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Trevathan sentencing on or after June 21

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE

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Sentencing for Erin Dawn Trevathan, who pleaded guilty last week to one count of bank fraud, will occur on or shortly

after June 21, according to court documents. The specific time and

date will be set by a federal judge at the U.S. District Courthouse in Amarillo.

Trevathan admitted that she made false entries and loan manipulations while she was employed for two years at Pampa Teachers

Federal Credit Union as a loan officer, defrauding the bank of nearly \$423,000.

She faces up to 30 years in a federal prison, up to a \$1 million fine, five years supervised release after she gets out of prison and could be required to pay restitution to the victim. There is no minimum sentence for her offense, so Trevanthan could receive no prison time or the maximum of 30 years, said Kathy Colvin, spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District of Texas.

"It's what is called a statutory sen-

tence," she said.

Erin Dawn

Trevathan

The guidelines for Trevathan's sentence SENTENCE cont. on page 3

House passes Textingwhile-driving measure

By Chris Hooks The Texas Tribune

House Bill 63, which would make texting while driving a statewide criminal offense, passed the House by a 98-47 vote Wednesday, narrowly surviving multiple attempts to substantially weaken

its provisions.

The bill, authored by Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, would make it a misdemeanor to type on a handheld device to send an electronic message while behind the wheel. HB 63 would create a fine of up to \$100 for first-time charges, and \$200 for repeat offenses.

The bill now heads to the Senate. Similar measures have been vetoed by Gov. Rick Perry, and a two-thirds vote in each chamber would be required to override a potential veto of the current bill.

Craddick, who has introduced similar bills in the past, argued that his bill was a critically important safety measure, and he began his opening remarks by expressing regret over his past opposition to the state's seat belt law.

"When the seat belt bill passed years ago, I voted against it," he said. "I'm very sorry I did that. When I get in my

car with my grandchildren now, the first thing they say is 'Buckle up.' Craddick also argued that the case for

banning texting while driving was even stronger than the case for a mandatory seat belt law, which he said protects "a person from themselves." "This is to protect me from your driving,"

he said. "There are people in the gallery today who have lost loved ones because of texting." He added, "They're saying 90 percent of the people in the state wear seat belts. And at the time we passed the seat belt law, it was like 27 percent."

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EYES TOO BIG FOR HER STOMACH





Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Top, Karsen Buck, 3, doesn't quite know what to think of a big plate of food being handed to her by her mother, Karmen. Above, Rochelle Lacy, one of the event organizers, checks out some of the treats at United Supermarkets' vendor booth.

Taste of Pampa delights crowd

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Nobody left with an empty stomach. About 150 people turned out for Tuesday night's Taste of Pampa at the M.K. Brown Me-

morial Auditorium Heritage Room. We did very well," said Rochelle Lacy, past president of Altrusa International Inc., which sponsored the event as a fundraiser for its public service projects. "Some of the vendors are

already talking about next year." Lacy said turn out wasn't quite as good as last year, due to getting a late start with booking the room and publicizing the event.

"It was off a little bit but we are planning early to get the room for next year," she said. "We plan to have it in April again."

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Lady Harvesters' videographer active in sports herself

By Zachary Green

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Nearly every high school sporting event will have a designated videographer so that the team can have film to study from games as they prepare for upcoming games in the season.

Most of those are high school students wanting to get into games free, or to leave school early on game days. However, for the past two seasons, the Lady Harvesters' videographer has been the 9-year-old coach's daughter, Savannah Valentine. Savannah is the daughter of Lori and

Gene Valentine and attends Austin Elementary. She filmed all of the games for the Lady Harvesters this season and last season — making some sacrifices in the process. 'She didn't get to play Optimist bas-

ketball the past two years because she was filming. Gene bought her an electric scooter as a gift for filming this season and last year we paid her \$3 a game," said her mother. "She does a great job. She has to carry all the equipment up and down the stairs. She also has to set up and tear down the equipment before and after games."

Savannah said her favorite time this season was at the Frenship Tournament. "I got to miss school and that was fun."

Savannah, who also plays volleyball and softball and is an aspiring gymnast, said that next year she will not film for the Lady Harvesters because she wants to play Optimist basketball. "I will miss it. It will be different not filming every game for them. But it will be fun to play basketball with my friends next season," Savannah said. "I liked riding the VALENTINE cont. on page 3

Photo by Lori Valentine All-around athlete Savannah Valentine

performing a double mini in the trampoline portion of a gymnastics event.



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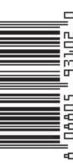




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High 63 Low 38

High 74 Low 43

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 49. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind north northwest at 28 mph. Sunrise at 7:07 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 24. No chance of rain. Wind northwest at 19 mph. Sunset at 8:19 p.m.

Friday: Sunny with a high of 63. No chance of rain. Wind west northwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:06 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 38.

No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 11

mph. Sunset at 8:20 p.m. **Saturday**: Partly cloudy with a high of 74. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 22

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 43. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 16 mph. Sunset at 8:21 p.m.

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Obituaries

LaNora Ryan

Services for Mrs. LaNora Ryan, 78, of Wheeler, Texas will be at the Cornerstone Church in Wheeler today at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Joe Jernigan and Erron Mercer, Min-

ister officiating. Burial will follow at Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home in Wheeler. Mrs. Ryan passed away Monday,

April 15, 2013 in Wheeler.

LaNora Ryan was born May 16, 1934 in Brownwood, Texas to the late Mike Earles and Lela (Latham) Earles. She married Stanley Ryan on June 27, 1952 in Bowers City, Texas. Mrs. Ryan was a homemaker, loving wife, mother and grandmother. She had many talents and enjoyed learn-

ing new things.

LaNora

Sharon

Ellison

Ryan

Lanora enjoyed painting, sewing and playing the harpsichord. LaNora volunteered at her church and especially loved the Children's Ministry. LaNora devoted much love and time to her youth program that she called God's Army. She was a member of the Christian Center/Cor-

Mrs. Ryan was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Katherine Dianne Ryan Hayward; three brothers, Leon, Bill and Weldon Earles; one sister, LaVada

LaNora is survived by her husband, Stanley Ryan of McLean; one daughter, Debbie Lynn Reedy and husband Buster of Canyon; one sister, Juanita Oakley; one sister-in-law, Elsie Earles; eight grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

You may send condolences online at Peppersfuneralhome.com.

Sharon Larae Ellison

Sharon Larae Ellison, 76, died Saturday, April 13, 2013 in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2013 in Carmichael-Whatley

Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Sinyard, pastor of the Carpenter's Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Ellison was born June 14,

1936 in Des Moines, Iowa. She had been a resident of Pampa for the past five years. She married Jimmy Ellison on Aug. 31, 1979 in Fort Worth. Sharon was a medical receptionist and a manager of convenience stores in the Odessa area for several years,

and she was a nanny for the Rawlyngson family in Dallas for several years. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church in Mesquite.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Ellison, of the CLOSING BUSINESS for sale or rent. Call VJ's home; a son, Mark Clancy and his family of Scottsdale, Ariz.; three sisters-in-law, Brenda Donelson and husband Roger, and Linda Austin, all of Pampa; and Janet Barbee of Portland, Ore.; her extended family, Samantha and

Ray Rawlyngson and their children, Madison and Morgan, all of Dallas; and by numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Sign the online register book at Carmichael-whatley.

Edd Drew

Edd Drew, 55, died April 16, 2013 in Pampa.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Edd **Drew**

in Dodson, and had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He was a mechanic and attended Open Door Church of God in Christ. He loved playing basketball and dominoes. Edd had a great sense of humor. He was preceded in death by his father, Survivors include a daughter, Ja-

Mr. Drew was born Aug. 29, 1957

mie Drew of Dallas; three sons, Edward Kelly of Amarillo, Edd Trail Drew and Omaree Drew, both of Dallas; his mother, June Lidy of Pampa; five sisters, Jo

Ann Stevenson and husband David of Mesquite, Shirley Irving Ford and husband Henry of Garland, Lydia Drew and Maxine Lofton and husband Rick, all of Amarillo, and Tanya Lidy-Grays and husband Tom of Richardson; three brothers, Chester Wallace and wife Sharon of Houston, Charles Drew Jr., and wife Julie of Iowa, and Steve Lofton of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Minn. hospital says it mishandles baby's body

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota hospital is apologizing for mishandling a stillborn baby who was discovered at a laundry service.

Regions Hospital in St. Paul says the body found in a sheet at a laundry service in Red Wing on Tuesday was that of a 22-week-old stillborn. The hospital says the remains had been wrapped in linens in its morgue and were mistaken for laundry that was to be sent out for cleaning.

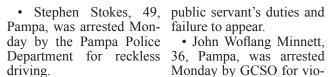
The hospital calls it a "terrible mistake" and is extending "deep apologies" to the family. It also is offering counseling to employees of the linen ser-

Chief nursing officer Chris Boese says the hospital has procedures that should've prevented the mistake and is working to ensure it doesn't happen

Red Wing is about 45 miles southeast of St. Paul.

Fortherecord

Pampa man arrested for reckless driving



pa, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's greater than \$50 and less than \$500.

 Corey Rivera, 17, Pam- drivers license. pa, was arrested Monday a minor, interfering with violation of probation sen- — failure to ID, theft under substance.

• John Woflang Minnett, 36, Pampa, was arrested Monday by GCSO for vio-• Nerissa Perry, 27, Pam- lation of probation — driving while intoxicated.

Office for theft of property Rose, 40, Pampa, was arrested Monday by PPD for capias pro fine — no valid

consumption of alcohol by Tuesday by GCSO for tion to revoke probation possession of controlled

 Patrick Noel Lopez, 39, Canadian, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for Tuesday by PPD for drivdeadly conduct.

 Christina Marie Berryman, 28, Pampa, was ar-Christopher Duane rested Tuesday by PPD for 30, Pampa, was arrested assault by touch and lan-

 Angel Renee Whinery, · Zackary Brady Estep, 23, Pampa, was arrested 34, Pampa, was arrested by PPD for two counts of 24, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for mo- Wednesday by GCSO for

\$50 and failure to appear.

 Nancy Elizabeth Eblin 27, Pampa, was arrested ing while intoxicated with child passenger.

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Valentine

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bus with the basketball team and getting to know all of the players. It is like a family with three dads (coaches Valentine, Braydon



Valentine

Lori said that coach Valentine gave Savannah certificates the past two seasons at

Barker

and Alan

Segura)

and a lot

of sisters."

the basketball banquet to thank her for her efforts. "This year she was recognized by the team during their senior will. They gave her a pair of pompons

leader," she said. Savannah added that filming makes her want to play. "Every time I do it, it makes me think it would be nice if someone filmed me while I was playing."

because she is their 'cheer-

She doesn't stop at just filming to help the Lady Harvesters. She also helps coach Valentine with his Lady Harvester Basketball Camp each summer.

"She helps set up and run the concessions stand

Sentence

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will be determined by a

federal probation officer,

who will present a pre-

sentencing report to the

judge, the U.S. Attorney

prosecuting the case and

Trevathan's defense attor-

The confidential report

is sealed and not public

Both attorneys have the

opportunity to object in

writing to the facts and

conclusions in the report,

The case is being pros-

ney, Adam Tisdell.

record, Colvin said.

she said.

and is also a participant in the camp," her mom said. "She helps organize the shirts and name tags."

In addition to basketball, Savannah does competitive gymnastics at Madeline Graves Dance-Gymnastics, softball and volleyball. She will compete in the state gymnastics meet April 26-27 in Canyon. Savannah is a player on the Culberson-Stowers softball team with Optimist. She won first place in the double mini trampoline, level 4 at the Acrospirit Meet in Levelland in February. At that same meet, she won second place in the trampoline, level 2. Then at the Winter Classic in Lubbock later also in February she won second place in the trampoline.

"My favorite sport would be volleyball. My favorite class is math," Savannah said. "I am deciding between becoming a teacher or a dyslexic teacher. I want to be an elementary (school) teacher."

"She is quick in setting up and taking down the equipment. She has a very steady hand and films exactly like her dad wants the film," Lori added. "It was interesting to see her take ownership of it. She has a good work ethic that she gets from her dad. 'If you are going to do something, do it well.'

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Trevathan was employed

by the Pampa Teachers

Federal Credit Union as a

loan officer from July 2,

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cluded that Trevathan was

preparing loans with no

accompanying documenta-

tion or signatures, forging

the name of her manager

on loan agreements and

taking cash payments from

a credit union customer but

not applying the payments

to the loan.

GOT A HOT TIP?

Irregularities

Attorney Christy Drake.

Taste

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The Pampa chapter of Altrusa has between 30 to 40 members, Lacy said, who volunteer in the community doing everything from reading to kindergartners and first graders at Travis Elementary to assisting the Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).

While members can pick and choose their service projects, all members are required to participate in the group's fundraisers, Lacy said.

"Most of our members helped Tuesday in some way or another contributing door prizes or with ticket sales," she said.

Weaver, husband of Altrusan Linda Weaver, was the emcee and J.A. Mejia performed original music on piano and violin.

Tickets were \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Children under 7 were free.

For a ticket, patrons could chow down on as much as they wanted from the vendor booths, which served everything from beef brisket to tacos, fajitas and small sandwiches. And there was quite a dessert collection, including cakes, cookies and even jalapeño cheesecake.

Booth vendors were: M&S Speciality Foods, Big Momma's BBQ, Victorian Rose, Hamburger Station, Majia's Mexican Bakery, U-Top-It, The Plaza Restaurant, United Supermarkets Deli and Bakery, Dixie Cafe, Hot Rods and Granny's Home Cookin'.

Reassuring children in the

BY JOHN MICHAELSON Texas News Service

AUSTIN — In the aftermath of another deadly day in America with the bombings in Boston, parents are being reminded how such events can emotionally traumatize young children.

Psychologist Korenna Barto said the images and stories can have a negative effect on a child's well-being, and that's why parents need to provide a safe haven and a secure base.

safe and valued and help provide an emotional and psychological compass or barometer," she stated.

Barto remarked that a safe haven and sethrough age five.

viding a secure base for your children is consistency.

"When children don't

aftermath of the Boston bombings

"And it really just means that you have a person or persons that you know you can always turn to that make you feel

cure base are especially important for children She said the key in pro-

get that consistency, they don't feel that their parents, who are there every day, they wake up to, they go to bed to, doesn't give them as secure of a base, as secure a feeling, as someone who is consistently available," she cautioned.

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Texting

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But the bill faced substantial resistance. Early on, supporters of the measure successfully defended the bill against two amendments that would prevent police officers from pulling over drivers if texting was the primary, or only, offense, and the driver in question was obeying all other traffic laws.

The first was offered by Rep. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, who argued that the bill unnecessarily restricted the freedoms of Texans

"While I am supportive of this bill, it's very important that liberty not be sacrificed in the process,' he said. "I'm cognizant that [the bill] opens things up to a lot of subjection. And that could become an

That amendment was ultimately tabled by an 84-60 vote, but a similar amendment offered by Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, received more support. Dutton argued that a ban on texting could be applied unequally across the state - and could provide an easy pretext for police officers to pull over driv-

"I'm a little concerned that this will lead to people of color being stopped because an officer made an allegation that they were texting," he said. "And there would be no basis

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with which to prove that." That amendment was initially tabled by a vote of

Supporters of the measure argued vociferously against Perry's and Dutton's amendments. Rep. Patricia Harless, R-Spring, ridiculed the legal standard by applying it to other offenses.

"Let's make an analogy," she said." If I'm over twice the legal limit, driving while intoxicated, and I'm not swerving in traffic, am I not a danger to others?"

Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, was harsher in his criticism.

"This really guts the bill," he said of Dutton's amendment. "The amendment is a joke. It says, go ahead and text and drive." But an hour after his

initial amendment failed, Dutton returned with an amendment almost identical to his previous one. Rep. Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City, who had voted earlier to table Dutton's amendment, had left the House floor - his wife was in labor - meaning that Dutton only needed three converts to change the out-

Supporters of the the original bill raised parliamentary objections about the effort, but couldn't prevent the new amendment from coming to the floor. Amid shouts and cheers, a motion to table the amendment failed, 70-74, provoking renewed, extended debate about the merits of the amendment.

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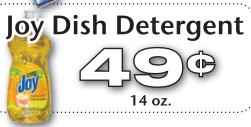


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Comprehensive reform must include guestworkers

The word comprehensive is usually attached to current references to immigration reform, but the Gang of Eight's bill is stumbling over reform



That's the biggest bone of contention between proamnesty and antiamnesty folk.

The highly paid lobbyists assigned to this

issue are split. Big business interests (chanting "let the market decide") are trying to bring in as many low-paid workers as possible, while the unions want to save jobs for their members and votes for the Democrats.

H-1B visas are capped at 65,000 and supposed to be for jobs that require technical expertise (scientists, engineers, computer programmers) and be used when U.S. citizens are not available. Business welcomes the crush of applicants from Indian body shops (i.e., placement agencies), and the top 10 users of H-1Bs are offshore outsourcing firms. Asians make up half of San Jose's technology workforce, according to November Census Bureau data. That's a sharp rise from 10 years ago when it was about 39 percent.

Employers prefer to hire foreigners because they are paid less, can't quit and are treated like indentured servants. Guestworkers are supposed to go back home when their visas expire, but we have no guarantee that they depart.

The wage differential

is significant. In New York City, the prevailing wage for an entrylevel computer systems engineer is \$68,370, but is \$120,037 for a fully competent worker. The foreigners are usually hired as entrylevel. The guestworker system explains why college students tell me they have been opting out of engineering and switching to a business major. American student enrollment in graduate science and engineering

programs fell 10 percent after 1993, while enrollment of foreigners rose 26 percent.

Estimates are that at least 50 percent and as many as 70 or 80 percent of our nation's agriculture workers are here illegally. Guestworker shepherds brought in from Peru to tend U.S. sheep just "disappeared" to hunt for better jobs.

According to Senator Jeff Sessions' "10 Questions for the Gang of Eight," the U.S. allows 700,000 guestworkers to enter our country each year. He estimates that the Gang's proposal will increase the number to over a million a year, not counting the legalization of those now illegally in the U.S. and anticipated future immigration. Business is now demanding a large new "lesser-skilled" guestworker category to take retailing and janitorial jobs. Economist Jared Bernstein, in his book "Crunch: Why Do I Feel So Squeezed?" accuses the guestworker program of being a power play by the business class and a disruption of the free market, which actually shifts wealth to the powerful. The free market is supposed to let prices and wages rise whenever there is a shortage, but that doesn't happen when our government artificially nullifies any shortage by bringing in more lower-paid work-

H-4 visas are given to spouses of all classes of H-visa holders (H-1B, farm workers (H-2A), and non-agricultural unskilled workers (H-2B). There were 74,205 H-4s issued in 2011, and it's been estimated that the total population of H-4s (which is not counted by the government) is roughly a quarter million.

And don't forget J-1 visas that take summer jobs, which have traditionally been so important to young people, giving them an opportunity to learn the work ethic. Now summer jobs go to seasonal hiring of foreign students.

Phyllis Schlafly is a lawyer, conservative political analyst and author of 20 books.

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What are the positives of a prenuptial agreement?

Dear Carrie, My fiance and I are both in our mid-30s, so we've each had time to accumulate some assets. I'm thinking we should have a

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prenuptial agreement, but he thinks it's a betrayal of trust. What do you think? — A Reader

Dear Reader, In my opinion, there are a lot of positive reasons to have a prenuptial agreement. While I understand your

fiance's hesitation — so often a prenup is associated with divorce — to me it's not a sign of distrust. In fact, creating a prenuptial agreement takes a willingness to be completely open and honest about everything — what you own, what you owe and how you want to live your financial lives together. That takes absolute trust.

Plus, there's a basic tenet in any prenup that you can't include anything that a court would consider "unfair" to either of you. There's lots of room for different arrangements, but fairness is a given.

That said, a formal prenuptial agreement is most important

if either one of you has considerable assets, large debts or kids from a previous marriage — anything that makes your finances more complicated. If this isn't you, a formal agreement is less necessary. Every couple, though, should provide complete financial disclosure and share their feelings about money. This will undoubtedly head off disagreements down the road and create a closer bond.

Look at the whole picture savings, investments, retirement accounts, real estate, cars, artwork, jewelry — and decide what you'll share and what you'll keep separate. Then ask yourselves questions like: Will you pool your money to buy a house? Do you want to keep individual control of a certain amount for some personal future goal?

—How you'll handle current and future debts

While you're not legally responsible for debts incurred by your spouse before the marriage, put all your debts on the table and decide how you're going to handle them. If one of you has a mountain of debt, the other could agree to help pay it down to lighten the load. It

would be smart to agree on this in advance.

Debts incurred during your marriage are another story. State laws vary, but, in general, if you have joint credit cards, car loans or mortgages, you'll be jointly liable. If one of you is a spender and one a saver, confront this now and come to an understanding about how you'll handle debt.

—Who will be financially responsible for what

Some couples choose to stipulate upfront how they'll split up household expenses. For instance, those you'll share (commonly the mortgage, utilities, groceries, etc.) and those you'll keep separate (perhaps clothes, personal entertainment, etc.). You can also decide on a system for how this will work (for example, a joint account for shared expenses, individual accounts for personal things). Deciding this in advance can help keep small financial decisions from becoming large bones of contention.

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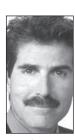
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The government likes to play favorites

People say government must "help the little guy, promote equality, level the playing field."

People often go into government to do that.



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But even when people mean well, it's natural for them to help out their cronies.

David Stockman, who ran the Office of

Management and Budget under Ronald Reagan, was criticized for saying the government's budget numbers didn't add up. But he was right.

Now, in his book "The Great Deformation," he says both major political parties failed ordinary Americans when the housing bubble burst, and they rushed to bail out cronies at big banks. Government continues to threaten our future by printing gobs of money and guaranteeing trillions in loans to banks, homeowners, students and other politically connected groups. The political class

claims the economy would have been destroyed in 2008 without a bailout of the big banks.

Stockman says that's a myth: "The Main Street banks were not going to go into a huge retail bank run ... and (Fed chairman Ben) Bernanke is totally wrong when he says we were on the verge of Depression 2.0. We weren't close. We would have worked our way through it. We've done it many times in history.'

Worked our way through it? Without the bailouts, there might have been a bigger stock market drop, and more businesses would have closed! But Stockman says, so what? It would have been worth it. And I agree with him.

Today, taxpayers would be \$1 trillion richer and not on the hook for trillions in loan guarantees. Prices would now have found a natural floor, business would be eagerly hiring again, and America would be free of moral hazards like "too big to fail" banks. What do I mean by "moral hazard"? I once built a beach house on the edge of the ocean — a very risky place to build — but I did so because federal flood insurance guaranteed my investment. Eventually, a storm swept away my house, but I didn't lose a

penny. Government "in-

surance" covered my loss.

Thanks, taxpayers!

Now that I'm wiser and more libertarian — I'm ashamed that I took your money and understand that the whole program is a mistake. The same government that worries about global warming causing flooding spends billions to compensate risk-takers who live next to oceans. That's moral hazard.

But beachfront property owners have political connections. They make desperate calls to legislators. Politicians respond to whoever screams loudest.

When the housing bub-

ble burst, politicians got panicked calls from their friends on Wall Street - in many cases former colleagues. Instead of letting their old friends take big losses and trusting smaller banks to expand and take their customers, the political class propped up risk-takers who made bad bets.

It's not that those who move back and forth between Wall Street and government are evil. But when you are close to a problem, you are quicker to panic. A few years back, brilliant scientists who studied SARS or bird flu sincerely thought a mass epidemic was

coming, and therefore government had to "do something." (It didn't hurt that "doing something" meant spending more on

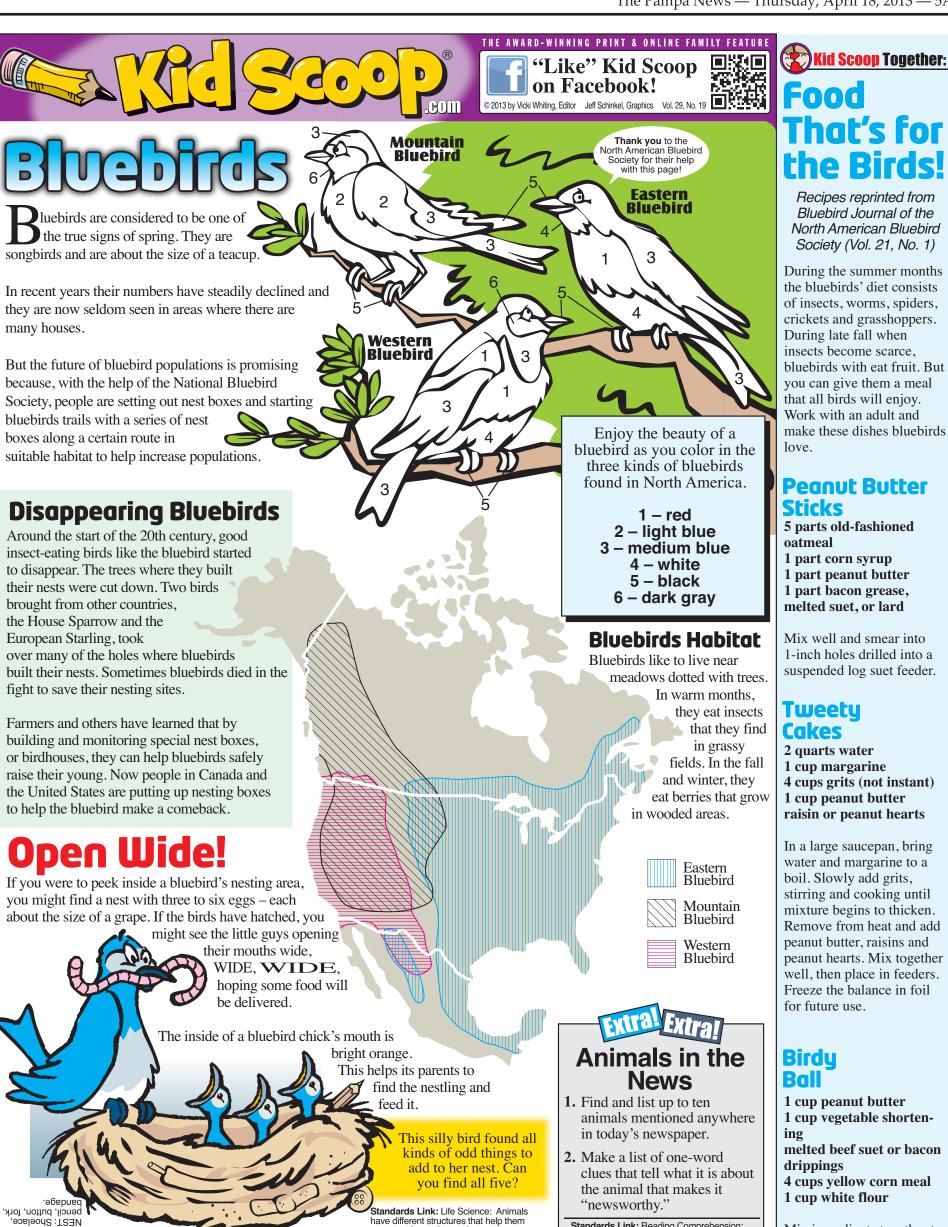
their area of research.) In 1999, computer techs really believed computers would freeze when the calendar turned to 2000, causing planes to fall from the sky. Killer-bee researchers were convinced bees would sting us to death. Anti-pesticide environmentalists, flesh-eating bacteria researchers and today's global warming fanatics are all sincere in their fear.

But unlike Wall Street bankers, none could confiscate a trillion of your dollars and give them to their cronies. Believe me: If Al Gore could have done that, he would have.

Politicians accuse those of us who advocate limited government of being heartless when we say that government should not protect us against loss. But government efforts to "protect" us create a mora hazard that just makes our problems bigger over

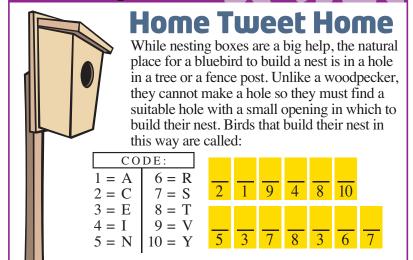
Politicians say, "Yes, we can!" But don't be fooled: "No, They Can't."

John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on the Fox Business Network.



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look for each word in this week's

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word BIRDS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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make a soft doughy mix. Roll into balls and put out

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Look through the newspaper for articles mentioning things that might have an impact on agriculture. Write one sentence next to each article, explaining why or how agriculture might be affected.

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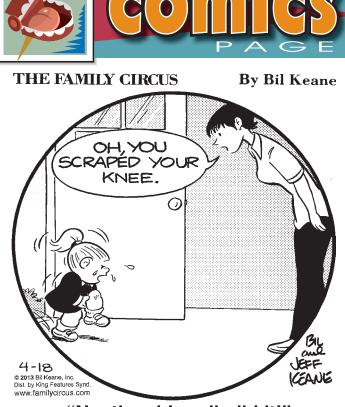
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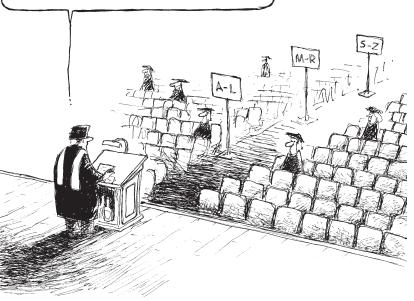
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more physical activity into your life, or else your fuse will become shorter and shorter. If you are single, you will enjoy someone you meet after spring. This person likes to be active and is into sports. take up a new hobby, sport or pastime together. LEO can be as demanding as you are!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your zest for living comes spontaneity even becomes childlike, which allows for great conversations and many laughs. Start doing some research on a new, passionate interest. Tonight: Make your choices colorful and exciting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Your instincts guide you, especially when dealing with a close family member. You could be put off by this person's attitude or habits. Let it go, as this characteristic is just a small part of their personality. By late afternoon, you'll start to perk up. Tonight: Celebrate the night. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You can be very charming to others, but do not coerce them into agreeing to something that they won't enjoy, especially regarding weekend plans. Your upbeat attitude tends to break down barriers. Everyone wants a little bit of what you've got. Tonight: You flirt!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Your moodiness allows you to become a victim of overindulging. Curb your spending, and stay within your budget. Choose restaurants that support your diet. Take better care of yourself. Others will start treating you with more respect as a result. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You beam as you sense a change in the wind. Listen to what is being shared. A neighbor might have some interesting information to share with you. Know that there is a nugget of truth in what you are hearing. Invitations and requests come in. Tonight: Be around a crowd.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ If you're feeling out of sorts, take This year your energy is so high that some much-needed personal time. You you have difficulty keeping yourself might want to find a trusted friend or relcontained. You will need to incorporate ative to reach out to. This person makes an excellent confidant. Stop judging others -- and yourself -- so much. Tonight: Excuse yourself from festivities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Wherever you are, you If you are attached, the two of you might can be found networking away among the crowds. You could make a surprising connection that you will value even more than you might realize. Touch base with someone you often think of but You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; perhaps don't speak to. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Fatigue or negativity could be out, no matter what you say or do. Your casting some darkness on your life. A partner will go out of his or her way to cheer you up. Express your appreciation, but try to eliminate an overwhelming issue. Speak to someone who can help you. Tonight: Stay sensitive to a close loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your mind opts to wander while you are left trying to be efficient. Share your thoughts in order to get some feedback. Afterward, you will be more present. Run your errands, and get as much done possible. A last-minute detail could slow you down. Tonight: Time to

be impulsive. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** A close friend pleads his or her case. Listen and respond accordingly. Allow more spontaneity into both your social and personal lives. You probably will enjoy yourself more once you relax. Life will be even more of an adventure! Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

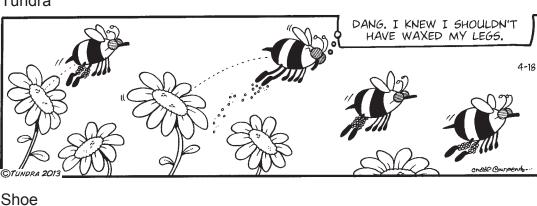
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others often challenge you. Though you don't really care, you'll listen to the criticism or issue and evaluate it in your time. This lack of an immediate response could trigger a negative reaction. You defuse naturally hidden agendas. Tonight: Only where people can be

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You have a lot of ground to cov $er, both \, personally \, and \, professionally. \, Be$ realistic -- you might need to ask for help. Understand that a certain call might not be returned. Be discreet when dealing with a difficult person. Tonight: Unwind without a whole lot of people around.

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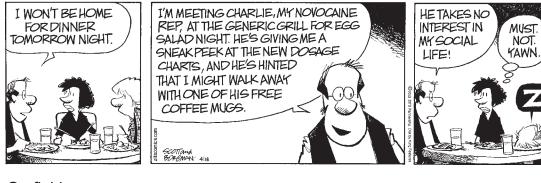




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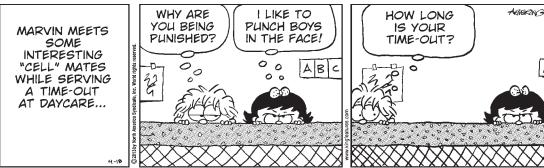
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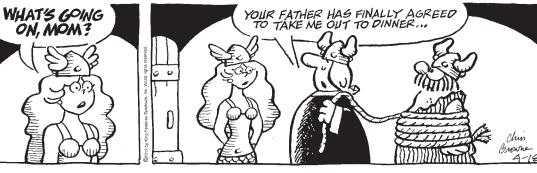
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Harvesters survive late Dalhart rally Tuesday afternoon

■ Will host Perryton for district title at 4:30 p.m. on April 26.

> By Zachary Green zgreen@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Harvester baseball team hosted Dalhart on Thursday af-

With a win and a Perryton loss, Pampa would climb to first place in the district standings.

James Thompson singled to center to start things off for Pampa in the bottom of the first with two outs. Jordan Lemons then hit a double to center that plated Thompson in the process. Pampa led 1-0 after the first

Dalhart scored a run to even up the game at one a piece in the top of the third inning.

Tyler Powell started a rally for the Harvesters in the bottom of the fourth by smashing a triple to center. Riley Douglas followed with a double to score Powell.

Taylor Woods then hit a single to third. Chris Howard hit a sacrifice bunt to score Douglas and advance Woods to third. Cade Engle then walked and scored Woods in the process of his at-bat. Ryan Powell continued the hitting barrage with a single to left. Thompson then reached on an error and the bases were loaded.

Lemons came up and hit a double to right field and scored Engle and Ryan Powell. Pampa would lead 6-1 after four innings.

Both teams were held in check until the top of the seventh when Dalhart was down to their final three

A Wolves runner reached on an error. Then a batter was hit by a pitch, followed by a double to center.

Another Wolves runner reached on an error and quickly the score was 6-3 with no outs and Wolves runners

Another batter reached on a fielder's choice and another followed with a single.

A Wolves runner came in to score on an error.

The score was Pampa 6, Dalhart 4 with the bases loaded and no one out for the Wolves.

Thompson made a game-saving catch at shortstop as he got a line drive about three feet in the air. If that ball had gone past him, the score would have easily been knotted up at

Tyler Powell then bared down and struck out the next batter. The final batter flied out to center and the game was finally over but not before Dalhart made it interesting in the top of the seventh inning.

The final score was Pampa 6, Dalhart 4. Borger also defeated Perryton which means the Harvesters host Perryton at 4:30 p.m. on Friday April 26 for the district title.

"We are playing pretty well right now and we are on a three game winning streak. The kids are doing well," said coach Kaleb Snelgrooes. "Today got a little hairy there at the end but our kids bowed their necks and made plays when they had to. These kids have pretty good compo-

Snelgrooes went on to say that he believes the Harvesters have clinched a playoff spot. "That is the most important thing. I am looking forward to what these next two or three weeks hold for us. I am really excited to see what these boys do in the weeks to come."

Thompson had five strikeouts over four innings pitched. He also picked up the win and only allowed one run on two hits. Tyler Powell pitched the final three innings and struck out three batters. He allowed three runs, but only one was earned on three

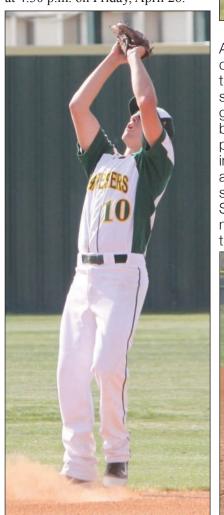
Engle had a walk and a run scored. Ryan Powell had a single and a run

Thompson was 2-4 with two sin-

gles and a run scored.

Lemons was 4-4, with three doubles and with three RBIs. Hunt walked twice and stole a base on defensive indifference. Tyler Powell was 1-2 with a triple, a walk and a run scored. Douglas was 1-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Woods was 1-3 with a single, a run scored and a stolen base. Howard picked up and RBI on a sacrifice

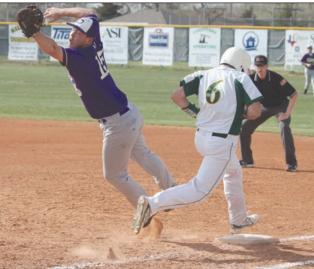
The team improves to 11-11 on the season and 5-2 in district play. They will host Sayre, Okla., for Senior Day at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Then they will host Perryton for the district title at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26.





Photos by Zachary Green

Above, James Thompson fields a ball at shortstop during the game. Below, Jordan Lemons runs through the bag at first and would advance to second on the wild throw. Left, Tyler Powell shows great form as he puts both hands up to catch a ball at shortstop. Thompson started the game at pitcher and traded places with Powell in the fifth inning. Pampa won the game despite a valiant rally attempt by Dalhart in the seventh inning. The final score was Pampa 6, Dalhart 4. Pampa will host Sayre, Okla., for Senior Day on Saturday afternoon. The Harvesters play Perryton on April 26 for the district title.



Pampa girls golf at regionals

By ZACHARY GREEN

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The Pampa Lady Harvester golf team headed to regionals in Lubbock Monday and Tuesday.

They finished 10th at the regionals. Here are the results of the Pampa golfers. Ashlee Keith 95, 97. Savanna Mertz 91, 97. Katy Velasquez 105, 93. Alison Alexander 88, 88. Gracie Little 94, 97.

"Our girls played really well over the last two days. In the four years that I have been here this is the best that I have had a team score in any two day event," said Pampa coach Alan Segura. "They played with three of the top four teams the first day and handled the pressure of playing and made a respectable showing. Coach Sanford and I could not be any more proud of them than we are."

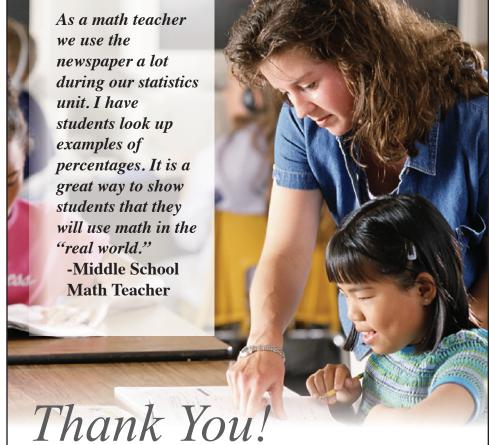
Segura added he hopes they learned from this experience and know that they have the potential to compete with the top teams in our region and in the state. Every one of the girls was a little disappointed in the fact that they knew they could have done better. This is an exciting thing to see, Segura added. "This shows us (Coach Sanford and I) that they expect more and want to get better. This is exciting for the future of the girls golf pro-

gram.' The tournament concluded the Pampa girls golf teams' season. The Pampa News would like to congratulate each and every



Pictured are Ashlee Keith, Savanna Mertz, Katy Velasquez, Alison Alexander and Gracie Little. These girls competed in the regional golf tournament.





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Lady Harvesters win district for fourth straight year

Pampa avenges its lone district loss with 4-0 win.

By Zachary Green zgreen@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Lady Harvester softball team hosted Dalhart on Senior Day Tuesday afternoon. Pampa was looking to avenge their lone district loss from the last time they faced the Lady Wolves in

Claire Hopkins started things off in the bottom of the first by taking a base on balls. Bailey Beck then reached on an error on a bunt attempt and scored Hopkins in the process. Alexa O'Brien reached on an error that plated Beck in the process. Pampa would lead 2-0 after the first in-

In the third, Martecia Alexander reached on an error. Hopkins followed that up by hitting a double to left and picking up an RBI in the process as Alexander came home to score. Pampa led 3-0 after the second inning.

Both teams were held in check until the bottom of the fourth. Brittney Gonzalez laid down a bunt single to start things off in the inning. Hopkins then reached on an error that scored Gonzalez in the process. Pampa would lead 4-0 after four innings. That would also be the final score as the O'Brien and Gonzalez pitching combo did not allow a hit for the Lady Wolves all afternoon.

O'Brien struck out seven over the course of five innings pitched. Gonzalez

struck out two over two innings pitched.

Hopkins was 1-2 with a double, a run scored, an RBI, a walk and four stolen bases. Britton had two steals after being hit by a pitch. Beck had a run scored after reaching on an error. O'Brien walked once. Gonzalez was 1-3 with a single, a run scored and two stolen bases. Alexander had a steal and a run scored.

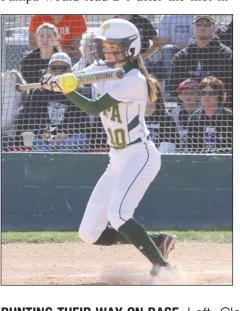
"I could not be prouder of this team. They are the epitome of class. It is an example of what a team can accomplish when they want the same thing. They really wanted the district title and did what they needed to do to get it," said coach Bobbi Gill.

The win gave Pampa the district championship. It is the fourth district title in a row and seventh in eight years for the Lady Harvesters. They improve to 20-8 on the season and 7-1 in district play. They will play host to Amarillo High at 1 p.m. Saturday in a playoff warmup game.

They have a bye during the bi-district round of the playoffs. Their opponent for the Area round of the playoffs has not been determined yet. That round will most likely be on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4.

In the playoffs there will be a best-ofthree series. One game will occur on Friday night with another game on Saturday afternoon, followed by the if-necessary game three.

As soon as The Pampa News knows where the Lady Harvesters will be playing and who they will play in the Area Round we will inform our readers.





BUNTING THEIR WAY ON BASE. Left, Claire Hopkins laying down a bunt in the game. Right, Alexa O'Brien also tries to lay down a bunt.

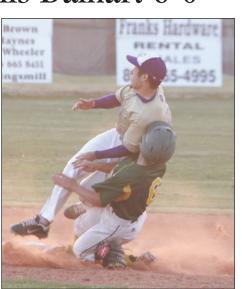




SLIDING IN SAFELY. Left, Brittney Gonzalez slides in safely at second base. Right, Kylie Krieder also slides in safely at second base. Pampa won the game 4-0, avenging their lone district loss.

JV baseball rolls Dalhart 6-0





Photos by Zachary Green

Above left, Colton Thompson fields the ball cleanly at second base. Above right, Jacob Nelson slides in safely at second, taking out a Dalhart fielder in the process. Below, Bryson Burrell comes in to score. Pampa won the game 6-0 behind some great pitching from Burrell and Nathan Furgason.

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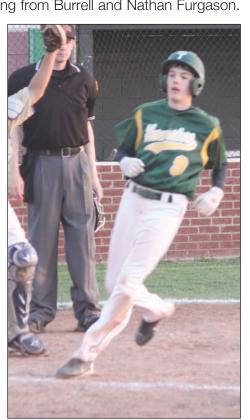
The junior varsity Harvester baseball team hosted Dalhart in their second to last game of the season.

Bryson Burell scored the lone run in the first inning for Pampa. Burrell added another in the second. Jacob Nelson, Ty Hooper and Derrick Maxwell also scored for Pampa. Maxwell pinch-ran for Adam Zuniga after a Zuniga hit. Chance Douglas scored the last run for Pampa. Douglas also made a couple of nice catches in right field for the Harvesters.

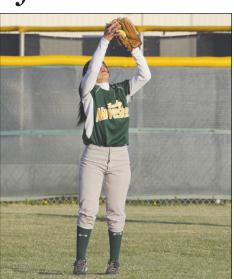
Pampa won the game 6-0. Burell pitched the first two innings for Pampa. Nathan Furgason pitched the third and final inning for Pampa. He struck out two batters and another one was put out on a dropped third strike.

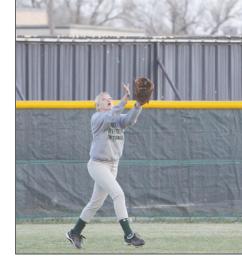
The Harvester junior varsity team improves to 6-5 on the season and 4-3 in district play. Their season will conclude at 7 p.m., April 26. The JV game originally scheduled for Saturday against Sayre, Okla.,

has been canceled.



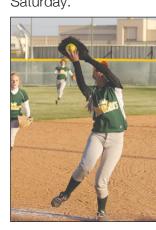
JV softball undefeated in district





Photos by Kevyn Jerome Above left, Tori Robles makes a nice catch in the outfield. Above right, Avery Malone also makes a great catch for Pampa in the outfield. Right, Cameron Schaub comes in safely at home plate. Below, Cheyenne Lockhart makes an acrobatic catch in the game. Pampa won the game 7-1. The Lady Harvesters junior varsity team is now 10-1-1 on the season and went 8-0 in district. They also won the district championship. This game concluded their district season and their final game will be against Amarillo High at 3 p.m., Saturday.









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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK





Tyler Powell **Claire Hopkins**

PAMPA JUNIOR HIGH CHOIRS AT UIL CHOIR COMPETITION

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The Pampa Junior High choirs competed last week in Amarillo at the UIL Choir Competition. Pictured above is the non-varsity men's choir, from left, Lorenzo Venzor, Logan Martindale, Caleb Phillips, Korbin Payne, Kyler Ray, Trevor Townson, Santos Ramon and Jacobe Mills. Not pictured is Kaenan Hanks. Above right, the Concert Women: Mariah Doyle, Madison Floyd, Kyra Moyer, Rylee Novian, Elaine Nava, Lauren Littlefield, Deisy Olivas, Adilenne Montes, Cheyenna Spence, Bailey Joyce, Holland Poole, Madison Bolch, Samantha Bai, Jaycee Brown, Johana Pacheco, Lizbeth Olivas, Jennifer Chairez, Perla Silva, Montaisha Brown, Raelynn Miller, Paola DeLaTorre, Erin Grahm, Kirstin Robison, Kristin Shouse, America Mariscal, Tara Goldsmith, Ashten Snapp, Katya Madrid, Carli Crockett, Anai Mendoza, Harper Kelly, Elise Kennedy, Ariel Cambern, Chainee Corely, Lauren Pingel, Alli Whitson, DJ Ford, Skyler Anderson, Taylor Ramming, Sarah Gordzelik and Kami Ware. Not pictured is Indy Sullivan, Jaycee Garth, Rubi Garcia, Odalys Miranda, Catherine Murphey, Payton Rodgers.

NY man's bad idea results in car crash

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — It turns out coasting an SUV with no brakes downhill to a scrap yard isn't a good idea after all.

Police say a 28-year-old man found that out Tuesday evening when he attempted to drive an SUV to a scrap yard in Jamestown, 60 miles south of Buffalo.

Officers tell The Post-Journal of Jamestown that disconnected the battery before coasting down a hill to get to a nearby scrap yard. Police say he also told them the 1995 Chevrolet Tahoe had no brakes.

Officials say he was unable to stop at an intersection and collided with another vehicle. The man was charged with reckless endangerment, failure to stop at a stop sign and hav-









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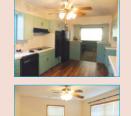
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I work in the field of social services. Every day I am confronted with families who struggle with more children than they can care for and with behavioral and emotional problems. Frankly, it has turned me off. I am terrified of all the "what ifs."

I can't talk to my family because I don't want to tell them they have created part of my problem. My in-laws can't understand why we don't have children yet.

My husband keeps insisting 'everything will be fine." I love him deeply and he would make an amazing father. My heart wants this, but my head isn't sure. I can't picture our future without children, but the fear of actually having them brings me to tears. Can you help me? SCARED TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP

DEAR SCARED: Children don't come with 100 percent, money-back guarantees. What they need in order to thrive is parents who love each other and them, and who are willing to put forth the time and energy to raise them. I don't know what went wrong in your siblings' marriages, but it appears their kids have been used as pawns rather than having their own interests put first. If both parents cooperated in the interests of the children there would be no battles.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm at a crossroads. I have been married for 15 years and have two children. I love my wife and have been content with this life for a long time. However, for years I have felt like something was missing.

I recently become close friends with a man who is in the same situation. One day he confided that he is gay and has known it for more than 10 years. He told me he, too, had been content with his life but had grown increasingly depressed before we

As our friendship has developed I have come to realize that I'm gay as well. It was a struggle to finally admit this to myself, but I accept that it's the truth. My friend and I have been exploring our sexuality together, and he says he is happier than he has been in years.

Both of us love our wives and children; however, we desperately need to fulfill our own needs as well. Do you have any advice on the best way to move forward that will have minimal impact on everyone involved? — IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION

DEAR IN: You say you have known for years that something was missing. Well, it is possible that your wives have felt the same way, and may have blamed themselves for it. That's why it is important for you and your friend to explain everything to them honestly.

It would be helpful for everyone who will be affected to seek counseling and receive the emotional support they will need through this life-changing transition. You and your lover should go online and find the nearest gay and lesbian community center. (Visit www. lgbtcenters.org for a complete list.) Your wives should contact the Straight Spouse Network, which has been mentioned in my column many times. It can be reached at www.straightspouse.org.

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Junior Ranger Day slated for Saturday

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FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument will celebrate National Junior Ranger Day this Saturday, April 20, at the Alibates Visitor Contact Station off Cas Johnson Road. This event kicks off National Park Week, April 20-28, when entrance fees into national parks across the country will be waived.

This year's theme is "Did you know...?" The Lake Meredith and Alibates Junior Ranger Day will begin at 9 a.m. and run until 4 p.m., with activities occurring throughout the day. Participants are invited to arrive at any time and spend a few hours or the entire day.

Children will have the opportunity to study native mammal and insect collections, learn about park ranger careers such as firefighting and law enforcement, watch flintknapping demonstrations, throw the atl-atl (an early Native American hunting tool), take ranger-guided hikes, and complete requirements to become Junior

Parents can participate in activities along with their kids, watch the awardwinning Alibates film, or enjoy a 15 percent discount in the park bookstore. All activities are free and open to the public.

For more information or directions, contact Lake Meredith Headquarters at 806-857-3151 or Alibates Visitor Contact Station at 806-857-6680.

National Park Week is April 20-28

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FRITCH — National Park Week 2013 is April 20-28, and national parks across the country will be rolling out the red carpet, welcoming visitors, and showcasing all of the great things going on with the parks and their programs.

The National Park Foundation is once again partnering with the national parks to spread the word to millions of Americans. The joint website Nationalparkweek.

org will highlight activities and invite visitors to share their park photos, videos, Did vou know that Alibates Flint Ouar-

ries National Monument... Is the only national monument in the state of Texas?

Contains a multi-colored flint, "Alibates flint," that is more correctly called agatized dolomite or silicified dolomite? Has more than 700 quarry pits where flint was dug out by hand? Was named for a cowboy called "Allie Bates"? Was originally authorized as "Alibates Flint Quarries and Texas Panhandle Pueblo Culture National

Was created by the Sanford Dam on the Canadian River to provide water to 11 Texas Panhandle cities? Contains 200foot canyons, called "breaks," that were cut and recut by the Canadian River? Has been home to humans for more than 13,000 years? Holds a yearly free fishing tournament for children ages 6-14, in partnership with the Small-Fry Fishing Tournament Association?

For more information, contact park headquarters at 806-857-3151 or Alibates visitor center at 806-857-6680.

III. governor calls Perry 'big talker'

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn said the Land of Lincoln doesn't need any advice from Texas Gov.

The Chicago Democrat again defended Illinois' business climate on Wednesday as the former Republican presidential candidate announced that he's coming to Chicago this month to lure jobs to Texas and spurn competition between the states.

Quinn — who's pushed back on poaching attempts from Wisconsin, Indiana and New Jersey as the state grapples with monstrous financial problems— instead played up water technologies in Illinois. He cited a recent trade mission to Mexico to promote Illinois companies and the groundbreaking earlier this week of Danish water pump company Grundfos' North American headquarters in suburban

"We know how to do it in Illinois. We don't need any advice from Gov. Perry," Quinn told reporters at the State Capitol. "His state, frankly, is water challenged, and any company thinking of going to Texas better check on their water.

Perry announced Wednesday that he's coming to Illinois from April 23-24, after purchasing \$42,000 in radio advertising in the Chicago area. The ad is paid for by Texas One, a public-private marketing firm using private money.

The idea is to "spur competition between states and recruit jobs and employ-ees to Texas," he said.

Perry, who has said he is considering

running for president again in 2016, frequently travels to blue states with big Republican donors, including California, to recruit businesses to Texas. In Chicago, he will speak at the 2013 BIO Internation-

While other governors, particularly on Illinois' borders, have tried to lure businesses from the state, the businesses themselves also have been public about their discontent with Illinois' financial problems. The head of heavy equipment maker Caterpillar Inc. blasted state officials last year in a newspaper editorial over the issue. That was after the company bypassed Illinois as a location for a new plant and 1,400 jobs. Illinois has the worst pension problem

in the country — which has led to lowered credit ratings — and billions in unpaid bills, something all the companies

In turn, Quinn and lawmakers have made extraordinary efforts to keep companies in the state. In 2011, he signed \$100 million in tax breaks and incentives for Sears Holding Corp and CME Group Inc., which operates the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Quinn has said the move saved thousands of jobs.

Quinn's office on Wednesday dismissed the Perry trip as a publicity stunt.

The governors have met before. They were roommates during a 2009 tour of Afghanistan and Iraq when several governors went to visit troops.

"He's a big talker," Quinn said.

Bill requires American history classes to graduate

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas college students would have to take six hours of comprehensive American or Texas history to earn their degrees under a bill scheduled for a hearing by a House panel.

Freshman Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, a Southlake Republican, filed his bill in March after a report critical of classes at the University of Texas and Texas A&M

Texas college students already take history in their core classes toward graduation. A recent report by the National Association of Scholars questioned whether classes that narrowly focus on American naval history or African-American history satisfy that requirement.

Capriglione's bill is specific that students must take a class with a "comprehensive survey" of American or Texas history, but some lawmakers have questioned whether the Legislature should meddle with specific college curriculum.

Ethics commission up for review at Legislature

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AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Ethics Commission is up for review and some possible changes at the state Legislature. The House Elections Committee will consider significant changes to the

commission, which collects campaign finance reports and investigates complaints against elected officials and lob-

There are few limits on campaign contributions in Texas, so disclosure forms filed with the ethics commission are the main method of tracking political influ-

But lawmakers complain that one minor error on a form is treated the same as a major violation of law.

The disclosure process also relies on old technology, and lawmakers will consider updating the process. The details of those and other changes will be made Monday afternoon in Austin.

Senate votes to raise minimum age for tanning beds

AUSTIN, (AP) — The Texas Senate is trying to crack down on teen tanning.

The Senate voted Wednesday to raise the minimum age for using a tanning facility to 18 years old. The current minimum is $16 \frac{1}{2}$ with parental permission.

Lawmakers set the minimum age in 2009. Sen. Joan Huffman, a Houston Republican, says it should be raised to help reduce the cases of skin cancer.

According to a bill analysis, there are about 70,000 new cases of invasive melanoma each year and the disease is one of main causes of cancer deaths in women between 25 and 30.

The bill has been supported by doctors and opposed by the tanning industry. It now goes to the House for consideration.

Skip the trip: Renew online before summer rush

SUBMITTED BY DPS

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety is encouraging residents to beat the summer rush at driver license offices across the state by renewing their license or identification card early or online. The summer months are typically the busiest time of year at driver license offices, and individuals can avoid the crowds during this time. Residents who are eligible can skip the trip to the office completely via online renewal of their license, identification card or change of address at Texas.gov. "The summer months can mean more

customers at driver license offices with students and families out of school or off work, but many Texans can avoid the rush or even skip the trip to the office altogether," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS currently offers several customer-convenient options, including online renewal of licenses and identification cards and our new high-capacity driver license mega centers in major metropolitan areas.'

Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested.

If residents need to come into the office to renew, they can do so within one year prior to the expiration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule.

To be eligible to renew online, the expiration date on the card must be within

one year. When a resident renews their card, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, even if customers renew early. The renewal fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals. In order to renew online, the card can-

not have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov. If Texans do need to visit a driver li-

cense office, DPS is encouraging customers in the major metro areas to visit mega centers in their areas. The six driver license mega centers are

located in the Metroplex, Houston, San Antonio and Austin areas and feature technology that allows customers to reserve a place in line before arriving at the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via phone, mobile device or the Internet. The system also allows customers to

adjust their place in line – for instance, if they are running late, they can push themselves back in line.

Walk-in customers can use self-service check-in kiosks and have the option of returning later, closer to their appoint-

For more information about the new mega centers and the technology that allows you to get in line before coming into the office, visit Txdps.state.tx.us/. those eligible to renew online can also renew by phone by calling 1-866-DL RENEW (1-866-357-3639)

Horticulture experts to answer questions on all things gardening

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M **AGRILIFE EXTENSION**

AMARILLO — The Potter County AgriLife Extension Horticulture Committee, Potter County Master Gardeners and other local and regional experts will hold an open community round table forum from 6 to 7:30 p.m. April 22 at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens event room.

"My horticulture committee recognized a need for this public forum so we could answer clientele questions with correct, research based answers," said Brandon Boughen, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

"All too often clientele ask questions and the answer is 'buy this product' and it will fix everything," Boughen said. "We want to give the people of Amarillo and the surrounding area the correct information so they can make more informed decisions when it comes to their landscape, flower garden and vegetable

Seating is limited, but no RSVP is required, he said.

"We just want to help people solve their problems by getting them good information. Several handouts and fact sheets will be available during the event."

Boughen said those unable to attend the community forum can submit questions by calling the AgriLife Extension office in Potter County at 806-373-0713 or by filling out the online question form at Potter.agrilife.org/links.

'Luke Comes to Life' at First Baptist

SUBMITTED

This dramatic presentation of the Gospel of Luke by mime Wesley Brainard captures audiences and moves them to first century Israel where Jesus is born, lives, is crucified and rises triumphantly from the grave. The public is cordially invited to attend this unusual moment of

The event will be held 6 p.m., Sunday

at First Baptist Church, 203 N. West St.

Brainard studied mime under Marcel Marceau - arguably one of the best nonverbal storytellers the world has ever known. For more than 25 years, he's been combining this art of gesture and action with the rich text of the Bible in his traveling one-man dramatic presen-

tations of Luke, Acts, and Hebrews. For more information, call Barry Owens, music minister, at 806-669-1155.

Perry announces recruiting trip to Illinois

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is heading to Illinois to recruit businesses to relocate to Texas.

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Perry has also said he is considering running for president again in 2016.

Key senator: Texas casino bill's odds 'very slim'

AUSTIN (AP) — A key advocate for approving casino gambling in Texas calls the chances of his bill passing

The Austin American-Statesman reports that Texas Sen. John Carona, a Dallas Republican, decided not to have the business and commerce committee vote on his bill.

The bill would allow voters to decide on a constitutional amendment to allow

Carona said Tuesday his colleagues

told him they didn't want vote on a controversial bill with little chance of success. He says the best chance for gambling might be if a special session is called for lawmakers to pass more school funding in the wake of a state-

Gambling supporters say casinos would create jobs and keep gambling revenue from leaving the state. Conservative and religious groups have opposed the bill.

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PAMPA JUNIOR HIGH CHOIRS AT UIL CHOIR COMPETITION



The Pampa Junior High choirs competed last week in Amarillo at the UIL Choir Competition. The non-varsity men, directed by Joshua Harris, received ratings of a two in Concert and a two in Sight Reading. The Treble Women's Choir, the Concert Men's Choir, and the Concert Women's Choir, all directed by Tammy May, all received one's in Concert and one's in Sight Reading. Pictured is the Pampa Junior High varsity men's choir. From left, Ethan Brock, Drew Miller, Jonah Munsell, Kade Hood, Fernando Anguiano, Brett West, Oscar Gonzalez, Bryce Parker, Derek Norris, Jordan Moore, Greyson Wilson, Bradey Porter, Braden Kidd, Ryan Roden, Bryson Paronto, Christian Tapia, Brendon Woelfle, Brandon Sieck, Evan Read, Kaydan Stidham, Mateo Mosqueda, Mason McKay, Garrett Ely, Braydon Mendoza, Carson Eubank, Kade Parker, Brandt Logan, Xander Karson, Trey Hon, Mason Eldridge, Seth Langely, Nicholas Thomas, Jett Richards, Brady Albert and Drake Estep. Not Pictured: Nick Stevens, Mason Richards and Anthony Lish.



Pictured is the non-varsity Treble Women's Choir. From left, Molly Manhart, Taylor Lindley, Haley Dunn, Nique Johnson, Shandasia Captain, Wendy Garcia, Daniela Medina, Lexi Arguello, Rose Charles, Ivory Scoggins, Brianna Pickett, Tersa Fuller, Shana Taylor, Nikki Smith, Tina Borunda, Summer VanBuskirk, Sienna Albers, Jennifer Price, Danielle Franks, Melanie Garcia, Alexys Hill, Macey Rabel, Megan Dickinson, Madison Roby, Iyanna Clarida, Tori Dalton, Calista Bolin, Molly Nelson, Jonae Whinery, C'Aire Porter, Erika Johnston, Brooke Ramming, Maggie Olveda, Jodi Pingel, Avery Lynn, Adeline Little, Janae Williams, Esmerelda Lopez, Alex Recendiz, Maddie Hooper, Mariah Schiffman and Jessica Parker.

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The customer isn't always right

BROOKVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Police in one western Pennsylvania town are investigating a case of bar kill: dead animals tossed into a tavern by dissatisfied customers.

Brookville police Chief Ken Dworek says police believe they know who tossed the dead groundhog and, later, a grouse into Bill's Bar on Sunday, but they just can't prove it yet. The (Dubois) Courier-Express reports the groundhog was tossed into the bar about 70 miles northeast of Pittsburgh about 5 p.m., before a man sped off in a pickup. About four hours later, two men returned and tossed in the dead grouse for good measure.

The chief tells The Associated Press he's hoping bystanders will help identify the men.





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