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Murder suspect arrested in Pampa

■ Spearman man held on \$1M bond in beating death of 11-month-old.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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The suspect in the beating death of an 11-month-old child in Spearman was arrested Friday morning in Pampa, said Lt. Terry Cox, a spokesman for the the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

He is being held in Hansford County on a \$ 1million bond.

Andrew Johnson, 28, was arrested at 9:34 a.m. in the 900 block of Brunow Avenue by the Pampa Police Department on charges unrelated to the beating, said PPD spokeswoman Officer Story McCullar. He was picked up for warrants for failure to appear and no seat belt, she said.

Johnson was booked into the Gray County Jail around 10 a.m. then transferred to the Hansford County Jail later in the day, Cox said.

Spearman Police Chief Robert Baker said Johnson had been living for the past three months in Spearman,

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Pampa ISD Board to meet Thursday

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The Pampa Independent School District Board (PISD) on Thursday will receive an update on construction of the district's new central administration facility from James Hicks of Wiley Hicks Construction Company.

According to PISD records, current estimates for the new admin building are around \$6 million. That estimate represents the total cost of the project, including construction, architectural and engineering fees, and furniture, fixtures and equipment. A price tag of \$6 million would deplete PISD's remaining bond funds (approximately \$3 million) and would impact the district's fund balance by \$3 million. At the end of the 2011-12 audited year, PISD's fund balance was \$9.6 million.

Currently, the construction bid documents are available to subcontractors with a bid submittal date of May 2. Subcontractor interest in the admin facility has been steady, district records show.

In other business, the Board will consider a bid for a portion, or portions, or all of the former Baker Elementary property, located at 300 E. Tuke; and it will consider the purchase of real property located in the vicinity of Pampa High School.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of PISD's student discipline process.

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City Commission meets Tuesday

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa City Commission will hold its regular business meeting at 4 p.m., Tuesday. The Commission meets in the third floor of Pampa City Hall, 200 W. Foster Ave.

The agenda for Tuesday's meeting was not received before press deadline. The Pampa News will publish a preview of the meeting in Tuesday's edition.

Hughes Building: past and present



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Top, the original six-story Hughes Building as seen from a second-floor corridor that connects the 1951 structure with the newer, four-story annex. Above left, Stacy McFall, who works as a secretary for building owner Bill Arrington, points to a cement slab in the basement directly underneath a sidewalk along Somerville Street that could be lifted when utility equipment needed to be installed or replaced in the basement. Above right, building manager Gina Albus pretends to flip one of the main power breakers in the basement. Inset in the upper left corner is the late Richard George Hughes, the Pampa businessman who is the building's namesake.

■ Pampa's tallest but empty building has glorious past, possible future.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Some in town call it an "eyesore" or "Pampa's tallest pigeon roost."

At six stories, the Hughes Building at Kingsmill Avenue and Somerville Street has stood as the

city's tallest downtown structure since it opened in 1951. There is a seventh story if you include the penthouse suite and conference room on top.

The concrete and steel building, which formerly housed corporate offices for Cabot Corporation on floors two through six, has over

the years fallen into a state of disrepair.

The first floor, with its marble floor and walls, solid brass doors and game trophies, is remembered by many locals for the pharmacy off the main entrance, a beauty salon, barber shop and several doctors' offices. In the basement was now-defunct radio station KGRO, a coffee shop and a small gym for Cabot employees.

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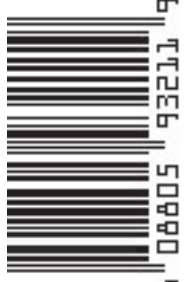
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Sunday	Monday
High 71 Low 40	High 74 Low 45	High 76 Low 34

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 71. No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 21 mph. Sunrise at 7:05 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 40. No chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:21 p.m.

Sunday: Sunny with a high of 74. No chance of rain. Wind northeast at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:03 a.m.

Sunday night: Mostly clear with a low of 45. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 12 mph. Sunset at 8:22 p.m.

Monday: Isolated T-storms with a high of 76. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind northeast at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:02 a.m.

Monday night: Mostly cloudy with a low of 34. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 19 mph. Sunset at 8:23 p.m.

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Obituaries

Sherry Ellen Hood Begert

Sherry Ellen Hood Begert, 73, went to be with her Lord on Thursday, April 18, 2013 in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Fairview Cemetery, with pastor Paul Nachtigall with Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Begert was born Aug. 16, 1939 on the family farm near Paducah to Fletcher and Madeline Hood. She moved to Pampa in 1954 and graduated from Pampa High School in 1957. She married El Dean Begert in 1958 and they moved to Amarillo in 1963. Sherry returned to Pampa in 2003. She was a homemaker and a member of Caprock Baptist Church in Amarillo. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Nick

Sherry Begert



Hood and John Ted Hood; and her husband of 42 years, El Dean Begert.

The family would like to thank Pampa Nursing Center and BSA Hospice of Pampa for their love and care of Sherry.

Survivors include her daughter, D'Ann Gonzales and husband Johnny of Pampa; five grandchildren, Anthony Gonzales of Amarillo, Cristan Gonzales and Cheyenne Gonzales, both of Pampa, Andrew Gonzales of Stinnett, and Christina Strong of Gun Barrel City; eight great-grandchildren, Collin Gonzales, Aiden Gonzales, Josue Gonzales, Gabriela Gonzales, Austen McCoy, Alyssa McCoy, Caitlynn Strong and Dillon Strong, plus a great-granddaughter due in a few weeks; a brother, Clayton Hood and wife Donnah of Amarillo; and a sister, Shannon Hood of Salt Lake City, Utah.

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

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Judge's lawsuit: Disability system 'in crisis'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Social Security's disability program is overwhelmed by so many claims that judges sometimes award benefits they might otherwise deny just to keep up with the flow of cases, according to a lawsuit filed by the judges themselves.

The Social Security Administration says the agency's administrative law judges should decide 500 to 700 disability cases a year. The agency calls the standard a productivity goal, but the lawsuit claims it is an illegal quota that requires judges to decide an average of more than two cases per workday.

"When the goals are too high, the easy way out is to pay the case," said Randall Frye, president of the Association of Administrative Law Judges and a judge in Charlotte, N.C. "Paying the case is a decision that might be three pages long.

When you deny benefits, it's usually a 15- or 20-page denial that takes a lot more time and effort." The lawsuit raises serious questions about the integrity of the disability hearing process by the very people in charge of running it. It comes as the disability program faces serious financial problems.

About 3.2 million people applied for disability benefits last year, a 25 percent increase from a decade before. Claims have increased in part because of aging baby boomers. As people get older, they become more prone to disabilities. Disability claims also typically increase when the economy sours.

Some people who manage to work despite their disabilities get laid off and apply for benefits, while others apply out of economic desperation.

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For the record

Amarillo man arrested for unlawful use of a criminal instrument

• Corey Don Anglin, 32, Amarillo, was arrested Thursday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for unlawful use of a criminal instrument.

• Robert Quilimaco Jr., Pampa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for violating a promise to appear, no seat belt.

Pampa Fire Department call log — April 15-19

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 15**
- At 7:59 a.m., one unit, a vehicle accident in the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan. One injury noted in log.
 - At 8:26 a.m., one unit, to a good intent call in the 1100 block of Varnon.
 - At 8:54 a.m., one unit, to a carbon monoxide investigation in the 1900 block of North Christie.
 - At 10:36 p.m., one unit, to an odor investigation in the 700 block of North Wells.

- April 16**
- At 1:43 a.m., one unit, to lift assist in 2000 block of Mary Ellen.
 - At 3:55 a.m., one unit, to medical assist in 1000 block of Love.
 - At 7:03 a.m., two units, six personnel to an investigation in the 300 block of Hobart.
 - At 10:06 a.m., to an investigation at intersection of Alcock and Hobart.
 - At 11:54 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1100

block of North Hobart.

- At 2:02 p.m., to a public service call in the 200 block of West Foster.
- April 17**
- At 8:54 a.m., two unit, seven personnel to electrical short in 1100 block of Willow Road. No fire reported.
 - At 12:24 p.m., one unit, four personnel to gas odor investigation in the 500 block of North Gray. Nothing found.

- April 18**
- At 9:57 a.m. p.m., to medical assist in 400 block of North Ballard.
 - At 11:16 a.m. two units, six personnel to smoke alarm in 2100 block of Charles.

- At 12:50 p.m. one unit, two personnel to grass fire one mile south of U.S. Highway 60 on Gray County Road 5.
- At 1:23 p.m., three units, seven personnel to garbage fire in 1100 block of Prairie Drive.
- At 5:47 p.m. to carbon monoxide investigation in the 400 block of North Lefors.

- April 19**
- At 10:16 a.m., to medical assist in the 100 block of North Somerville.

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Clinic informs wheat growers on freeze damage

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Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agronomist Calvin L. Trostle, Ph.D. on Thursday shows local wheat producers how to find freeze damage on their plants.

The handful of summer-like days in April have been contrasted with “February temperatures” Thursday night when the low hit 21 and April 9-10, when temperatures also were in the low 20s. A hard frost also hit on March 25.

It is too early to say whether these cold temperatures will have a significant impact on wheat production in the Panhandle, so the purpose of Thursday’s clinic at the Gray County Extension Office and other sites in the Panhandle and South Plains was to show growers how to detect freeze damage on their own.

While yellowed or brown leaves are a possible sign of freeze damage, a bet-

ter way to determine damage is to slice into a tiller (a stem that comes off the root base of an individual plant) with a razor blade to look for the grow head. Grow heads move up inside the tillers and become the grain-producing part of the plant when it matures.

If the grow head looks white and feathery, then the tiller is healthy.

If it is brown and dried, it is a “dead head.” Moderate freeze damage can be managed with increased watering and top fertilizer, but extensive damage will kill the plants.

A low temperature of around 30 is predicted for Tuesday, said Brandon McGinty, Gray County extension agent.

If that prediction comes true and the plants are flowering when yet another cold front should hit, then damage to wheat crop could be extensive, he said.

For more information, contact the local extension office at 806-669-8033.



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
AgriLife Agronomist Calvin L. Trostle, Ph.D with local wheat growers Thursday.

Murder

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but was uncertain where the suspect resided before that.

Spearman is about 70 miles northwest of Pampa.

In Texas, a capital murder conviction carries either a mandatory life in prison sentence or death sentence.

The Spearman Police

Department, Hansford County Sheriff’s Office, Texas Rangers and 84th District Attorney’s Office are investigating the beating death, which occurred either Thursday night or Friday morning.

Baker said he did not know the time of the infant’s death.

The child was transported from Hansford County to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, Baker said, but would not provide further details.

Pa. inmates making own beds — building, that is

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NESQUEHONING, Pa. (AP) — Inmates at a north-eastern Pennsylvania prison are going to make their own beds. But it’s probably not what you think.

Carbon County Correctional Facility’s warden, Joseph Gross, said Wednesday at a prison board hearing that he looked into purchasing an additional 18 bunk beds. At \$700 each, that’s well over \$10,000.

The (Lehigh) Times News says the warden found out that for around \$3,400 they could buy the raw materials and make their own bunk beds because an inmate assigned to work release is a welder.

Gross says the inmate has volunteered to build the beds. He will be under the supervision of the prison’s maintenance supervisor.

The warden asked the board’s permission to spend the \$3,400 and they agreed.

Plant owner: ‘My heart is broken with grief’

WEST, Texas (AP) — The owner of the fertilizer plant that shattered a Central Texas town and killed at least 14 people says his “heart is broken with grief for the tragic losses.”

In a statement Friday, West Fertilizer owner Donald Adair said the Wednesday explosion “will continue to hurt deeply for generations to come.”

The blast also injured more than 200 people and destroyed about 50 homes nearby.

Adair said one of his own plant employees was among the dead. He was among the volunteer firefighters killed fighting a fire that led to the explosion.

Adair said he and his family were grateful for the service of those who died trying to fight the fire. He also said he and the plant management and employees are “working closely” with agencies investigating the disaster.

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The Board plans to meet in executive session to consider hiring principals

for Austin and Travis elementary schools.

The public portion of the board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will be held in the Lamar Elementary Library, 1234 S. Nelson.

Cops: 2 NJ kids lived in storage unit for a month

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Two children found living in a 5-by-10-foot unit at a storage facility in New Jersey had been staying there with their mother for about a month, authorities said Friday.

Their mother, Sheena Johnson, 27, was arrested Thursday in Trenton on allegations that she slashed her ex-boyfriend’s tires. As part of routine questioning in arrests involving domestic violence, police asked Johnson if she had any dependents and if so, where they were staying.

Trenton Police Lt. Mark Kieffer said an officer became suspicious when Johnson began to respond evasively. The woman told police she had two children, ages 5 and 10, and they were waiting for a bus with another person near a storage facility where she had rented a unit.

The officer drove to the facility in nearby Ewing and demanded the locker be opened. At first, no one would let him in without a search warrant.

Then he told them there

might be children inside, Kieffer said.

When the officer opened the door, he found the children, along with a bare mattress, garbage bags filled with clothes, a suitcase, a backpack and other items strewn around the locker.

“It was deplorable conditions,” Kieffer said.

Police said the children were examined at a hospital and found to be unharmed. They are now in state custody.

Johnson was charged with child endangerment by Ewing police. She also faces charges of criminal mischief, domestic violence and violating a restraining order over her arrest in Trenton.

Ewing Police Det. Sgt. John Stemler said one of his officers went to a nearby McDonald’s to buy each child a Happy Meal. Stemler could not say what the children told police because their statements are part of the investigation.

Stemler said the storage facility is not being investigated.

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America's enemies are colorblind

Investigators cannot yet tell whether the bombings at the Boston marathon, which so far have killed three and wounded more than 170, are the product of domestic or foreign terrorist(s). But whether foreign or domestic, America's enemies are colorblind.

In supporting President Barack Obama's re-election, The New York Times editorialized about how his smarter, more respectful foreign policy helped to re-brand America in the eyes of the world: "(Obama) introduced a measure of military restraint after the Bush years and helped repair America's badly damaged reputation in many countries from the low levels to which it had sunk by 2008."

Our enemies don't care. They don't care that then Sen. Barack Obama called the Iraq War a "dumb war."

They don't care that the new Obama administration refused to use the term "war on terror."

They don't care that former Clinton Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said most of the international community thought the U.S. had "lost our minds" because of Bush's supposedly reckless foreign policy. Or that Albright asserted that George W. Bush had made "a big mistake" for labeling Iran, Iraq and North Korea the "axis of evil."

They don't care that Obama's first interview as President was with Al Arabiya, a pan-Arab channel, and that the new President promised "an extended hand" to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran, if only his country would "unclench their fist."

They don't care that Obama doubled-crossed our allies Poland and the Czech Republic by abandoning his predecessor's promise to install a missile defense shield as protection against attacks by Iran and North Korea. The motive? To enlist Rus-

sia, which adamantly opposed the defense installations, to help us deter Iran from acquiring the ability to build a nuclear bomb.

They don't care that presidential candidate Obama said, "Nobody is suffering more than the Palestinian people."

Or that the new President angered Israel by publicly opposing the building of so-called settlements: "I think that additional settlement building does not contribute to Israel's security. I think it makes it harder for them to make peace with their neighbors."

I think it embitters the Palestinians in a way that could end up being very dangerous." Or that Obama insulted the "intransigent" Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by leaving him standing in the West Wing for more than an hour when he abruptly exited their meeting to have dinner with the first lady and his girls.

They don't care that Obama calls waterboarding "torture" and promised to end the practice (after Bush already promised to do so).

Or that one of presidential candidate Obama's many "I'm-not-Bush" promises included a commitment to swiftly close Guantanamo Bay.

They don't care that Obama embarked on what some called an "apology tour," during which he said: "There have been times where America has shown arrogance and been dismissive, even derisive," or that in some cases "fear and anger" after 9/11 "led us to act contrary to our traditions and our ideals."

They don't care that then Massachusetts Sen. and current Secretary of State John Kerry charged that President Bush "intentionally misled the country into war," or that Kerry said he regretted his vote for the Iraq War resolution because he failed to realize how badly Bush would "f---" it up.

But Boston reminds us: America's enemies are colorblind.

Larry Elder is a best-selling author and radio talk-show host.

Bouncin' Around

Broadening your culinary horizons

When I was 20, my mother encouraged me to travel. "Travel broadens a person," she said. Soon after that, I took off on my first overseas adventure,



JUDITH SMITH

to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It was exciting to see the place where some of my "mutt heritage" ancestors had lived and to learn a bit about the traditions and people of the British Isles. Looking back, I can't say that the food impressed me much, but I clearly remember my first taste of Irish poteen, (pronounced pot-sheen) a form of Irish moonshine. I'm not much of a drinker now, but at that young age, I was a complete teetotaler. I didn't understand why we were offered a thimble-sized sample of the drink, but after knocking it back and experiencing the sudden migration of my eyeballs

through the top of my head, I knew why.

Over the next 10 years, I sipped, munched and tasted my way through 14 more countries, from the British Isles to the Alps to Greece. I was beginning to see where the "broadening" came in. While I was learning about other cultures, I was also being introduced to foods I'd never tried before. Some were quite tasty, like Bavarian food made with lots of fresh cream, and Greek Souvlaki. Squid and snails didn't make the list.

Marriage and child-rearing put an end to international travel, but we have found interesting and delicious local foods traveling within the United States and Canada. Living in northern Illinois and near the Wisconsin border, we ate our share of Chicago-style pizza, but we spent more time in Wisconsin enjoying the wealth of cheeses and North woods cuisine. State and local

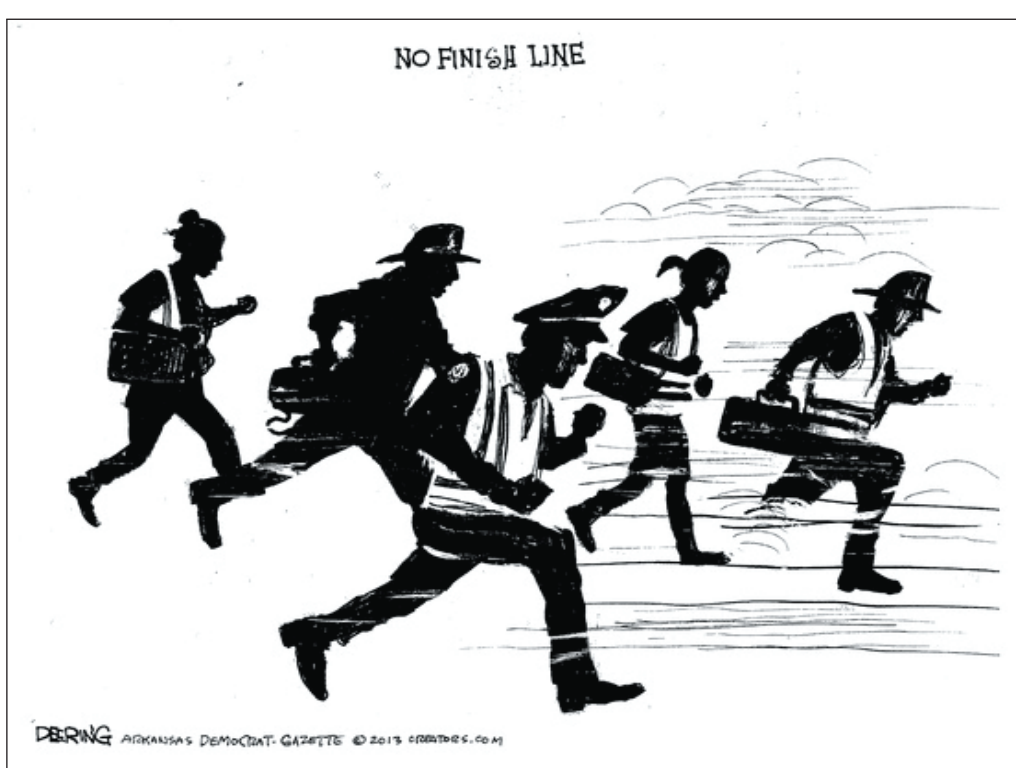
fairs offer such delicacies as deep-fried Swiss cheese and huge cream puffs that leave you with a white mustache and dusted with powdered sugar. My mother-in-law knew ever bakery between Chicago and Milwaukee, and there was no lack of bakery goodies in our home, especially Danish Kringle filled with pecans, apricots, raspberries, or cream cheese. In Denmark, land of my husband's ancestors, we learned about polse (hot dog) vendors and smorrebrod (open faced sandwiches), but that story will come in a later column. After our move to central Indiana we were introduced to fish tail sandwiches, which do not really contain fish tails, but are a breaded fish portion about the size of a Frisbee and served on a bun.

In Indiana, chili is served with spaghetti and peanut butter sandwiches. We traveled to

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America's founding fathers vs. the IRS

Documents obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request revealed that agents for the Internal Revenue



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Service are bypassing warrants and sifting through the email and other electronic communications of American citizens.

Those documents disclosed that "agents were told they didn't need a warrant to root through emails, texts or Facebook pages of people (the IRS) is investigating," according to Fox News.

Despite the fact that IRS email surveillance is a clear affront to privacy and civil liberties, last week, the IRS categorically stated that it has done nothing wrong. The agency denies country-wide accusations that it is violating the Fourth Amendment, which guards citizens against unreasonable searches and seizures. According to a 2009 IRS employee handbook, the Fourth Amendment does not protect private emails because Internet users don't "have a reasonable expectation of privacy in such communications."

And the American Civil Liberties Union is complaining that the IRS is dropping its guard

on protecting citizens' privacy by not deploying basic Web security, i.e., using "https" encryption. Instead of shielding citizens when they view various sensitive materials on its website, the IRS is offering them as prey to third-party e-predators.

The ACLU explained: "That 's' after the 'http' may seem insignificant, but it means a lot. It signifies that Google is using Secure Sockets Layer encryption, or SSL, to both encrypt and authenticate its communications. When you visit google.com and you see 'https' at the beginning of the address, it lets you know that your connection is secure, and that third parties — such as your internet service provider, employer, or university cannot monitor what you're doing through the use of network interception technology."

The IRS might retort that other government websites don't employ "https" encryption to restrict third-party viewing, either, but the fact is that other government sites don't bear our finances and a host of other private information (such as Social Security numbers) to the world. The items above are a few more reasons the taxation system in our country is broken and can't be fixed. As I pointed out in last week's column on how the IRS is robo-auditing your spending, our country desper-

ately needs to abolish the present tax code and enact the FairTax — a system, I believe, even our Founding Fathers would have been proud of. Best of all, it wouldn't require a monstrosity the size of the IRS to run it.

Remember that the IRS wasn't started until nearly 100 years after the Revolutionary War, in 1862 as the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Its creation coincided with the creation of the income tax, which it was designed to collect. It is interesting to note, however, that the income tax law was revoked 10 years later, revived in 1894 and then ruled by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional in 1895. Yet in 1913, it became law through the 16th Amendment. Most of our founders were opposed to domestic taxes. Though taxes were levied for some goods back then, for roughly the first 150 years of our republic (until the inception of the income tax in 1913), the burden of taxation was laid largely upon foreigners, not American citizens, via tariffs (imports). Thomas Jefferson shared with Gouverneur Morris in 1793, "It must be observed that our revenues are raised almost wholly on imported goods."

But even if some taxes were incurred by America's citizens, most founders believed that taxes should be temporary rather than perpetual be-

cause of the temptation for politicians to abuse that taxation power. Jefferson spoke for many when he wrote, "Taxes should be continued by annual or biennial re-enactments, because a constant hold, by the nation, of the strings of the public purse, is a salutary restraint from which an honest government ought not to wish, nor a corrupt one to be permitted to be free."

That is why I say that if the Founding Fathers were alive today, I truly believe they would support the FairTax as a way forward and out of our taxation chaos and tyranny. As James Madison said, "taxes on consumption are always least burdensome because they are least felt and are borne, too, by those who are both willing and able to pay them; that of all taxes on consumption, those on foreign commerce are most compatible with the genius and policy of free states." The FairTax would do away with all taxes and put in their place a single consumption tax. It would be equitable because we all would pay the same percentage. No one, whether poor or wealthy, could dodge his fair share.

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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 sessions every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center

is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

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.

Genealogical society to meet

The Gray County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Monday April 22 at the North door of the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston.

The public is invited. If you are interested in genealogy please come as a guest.

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.

Meredith House residents will have this chance to introduce their beloved feline and canine mem-

bers 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 host-

ing 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.

Pampa High Senior All-Night Party

The All-Night Party will be held the evening of Pampa High School's Graduation on June 1, 2013. All parents interested in helping with the Senior All-Night Party are en-

couraged to contact Jennifer Read at 663-2351. Anyone wishing to make a donation may send it to: Class of 2013, Jona Smith, 2601 Dogwood, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Weekly Menus

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MONDAY, April 1
Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, steamed broccoli, peaches, fresh fruit, hot roll
Breakfast- French toast sticks, syrup

TUESDAY, April 2
Pizza dippers or macaroni & cheese, green beans, broccoli florets, fresh fruit, juice
Breakfast- Biscuit, gravy

WEDNESDAY, April 3
Barbeque on a bun or steak fingers, french fries, baked beans, applesauce, fresh fruit
Breakfast- Cinnamon tasters

THURSDAY, April 4
Philly steak sandwich or pizza, English peas, tossed salad, fresh fruit, juice, pasta salad
Breakfast- Pancake n sausage on a stick, syrup

FRIDAY, April 5
Taco salad or hot dog, corn, vegetarian beans, mandarin oranges, fresh fruit, Spanish rice
Breakfast- Cereal, toast

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, April 1
Chicken fried steak or chicken & dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, carrot cake, cherry cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, April 2
Hamburger steak or glazed chicken breast/dressing, boiled potatoes, spinach, corn, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O orange streusel cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, April 3
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, California blend, peas, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, German chocolate cake, butter-scotch pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, April 4
Chicken strips or bar-b-que'd beef/onion rings, potato salad, fried squash, succotash, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, lemon bundt cake, apple pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, April 5
Cod fish filets/hushpuppies or tamales/chili/cheese, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, cobbler, fruit cup, garlic bread, hot roll, cornbread

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, April 1
B.b.q. meatballs, potato salad, baked beans, apricots

TUESDAY, April 2
Hamloaf, hominy casserole, zucchini/tomatoes, pineapple

WEDNESDAY, April 3
Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, peas/carrots, peaches

THURSDAY, April 4
Shepherd's pie, corn, pickled beets, Jell-O

FRIDAY, April 5
Chicken breast, bread sticks, green beans, applesauce

ENGAGEMENTS

Kinleigh Carstens and Taylor Fatheree



Kinleigh Elisabeth Carstens of Houston, Texas and Taylor David Fatheree of Pampa, Texas are pleased to announce their engagement. Kinleigh is the daughter of Josette Carstens of Sugarland, Texas and Chris Carstens of Perth, Australia. She received her Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering from University of Oklahoma in December 2011 and is currently employed by Citation Oil and Gas in Houston. Taylor is the son of Kristi Petty of Pampa and the late David M. Fatheree also of Pampa. He received his Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Oklahoma in May 2010. He went on to work for Haliburton, but is currently residing in Houston. The couple are to be wed on May 25, 2013 in Cerrillos, N.M.

Smith

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Pennsylvania and ate shoofly pie, and we visited the Canadian side of Niagara Falls, where I was served a "chef's salad" with a handful of sliced turkey and a whole hard-boiled egg perched on top. The server's comment was, "Sorry, our egg slicer is broken!"

During our year-long stay in Georgia, we expected to sample the famous Georgia peach in all its glory. Instead, we found that the Georgia peaches are small, not very juicy, and cannot hold a candle to Michigan peaches which are the size of softballs and best eaten with several damp paper

towels nearby to mop up the juice as it dribbles down your hand.

Now we are living here in Pampa, and we are amazed at how many restaurants there are here, with a surprising variety — Chinese, Italian, Mexican, Southern, fast food and home-style. Due to health concerns, we have had to pass on most of the fat- and sugar-laden offerings, and also to maintain a good relationship with our cardiologist and primary care physician.

But we do allow ourselves a weekly trip to Smokin' Joe's where Joe has hooked me with his excellent soups, and Crystal had me with my first taste of her pecan and peach cobblers.

We belong to a church (First

Presbyterian) populated with wonderful cooks, and typical of Presbyterian churches, there are many opportunities to sample everyone's cooking.

Fortunately, though, there are places here in Pampa to exercise and try to minimize the broadening effects of our culinary travels, both abroad and local.

Judi Smith resides in Pampa and can be reached at nonny46@yahoo.com.

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ENDURING LOVE

Wade Kirk and Nelda Franks



Mr. and Mrs. Wade Kirk celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 20, 2013. Wade and Nelda (Franks) were married April 20, 1963 at Nelda's parents home in Tulia, Texas. After honeymooning in Colorado, they returned to a wedding shower and "Shivaree" in Grimms, Okla. Some of Wade's "friends" threw him into a lake before making him push Nelda in a wheelbarrow down main street in Sayre, Okla.

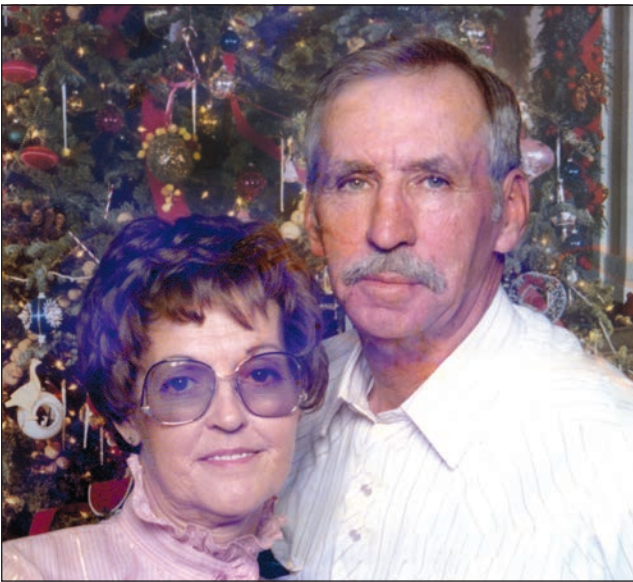
After the "Shivaree" everyone was to meet at the "Railroad Cafe" where Wade was to pay for everyone's coffee, but since Wade had been thrown in the lake and did not have his wallet, Nelda's dad paid the check as he did not want Wade in the lake again.

Tulia was the first home for Wade and Nelda. Wade worked at the International Harvester and Nelda was employed as a drive-up teller at the bank. In 1964, they moved to Borger for a short time before moving to Amarillo. Wade worked at Amarillo Plains Chevrolet and Nelda was employed at the Amarillo Saving & Loan. They returned to Tulia in 1965 until January 1969 when they moved to McLean on New Year's Day. Wade started work for Simmons' Chevrolet and Nelda worked at American National Bank. Nelda also worked in Shamrock in the office for El Paso Natural Gas Company and the National Bank of Commerce in Pampa.

In 1970, Wade started his own auto repair shop and in 1993 Kirk's Auto Supply (their dream) became a reality. Wade and Nelda have been in business in McLean for 43 years.

ENDURING LOVE

Wallace and Jacque Jouette



Wallace and Jacque Jouette will celebrate their 60th anniversary on April 22, 2013. Wallace and Jacque were married on April 22, 1953. Wallace and Jacque had a son, Ronny, and a daughter, Vickie, who passed away in 1957. Wallace served in the Air Force for 4 years. Wallace and Jacque settled in Pampa in 1959.

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In contrast to the concrete and steel monolith — which is completely vacant — a smaller, four-story annex built north of the original structure during the 1960s is at about three-quarters occupancy. It will soon have a new tenant, a federally funded social welfare agency called Women, Infants, and Children.

Building manager Gina Albus said when prospective tenants come in to look around, their typical reaction to the well-kept condition of the annex is, “I didn’t know there was anything like this in Pampa!”

Albus works for Bill Arrington, who owns the Hughes Building and the company that manages it.

Arrington has a long association with the Pampa landmark.

He went to work for Cabot in the Hughes Building after graduating from the University of Oklahoma in 1956.

Arrington started out as a land man trainee, which meant he would research whether particular properties had existing oil and gas leases.

If they didn’t, he made a report to the company on the viability of obtaining ex-

clusive drilling rights.

The Hughes Building was buzzing with activity back in the 1950s, recalled Arrington, who is still active in the oil and gas industry.

“Everything was jumping. The building was always full of people,” he said. “I think there was 400 or something people who worked in the building.”

Though it would probably cost a small fortune just to clean out all the pigeon guano on the sixth floor — not to mention redoing all the walls and floors — the building’s structure is rock solid.

By around 1979, all of the Cabot employees were relocated and the businesses and doctors’ offices on the first floor also had cleared out.

The building’s namesake is Richard George Hughes, a Pampa home builder who was known nationally for his commitment to building affordable homes for lower- and middle-income families.

Groundbreaking for the then state-of-the-art building began in 1949, and it opened with much fanfare in 1951.

Along with its gas and oil division, Cabot had four carbon black plants near Pampa, but it wasn’t the only business with offices in the building. Hughes himself located offices for his building company there and other companies had offices scattered throughout.

Arrington said he does have plans



Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum

A 1987 photo of the Hughes Building.

drawn to bring the Hughes Building back to its former glory.

“I had an architect draw up and study the building and we named it the Texas Tower,” he said. “We have all of those plans.”

But like with any big project, there is a big price tag that goes with it.

“I am looking for a half-partner,” he said.

Arrington said the plans include a “petroleum club” on the seventh floor and nice apartments and executive offices on the rest of the floors.

Albus added: “What Mr. Arrington is wanting to do is get some investors and

turn it to apartments, retirement apartments and stores all in one building where you wouldn’t have to leave if you didn’t want to.”

Albus, who has worked for Arrington for 16 years, said she’s in love with the building’s rich past and its potential to once again be a source of pride for the city.

“This is such a beautiful building and it is so structurally sound,” she said.

To read comments from our Facebook readers about the Hughes Building, read the online version at Thepampanews.com.



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

A view of Pampa from the sixth floor of the Hughes building. Though the original 1951 structure is empty with the water shut off, the newer four-story annex houses Edward Jones Investments, Boyd Financial Services, Gray County Title Company and several law offices. Three of the office suites have bathrooms, and there are suites available for lease.

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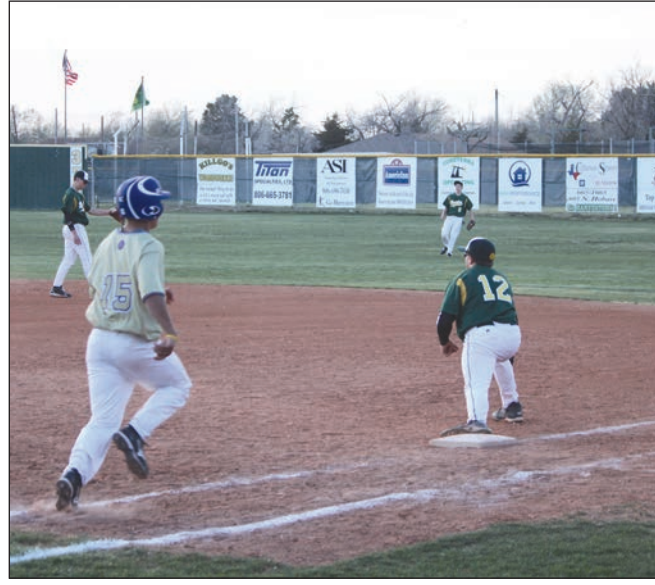
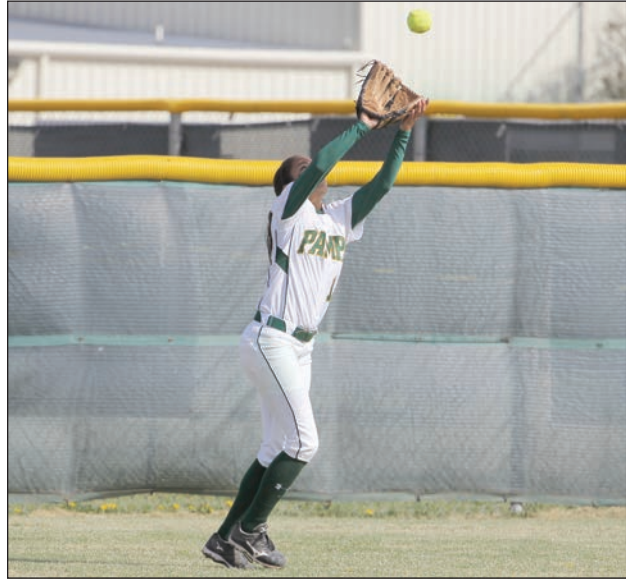
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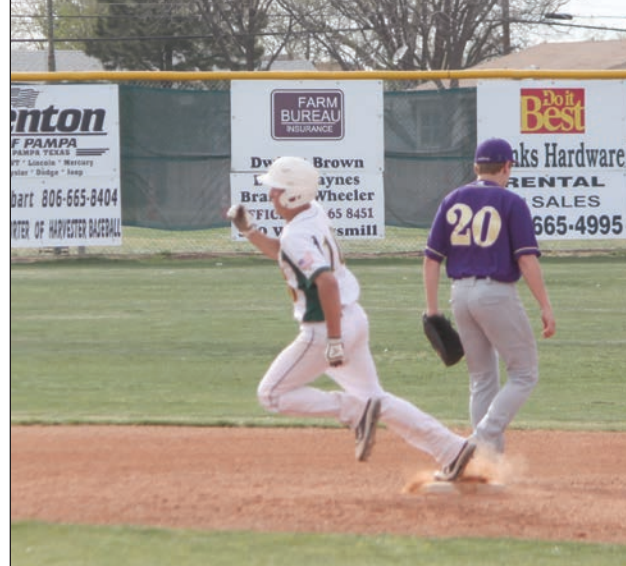
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PHS HARVESTER AND LADY HARVESTER TEAMS IN ACTION



Photos by Charla Shults and Zachary Green

Left, Bailey Beck runs through the third base bag on her way to score one of Pampa's four runs in their shutout victory over Dalhart Tuesday. Center, Brittney Gonzalez fields a ball in the outfield for the Lady Harvesters Tuesday afternoon. Right, Ryan Lee catches a ball at first base during the Harvester JV baseball game Tuesday. The Lady Harvesters are back in action this afternoon at 1 p.m. in a playoff warmup game against Amarillo High.



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Left, James Thompson fields the ball after a Jordan Lemons throw to second and attempts to lay a tag on a Wolves runner during the game on Tuesday afternoon. Right, Tyler Powell runs through second on his way to third base for a triple in Pampa's 6-4 win. The Harvesters are back in action at 1 p.m., this afternoon in Pampa. It is Senior Day and Optimist Day. The Optimist youth players get to take the field with the PHS Harvesters during the National Anthem.

Ravens open regular season at Broncos

NEW YORK (AP) — Are you ready for some Peyton Manning?

This year's NFL schedule is filled with return visits and intriguing matchups, and some of the best involve the Denver Broncos' quarterback.

The former Colts star will make his first trip back to Indianapolis, will play younger brother Eli in another Manning Bowl, and will face the defending Super Bowl champions in the season opener.

The Baltimore Ravens travel to Denver for the now-traditional Thursday night opener on Sept. 5. The Orioles are home that night and Major League Baseball could not move their game.

So \$121 million quarterback Joe Flacco and his fellow champs were sent to Denver to face Manning and the team they beat in double overtime on their way to the Super Bowl.

"It still bites on everybody," Broncos receiver Eric Decker said. "It's tough to kind of relive that game, especially the opportunities I think we left on the field. It's going to definitely fire us going into this year."

New York Jets coach Rex Ryan, who spent 10 years as an assistant in Baltimore, seemed most interested in — and annoyed by — the Ravens being forced to kick off the season on the road.

"I think that the world champs can open up at home and that's where I think they should open, at home," Ryan said. "I think

it is common courtesy. I don't know what gets involved in that. I am not in charge of it, but if I would have been, the Ravens would be opening at home.

"If baseball had only 16 games, I might understand it. But just as common courtesy maybe (the Orioles) say, 'I'll play this one on the road.'" Just from a fan perspective of sports."

In Week 2, Peyton visits Eli's house.

Both Manning brothers often have said it's uncomfortable yet memorable playing each other; it's only happened twice, with Peyton and the Colts winning. Even though Peyton now is a Bronco, the dynamic is unchanged for the star quarterbacks.

"We haven't talked about it a whole lot," Eli said. "More kind of joking and jabs at each other, but obviously anytime you play your brother it is special. It is unique and I cherish those moments whether before the game or looking across during the national anthem and seeing my big brother and seeing him at the coin flip; those are great moments that we'll cherish."

The folks in Indy cherished having Peyton Manning as their record-setting quarterback for 13 seasons; he sat out 2011 after several neck surgeries, then was released by the Colts and signed with Denver. The reception he almost certainly will receive at Lucas Oil Stadium will be warm and loud.

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Golf Thought of the Week

■ Metalwoods off the deck: Three rules

We all know it's not the easiest shot in golf, but just a few uncomplicated fundamentals will give you lots more confidence when pulling out a Metalwood on the fairway. Here are three rules to get you started.

First, respect the lie. If your ball is tucked into a divot or has sunk down into some soft grass, it won't be worth the risk to swing the #3 Wood. I see far too many club golfers risking double bogey for what is about a one in a hundred shot. Rather consider your options with a Hybrid or Iron.

The key mistake with this shot is trying to lift the ball up off the

surface. It might feel like you need a scooping action to launch a Metalwood off the ground, but I can promise you don't. Strike the ball with more of a sweeping action. You're more likely to connect with a very slightly downward connection.

Finally, keep it smooth. There's a tendency to squeeze the forearm muscles for added lift and power. That introduces several potential mistakes. What you need is a smooth, repeatable swing. You don't need to hit the cover off the ball. Focus on connecting it properly and let the club do its job.

If you'd like help putting these rules and others into place, and boosting the effectiveness of your long game, contact me and I'll be glad to schedule a lesson.

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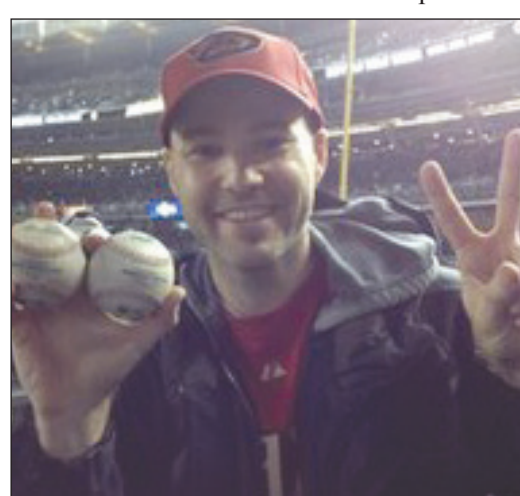
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Having a ball: Fan catches 2 homers at single game

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Zack Hample leads the majors in hogging home run balls.

The 35-year-old New Yorker picked up Didi Gregorius' first big league homer when the Arizona Diamondbacks rookie lined a pitch into



Zack Hample

the third row of right-field seats in the third inning Thursday night at Yankee Stadium.

Then he caught a tying drive by Francisco Cervelli of the Yankees in the first row of left-field stands in the ninth.

"It's a little bit of luck, obviously. I move all over the place constantly," Hample said after Arizona's 6-2 victory over New York in 12 innings. "People don't notice the seven games I've been to this year and didn't catch a home run."

Author of the 1999 book "How to Snag Major League Baseballs," Hample is having a ball, the Cal Ripken Jr. of his hobby. Hample said he's come away from 880 consecutive games with at least one ball, a streak dating to September 1993 at old Yankee Stadium.

He caught two homers in one game for the second time after accomplishing the feat at Baltimore's Camden Yards on May 13, 2010, drives to right in consecutive innings by Seattle's Michael Saunders and the Orioles' Corey Patterson.

Hample caught Barry Bonds' 724th home run, at San Diego off Chan Ho Park on Aug. 12, 2006. He caught the first big league home runs by Mike Nickeas (April 21, 2011) and Mike Trout (July 24, 2011) and the last home run hit by the New York Mets at Shea Stadium (Carlos Beltran on Sept. 28, 2008).

By Hample's count, he's come up with 29

home run balls: 24 off the bat and five tossed to him after landing in bullpens and other areas.

He claimed he would have grabbed Martin Prado's sixth-inning homer to left had he not been speaking with a Diamondbacks television reporter at the time.

"I really just go by instinct. I don't position differently for different hitters," he said. "I had a friend sitting out in right field tonight who called me early in the game and said, 'We're over here. Say hello.' I intentionally waited for Gregorius' first at-bat. I knew he had no home runs."

A graduate of Guilford College in North Carolina, Hample works at Argosy Book Store, which was founded by his grandfather near Bloomingdales on Manhattan's East Side. He does some baseball writing and has turned ballhawking into a business: He accompanies fans to games and guarantees each they will get a ball.

Hample has a website to track his quest, is quick to tweet pictures of himself with each newly caught ball and stores his home run records on his cellphone.

"I'm a dork, but not a big enough dork that I have it all memorized," he said.

Even though he lives in Manhattan, in a ball-filled, one-bedroom apartment, Hample was wearing a Diamondbacks cap because he's been a Heath Bell fan since 2004.

"Zack's crazy. I know Zack from when I was a rookie with the Mets," the Arizona reliever said. "He probably was a Padres fan when I was a Padre, a Marlins fan when I was a Marlin."

Hample, who gave Gregorius back his home run ball in exchange for an autographed baseball, has been to Yankee Stadium, Citi Field and Fenway Park this season and plans on going to all 30 major league parks this year.

He's being sponsored by BIGS sunflower seeds, which will donate up to \$15,000 to Pitch In For Baseball, which collects and redistributes baseball and softball equipment to people in needy communities. It will donate \$500 for each stadium where he gets a game-used ball — he has to grab it on his own; he can't accept balls picked up by other fans. So far he's 3 for 3, and he hopes to give BIGS a set of 30 balls to auction off, one from each ballpark.

Hample said he's caught 153 foul balls during games and gotten 6,516 — "that's the exact number" — baseballs from big league ballparks, mostly during batting practice. He's caught more balls than many big leaguers in their entire careers.

"I've given away more baseballs than I can count," he said.

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The next race is at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth on FOX.

Is there a challenge for Heat in NBA playoffs?

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Looking for a reason not to pick the Miami Heat to win another NBA title?

Don't check the odds, where the Heat are such an overwhelming favorite that it might as well be Tiger Woods against a weekend hacker.

Definitely don't bother with the Heat's results, which show exactly three losses since the start of February.

And certainly don't look on the court, where LeBron James sent season-long reminders that he's better than ever and already the best in the world.

The only people who might really believe in caution are the Heat themselves.

"There's going to be trials and tribulations no matter what, no matter how good of a team you are," Dwyane Wade said. "There's going to be a moment in the playoffs where our back is going to be against the wall. And I think everything we've done this season will prepare us for that moment. We have a goal, just like every other team that gets into the playoffs, to win a championship. But we understand the process that it takes."

It starts Saturday, when the playoffs start with four first-round games. The Heat will open Sunday against Milwaukee in what's expected to be a quick series.

Then it will be up to someone like the Knicks, Thunder, Spurs, or some other contender, to prove that the next two months aren't just a formality.

"They've had the best record and they're the defending champs so they're the team to beat, but I don't think it's much beyond

that," Nets coach P.J. Carlesimo said. "I mean, give them their due. They have the best record and they're the defending champs, so they're the team that you need to beat, but no, I don't think anybody is head and shoulders over any. There's too many good teams."

New York, which won three out of four from Miami, hosts Boston on Saturday in the playoff opener. The Nets welcome Chicago for the first post-season game in Brooklyn, while the Western Conference has Golden State visiting Denver, and the Clippers and Memphis Grizzlies squaring off in a first-round rematch.

On Sunday, the Lakers go to San Antonio without Kobe Bryant, and defending West champ Oklahoma City faces former Thunder

star James Harden and Houston. Indiana and Atlanta meet in the other East game.

Miami went 66-16 and has been so dominant since Super Bowl Sunday that the betting site Bovada gave the Heat opening odds to win the championship that it said were "unheard of in recent years" — and then already had to lower them when most of the action was coming in on the Heat, anyway.

That dropped Miami to a 2-to-3 favorite, meaning a \$3 bet only won \$2 more. The Heat were 2-to-9 favorites to win the East, where Indiana and Chicago also beat them multiple times during the regular season.

Knicks center Tyson Chandler said the other contenders shouldn't feel slighted by all the experts

that are picking the Heat.

"No, not at all. They should pick the Heat," he said. "They're the defending champions and they should get that respect. But that's not what we believe. We haven't believed in that throughout the year. But they should get that respect because they've earned it."

Miami faced plenty of adversity during last season's championship run. They were down 2-1 to Indiana in the second round, with Wade struggling and Chris Bosh injured. The Celtics took a 3-2 lead in the conference finals back to Boston before James fought off elimination with a 45-point performance in Game 6, and the Thunder took the opener of the NBA Finals and nearly rallied two nights later to put the Heat in a 2-0 hole.

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Pictured from left, Randy Hendrick, Lions Club board member, Jolita Sells, Erica Guzman, Happy State Bank officer. The Pampa Lions Club recently sold tickets for a raffle of a Kimber Grand Raptor 2 gun. The gun is 45-caliber and semi-automatic. The winner of the raffle was Scott Hahn of Pampa. The Lions Club sold 760 tickets and raised \$6,000.

PPHM names new history curator

SUBMITTED

CANYON —Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum announced that Becky Livingston has been named Curator of History.

Livingston is a graduate of West Texas A&M University with a B.S. in Social Science and an M.A. in History. Livingston began working with PPHM as a volunteer with education programs and in the museum store and Research Center. In December 1998, Livingston became a full-time, paid employee at PPHM as a Terminal Operator in the Registrar's Department.

Later in October of 2008, she was promoted to Special Projects Coordinator.

As the Curator of History, Livingston will be working to update the PPHM Petroleum Wing, which is located on the second floor of the museum.

In addition to curating all PPHM history exhibits, Livingston's goal is to "add artifacts to the PPHM collection particularly from the 20th century."

Director Guy C. Vanderpool was pleased to announce Livingston's promotion. "Ms. Livingston is an outstanding employee who has a thorough knowledge of the historical collections at PPHM. She has a demonstrated record of accomplishment in various capacities at the museum, in-

cluding the recent renovation of Pioneer Town.

We are fortunate that Ms. Livingston will become the Curator of History at the museum and continue to make valuable contributions to the organization as we move forward and serve the community."

Livingston brings vast knowledge of history and museums to this position. Livingston has taken a number of professional development workshops through the American Association of State and Local History, the Texas Association of Museums and proposed and chaired a session at 2012 Mountain Plains Museum Association annual meeting. In addition, Livingston was a presenter at the 2010 Texas Association of Museums conference.

Located on the campus of West Texas A&M University, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum is the largest history museum in Texas, with more than 285,000 square feet—and over two million artifacts—dedicated to preserving this area's past. PPHM offers visitors a chance to step into panhandle history with special exhibits, a permanent collection, Pioneer Town, cell phone tours, educational tours and special events.

For more information about PPHM please visit Panhandleplains.org. For additional information please contact Stephanie Price at sprice@pphm.wtamu.edu.

Free seminar for vets facing health, end of life issues

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The public is invited to a free half-day conference, Improving Care for Veterans Facing Illness and Death, on May 1.

Sponsored locally by Hospice Care of the Southwest, the event will be held from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Amarillo College Downtown Campus, 1314 S. Polk St.

There is no cost for the program, but

pre-registration is requested in order to allow certificates of completion to be prepared for attendees.

A complete information/registration brochure is available online at: Hospicesouthwest.com/filecabinet/453 or can be requested by calling 806-356-0026.

The 20th annual Living With Grief teleconference is sponsored nationally by the Hospice Foundation of America. The moderator and five national panel-

ists each bring areas of expertise to the discussion.

The national part of the event will be followed by a brief time of processing and Q&A by local panel members: Kathleen Wittler MSN, FNP, ACHPN – VA Hospice & Palliative Care; William Donaldson, LCSW – Vet Center Counselor; and Terry Callis, MDiv, CPLC – Hospice Chaplain & Veteran.

The moderator for the local group will be Jason Huntington, MDiv – Hospice

Chaplain and National Guard Chaplain.

Information about how to purchase CE credits online after the event will be announced at the program.

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Xcel Energy has preserved its renewable energy leadership while maintaining customer electricity rates below the national average.

"Wind is an important part of our diverse energy mix, and we've been able to provide it to our cus-

tomers at a competitive price," Fowke added. "Wind energy helps protect customers from the risk of rising fuel costs and the cost of future power plant environmental regulations."

Because wind by its nature is an intermittent resource — it is available only when the wind blows — the cost of integrating each megawatt hour of wind energy is greater for utilities with higher levels of wind generation.

As the nation's number one wind provider, Xcel Energy is also a leader in technology and operating practices that help manage the cost of wind integration.

Since implementing an advanced wind forecasting system in 2009, the company has saved customers about \$22 million in fuel costs and set multiple records for the amount of wind energy on its system. On April 15, 2012, Xcel Energy set a national record by serving nearly 57 percent of its electricity load in Colorado during one early morning hour with wind energy.

The company recently issued three requests for proposals seeking additional low-cost wind power in the Upper Midwest, Colorado, Texas and New Mexico.

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Travis County DA sentenced to 45 days for DWI

AUSTIN (AP) — Sheriff's deputies took Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg into custody on Friday after a judge sentenced her to 45 days in jail for driving while intoxicated.

After Lehmborg entered a guilty plea, deputies placed her in handcuffs and took her from the courtroom. Lehmborg, 63, was arrested last weekend and later issued a formal apology and said she would plead guilty to whatever charge the county prosecutor thought appropriate.

The prosecutor with 38 years of experience did not ask for a plea deal or any special treatment. She was also fined \$4,000 and her driver's license was

suspended for 180 days. Based on sentencing standards, it was not immediately clear how long she would actually spend in jail.

She did not make any comment at the hearing, but in a letter to the prosecutor and court on Sunday she wrote: "I am guilty of DWI and of acting unreasonably and the fault is all my own. I am deeply sorry for my actions."

Lehmborg has said she hoped to put the matter behind her and continue in office until her planned retirement in 2016, but there have been calls for her resignation. The Austin American-Statesman released an editorial on Friday urging her to step

down and one resident has petitioned for her removal.

"She knew better and did it anyway. As a result, Lehmborg's ability to perform her official duties is profoundly impeded," the editorial said. "The tragedy is that she ended a good career, but end it must."

Texas law provides for the removal of a district attorney for drunkenness. Austin attorney Kerry O'Brien filed a suit on Tuesday seeking a court order to suspend her pending a hearing.

"Lehmborg violated the public trust, demeaned her office and created a substantial risk of injury to others," O'Brien's suit says.

Candidate forum set for Tuesday

STAFF REPORT

The Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club is sponsoring a candidate forum for City Commission and school board candidates at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday in the Pampa High School Commons.

Candidates who will be on the ballot for the City of Pampa and Pampa Independent School District elections are scheduled to attend.

The only open seat in the two elections is place 6 on the PISD board. Louis Nava and Lance DeFever will contend for that place. Board member Matt Brock did not refile.

The four unopposed candidates are: Jay Johnson — place 1; David Teichmann — place 4;

Lee Porter — place 5; and Cay Warner — place 7.

Also appearing on the ballot will be seats on the City Commission representing Wards 1 and 3 (Commissioners John Studebaker and Robert Dixon); and the mayor (Brad Pingel). They, too, are running unopposed.

Each candidate will be given two minutes to speak about himself or his position.

The audience will be given an opportunity to write questions that they would like to ask the candidates.

The questions will then be presented to the candidates by the moderator of the forum.

The big-ticket item in the May 11 election is the mixed drink referendum. In December, the

City of Pampa received more than 1,300 verified signatures in support of serving mixed drinks at restaurants in town.

Those against the referendum have argued that allowing mixed drink sales is a social taboo that could lead to more destructive social ills, such as drunk driving.

Jana Vinson, president of the Top O' Texas Republican Club, said she has lined up a speaker to address each side of the issue. Audience members will be given the opportunity to ask those speakers questions, Vinson said.

All citizens of Pampa are invited and encouraged to attend.

For questions, call Jana Vinson at 806-669-1990 or 806-662-5543.

★ ★ ★ ★ Sunday horoscope

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 21, 2013:

This year you open up to a radical change, yet you manage to remain anchored. You will be more critical; you also will gain a precision that previously was unknown. Your high energy allows you to cover a lot of ground this year. If you are single, you open up because of a relationship. This bond could develop into something more as early as this summer. If you are attached, the two of you connect with more passion and stronger emotions than in the past. **VIRGO** always intrigues you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Don't allow confusion to mark a situation. Even if there is a misunderstanding, there is no reason to hold a grudge. Share a hobby with a loved one. You might be at it all day. You could be taken aback by how competent someone close to you is. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

This Week: Thursday's eclipse defines your financial strength.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your normally seductive qualities reveal themselves once more. Let go of responsibilities and go with the moment. If you are attached, you'll act like a new couple. Be open to sharing an issue that might

have bothered you. Tonight: Live it up!

This Week: Your creativity gives way to hard work Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Understand what makes a roommate or loved one tick. You might want to motivate this person, as you have little patience right now. Your compassion comes from a centered place. Understand what is going on with a friend. Tonight: Think "tomorrow."

This Week: Concentration could be an issue.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You have been thinking about making a new purchase. You also need a change of scenery. Listen to news, and be more aware of what is expected. A loved one could be demanding. If you do not respond, control games could lurk. Tonight: Return calls.

This Week: Speak your mind Monday. Expect an answer by Thursday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Whether you're paying bills or treating others to lunch, you will be focused on funds. A family member supports you in your endeavors. Be aware of the liabilities of making a certain choice. Join friends for a get-together. Tonight: A sudden case of the green-eyed monster.

This Week: Be aware of the ramifications of a decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Beam in more of what you want. It's as if you're carrying a lucky rabbit's foot. A serious conversation is in the offing. The sooner it takes place, the happier you will be. Do not forget to check in with an older relative or a loved one. Tonight: Wish

upon a star.

This Week: You charge into work raring to go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to revamp plans. Stay close to home, and figure out how to achieve your goals. Your laughter helps a family member lighten up. This person appreciates your efforts. Stay within your budget when out and about. Tonight: Make it early if possible.

This Week: Be sensitive to a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You'll realize how serious you have become. Recognize that you simply are more somber at this point in time. You are transforming how you communicate and deal with your feelings. Others don't seem to be focused on the same issue. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

This Week: Monday and Thursday are exciting, to say the very least.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You keep wanting to bring someone closer. Though you might want to devote more time to this effort, certain responsibilities must be met. You could spend a good part of your day handling one project after another. Tonight: Make up for lost time.

This Week: Use Tuesday and Wednesday to the max. Tension might be high.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Understand what is happening with a child or loved one. This person would really like to be the center of your universe. Know that you could make all the difference in this person's life. Reach out to a friend at a distance. Tonight: Ever playful.

This Week: Imagine what it is like to be someone else; you will be a better friend as a result.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Live the moment to the max. Encourage a loved one to join you for a few playful moments. Once this person can let go and enjoy him- or herself, he or she will want to do it more and more. Call a parent sometime during the day. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

This Week: Tension builds all week. Steer clear of a grumpy boss.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Defer to others as you try to sort through a problem that seems to recur. Go along with a different suggestion -- the path that you have gone down before obviously didn't work. Make time for a friendly get-together with a pal or two. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

This Week: Others demand a lot. Let them have what they desire.

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85-year-old NM man in high speed chase

SILVER CITY, N.M. (AP) — Authorities say an 85-year-old New Mexico man led Grant County sheriff's deputies on a high-speed chase and was caught only after lighting a cigarette and losing control of his car.

The Silver City Sun-News that Silver City resident Frank Jimenez was arrested early Wednesday following reports that he was driving erratically in the Grant County Detention Center parking lot.

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Terry Hull

Terry Hull has been the body shop manager for Culberson Stowers since 2006. He comes here from Amarillo, graduating from Amarillo High in 1985. He got his experience with 6 other body shops before settling into Pampa. Since then he has received his I-Car certification and continued his education through BASF and Diamont. Terry has one son, Justin, that attends Amarillo High. When asked why he chose this career he said, "It's all I know. I started working with cars right after high school and I just enjoy it." Richard Stowers said, "Terry is an excellent manager. His experience in car repair shows. Every car comes out like new. We are glad to have Terry with us."

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Floodwaters rising after storms deluge heartland

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Mississippi River quickened its ominous rise on Friday after parts of the Midwest were soaked by heavy rains this week, with some towns hurriedly building sandbag levees to protect homes and businesses.

Several communities in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri could see near-record flooding this weekend — a sharp contrast to just two months ago when the river was at near-record lows. In central Illinois, a flood-swollen river topped a levee and prompted authorities to evacuate about half of a small town.

The Mississippi was among many rivers lapping over the banks in those states and central Indiana, where heavy overnight rains also flooded rivers, streams and streets, driving some people from their homes and prompting school districts to cancel or delay the start of

classes.

In Missouri, most of the 442 residents in Clarksville have pitched in on a furious effort to build a makeshift levee of gravel, plastic overlay and sandbags, trying to keep the murky Mississippi from inundating the handful of downtown businesses.

"This just shocked us all because it just came up so quickly," alderwoman Sue Lindemann said. "We found out about the crest prediction Wednesday and we started sandbagging that night. It's going to be touch and go but we're hoping."

Volunteers worked into the night to stack sandbags against rising floodwaters and evacuate people in the path, or rescue those already in danger. National Weather Service hydrologist Mark Fuchs said the swiftness of the rise has been stunning.

"To go from below flood stage to close to 10 feet

above is unusual," he said. "Pretty amazing. It's just been skyrocketing."

In Quincy, Ill., the Mississippi jumped nearly 10 feet in 36 hours. By the time it crests Sunday at 11 feet above flood stage, a bridge over the river may have to be shut down and the sewage plant for the community of 40,000 residents could be threatened.

The torrential rains caused widespread flash-flooding, too. An 80-year-old woman died in De Soto, Mo., about 40 miles southwest of St. Louis, when a normally docile creek flooded a street and swept away her car. About 50 residents had to be rescued by boat in a low-lying area of town, said De Soto City Manager Dave Dews.

Some of the worst flooding was in the Chicago area, where up to 7 inches fell within 24 hours Wednesday night and Thursday. A massive

sinkhole opened and swallowed two parked cars and one that was driving through. The driver was hospitalized but was expected to survive.

In suburban Chicago, Nick Ariano helped rescue a friend's grandmother, who became trapped in a home filling with water after a branch of the flooding DuPage River spilled over its levee.

Ariano, his friend and another man raced to a sporting goods store to buy inflatable rafts, then paddled out to the home and got Mille Andrzejewski, in her mid-80s, to safety. The three friends got some enjoyment out of the raft ride, despite the eeriness of floating over submerged cars and mailboxes.

"As kids growing up, we used to raft down the river," Ariano said with a laugh.

About 60 miles southwest of Chicago, a Grundy County hospital evacuated

47 patients after a nearby creek and the Illinois River rose and water crept into the basement, spokeswoman Janet Long said.

National Weather Service hydrologists are projecting flooding along several smaller rivers in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. The Illinois River — a major tributary of the Mississippi — will have major flooding for the next week to 10 days, as will the Rock River in western Illinois.

Meanwhile, the Mississippi and Missouri rivers were already at flood stage and rising fast.

Buyouts since the 1993 flood, flood walls and reinforced flood levees have gone a long way to limiting damage from Mississippi River flooding. Still, tens of thousands of acres of farmland are under water, several roads are closed, and town sewer systems are threatened if water gets high enough.

The National Weather

Service in Indianapolis issued a flood warning for Tippecanoe County and part of Carroll County because of rising waters from the Wabash River following heavy rain on Thursday.

Parts of Michigan got up to 4 inches of rain through Friday morning, causing flooding along the Grand River in Grand Rapids, the Saginaw River in eastern Michigan, and the Pine River at Alma.

The one silver lining to all the rain: The drought that had the Mississippi dangerously low throughout the winter is all but over in some of the major crop-growing states, including Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin, according to a weekly drought monitor. Small portions of Nebraska also saw improvement.

Now farmers are hoping for a dry spell to allow them to get into the fields for spring planting.

Trains, buses halted, planes flying around Boston area

NEW YORK (AP) — Mass transportation to and from the Boston area was virtually shut down Friday as police conduct a massive manhunt for one of two suspects in Monday's Boston Marathon bombing. The exception is air travel, as planes continued to take off and land at Logan International Airport.

Authorities in Boston have suspended all mass transit, telling commuters via Twitter: "Go/stay home."

Amtrak has stopped trains north and south of Boston. All major intercity bus lines have suspended service to the area. Passengers are being allowed to get refunds or rebook for travel at a later date. And the airlines are allowing customers to change plans without paying a fee.

Amtrak service about

an hour south of the city in Providence, R.I. is suspended, as is its entire Downeaster service, which runs from Brunswick, Maine to Boston, according to spokesman Cliff Cole.

Authorities have suspended service on commuter trains into Boston as well as the city's subway — called the T — and the city's buses, including the Silver Line bus between Logan and downtown.

All major highways remained open, according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. The exception is in Watertown, Mass., the center of the manhunt.

Megabus has canceled at least 18 buses between Boston and New York, New Haven, Conn., Hartford, Conn., Burlington, Vt. and Philadelphia. More

than 1,000 passengers were affected, according to spokesman Mike Alivich. They received emails offering a refund or the option to rebook for free.

Bolt Bus, Greyhound and Peter Pan Bus Lines have all also suspended service. Passengers booked on canceled Bolt trips have already received refunds to their credit cards, according to Timothy Stokes, spokesman for Greyhound and Bolt Bus.

Logan airport remained open, although getting there was a challenge for many passengers. On a typical day, the airport has about 1,000 flights, according to flight tracking site FlightAware. Fewer than 10 flights had been canceled by 10 a.m., mostly because of weather delays in New York, according to FlightAware.

JetBlue, the largest airline in Boston with about 120 daily flights, was allowing anybody scheduled to fly to or from Boston to change their ticket for free. Passengers could also opt to fly to Hartford, Providence or any of the New York area airports JetBlue serves.

Delta Air Lines — which has about 70 daily Boston departures — also hadn't canceled any flights in Boston. Spokesman Morgan Durrant said the airline expected on-time departures and is considering extending a travel waiver issued earlier in the week.

American Airlines hadn't canceled any of its 31 daily flights in Boston. The airline was allowing passengers scheduled to fly today to rebook onto flights Saturday or Sunday without penalty, according

to spokeswoman Andrea Huguely.

The Federal Aviation Administration imposed an air traffic restriction on the Boston area "to provide a safe environment for law enforcement activities." It bars flights below 3,000 feet in a radius of 3.5 miles around the manhunt area. Such restrictions have minimal impact on commercial flights in the area.

James Kearney was in town for business and managed to make it out on a flight at 10:30 a.m. He said via email that the 15-mile trip from the Marriott in the western suburb of Newton to Logan on the Massachusetts Turnpike "was extremely quiet during rush hour."

Once at the airport, he said, the situation was "pretty standard."

"Even security was fast and uneventful," Kearney wrote.

Colin Alsheimer, who was on a flight from Dallas to Boston Friday morning, said that the manhunt dominated conversations during boarding.

"People were checking for news updates on their phones and talking with their seat neighbors," Alsheimer wrote in an email from the American Airlines flight. He's concerned about "having to hunker down in Logan for a bit" because of the transit shutdown.

Kacey Brister, a senior at Louisiana State University, was supposed to have an interview for a public relations job at a public relations firm in Boston at 3 p.m. Friday. Southwest Airlines from New Orleans to Boston via St. Louis.

Beer makers, DOJ reach deal

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Anheuser-Busch InBev reached a final agreement with the Department of Justice, settling a dispute over its \$20.1 billion acquisition of the Mexican brewer, Grupo Modelo.

The world's largest brewer has been trying since June to buy the half of Grupo Modelo that it doesn't already own. The Justice Department blocked the deal out of concern that a company that massive would stifle competition in the U.S.

In an effort to appease regulators, AB InBev subsequently struck a side deal that gives control of the production of Corona and other Modelo beers sold in the U.S. to a competitor, Constellation Brands Inc.

The companies involved in the complicated series

of deals have negotiated for months with Justice officials to resolve the dispute.

The agreement announced Friday is similar to a modified deal that was aired earlier this year, requiring the sale of Modelo's entire U.S. business, including licenses of Modelo brand beers and its Piedras Negras brewery, as well as its stake in a joint venture agreement and other assets to Constellation Brands Inc. The Department of Justice said the settlement will ensure competition in the beer industry nationwide to the benefit of U.S. consumers.

The two sides must still get court approval before the deal goes through. The acquisition could be completed as early as June, if it receives court approval.

Boy Scouts consider proposal to lift gay ban

NEW YORK (AP) — Under pressure over its longstanding ban on gays, the Boy Scouts of America is proposing to lift the ban for youth members but continue to exclude gays as adult leaders.

The Scouts announced Friday that it would submit this proposal to the roughly 1,400 voting members of its National Council at a meeting in

Texas the week of May 20.

Earlier, the BSA had indicated it might give local Scout units the option of admitting gays as both youth members and adult leaders, or continuing to exclude them.

The BSA said Friday it changed course due in part to results of surveys sent out this year to members of the scouting community.



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"I have had nagging allergies almost my entire life. The kind where it isn't bad enough to take allergy medication often but still have a constant nasal drip, congestion on waking, occasional watery eyes and non-stop sneezing fits if I am around cotton. So I figured I would give allergy injections a shot. A month in, I now realize how much my allergies were affecting my life...because now have no problems. I wake up without the congestion, I don't have to have a tissue on me at all times and I can drive by the White Deer Gin without any problems!" -Samantha Ford, D.C.

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Lifestyles

2013 Gray County 4-H fashion show results



Submitted photo

From left, Wyatt Epperson, Elaineah Jackson, Jasmine Crumpton and Kellie Davis.

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Gray County 4-H youth representing the North Fork and Soaring Eagle 4-H Clubs competed in the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service County 4-H Fashion Show on April 12.

For competition, 4-H members completed a clothing and textiles project, record forms, either constructed a garment or used consumer-buying skills to purchase a garment, and participated in an interview, answering questions about their project and garment, Gray-Soria, the family and consumer sciences agent, said.

Each participant won their category at county

and will advance to district-level competition in Amarillo.

4-H members representing and receiving top honors from Gray include:

- Junior: Active Construction – Wyatt Epperson.
- Junior: Dressy Construction – Elaineah Jackson.
- Junior: Speciality Construction – Kellie Davis.
- Intermediate: Casual
- Buying – Jasmine Crumpton.

Davis was honored at the Gray County Fashion Show as Rookie of the Year for best overall first-year project.

Gray-Soria said the objectives of the clothing and textiles project are to

provide opportunities for members to exhibit skills developed in their clothing projects, including:

- Application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection.
- Clothing construction or comparison shopping.
- Fashion interpretation and understanding of style.
- Good grooming and poise.
- Modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments at the county, district and state levels.

For more information about this project or other projects conducted through 4-H, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Gray County at 806-669-8033.

Pampa Altrusa International hosts Borger chapter members



SUBMITTED

Submitted photo Lindsey Been of Accolade Home Health Agency at the Altrusa International meeting.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa recently hosted the Altrusa Club of Borger for their yearly Bi-City meeting. The clubs alternate towns each year. Eight members from Borger attended. A report of the Borger Club service activities and fundraisers was given by president, Sue Headlee and the Pampa report was given by president Pat Johnson. A Power point program was given by Lindsey Been of Accolade Home Health Agency.

Pampa's monthly birthday honorees were Sheila Winton, Allison Watson, and Melodie Dosche. Accents were given by Barb Hahn and Rochelle Lacy. A drawing was held and door prizes were given to one member from Borger and one from Pampa.

Both clubs will be sending representatives to the District Nine Altrusa Conference in Frisco, Texas on April 19-21.

21st Century Study Club held April meeting

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The 21st Century Study Club met April 9 with Ruth Reihart, president, conducting the business meeting. Reports were given on civic functions as well as the up-coming changes in Pampa.

Fay Harvey presented the program on "Eli Whitney and His Inventions".

Refreshments were served to Nancy Coffee, Louise Bailey, Dot Stowers, Lucille Merilatt, Edna Hickman, Chloe Worley, Pat Terry, Myrna Orr, Mary McDaniel, Mrs Reihart by the host, Mrs Vanderpool. The next meeting will be held on April 23 in the home of Edna Hickman.

Pampa Desk & Derrick Club to meet April 23

SUBMITTED

The Pampa Desk & Derrick Club will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 23 at the Pampa Country Club.

The speaker for the dinner meeting will be Joe Weaver, public relations and education manager for the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD).

His presentation will be on the history of water in the Texas Panhandle. The cost of the meeting and meal is \$15.

Visitors are encouraged to attend and may make reservations by calling Carol Cofer at 806-669-3108 or bcde27@sbcglobal.net.

Starbuck graduates from School of Automotive Machinists in Houston



Seth Starbuck

son, Seth Starbuck, from School of Automotive Machinists in Houston. Seth completed courses in Cyl-

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inder Head, Engine Block and CNC, with specific interest in CNC.

He gained many skills while at S.A.M, and great experience working with Late Model Racecraft of Houston. He was privileged to crew for multiple record-setting cars while with LMR.

Since completing school, Seth has accepted a position with Velocity Machine Works of Tallahassee, Fla.

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Gray County Genealogical Society meets April 22

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The Gray County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, April 22,

2013, at the North door of the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston, Pampa, Texas. The public is invited. If you are interested in genealogy please be come as a guest.

Las Vegas strip to get N.Y.-style park

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Las Vegas is trying to beat its reputation as a shut-in.

MGM Resorts International announced Thursday that it will sink \$100 million into building a park and public promenade outside of its New York-New York and Monte Carlo casinos. The project runs counter to casinos' long-held strategy of trying to keep people inside, losing track of time as they buy more chips and flit from one pricey attraction to the next. interview.

"We're not going to play Frisbee on the Great Lawn, but I would describe it as a city park with a dramatic boulevard," MGM CEO Jim Murren said. Now, casino bosses are starting to believe their patrons might enjoy a bit of fresh air.

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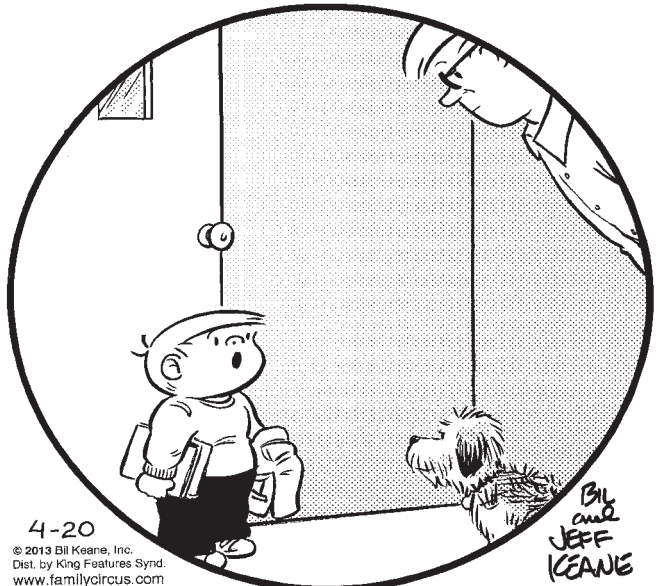
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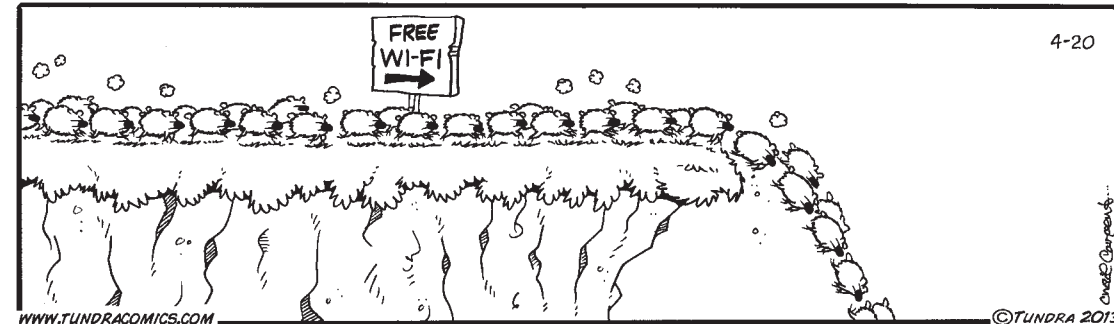
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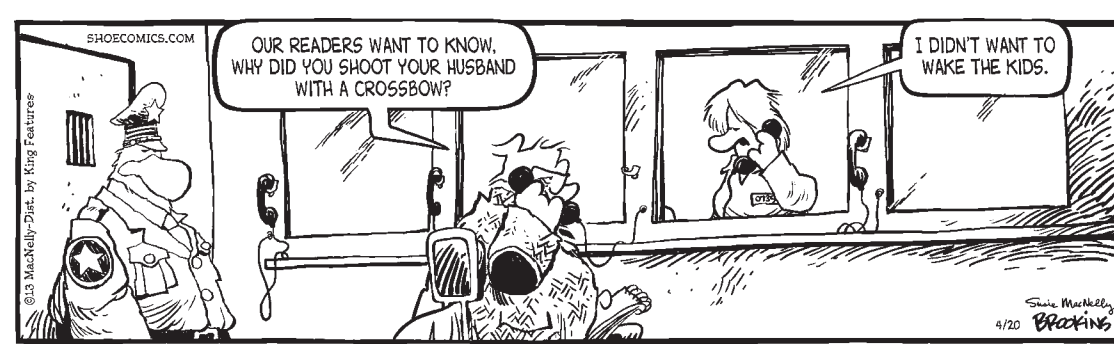


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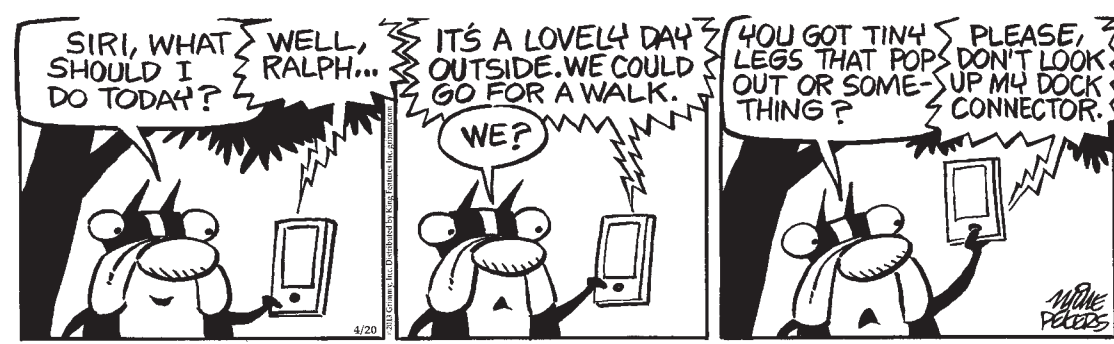
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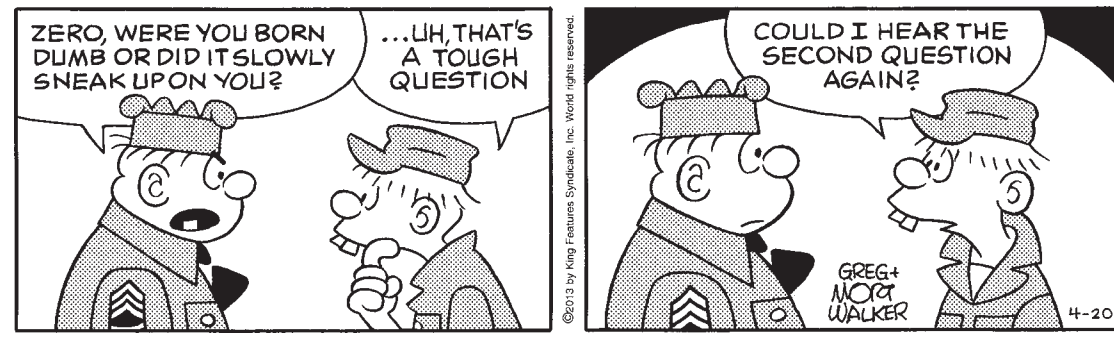
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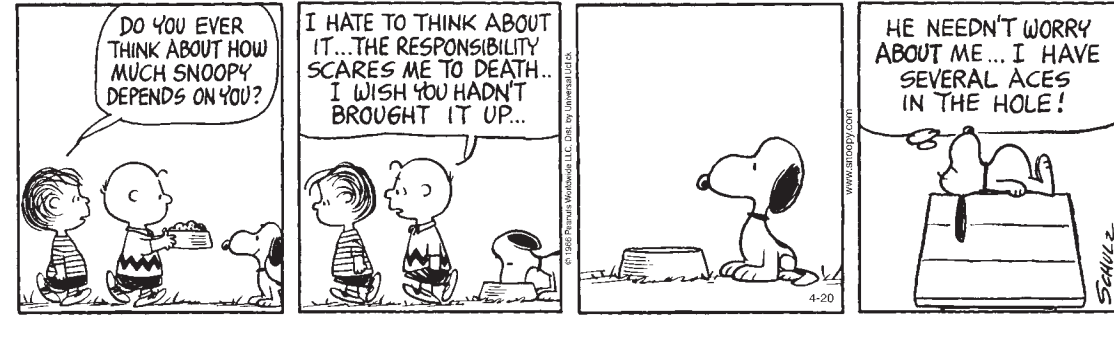
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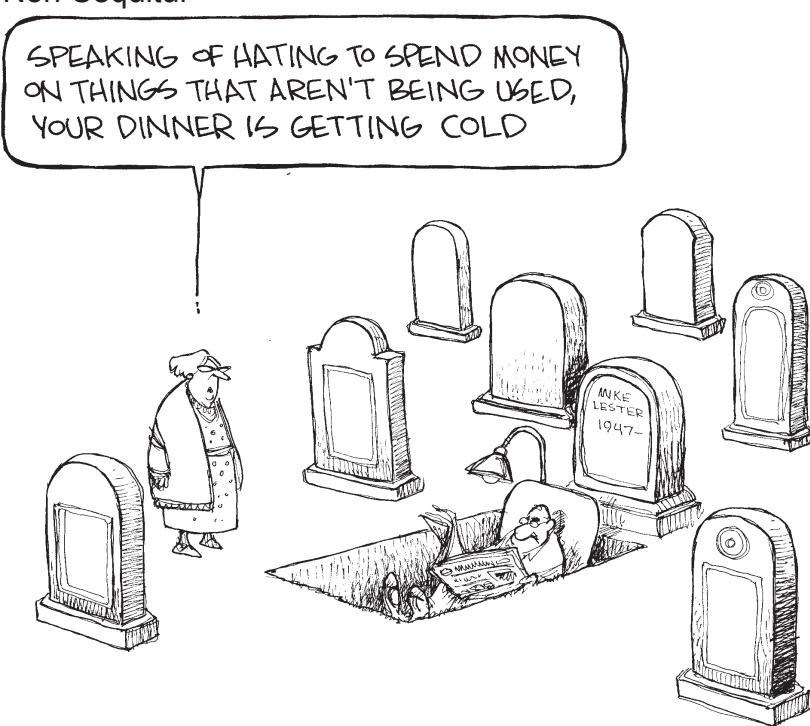
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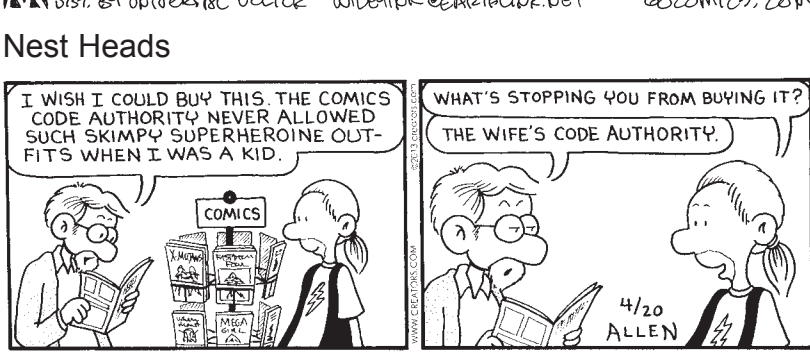
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 22, 2013:
This year you express a precision that is quite unique. Your attention to detail makes it possible to manifest a long-term desire. You have endurance and the ability to home in on what is important. If you are single, you could meet someone who gives you an instant case of butterflies. Explore what exists between you. If you are attached, the two of you will add a lot of romance to your bond. **VIRGO** can be very critical.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ In your mind's eye, you have a vision of what you want to do today. So many responsibilities and requests head your way that you have little choice but to proceed in a different direction. Be aware of a partner's limitations. Tonight: Go with the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Allow your creativity to flow, and follow the winds of fate. You have the ability to turn a mundane chore into a happy adventure. Others appreciate your positive attitude and ability to transform the most difficult situations. Tonight: So what if it is Monday? Be naughty.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your words have impact, but perhaps they affect someone you would prefer they wouldn't. A loved one could take a comment personally. Listen to your inner voice as to how far you can push this person. Be aware of your limits. Tonight: Meet a friend for a chat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Recognize a tendency to go overboard. You simply might be having too good of a time and not even realize it. Listen to your sixth sense, and it will point you in the right direction. Trust your judgment. You'll make good decisions as a result. Tonight: Stay within your budget.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Don't allow someone to take your power away from you. You might decide to head your own way, no matter what happens. You could become emotionally exhausted from a conversation that goes on for way too long. Know when enough is enough. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Know when a retreat is practical, and decide the correct move to make. You don't want to step into an emotionally charged situation. You could feel insecure. Regroup and center yourself. The unexpected plays a strong role in your decisions. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

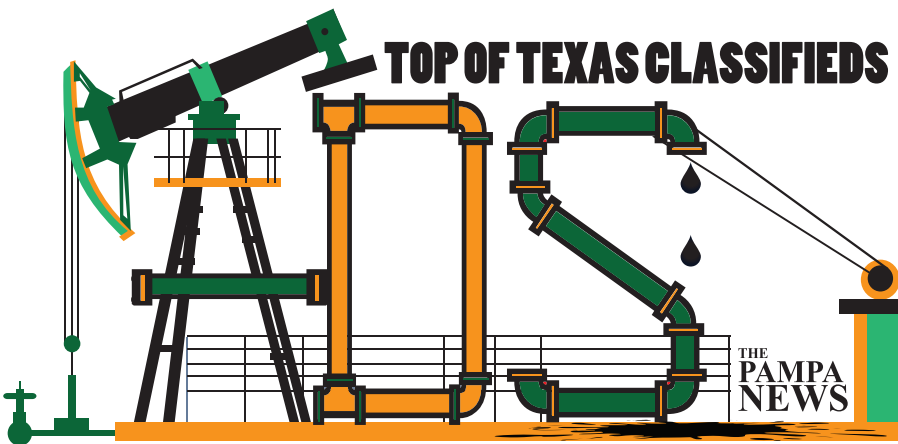
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might be too strong-willed right now without intending to be. A loved one or someone you were attempting to impress could distance him- or herself as a result. Know that your way is not always right for others. Tonight: Indulge a partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Tension keeps building, no matter what you do. Stay positive. A partner or loved one will come toward you, as this person is determined to be with you. You could be eyeing something that could break your budget. Be careful. Is it really necessary? Tonight: Anchor in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Follow your whims right now. If you want to take off, do. You need a change of pace, so being in a different setting will be good for you. A friend could disappoint you at the last minute. On some level, you might be feeling like you have to make a choice. Tonight: Follow the music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. You know a situation could radically change, no matter what you do. Creative opportunities pop up from out of the blue. Don't try to impress a parent or higher-up. You actually are likely to fall on your face if you do. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Defer to others. You might feel as though you have the best idea, but taking a step back will work out well for you. Focus on what is happening within your immediate group of friends. A response to an inquiry might be too late coming in. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.



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DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl from Serbia. I have been in U.S. for two years and I'm studying English in an ESL class. I read your column and could use some help to solve my problem because I am very upset.

I have known my best friend, “Vanessa,” for a year and a half. She is my age and we were very close. She had to leave school because her family moved. I can't visit her because she is too far away. I cried because I don't know if she is going to remember me or if she is going to forget all about me. I'm so afraid I am going to lose her. Can you help me? — SAD IN BUFFALO

DEAR SAD: You are obviously doing well in your ESL studies, and for that I congratulate you. Because you and Vanessa no longer live close does not mean that you can't still be

friends. Although she has moved to a different geographical location, you can maintain a friendship because she is as near as your phone or computer.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend, “Adam,” for three years. Although we are young, we are serious about our relationship. Not too long after we started dating, Adam began staying over at my house on most week-ends. I live with my mom, who is 47.

For the past year when Adam comes to visit, my mom has been coming out of her bedroom in her bra and panties, for the most part exposed. She also

makes flirtatious comments to Adam that I feel are completely inappropriate.

I have tried talking to her about it, letting her know how uncomfortable Adam and I and some of my friends are about it. I hoped she would understand, but she continues with the flirting and underdressing. What can I do about this? I'm desperate to try anything. — DESPERATE IN MAINE

DEAR DESPERATE: You may be desperate, but not as desperate as it appears your mother is for attention. Because talking to her hasn't helped, accept that she is not going to change her behavior. Have Adam stay over less often. When you meet with your friends, do it at someone else's house. And if you can afford to move elsewhere, you should consider it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother

of a 12-year-old boy. Three or four of his friends are constantly over at our house, and I feel obligated to feed and/or entertain them. Their parents don't send money for their meals and often don't even call to check on them, so they are left spending the night here.

I don't mind the boys staying with us, but I don't think I should be expected to pay for their food and fun or feel guilty if my son and I eat and they don't. Any suggestions? — SINGLE MOM IN THE SOUTH

DEAR SINGLE MOM: Call the boys' parents and have a friendly chat with them. I agree that the current situation isn't fair to you, and because the boys are at your home so often, their parents should be chipping in. Alternatively, start sending the boys home at dinner time.

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Judiciary Committee takes up immigration bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A far-reaching new immigration bill is getting its first test at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing, where opponents of the legislation will be able to face off with its authors.

The committee's members include Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and three other lawmakers who sponsored the bill to boost border security, fix legal immigration programs and eventually grant citizenship to some 11 million people here illegally. The panel also includes leading skeptics of the legislation, including Republican Jeff Sessions of Alabama. The 844-page legislation was introduced around 2 a.m. Wednesday, so critics say there has been insufficient time to digest it and are pushing for more hearings and a long review process. Friday's hearing will be the first of two the Judiciary Committee is expected to hold on the bill before it begins amending and voting on it next month.

"We're on the beginning of a process we think must be done. We can't have 11 million people living in the shadows forever in this country," Sen. John McCain, another of the bill's sponsors, said Friday.

"And obviously, people who came to this country illegally should pay a penalty — but not forever. And they should pay back taxes, and they should pay a fine. We should make sure

that they get in line behind everybody else. But this issue has to be resolved," McCain, R-Ariz., said on CBS "This Morning."

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has been invited to testify, and she's sure to face tough questions from Sessions and other Republicans on conditions along the border, which the Obama administration says is more secure than ever. Some Republicans disagree and also contend the immigration bill doesn't do enough to improve border security, even though it requires certain enforcement steps to be taken before any path to citizenship can begin.

Napolitano in the past has criticized the idea of border enforcement "triggers" as a condition to a path to citizenship, putting the Obama administration at odds with the bipartisan Senate plan. But President Barack Obama praised the legislation when it was released this week.

A second panel of witnesses was to include Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a conservative-leaning economist and former McCain adviser who's argued that immigration brings economic benefits to the U.S.; and Peter Kirsanow, a Republican member of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission who's said that illegal immigration reduces wages and eliminates jobs for low-skilled American workers.

Oregon juror jailed for texting during trial

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A judge in Oregon noticed an unexpected glow on a juror's chest while the courtroom lights were dimmed during video evidence in an armed-robbery trial.

The juror, it seemed, was texting. Marion County Circuit Judge Dennis Graves cleared the courtroom and excused all jurors except 26-year-old Benjamin Kohler. According to a news release from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Kohler had no explanation for his actions. Jurors in Oregon are given explicit instructions at

the outset of each trial not to use cellphones in court.

Graves held Kohler in contempt, and Kohler spent most of Tuesday and Wednesday in the county jail. He was released Wednesday night. Neither the nature of the text message nor its recipient was disclosed. Kohler did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment Thursday.

An alternate juror took its place. Sheriff's spokesman Don Thomson said the trial ended Thursday with the defendant found guilty.

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