest. We are not rich and probably won't ever be. But we're never going to quit working and depend on the government to take care of us. If it's true that we're going up or down together, then we're going down — because there is no way we're going to lift all those people up. We've been trying that for years, and it's never worked. It never will work, so I want out of the deal. I can't take care of myself and my family and those people, too."

It's hard to say how many of the people who opposed Clinton's health care plan or Barack Obama's did so for those reasons. But I suspect it's not a small percentage of the opposition. And it suggests a challenge for the United States.

During her time as prime minister, Thatcher sold off state-owned industries, shifted jobs to the private sector and sold a million units of public housing to the people who lived in them. She made deep

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Prairie Plains Perspective

Nature can teach kids more than TV, video games

Spring is in the air, that is, when one is not having to scrape ice and "snust" off his auto's windshield as many Pampans were forced to do last week.



DENNIS PALMITIER

I know, it's the "If you don't like Texas' weather, stick around for five minutes" thing. Groan...

I just hope and pray the Blizzard of 2013 is not followed by the Dust Storm of 2013, but spring is indeed here, for I've noticed a harbinger or two, and they ain't robins.

I am blessed in my retirement to be able to sate my outdooriness with the opportunity to work for an arborist. Nothing more fun for me to be able to earn a little extra money by working outdoors, plus get to experience nature at the same time.

A while back I wrote of a few elm trees in Central Park



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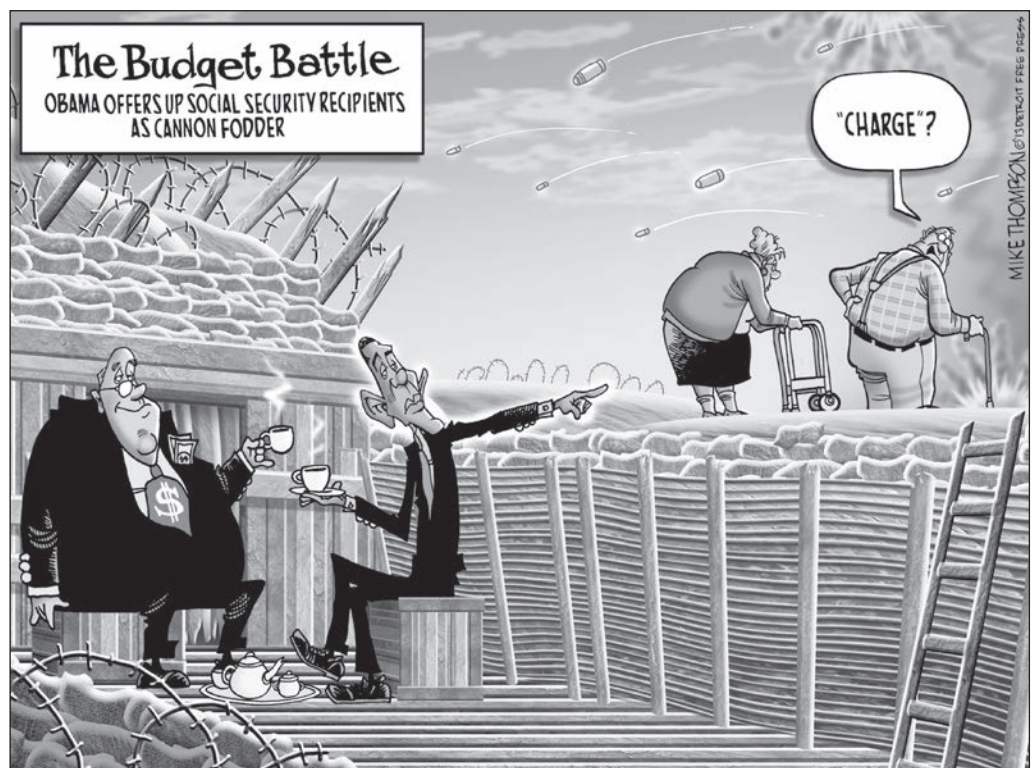
Black Kettle National Grasslands in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma is one of several wildlife areas near Pampa where kids can breath in the fresh air, run around, play and learn about the natural enviroment and its history.

whose already iffy longevity are being jeopardized by a certain jungle gym's construction. You remember, I wrote a few words about their root flares being covered with top soil.

One person carped about that particular column in a response to the editor, writing back that

he didn't like my complaining about this, that, and the other. Well sir, now you know, it's the arborist thing within me that is concerned about the park's trees. For the matter, I'm concerned with everything there is about Mother Nature, but my first love is avi

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IRS now robo-audits your spending

These are the types of invasive tax maneuvers that boiled the blood of our Founding Fathers. But there's still a way out of all our Internal Revenue Service wars and woes.



CHUCK NORRIS

U.S. News & World Report highlighted some more encroaching news this past week in the

article "IRS High-Tech Tools Track Your Digital Footprints."

The IRS is "collecting a lot more than taxes this year," the report explained. "It's also acquiring a huge volume of personal information on taxpayers' digital activities, from eBay auctions to Facebook posts and, for the first time ever, credit card and e-payment transaction records."

It added, "The agency reveals little about how it will employ its vast, new network scanning powers ... sweeping changes being implemented with little public discussion or clear guidelines."

Edward Zelinsky, a tax law expert and a professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and Yale Law School, explained that taxpayers

should understand that whatever they say and do electronically can and will be used against them in IRS enforcement.

And what is the IRS' official response to its gargantuan Big Brother violation of our personal lives?

No comment.

But Dean Silverman, senior adviser to the IRS commissioner and the head of data analytic efforts at the IRS through the Office of Compliance Analytics, explained last year in a speech to insiders at the Predictive Analytics World for Government conference that the new system will "improve voluntary compliance." (Interpretation of "improve voluntary compliance": bully and threaten citizens into submission.)

Silverman also boasted in trade publications about the IRS' new intrusive monetary reconnaissance: "Private industry would be envious if they knew what our models are."

The last thing American citizens need is more government regulation and overreach into our private lives, pocketbooks, electronic banking and credit card purchases.

What we need now more than ever is not a new electronic way of monitoring taxes or even a complete overhaul of our run-amok taxation bureau-

cracy. What we need is to shut down the IRS and initiate the FairTax.

The IRS is an unconstitutional system that has no checks and balances; it can't be held accountable to the people, who possess the real power in our republic. Moreover, the present tax code penalizes productivity and cripples entrepreneurs and our capitalist economy. And it is inequitable and unfair in its implementation.

As The Heritage Foundation and countless watchdog organizations have reported, the top 10 percent of income earners pay 70 percent of income taxes, while more than a third of U.S. households pay no income taxes — and 47 percent pay no federal taxes.

It's time we had a system through which people didn't have to figure out ways to cheat or even wade through 66,000 burdensome pages of IRS codes in order to save their own money. And the FairTax is that system.

The FairTax is a simple consumption-based tax system, in which equity would rule and no one could dodge his dues. With the FairTax, the harder you worked and the more money you made the better off you and our economy would be. You would pay taxes only when you bought some-

thing, which means that you could control how much you'd be taxed and that you never would be penalized inequitably for working hard.

Another huge plus about the FairTax: It would bring back to the U.S. economy trillions of dollars hiding in offshore accounts, which would give a monumental boost to our economy. As Mike Huckabee, my friend and the former governor of Arkansas, has said, "the FairTax is a completely transparent tax system. It doesn't increase taxes. It's revenue-neutral. But here's what it will do: It will bring business back to the United States that is leaving our shores because our tax laws make it impossible for an American-based business to compete. ... The FairTax was designed by economists from Harvard and Stanford and some of the leading think tanks across the country."

The FairTax would be the biggest stimulation package ever. As it says on FairTax.org, "think of it as the world's biggest economic jumper cables." (Of course, the FairTax rate would have to be palatable with or even incorporate state taxes, too.)

And there's one last benefit worthy of noting

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Palmitier

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fauna, particularly the spring harbingers I noticed while working to improve some trees lives a few days back.

I heard it's call the second I stepped out of the truck. Tyrannus verticalis, or in English write, the western kingbird. One was perched high up in an elm tree singing it's dawn song while ever watchful for an insect appetizer to fly by. I have loved that sound since the earliest days of my childhood, for the appropriately named little tyrants start their dawn singing quite early in the dark thirty of mornings. If you've cats and dogs for pets, most of you should instantly recognize the western kingbird.

It's the grayish bird with a yellow belly that harasses a dog or cat by swooping at your pet when it's outdoors, fussing and chortling while attempting to peck the much larger animal because the bird has a nest about. Also,

because they can.

Often times a hapless humanoid walking under or close to the bird's nest will receive a peck or three on their noggin! An amazing sight is to witness the bird(s) flying over a passing raptor, dive bombing and pecking the much larger bird away from their territory! If the western kingbird is one thing, it is fearless. Hence, the "tyrannus" part of it's Latin classification.

Again, it was the sound high up in the blue sky that caught my attention. A male purple martin was flying about my neighborhood singing it's mating song in hopes of attracting a female. Purple martins are a very social bird that nest in cavities or communal "homes" furnished by bird-loving people, businesses and municipalities. Drive into Fairview Cemetery and look directly east of the cemetery's office. You will see a purple martin house. I don't know how long the house has been there, but since 2003 I have watched the birds return to it, where generation after generation of America's largest

swallow have nested and raised their young. These birds are unique in the aspect they naturally co-exist with humans. Raise a purple martin house in your yard, make sure there is ample space like a field or empty lot close for the bird's to forage for food, and they will come!

Those of you who do not know me are perhaps wondering just what is this thing of mine about birds and nature. At a very early age I was exposed to nature, first by my father on weekend rock and Indian artifact hunting trips. "Always watch where you walk" he would caution, "don't want to step on a rattlesnake," and know what, while encountering many a rattler in my life, I have always done so by being aware of my surroundings. My two sons share that same lore. They grew up knowing what snakes would harm them, and those they could catch and take home to show their mother. And they did. Then came Boy Scouts and that marvelous learning experience with the camping trips, particularly to Camp M.K. Brown when it was

up north of Canadian. What a beautiful place that camp was. What I'm getting to is really quite a simple thing for parents or a single parent to do for/with their children.

On weekends and days off, holidays too, rather than the television and video games, get your kids out of the house and let them experience the wonderful learning aspect nature provides growing up here in the Texas Panhandle. There's Lake Meredith, doesn't have to be water in it for nature to be seen. While there, check out the Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument. Take the scenic drive up to Canadian and visit Gene Howe National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Marvin and Black Kettle Grasslands. Drive up north of Pampa and check out the mesas like the battleship along the Canadian River. Once you see the battleship mesa, you will know what I'm writing about. Just a rock toss east of Pampa is Cheyenne, Okla. on the banks of the Washita River, also a part of the Black Kettle Grasslands. While you're there with

the kids, check out some history involving one Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. Nature is so abundant all around us folks, same for history, and what's best about the two, you'll be offering your children a much greater learning experience, a life-long memory to pass on to the next generation than what video games and television can offer.

Pampa resident Dennis Palmitier is a regular contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. He can be reached at denpalm1949@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmitier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email editor Timothy P. Howsare at thowsare@thepampanews.com.

Rosshirt

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cuts in public spending and cut the power of trade unions. But she never tried to dismantle Britain's National Health Service, which offers every Briton free access to health care as a right of citizenship. Instead, Thatcher declared, "The NHS is safe in our hands."

Was that because Britons believed that the system worked and they didn't want the government to take away something they liked? Or was it also partly because Britons have a feeling of community that Americans do not — a feeling that "we are all in this together" and that no citizen

should be denied a doctor because she doesn't have the money in her pocket to pay for it.

If a feeling of community played a role in Britain's strong defense of the NHS, then it raises questions for the United States: Can a country prosper if its people have little sense of community? And is there any way to restore a sense of community once it's lost?

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here. As Huckabee has often asked, "wouldn't it be nice if April 15 were just another sunny spring day?"

If you would like it to be, call or write your representatives, and then contact the White House at 202-456-1111 or www.whitehouse.gov/contact/submit-questions-and-comments to share your sentiments about abolishing the IRS and enacting the FairTax.

With April 15, Tax Day, falling next week, the fight and title of my next article will be "America's Founders vs. the IRS."

Follow Chuck Norris through his official social media sites, on Twitter @chucknorris and Facebook's "Official Chuck Norris Page." He blogs at http://chucknorrisnews.blogspot.com.

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George Albear

George Albear is a 2008 graduate of Pampa High School. He began working at Culberson Stowers later that same year. George got his start working for his dad at GNC Sandblasting. His dad taught him everything he knows about auto body repair. His parents, George and Benita still live in Pampa along with his brother and 4 sisters. George is a painter apprentice. When asked, why he chose this career he said, "I enjoy working with my hands. Its also fun to take a car or truck and repair it back to better than new. Plus, I really enjoy the people." George is a hard worker. He goes above and beyond to make sure the customers car comes out right." says Richard Stowers.

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month in the north meeting room at the Lovett Memorial Library. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and

to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

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

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

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

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is

\$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-665-2858.

Carver School alumni, former teachers

Did you attend the Carver School before Pampa School District integrated? Or did you ever teach at Carver School?

The Pampa News is working on an ongoing series that documents the Carver School and would like to share your stories, your memories of the school and your experiences there. Contact reporter Sasha Heller at sheller@thepampanews.com or call the news office at 806-669-2525.

Autism Awareness fundraiser and walk

The Autism Awareness and Community Fundraiser and Walk will be April 27 at Central Park. Walk registration is at 10 a.m. and the walk begins at 11 a.m. There will be live entertainment featuring The Mark Patterson Band, Zumba and more. Other activities include a silent auction, bounce house and face painting and access to informational resources. The event is hosted by FAPE For Kids, Corp. with proceeds going to Amarillo Autism in Action, Southwest AMBUCS and FAPE For Kids, Corp.

Early voting apps available at City Hall

Applications for ballot by mail for the May 11 City of Pampa and Pampa ISD elections are available by request.

To receive an application for both City of Pampa and Pampa ISD elections, please call the City Secretary's office at

806-669-5750.

Reasons for voting by mail are: 65 years of age or older; disability; absence from the city/county and confinement in jail.

The last day to request an application for ballot by mail is May 3. Early voting by personal appearance begins April 29 and ends May 7.

Meredith House to host pet show

Meredith House, a senior living community by Assisted Living Concepts Inc., will host a pet show at 4 p.m., April 25.

The event is free and open to the public.

At the show, Meredith House residents will have the chance to introduce their beloved feline and canine members of their families to the Pampa community. Also, visitors will have the opportunity to introduce their own pets to residents and staff.

Meredith House, located near the intersection of Hobart and 25th Avenue, promotes independence and individuality while offering seniors an opportunity to receive extra assistance in their daily routine by a caring staff or working with home health agencies.

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Jennifer Roybal at 806-663-2527 or e-mail at JRoybal@alcco.com.

Lovett Memorial Library to offer free computer classes

Do you need help with computers? Do you want to upgrade your job hunting or work skills? The Lovett Memorial Library is hosting computer

classes that can help.

Experienced technology trainers from the Texas State Library's Technology Expertise, Access and Learning Project

(TEAL) are providing the following 2-hour training sessions free of charge:

- Computer basics: 10 a.m. to noon, April 25
- E-mail: 1 to 3 p.m., April 25
- Resume writing: 4 to 6 p.m., April 25
- Job search: 10 a.m. to noon, April 26.

Classes are designed to make beginners feel comfortable so do not hesitate to ask your librarian for details and reserve your spot today.

The Lovett Memorial Library is located at 111 N. Houston, and you can learn more about classes

by calling the library staff at 806-669-5780.

Circus coming to Pampa May 4

The City of Pampa welcomes the Carson & Barnes Circus will be in town on Saturday, May 4. Performances will be at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. For advance ticket information and reservations, call 806-669-1044 ext. 1.

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

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Hales of Roberts County named Ag Family of the Year



and his wife Karen Anderson Hale, also a Miami native, then changed the operation of the ranch to yearlings and ran 1,500 to 3,000 head on wheat pasture and grassland.

Steve, Karen and Bradley began focusing on raising show steers in the mid 1990s through an extensive AI and embryo transfer program. Since 1994, when the family had the Reserve Champion Hereford at the Fort Worth Stockshow, they have raised 20-25 Breed and Reserve Breed Champions at the major stockshows in Texas. The Hales sell all breeds but most of their success has come from the Hereford steers. They sell 50-60 fall born steers each year, retaining 20-30 females and selling 20-30 females.

After Bradley graduated from Texas Tech University in 2002 with a Business degree he returned to the ranch to operate it with his parents. The family ranchers then began operating an embryo transfer satellite program for herds on ranches in Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas placing 300-400 embryos. Due to the fires in the Texas Panhandle in 2006 and the drought, they downsized their herd choosing, to concentrate on putting in embryos for selling show steers. They now implant 100-150 per year.

When R.D. Mills bought the ranch in 1939, the current ranchhouse was there and served as the Clay County Schoolhouse where five or six children attended class daily and

would ride their horses to school. There was no indoor plumbing until 1951 and no electricity until the early 1950s in the house. There is still no permanent phone line or service today.

Technology has changed the cattle ranching business in almost every aspect. D.L., Steve's dad, would use a team of mules and wagon to feed his cows with 100-pound bur-lap sacks. Now, Steve and Bradley use pickups with mechanical cake feeders that are filled out of over-

elementary classes at the school and also takes care of the many grandchildren. Bradley is a member of the Texas Hereford Association, serves on the Roberts County Stock Show Board, the Sandhills Stock Show Board in Odessa and also sits on the Miami City Council.

More than a century, 126 years, after the J.A. Whittenburgs settled in Roberts County, they have a great-great grandson and a great-great-great grandson still ranching and residing in Roberts County.

SUBMITTED

The Top O' Texas Cattle Women have selected the Hale Family as the Ag Family of the Year for 2013.

The Hale Ranch is a fourth-generation family ranch located in Roberts County in the northeast Texas Panhandle.

The family has a long history in the Texas Panhandle. James Andrew and Tennessee Whittenburg were pioneers of this plains country, having come to Roberts County

in 1887. They were the parents of Mattie Whittenburg Hedgecoke who was the mother of Nona Hedgecoke Mills, Steve's grandmother.

Today, the ranch is operated by Steve and Karen Hale and their son, Bradley.

The ranch was first owned by Steve's grandparents, R.D. and Nona Mills, who took possession of the ranch on Jan. 1, 1940. R.D. started with cows and calves and then began purchasing yearling calves from Arizona and

having them shipped back to the ranch. Then, Steve's parents, D.L. and Leona Mills Hale, ran a cow/calf operation in the 1950s and '60s until Steve returned in 1974 after graduating from Texas Tech with an Animal Science degree.

D.L., who had no cattle ranching experience, had to learn by trial and error. He ran the ranch for 28 years until 1977. Steve



Submitted photos Top, Steve Hale of Miami with his father, D.L. Hale, who is from Pampa. Above, Bradley Hale trimming a show steer.

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New Orleans mayor, sheriff brawl over leaked video

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A political brawl has broken out between the mayor and a sheriff who runs the city jail, which has come under scrutiny for a video showing inmates using drugs, drinking beer and handling a gun.

Mayor Mitch Landrieu asked a judge last Tuesday to take the extraordinary step of placing the jail under federal oversight, effectively wresting control of it away from Orleans Parish Sheriff Marlin Gusman. Landrieu is upset over an agreement Gusman reached with the U.S. Justice Department to reform the jail, saying the city, which funds the jail, can't afford the potential expense.

"Stated simply, the person at the top is neither accountable, nor capable of exercising leadership skills," the city said in court documents that cited the video and the recent guilty pleas of two jail officials in a bid-rigging bribery case.

Landrieu is trying to reform the much-maligned police department and reached a widely heralded agreement with the Justice Department last year to clean up the agency. Now he's trying to back out of it in light of Gusman's separate agreement. Landrieu said the city was making changes but can't afford all the requirements outlined in the jail and the

police agreements. Gusman believes the city has consistently underfunded the jail and suggested race may be behind the attacks.

The African-American sheriff recently told reporters that Landrieu, who is white, was employing "Archie Bunker rhetoric," invoking the name of the fictional television bigot.

"They have to be looking at something different than just the record," Gusman told The New Orleans Tribune.

"And maybe they're looking at the person who's there. Maybe they're looking at — they don't like the way that person looks."

Landrieu, a Democrat who carried a majority of the black vote in his 2010 election, has not directly responded to the remarks on race.

While the problems at the police department have been widely known, less publicized have been unsanitary, violent and dangerous jail conditions that have long been the subject of lawsuits and court orders.

The extent of the dysfunction was driven home during a recent federal court hearing on the jail reform pact when videos, apparently made by inmates in 2009, were released.

Shown to a stunned courtroom audience, one

video showed inmates smoking, snorting and injecting drugs.

Some drank beer, some had cellphones and one inmate ejected bullets from a handgun.

In another video, an inmate was seen wandering Bourbon Street and boasting, "Y'all know I'm supposed to be in jail right now."

GRILLIN' TIME



Photo by Sasha Heller
Clarendon College Pampa Campus hosted a community cookout Monday. "We're glad to be a part of the community," said welding instructor Jay Anders, who also served as primary grillman. "I've enjoyed Pampa since I've been here. Pictured are Anders with Van Christensen enjoying some burgers as the postman walks in the foreground."

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9 injured in Kansas Turpinke crash

TOWANDA, Kan. (AP) — The Kansas Turnpike Authority says nine people from Amarillo, Texas, were injured when the passenger van they were in crashed on the Kansas Turnpike.

Two of the people hurt in the accident Sunday near the Towanda Service area are reported in critical condition.

The authority says the van carried four men, four women and a 2-month-old girl when it went out of control and overturned after one of the tires lost its tread and the driver slammed on the brakes.

The authority says eight people were taken to Wichita hospitals and another drove to the hospital.

N.Y.'s assault weapons registration begins

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Key measures of New York's tough new gun law have kicked in, meaning owners of firearms now reclassified as assault weapons are required to register the guns.

There are also new limits on the number of bullets allowed in magazines. The new provisions took effect Monday. New

York's affiliate of the National Rifle Association says it expects to ask a federal judge late in the afternoon to immediately halt the magazine limit.

The New York State Rifle & Pistol Association says the law violates the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens "to keep commonly possessed firearms."

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Gun debate revives questions on self-defense

The beam from the intruder's flashlight pierced the blackness of the bedroom at 4:45 a.m., sweeping across the down comforter and into Eric Martin's eyes. Outside, the streets of his Utah subdivision lay still and silent.

But as Martin rolled to the floor, reached into the nightstand drawer and drew out his 9 mm pistol, the 46-year-old executive's mind raced with calculation: Would this man harm Martin's fiancée or her son? Was an accomplice outside waiting? What if he pulled the trigger and hit the sleeping 8-year-old across the hall?

In the weeks since the Connecticut school massacre, some of the most intense debate has swirled around how to keep guns from criminals without infringing on the ability of lawful gun owners, like Martin, to protect themselves and their families.

Indeed, protection is now the top reason gun owners cite for having a firearm, a new survey shows, a figure that has nearly doubled since 1999.

But even after years of study, there is little clarity on how, exactly, Americans use guns to protect themselves in moments of jeopardy — or how often.

Researchers known for sharp disagreement on the self-defense riddle say the answers may be shifting dramatically because of a steep drop in crime, an increase in guns and state laws giving owners more leeway to wield them.

Determining the absolute value of guns for self-defense is clouded by that complex dynamic of policy, judgment and circumstance.

Still, both advocates of gun rights and of gun control understand the issue's importance in shaping the debate.

"When there's a threat outside your door, the police aren't going to be there ... the guys trained to save lives aren't going to be there," said Dom Raso, a commentator for the National Rifle Association's online news channel, in a video posted recently by the gun rights group.

And even while calling for new gun laws, President Barack Obama, too, acknowledged the legitimacy of self-defense in an April 8 speech in Hartford, Conn., when he recounted a conversation with his wife, Michelle, after campaigning in rural Iowa.

"Sometimes it would be miles between farms, let alone towns," Obama

said. "And she said, 'You know, coming back, I can understand why somebody would want a gun for protection. If somebody drove up into the driveway and, Barack, you weren't home, the sheriff lived miles away, I might want that security.'"

With Americans split over whether guns more often save lives or jeopardize them, researchers have long parsed surveys of crime victims done in the 1990s, arguing over what the numbers mean.

But since then, crime has plummeted in the U.S. The rate of violent crimes including murder and assault fell by nearly half from 1992 to 2011, while the rate of reported property crime dropped 41 percent, data compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation show.

That drop has researchers considering the possibility, even the likelihood, that many fewer Americans are drawing firearms to protect themselves.

"I'm pretty confident that whatever the number is, it did go down ... because overall crime went down," said Gary Kleck, a Florida State University criminologist whose 1990s research, widely cited by gun rights activists, concluded that Americans drew their firearms in self-defense up to 2.5 million times a year.

That translates to about 3 percent of all gun owners during the course of a single year.

But the drop in crime means there are far fewer occasions now for Americans to use guns for self-protection, Kleck said, making it likely that the number of annual self-defense usages of guns "should be about half as big now as they were back then, 20 years ago."

Even if such a drop were documented, it would still leave a scenario of relatively widespread use of guns for self-defense suggested by Kleck far at odds with research done by his critics.

Public fears spiked in the 1960s in response to a substantial increase in crime, reflected in increased purchases of guns, homes in gated subdivisions and security systems, he said, and concern about crime has never eased to pre-1960s levels, even though crime has steadily declined.

But trying to figure out how those safety concerns, attitudes regarding gun ownership, changes in law and other factors are affecting the use of guns for self-defense remains difficult.

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Seniors who work must cough up payroll taxes

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Q: I am 68 years old and getting Social Security. I recently took a job and was shocked to learn they are taking Social Security taxes out of my paycheck. I thought once you are getting Social Security, you no longer have to pay taxes into the system. Am I right?

A: You're wrong. Everyone who works (at a job covered by Social Security) must have Social Security payroll taxes deducted from his or her paycheck. And you pay those taxes whether you are 10 years old or 110 years old!

A better question you might ask is this: Will those extra taxes I pay increase the amount of my Social Security check? The answer is "It depends."

To understand whether or not the earnings you have, and the taxes you pay, after you start getting Social Security will increase your benefits, you have to understand how Social Security retirement benefits are figured in the first place.

Simply stated, your Social Security retirement benefit is based on your average monthly income, indexed for inflation, using a 35 year base of earnings. So, when you initially filed for Social Security, the Social Security Administration (SSA) looked at your entire earnings history. Then they adjusted each year of earnings for inflation. The inflation adjustment factor depends on your year of birth and varies from one year to the next.

Here is just one example. Let's say Mike was born in 1949. And let's say that he made \$7,000 in 1970. When figuring his Social Security benefit, SSA multiplied that \$7,000 by an inflation adjustment factor of 6.58. In other words, instead of \$7,000, they actually used \$46,060 as his 1970 earnings when figuring his Social Security benefit.

Because there are literally thousands of these inflation factors — depending on your date of birth and the year in question — I simply cannot list them here. SSA produces a pamphlet for each year of birth (for recent retirees) that lists these inflation factors. If you're interested, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs and click on "Retirement." Then find the publication labeled "Your Retirement Benefit — How It Is Figured" for your year of birth.

And now, back to our retirement calculation. After SSA indexes each year of earnings for inflation, they pull out your highest 35

years and add them up. Then they divide the total by 420 — that's the number of months in 35 years — to get your average monthly inflation-adjusted income. Your Social Security benefit is a percentage of that amount. The percentage used depends on a variety of factors (explained in the publication referred to in the prior paragraph). But for the purposes of this fact sheet, we don't need to know the precise percentage. Suffice it to say that for most people, their Social Security retirement benefit represents roughly 40 percent of their average inflation-adjusted monthly income.

So when you are working and paying Social Security taxes after you start receiving Social Security benefits, those additional taxes you are paying will increase your monthly Social Security check IF your current earnings increase your average monthly income. In other words, if your current annual income is higher than the lowest inflation-adjusted year of earnings used in your most recent Social Security computation, SSA will drop out that low year, add in the new higher year, recalculate your average monthly income, and then refigure your Social Security benefit.

Here is a quick example of what I mean. Let's go back to Mike's case cited above. Let's say that the \$7,000 he made in 1970 was the lowest year in his current Social Security computation. And let's further say that he is still working and made \$35,000 last year. Mike assumes that because \$35,000 is much higher than \$7,000, he should get an increase in his Social Security checks. But remember, SSA didn't use \$7,000 in his benefit calculation. They used the inflation-adjusted amount of \$46,060. Because his current earnings of \$35,000



are lower than the low year of \$46,060 used in his Social Security retirement computation, the additional earnings do NOT increase his average monthly income, so his Social Security benefit will not be increased.

On the other hand, had Mike made \$70,000, for example, that would increase his benefit. SSA would replace this current low year of \$46,060 with the new higher year of \$70,000, recompute his average monthly wage and refigure his benefit.

How much he will get depends entirely on Mike's past earnings and his current income. Monthly benefit increases can be as little as about \$5, or as much as \$50 or more. But on average, a year of earnings will increase your Social Security benefit by about \$20 to

\$30 per month.

SSA has a software program that automatically tracks the earnings of working Social Security beneficiaries and refigures their benefits to see if any increase is due. It's called the Automated Earnings Reappraisal Operation, or AERO. It generally happens between May and October of each year.

In other words, IF you are getting Social Security benefits, and IF you are working, and IF your latest earnings increase your average monthly wage and thus your Social Security benefit, you generally will see that increase by October of the following year. For example, you would get an increase for your 2012 earnings by October 2013. SSA sends you a notice indicating the increase in your monthly benefit, which is retroactive to January of the year you get the notice.

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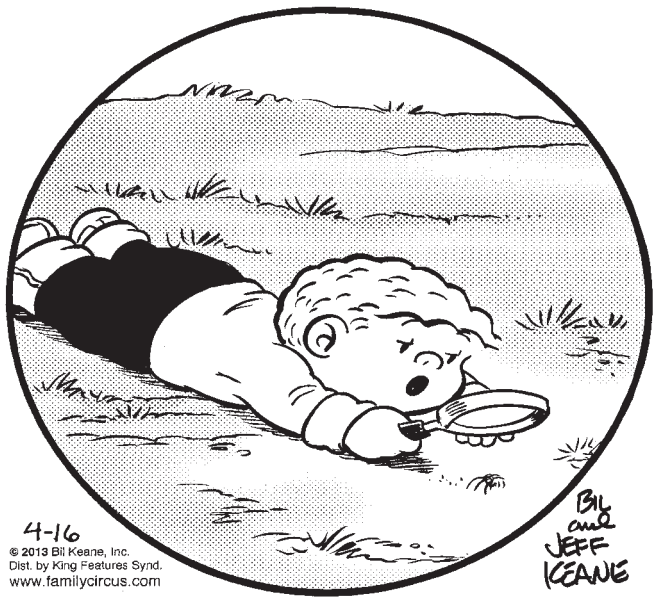
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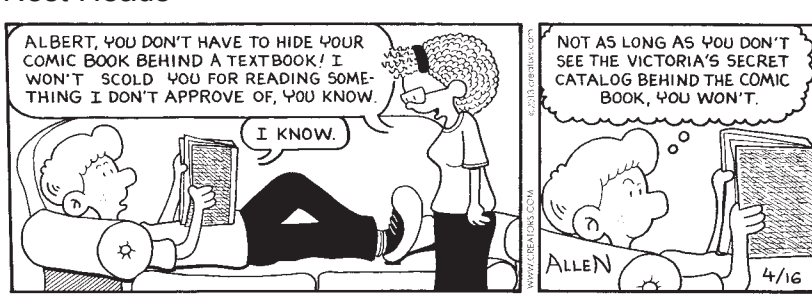
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 17, 2013:
This year you often feel as if you're on a mission and have something that you need to do. Honor who you are, yet recognize what needs to be done. Your personal life becomes even more important. If you are single, you will want a live-in arrangement more than you have in the past. Just be careful -- it could be difficult to disengage from this person at a later point. Try not to move so quickly. If you are attached, the two of you connect on a very deep level this year. You are able to express more and give more, as you are in touch with your true essence. You feel very comfortable with **CANCER**, but sometimes you feel burdened by him or her.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You bring high energy, even when you're approaching the most boring project. You have a to-do list, and you look forward to completing it. A matter involving real estate could be on your plate. Know that you'll make the correct choice. Tonight: Meet a family member for dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your words are heard by the right ears. Make and return calls; schedule meetings and other such interpersonal activities. You have a gentle yet firm manner that lets others know that you mean what you say. Tonight: Again, you will say exactly what you think.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Curb a need to do something differently. You'll open up to change and be readily available to make an important decision. In a meeting, your ideas are appreciated and often carried out. Tonight: You need to understand what is happening. Allow greater give-and-take.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You quickly will accomplish what you must in order to make time for a break with a loved one. This person, who is comfortable with your moodiness, might be surprised at the strength and power of the moment. Tonight: The world really is your oyster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might want to observe and listen more, even though you are a natural-born leader. You can't control the situation, no matter how hard you might try. You can, however, change your response to it. News comes from out of left field. Just listen. Tonight: Make it an early night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Emphasize what you want. Understand that you might need to do more professional networking. Others will be unusually responsive to your thoughts and ideas. Is there something close to your heart that needs to be done? If so, make it happen. Tonight: Find your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Understand what you need to do in order to change a situation that has been irking you either at work or when relating to an older relative. Someone might be much angrier than he or she is willing to tell you, much less admit to him- or herself. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use your ingenuity to figure out a solution to a recurring problem. Break past conventional thinking, toss in some imagination, and you'll get there with ease. Resolution feels good, and it allows you to continue on your chosen path. Tonight: Where there is great music.

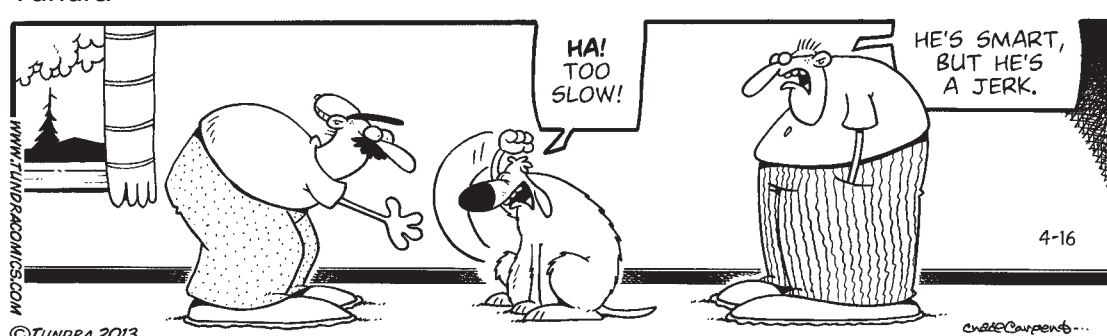
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Work with each person directly. Be sure to evaluate both sides of an issue, and the right solution will appear. Realize what is happening with a loved one. This person wants more of your time and attention, so make it a point to reach out to him or her. Tonight: Surf the Web.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others come forward, and they might be much more assertive than they have been in a while. Listen rather than speak. You will witness their newfound boldness. Recognize what is possible here, and offer your feedback only when asked. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to change a pattern in your daily life -- for example, you might want to walk more or start a diet. You know where you need more diversity in your life. If you decide to instrument a change, the chances are high that you will succeed. Tonight: Don't push too hard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Count on yourself to get past a problem. Your way of handling this issue could turn it around. Your love of fun and imagination filters through difficult moments. Know what you want, and head down the path that feels right. Tonight: Listen to your inner voice.

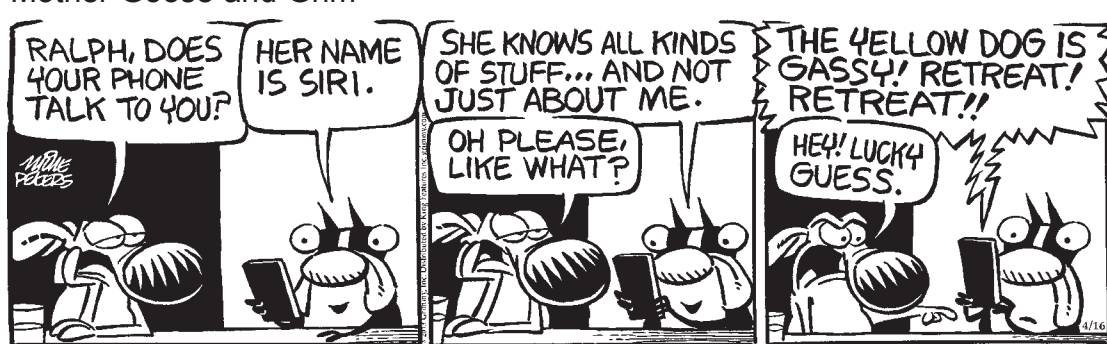
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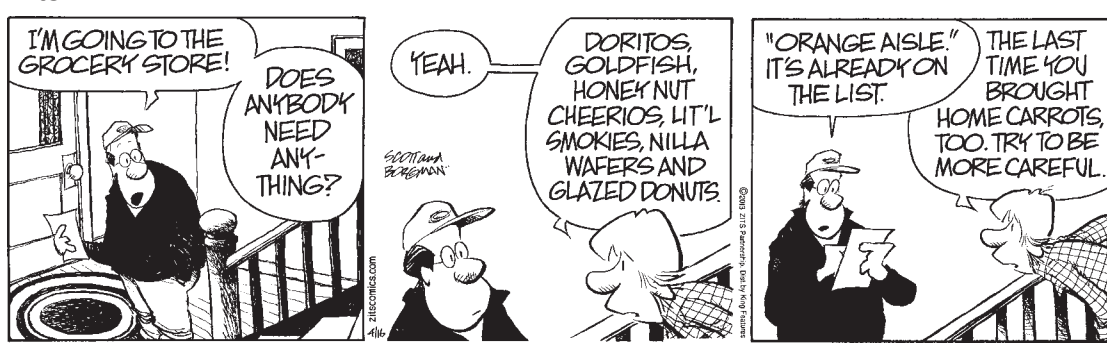
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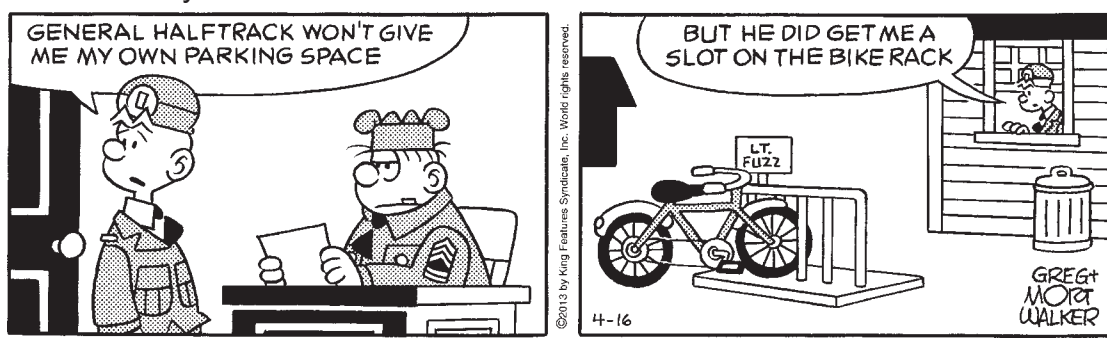
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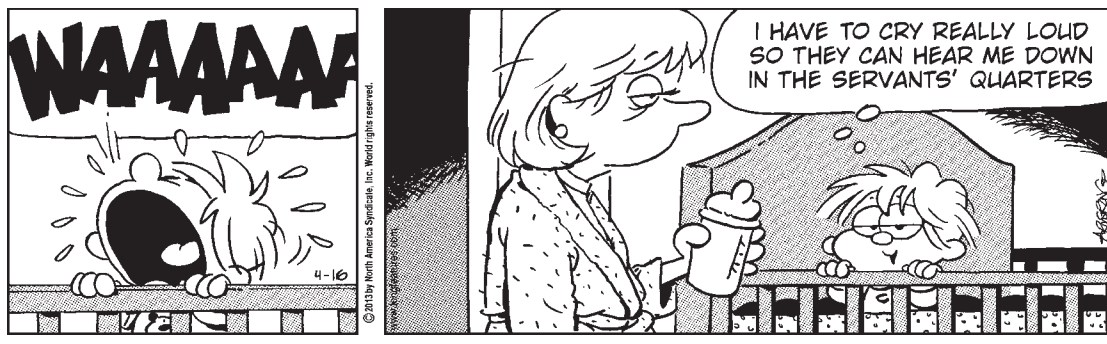
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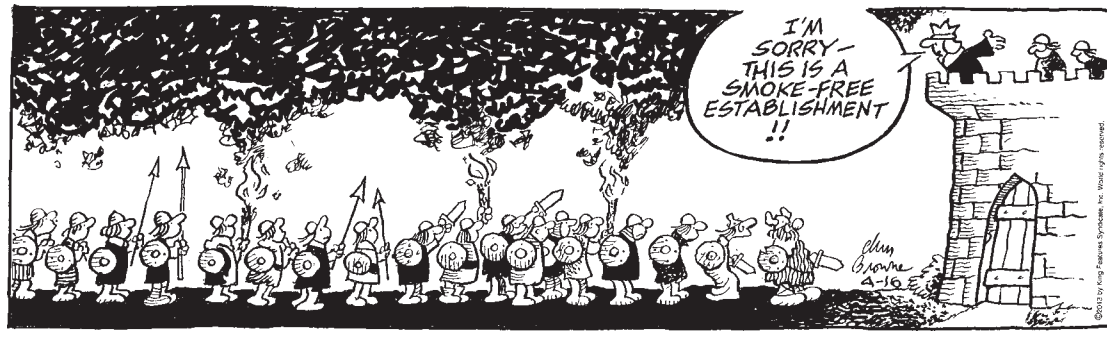
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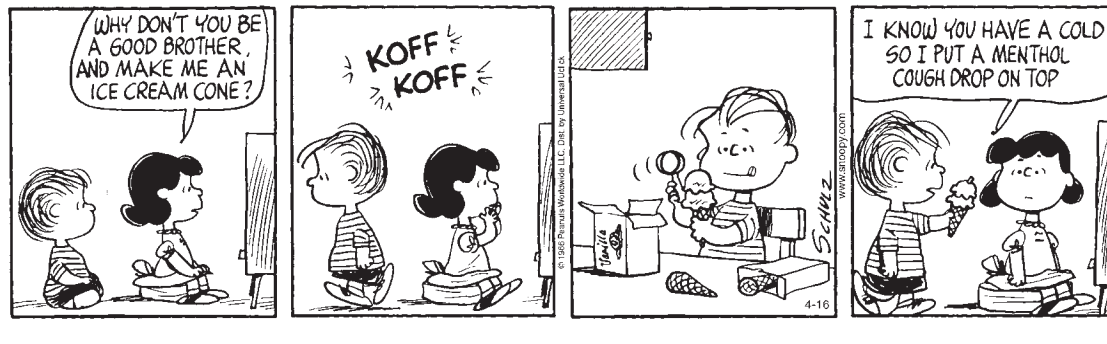
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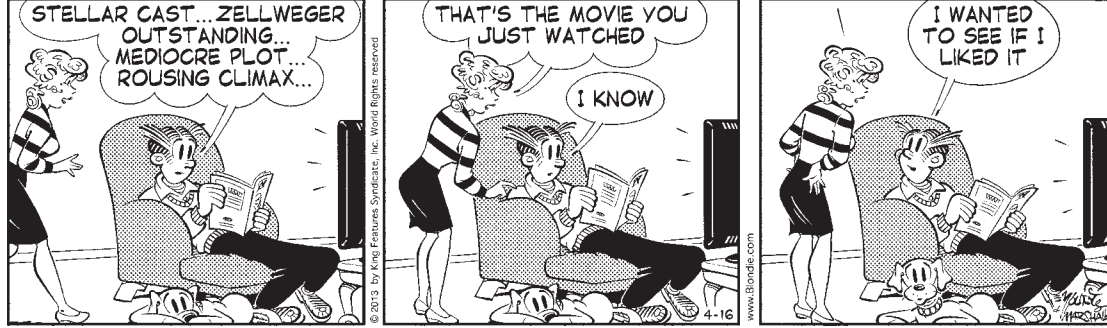
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Report: Instruction of students learning English is bleak

MIAMI (AP) — Duna Lopez started school in Miami last fall not knowing a single word of English.

The 8-year-old girl from Barcelona, Spain, with dark blond hair was placed in the Coral Way Bilingual K-8 Center, the nation's oldest bilingual school.

For half the day, she receives classes in Spanish; it's English for the rest. During language arts, she gets pulled out with three other new arrivals for extra help on grammar and phonics.

After seven months, she's one of the most active participants in class.

"In five months, like that, I learned it," she said.

Duna's success is exceptional, but the language challenge she faced is increasingly common across the U.S. educational map.

Nationwide, nonwhites are expected to become a majority of the population within a generation, and schools are at the cutting edge of that historic shift.

School-age children who speak a language other than English at home are one of the fastest-growing populations. Their numbers doubled between 1980 and 2009, and they now make up 21 percent of school-age kids.

There were 4.7 million students classified as "English language learners" — those who have not yet achieved proficiency in English — in the 2009-10 school year, or about 10 percent of children enrolled, according to the most recent figures available from the U.S. Department of Education.

"This is part of a new reality that our public schools are facing," said Robert Linqanti, an expert in English learner students for WestEd, an education research agency based in San Francisco. "It's been coming for a long time but now it's hitting a tipping point."

Of all the challenges facing minority students and their schools, English learners are arguably the most disadvantaged. It's hard to find enough teachers who are qualified to instruct them, and there's little consistency in the programs used to educate them.

The country is divided over the best way to educate them, with bilingual programs gathering steam but also provoking a sometimes heated debate with those who favor an English-only approach. English learner students are more likely to be in poor, overcrowded schools and in many places represent an added cost to already cash-strapped school districts. The longer these students stay in special language programs, the further they fall behind in other subjects. In several states, their graduation rates are at less than 60 percent, and as low as 29 percent in Nevada, according to federal data.

Just 7 percent of fourth-grade and 3 percent of eighth-grade English learners scored "proficient" or above in a nationwide reading exam, and thousands languish for years in ineffective English-as-a-second-language programs.

On a scale of one to 10, the education of the nation's English learners is "below five," said Gary Cook, a specialist with the Wisconsin Center for Education Research.

"Their success is our success," Cook said. "If they really can't meet the educational expectations of what's coming — that is, the need to be knowledge workers, not necessarily physical workers — then we're in a world of hurt."

The vast majority of English learners, more than two-thirds at the elementary school level, were born in the United States. They represent many different languages and ethnicities, but the majority is Hispanic. Overall, 38 percent of Hispanic fourth-grade students were identified as English learners,

as well as 20 percent of Hispanic eighth-grade students, according to the 2011 National Assessment of Education Progress math test.

Latino students overall have some of the highest dropout rates and the lowest share of the population with a bachelor's degree.

The language barrier does not affect the majority, but for those who enter school as English learners the challenges are even greater.

Asian students represent the second largest group of English learners.

States such as California, Texas, New Mexico and Nevada have some of the largest proportions of English learners in their school-age populations.

They also are widely concentrated in low-income, urban schools. A study by the Urban Institute found that 70 percent are educated in 5,000 elementary schools, just 10 percent of the nation's schools.

The segregation of these students is reflective of both neighborhood segregation and a decision on the part of some districts to group these students together in order to provide them with qualified teachers and bilingual programs that are scarce, said Richard Fry, a senior research associate for the Pew Hispanic Center. But the schools they attend also tend to have the highest rates of poverty, larger pupil-teacher ratios and bigger schools.

"They are clearly at risk," said Fry.

An English learner's entrance into the public school system usually starts with a home language survey, which asks whether another language is used at home and which language the child speaks most frequently.

The questions can vary significantly from state to state, and in some places there's been criticism for including questions that identify children as being in need of language services when they are not.

In Miami, for example, one of the questions is what's the student's first language. But as Coral Way's principal, Josephine Otero, pointed out, that doesn't necessarily mean a child isn't fluent in his or her second language.

How best to teach English learners is under debate.

The research is inconclusive, though there has been recent momentum for bilingual education programs such as the one at Coral Way, which has been at it longer than most schools. The school adopted a bilingual program for all students, regardless of language proficiency, in the 1960s after receiving a wave of Cuban immigrants fleeing the 1959 communist revolution.

Believing they'd eventually return to Cuba, many families wanted to make sure their children didn't lose their Spanish. Most never returned to the island, but the dual-language program remained and the school has consistently been given an "A" by the state.

Virginia Collier and Wayne Thomas from George Mason University in Virginia studied more than 6 million student records and found that full-immersion bilingual programs in which native and nonnative students are given instruction in both languages are the most effective. They studied bilingual programs in the Houston Independent School District

and found that native-Spanish speakers were at or above grade level in English and Spanish in first grade through fifth grade.

"This is a program that is spreading all throughout the United States very, very fast," Collier said.

In some of the programs, students are taught half their subjects in English and the other half in Spanish, or they start with more time in the dominant language until becoming equally fluent in both.

One problem is that it's not always easy to find teachers who not only speak Spanish but also can teach and explain it academically as well. It's a challenge even in Miami, where speaking Spanish is practically a requirement for everyday life. A 1997 study found that only 2.5 percent of English-as-a-second-language teachers had a degree in bilingual or English language education.

"It's not in all cases bilingual education works better," Linqanti said. "It depends on quality of instruction, material and support for the community."

Bilingual programs also face a political hurdle. In California, Massachusetts and Arizona, bilingual education has been banned by proponents of an English-only approach.

"Bilingual education connects to a lot of lightning rod issues in the national discourse," Linqanti said. "Immigration. Multiculturalism. People will see bilingual education through those issues. That's why the controversy continues."

Many districts continue to separate English learners for special instruction, teaching them primarily in English. There are examples around the country that show that approach can be successful, though critics say it isolates students from their peers.

A 19-month U.S. Department of Education investigation of the Los Angeles Unified School District found the district failed to provide equal education to English learners and black students, resulting in wide academic disparities. Only 5 percent of high school English language learners were rated

proficient in English or math; for black students, 32 percent were proficient in English and 9 percent in math, according to the district's 2009-10 report card.

The district, the nation's second largest, agreed to a complete overhaul of its English-learning program.

lish proficiency, according to a study by Californians Together, a statewide coalition of parents, teachers and education advocates. The group found that many students received minimal or no help in developing their second language.

"Many are stuck at an intermediate level of development," said Shelly Spiegel-Coleman, the group's executive director.

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Gonzalez tosses shutout in 5-0 Lady Harvester win

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The Lady Harvester softball team traveled to Borger on Saturday afternoon looking to improve to 6-1 in district play.

Claire Hopkins started the game by laying down a bunt single to third. Bailey Beck reached on an error. Britton singled to the pitcher on a bunt. Bailey Dixon flew out to right field but plated Hopkins in the process. Pampa led 1-0 after the first inning.

Both teams were held in check until the fifth.

Beck singled to center to lead off the inning for Pampa. Britton reached on a fielder's choice. Alexa O'Brien doubled to left field to plate Britton. Pampa led 2-0 after five in-

nings. Kassie Jerome started the sixth with a walk. Brittney Gonzalez singled to left. Martecia Alexander reached on a fielder's choice.

Hopkins grounded out to first but scored Gonzalez in the process. Beck single to center to score Alexander. Britton singled to short and Beck scored on an error.

Pampa shut out Borger for the final two innings and won the game 5-0.

Gonzalez won the game with a complete game shutout and 11 strikeouts. She was 2-4 with a run scored from the plate.

Hopkins had a single, a run scored, a walk and an RBI. Beck was 2-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Dixon walked once. O'Brien was 2-4 with an RBI.

Jerome had one walk. Alexander

had one run scored. Hopkins, Gonzalez and Alexander all had a steal.

"I was extremely pleased with Brittney's performance on the mound Saturday. That was huge to step into a game with that kind of pressure and do as well as she did," said coach Bobbi Gill. "Our defense was spot on, too. They definitely had her back. Overall, I think we did a good job manufacturing runs, but we have got to do a better job of not leaving base runners stranded."

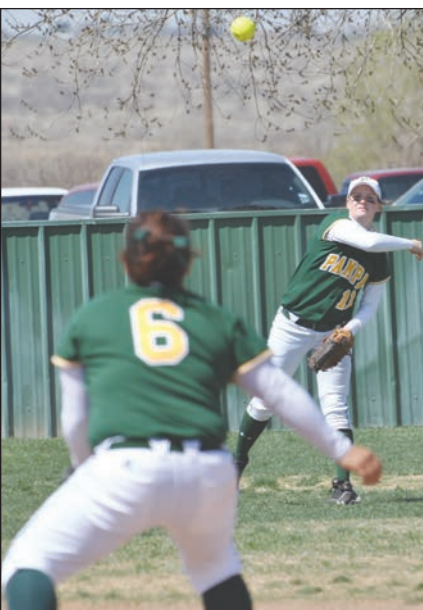
"I, as well as the girls and staff, are excited for the game Tuesday. It couldn't be a better scenario for playoff preparations."

With the win, Pampa improves to 19-8 overall and 6-1 in district play.

Their final game of the regular season will be at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon against Dalhart on Senior Day.



Photos by Kevyn Jerome
Bailey Beck slides in safely at the plate as coach Gill looks on. Pampa won the game 5-0 and improved to 6-1 in district. They play Dalhart today.



Left, Kassie Jerome slides back in safely at first after a lead-off attempt.

Above left, Bailey Wichert throws in to Monica Gonzalez after fielding the ball in the outfield. Above right, Claire Hopkins lays down a bunt in the ball game on Saturday afternoon.



Monica Gonzalez throws to Bailey Beck for an out at second base.



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Lady Harvester track wins district with 161 points

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Lady Harvester track team won the district championship in Dalhart on Friday with a total of 161 points.

"This the first time in many years that the girls have won the district championship. Hats off to the Lady Harvesters," said coach Mark Elms.

The following results are only the top six finishers.

Anyone that placed outside of that time will only have their attempts posted. Any girl that was first, second, third or fourth will be running at the Area meet on Friday at West Texas A&M University.

Cheyene Williams won the shot put with a throw of 38 feet, 1 inch. Gracie Brown threw 26 feet. Brown finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 88 feet, 1 inch. Taylor Smith was fifth in the high jump with a jump of 4 feet, 8 inches. Ty'Randa Johnson placed first in the long jump with a jump of 15 feet, 1 inch. Madison Brown was third in the long jump with a jump of 14 feet, 10 1/2 inches. Johnson also finished sixth in the triple jump with a jump of 31 feet, 11 1/2 inches.

Terra Truitt was second in the 3200-meter run with a time of

12:26.8. Yesenia Soria was fifth with a run of 14:21.0.

Savanna Hulsey, Samantha Woodruff, Kristen Hood and Johnson made up the 4x100-meter relay team that placed first with a time of 52.3.

Hulsey was second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.9. Hulsey also finished first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.1. Woodruff came in third with a time of 13.4 and Kathlyn Cummins was sixth with a time of 13.7.

J'Cee Holmes took first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:24.6.

Madison Brown, Johnson, Hood and Giles made up the 4x200-meter relay team that finished second. Their time was 1:50.9.

Francheska Bridwell placed sixth in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:09.8.

Giles placed first in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.7. Madison Brown was third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.8. Hood finished fifth in the same event with a time of 29.6.

Holmes placed first in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:32.9. Truitt was third with a time of 5:48.5.

Giles, Johnson, Bridwell and Holmes finished first as a team



Submitted photo

The Lady Harvester track team posing with the district championship trophy.

in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:18.8.

Junior varsity

The Lady Harvester junior varsity track team also competed at District on Friday.

The following results are only the top six finishers.

Anyone that placed outside of that time will only have their attempts posted.

Kristen Duree was first in the

triple jump with a jump of 28 feet, 9 inches.

Autumn Bridwell, Rilee Didway, Duree and Maci Loggins finished second as a team in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 56.9.

Loggins was first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.9. Autumn Bridwell was second with a time of 13.9 and Duree was fifth with a time of 14.9.

Michelle Rivera was third in

the 800-meter run with a time of 2:47.3. Marlee Youree was fourth with a time of 2:53.9.

Autumn Bridwell, Duree, Youree and Rivera were second as a team in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 2:01.3.

Loggins placed first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 29.7 and Didway was fifth with a time of 32.9.

The JV team finished third overall as a team with 84 points.

JV TEAMS IN ACTION ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Photos by Zachary Green and Jerome

Left, Jacob Nelson tries to lay a tag on a Borger runner. Right, Ally Roberson slides into second base safely. The JV baseball team lost in a shortened game 7-1. The JV softball team won 10-5 on Saturday afternoon. Both teams will be back in action this afternoon v. Dalhart.



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Harvester track finishes third at district on Friday

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The Harvester track team finished third with 102 points at district on Friday in Dalhart. The following results only show the top six finishers. Anyone that finished in the top four advanced to Area meet that will be on Friday at West Texas A&M University.

Kody Maddox finished first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.88. Zane Robles was third with a time of 11.37.

Brendan Ponce finished second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.38. Adrian Elam was fourth with a run of 24.11.

Jose Hernandez was fifth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:07.40. He also finished sixth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:33.34.

Ryan Smith was sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.98.

Robles, Elam, Zach Gates and Maddox finished first as a team in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 44.50.

Robles, Elam, Maddox and Ponce finished first as a team in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:31.62.

Trey Wiggins, Smith, Patterson Alvey and Ponce finished fourth as a team in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:39.81.

Joseph Radke was fourth in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet, 6 inches. Skyler Been was sixth in the pole vault with a vault of 10 feet, 6 inches.

Ponce was sixth in the long jump with a jump of

18 feet, 4 3/4 inches. Radke placed fifth in the triple jump with a jump of 38 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Isidro Estrada finished fourth in the shot put with a throw of 40 feet, 3 inches. Kyler Allen finished third in the discus with a throw of 129 feet, 6 1/2 inches. Estrada finished sixth with a throw of 119 feet, 11 inches.

The track team will be back in action Friday at the area meet.

Junior varsity

The JV Harvester track team also competed in the district meet on Friday. They finished fourth as a team with 97 points.

Alec McClendon finished first in the triple jump with a jump of 38

feet, 4 1/4 inches. Gabe Garcia was second in the shot put with a throw of 37 feet, 8 inches. Mario Armenta was fifth in the same event with a throw of 34 feet, 1 inch. Garcia was third in the discus with a throw of 100 feet, 1 1/2 inches.

Blake Caldwell placed first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.69. Jeremie Bivins was sixth in the same event with a time of 12.73.

Ersi Vukatana placed third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.20. Calvin Webb finished sixth with a time of 27.04.

Osmar Madrid was fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:25.34. Madrid was also third in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:41.46. Tyler Whitson was fifth in the 3200-meter with a time of 13:18.47.

Jesus Holquin was fourth in the 300-meter hurdles

with a time of 47.67. Erik Vizcaino was sixth with a time of 50.22.

Kambrin Scott was second in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet, 4 inches.

Coleton Bolin, McClendon, Freddy Jackson and Caldwell finished third as team in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 48.00.

Paden Watson, Jackson, McClendon and Vukatana finished second as a team with a time of 1:41.57 in the 4x200-meter relay.

Lightning halts Pampa JV baseball game

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The JV Harvester baseball team traveled to Borger on Saturday afternoon. Usually that is when the JV teams get to play a full game because during the week, games are often called after three innings due to lack of light.

Bryson Burrell scored Pampa's lone run in the ball game. Adam Zuniga pitched the first and second innings for the Harvesters. The game was delayed in the top of the third inning due to lightning in the area. The coaches and umpires got together after 30 minutes and decided to just call the ball game.

Pampa lost 7-1. They fall to 5-5 on the season and 3-3 in the district. They will be back in action this evening against Dalhart.

JV softball gets win

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The JV Lady Harvester softball team traveled to Borger on Saturday afternoon for a district game.

Cameron Schaub scored a run in the first inning for Pampa. Schaub and Tori Robles scored runs for Pampa in the second inning. Schaub, Risa Rodriguez, Kendra McIntyre, Cheyenne Lockhart and Raeli Walker scored runs for Pampa in the third inning. Rodriguez added another in the fourth and Robles added another for Pampa in the fifth.

Pampa won the game 10-5. The Lady Harvesters improved to 9-1-1 overall and 7-0 in district play. They are back in action this evening against Dalhart in their final game of the season.

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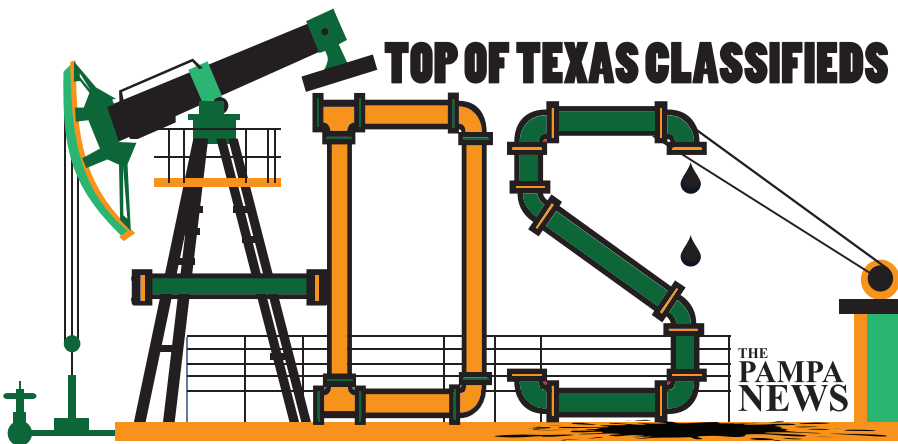
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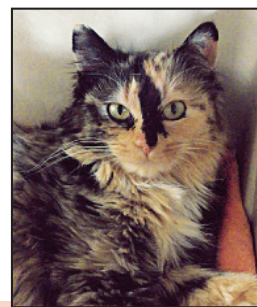
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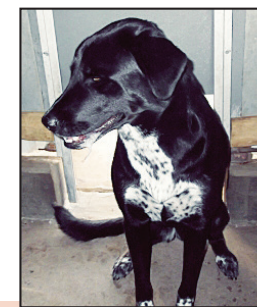
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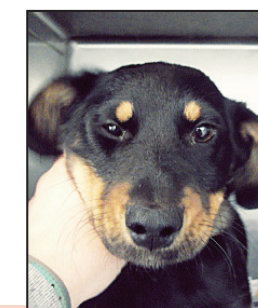
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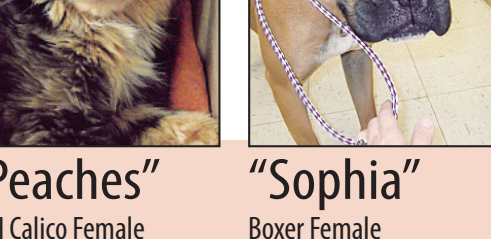


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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was raised that a person's birthday is his or her day to do whatever he or she wants, but my wishes are being ignored by a close friend I'll call Wade.

For the last 10 years I have ignored my birthday and tried to avoid all celebrations. I'll take a vacation alone and have a great time. My family understands how I feel and gives me no grief.

I met Wade five years ago. He's a co-worker who has become a good friend. Wade has made it his goal in life to make me celebrate my birthday. I have tried being nice about the presents and even a surprise birthday party one year, but I really prefer to be left alone. I never told him my birth date. He had access to HR records and found out on his own.

He says I am "rude" for not letting him celebrate my birth-

day. Other than this issue, he's a great guy. Advice, Abby? — NON-OBSERVANT IN FLORIDA

DEAR NON-OBSERVANT: Wade may be a "great guy," but he appears to be insensitive when it comes to respecting the feelings of others. Before your next birthday, "remind" him that you prefer not to celebrate or acknowledge it. A good friend should listen and respect the other person's wishes instead of trying to impose his or her will, and don't be shy about saying so.

DEAR ABBY: I am one of four sisters. Two of my sisters, their husbands and I want to plan a trip to Italy. We do not want to include our fourth sister and her husband. None of us like him or can forgive how he abused her in the past. For her sake, we tolerate him at family gatherings and holidays,

but none of us want to be with him for an extended period. We also don't think his health would allow him to do a lot of the things we want to do on this vacation.

How do we plan this trip while excluding our sister and her husband without hurting her feelings or causing a big family blowup? Should we just not mention it? Or should we tell her she's invited but not her husband? Please advise. — SIS IN A PICKLE

DEAR SIS: Secrets like this have a way of getting out. It might be a slip of the tongue by one of your sisters or their husbands, or some other relative who knows about the trip.

Surely your sister knows how you all feel about her husband, so it won't be a shock if you tell her she is invited but he is not. Under the circumstances I doubt if she will join you, and there will probably be hurt feelings. But sneaking this past her would be like trying to smuggle down past a rooster, and I don't think it would

be long before she finds out anyway.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for nine years. I worked until 2010, and then quit to be a stay-at-home mom to our two small children.

Because I no longer work, I watch what I spend, but my husband never lets me forget that he is the wage earner. When I want to spend money he always says, "What's in it for me?" or, "What do I get?" I feel like this degrades me. Why does he do this to me? — STAY-AT-HOME MOM IN GEORGIA

DEAR STAY-AT-HOME MOM: Your husband may say it because he feels stressed or resentful that he is the sole wage earner now. The first time it happened you should have responded that "what's in it for him" is that his children have a full-time mother, which the majority of children today don't have, and "what he gets" out of it are offspring who have a mother rather than a caregiver raising them.

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4-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

D P D E M W F T A Z T C L S E W F
I E D Y T C D N M H C O J Y F H C H
G D N Y F , W F D V T R R D E D A Y D
G D T A Z W F H W H G D N Y F T C
O S E D C H W T C R M T A Z .

— T A Z O H E G D E Z O H A

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BANANAGRAMS!

In each puzzle, use four of the tiles from the bunch to fill in the blanks and make a seven-letter word that connects the grid.

LEVEL

A B O P
E N O R O R V E T
P T D E R E D U C K

PERK C D
MALE L M N
GIRL O U

Yesterday's Answer: WEIGHTLESS, ASTEROID, SUPERGIANT 4.15

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

LEVEL

A C R E S I N E
L I O O Y E S E

BANANA BITE: One word means "stops."

BANANA BITE: One word is a breakfast food.

Yesterday's Answer: PROVERB, MELODIC 4.16

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

5	9	7	3	2	4	1	8	6
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Level: Beginner

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Ninnies
- Untrue
- Egypt's Anwar
- Nebraska city
- Stand-in
- Winona of films
- Miseries
- Puppy sound
- Conspicuous failure
- Chinese restaurant staple
- Speech maker
- Leaves out
- Radiate
- Computer connections
- Finishes
- Put back the profits
- Farm animal
- Region
- From the Arctic
- Make sense
- Thorough investigation
- Taunt
- Stitched
- Pick from the menu

DOWN

- Recipe amt.
- Combat
- Wedding words
- Cab counter
- Fashion
- "Absolutely!"
- Writer Tan
- Lord's wife
- Citi Field's forerunner
- Tombstone
- Melody
- Casino calculation
- Take it easy
- Maligned politically
- Knight's title
- "Keen!"
- Smart-phone downloads

36 Achy
37 Like molasses
40 Presidential nickname
42 Mom's mate
43 Take advantage of
44 For each

Saturday's answer

C	A	V	E	S		R	O	A	D	S		
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Rustic homes
- Try for a fly
- Police order
- Walk nervously
- Remained unused
- Playful mammal
- Madcap
- Tiny
- Computer network junction
- Vineyard bunch
- "Put — happy face"
- Future flower
- Scoundrel
- Wish undone
- Grant of films
- Forest grazer
- Decays
- Take exception
- Began to be printed
- Soothing plant
- Close tightly
- Singer Coolidge
- Kind of date on a product

DOWN

- Farm grazer
- Orangutan, for one
- Writer Jonson
- Chant
- Off one's rocker
- Location
- Rival of Athens
- Used to be
- Play part
- Golf support
- Peculiar
- Like urban areas
- Wise words
- Jack of rhyme

20 Decade divisions
21 Neither follower
22 Stomach place
23 Pig's cap
25 Floppy
28 Drink made from rooibos
29 Mustang's place

31 Indian coin
33 Terrarium growth
34 Fighting student
35 Yale
36 Word of denial
37 Building wing
38 Deli order
39 Secret agent

Yesterday's answer

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PampaSports

Harvesters ride Hunt's performance to victory

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Harvester baseball team traveled to Borger on Saturday for their final road game of the regular season.

Ryan Powell walked to give the Harvesters their first base runner of the game. James Thompson followed by reaching on a base on balls himself. Jordan Lemons then hit a sacrifice fly to score Powell and give Pampa a 1-0 lead. Borger evened the score in the bottom of the first.

Both teams were held in check in the second inning.

Powell walked again to lead off the top half of the third inning. Lemons then hit a double to left field. Brandon Stokes courtesy ran for Lemons. Ethan Hunt hit a sacrifice bunt and reached base on an error. Powell and Stokes scored on Hunt's bunt attempt. Pampa led 3-1 after the third inning.

Borger pulled within one run in the bottom of the fourth at 3-2.

Thompson singled to left to start Pampa's half of the fifth inning. He then stole second and advanced to third on a Lemons fly out. Hunt grounded out to second, but plated Thompson in the process. Pampa had a 4-2 lead heading into the sixth inning.

Taylor Woods walked to lead off the sixth. Chris Howard then hit a single to short. Engle followed with a single to short himself. Howard scored and Engle wound up on third base after an error. Pampa led 5-2 after the sixth.

Lemons walked to start off the seventh. Stokes came in to courtesy run for him. Tyler Powell then hit a triple to right to score Stokes. Brody Gaines pinch hit for

Riley Douglas and hit a sacrifice fly to deep right center field to score Tyler Powell. Pampa led 7-2 with Borger coming up to bat for the last time.

Borger added one run but Pampa recorded a huge double play with the bases loaded to halt a Borger rally. The final score was Pampa 7, Borger 3.

Hunt was big on the mound for Pampa as he struck out six batters over six innings and gave coach Kaleb Snelgrooves' other pitching arms a needed rest. Hunt also picked up the win for the Harvesters. Tyler Powell struck out one batter as he pitched the seventh for Pampa.

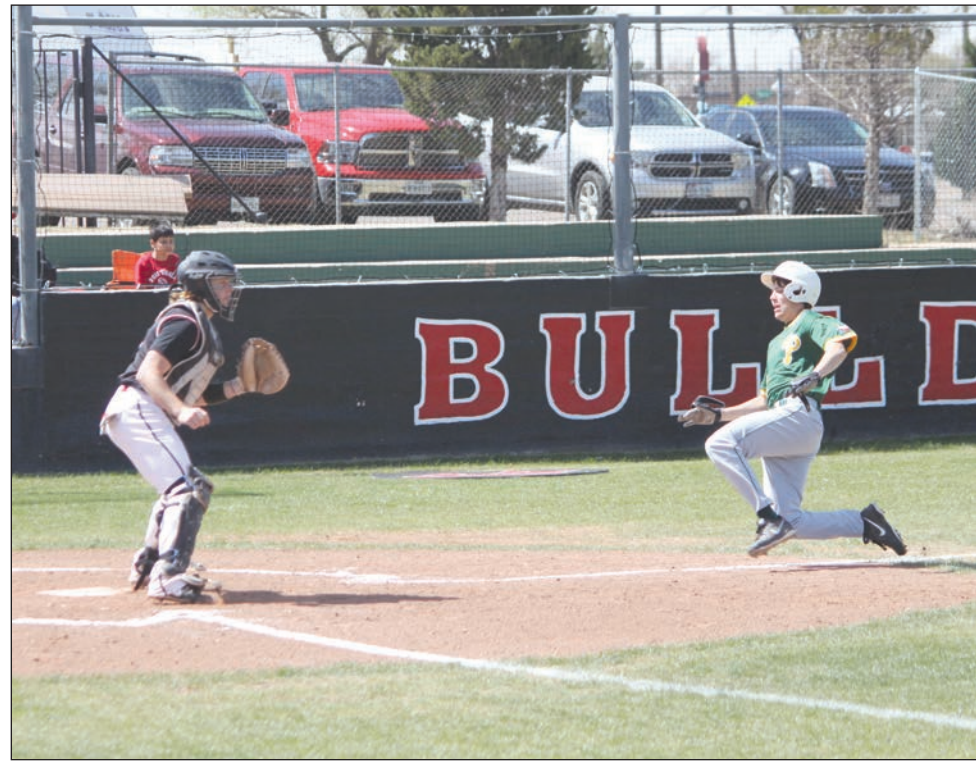
Engle has a single and a walk. Ryan Powell had two walks and two runs scored. Thompson had a single, a walk and a run scored. Lemons had a double, a walk and an RBI. Hunt had three RBIs from sacrifice attempts and reaching on errors. Tyler Powell was 3-3 with a triple, a walk, an RBI and a run scored. Woods was 2-2 with two walks. Howard had a single and a run scored. Stokes scored two runs on courtesy running attempts. Gaines finished with an RBI on a pinch-hit attempt.

"Ethan came out and pitched well for us after being on long rest. He pounded the zone," Snelgrooves said. "He got in some binds but was able to get the ball down and force grounders that turned into double plays that were huge in the game for us."

"It was a gutsy performance by him. Overall, it was a great effort by the team and I couldn't be more proud of them."

The Harvesters improve to 10-11 on the year and 4-2 in district play.

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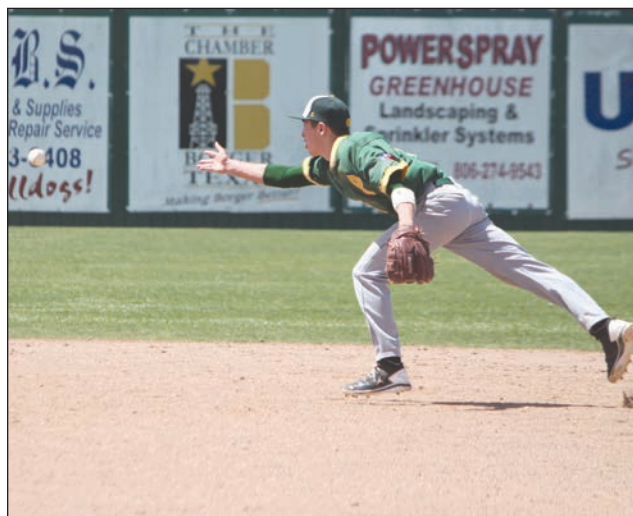
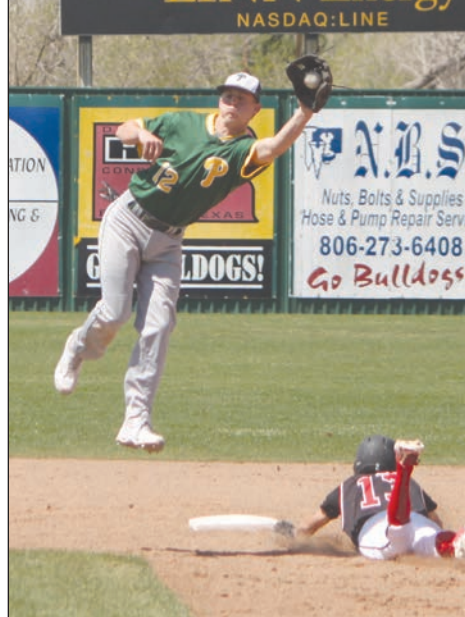


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Ryan Powell comes in to score after tagging up from third base during the game. Pampa won 7-3 with a great pitching performance from Ethan Hunt.



Above left, Taylor Woods watches the outfielder as he comes in safely to first on a single. Top right, James Thompson makes a leaping catch on a Jordan Lemons throw to prevent the ball from flying into the outfield. Below right, Cade Engle flips it over to second after fielding the ball successfully.



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