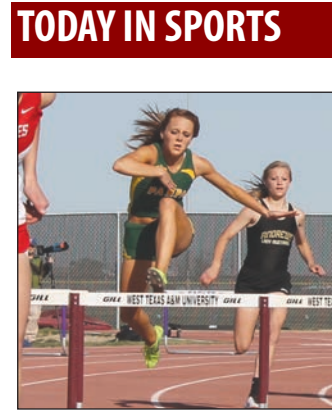


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Pampa native killed in West plant explosion

BY SASHA HELLER
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When he was younger, Jerry attended the former P a m p a Academy. Former administrator and principal Joann Taylor remembers Jerry fondly. "Jerry was very lively and a real 'life of the



Jerry Chapman

party' kind of guy," Joann said.

She added that Jerry enjoyed playing basketball and participating in the academy's conventions which featured various physical and mental challenges. "He was always very faithful to get Bible memory done every week," she said, referring to the school's assigned Bible scriptures which were to

be memorized each week. Joann's son, A.J. also remembers Jerry with warm regards. "I was probably the one who had seen him the most recently," A.J. said, adding that he had been stationed at Ft. Hood, which is just southwest of Hillsboro, where Jerry was living. "Jerry was always a sweet kid but he was a bit of a prankster," he said. "He was the guy trying

to see what he could get away with." A.J. coached Jerry for a few years in basketball before moving on from the academy. A.J. will miss Jerry's warm, friendly spirit and kind, spiritual nature. "Everything was a game, everything was fun," A.J. said. "He definitely lived life to the fullest." Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednes-

day, at Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors in Hillsboro. The blaze occurred at West Fertilizer Co., located about 20 miles north of Waco. At least 15 people were killed in the explosion and more than 160 were injured. To read Chapman's obit, turn to page 2.

One drip at a time



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, Robbie Pepper, left, and Katrina Winkler dig around in one of the grow boxes in the garden at First Christian Church. Below, Water flows from the larger poly tubes to the quarter-inch diameter tubes, which carry the water to the grow boxes. Inside the boxes, water can steadily drip from the tubing, which reduces evaporation and gets the water closer to the roots.



■ New drip system at church's garden will conserve water, save time.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Robbie Pepper, who takes care of the garden at First Christian Church on Nelson Street, won't have to walk around with a hose when she waters her plants this growing season. Pepper, with help from Katrina Winkler, has installed a drip irrigation system that not only will do a lot of the work for her, but conserve water in the process. Winkler, district manager for the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District, is assisting local churches, schools, businesses and homeowners with installing the systems, which have been popular in desert regions like Phoenix for years. A drip system also has been installed at Pampa Junior High School. Drip irrigation is a method that saves water and fertilizer by allowing water to drip slowly to the roots of plants through a network of valves, pipes, tubing and emitters. Pepper's system will have a timer that will water one section of her garden for an hour, then the next section for an hour, and

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Traffic study showed 4-way stop sign wasn't needed

BY SASHA HELLER
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The Pampa City Commission earlier this month heard a request from a citizen who wanted the stop sign at the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Russell Street to be upgraded from a 2-way to a 4-way stop sign. At that meeting, Public Works Director Donny Hooper informed the citizen that the city had performed a traffic, or "engineering," study, spanning separate 24-hour periods between Jan. 21-30. The analysis showed the intersection did not warrant an upgrade. At the meeting, Hooper noted that in order for the 2-way stop sign to be upgraded, a series of criteria must have been met, according to the Texas Manual

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City Commission meets today

■ Will consider additional \$150,000 for a seal coat project bid.

BY SASHA HELLER
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The Pampa City Commission will meet today at 4 p.m. to consider approving an additional \$150,000 for a seal coat project bid to repave various city streets. "Historically, we have always budgeted money for seal coating but will request additional funds based on sales tax and numbers and if there is money available to increase the size of the project," said Public Works Director Donny Hooper. "This year, we are requesting an additional \$150,000 to add to the budgeted \$200,000 for seal coating of the streets. "We conduct a comprehensive evaluation

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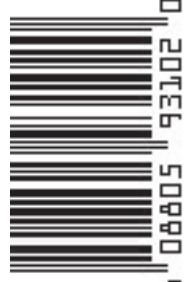
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 45 Low 24	High 61 Low 35	High 64 Low 46

Today: Morning ice with a high of 45. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind north at 25 mph. Sunrise at 7:01 a.m.

Tonight: Showers with a low of 24. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind northeast at 17 mph. Sunset at 8:24 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 61. No chance of rain. Wind south at 6 mph. Sunrise at 7 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 35. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 6 mph. Sunset at 8:24 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 64. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south at 20 mph. Sunrise at 6:58 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 46. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south at 17 mph. Sunset at 8:25 p.m.

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Obituaries

Jax Andrew Covalt

Jax Andrew Covalt, 11 months, died April 19, 2013 in Amarillo.



Jax Andrew Covalt

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at First Baptist Church of Skellytown, with Hiram Reyes, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Jax was born May 21, 2012 in Borger to Rebecca Covalt and Brian Tisdale. He will be remembered as a loving and happy baby who was always blowing kisses. Jax was preceded in death by a sister, Sydney Smith, in 2010; and great-grandparents, Vera Marie Gonzalez, Ruby Louise Swanson and Gene and Amy Bynum.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Rebecca and Marc Covalt of the home; his father, Brian Tisdale of Tulsa, Okla.; two brothers, Hayden Covalt and Jacob Covalt, both of Pampa; a sister, Hayleigh Covalt of Pampa; grandparents, Robert and Glenna Swanson of Skellytown, Donn and Mary Daniels of Greenville, Julie and Jimmy Whinery and Brandie and Mike Allread, all of Avant, Okla.; and great-grandparents, Jerry and Jo Daniels of Pampa.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Nursery Fund in Skellytown.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Jerry Dane Chapman

Jerry Dane Chapman, 26, of Hillsboro passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2013 in West. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors in Hillsboro. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.



Jerry Dane Chapman

Jerry was born April 7, 1987 in Pampa, Texas to Martin Dane and Rhonda Renee (McCulloch) Chapman. He grew up in Pampa and moved to Hillsboro in 2003.

Jerry had bounced from various jobs and had discovered his passion which began when he became a member of Abbott Volunteer Firefighters and proceeded to work towards becoming an Emergency Medical Technician. He had passed his skills test and was near the end of his training.

To call Jerry a free spirit was an understatement. He loved all things Batman, Star Wars, Tolkien, and was an avid video gamer. An avid electronics enthusiast, he always wanted to be on the cutting edge of technology. He found a niche while working for 6 years at the Black-Eyed Pea restaurant in Hillsboro and was always a go-to guy in a crisis. He also had worked for Valero, Pizza Hut, Braums and Wal-Mart. A very generous person, he would give what he had to anyone in need.

Jerry was known for his passion for helping others, both those he knew and those he did not. His willing and giving spirit was a fit for the career he had chosen to pursue as a firefighter and EMT. He was always on call, whether as a firefighter or friend and died doing what he loved to do by serving and protecting others.

On Wednesday a call was received about a fire at the West Fertilizer Co. Jerry joined a team of first responders who fought the flames. He died when the explosion occurred.

There are many who loved Jerry and will have a piece of their heart missing because of his absence.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Rodney McCulloch, who was also a volunteer firefighter with the Hoover Volunteer Firefighters.

Survivors include his parents, Dane and Rhonda Chapman of Hillsboro; maternal grandfather, Bryan McCulloch and wife, Joy, of Plainview; maternal grandmother, Charlotte McCulloch of Lubbock; paternal grandparents, Gerald and Janet Chapman of Amarillo; great-grandmother, Gladys Ragle of Lubbock; one sister, Shay Pohlmann and husband, Justin, of Nacogdoches; niece, Chloe Rose Pohlmann of Nacogdoches; and many, many friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, 16825 South Seton Ave. Building O, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Condolences may be made at Marshallandmarshallfd.com.

Jeanene Cameron

Jeanene Cameron, 70, died April 22, 2013 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cameron was born April 14, 1943 in Pampa, where she was a lifelong resident. She was a 1961 graduate of McLean High School and attended West Texas State College in Canyon. Jeanene worked as a teacher's assistant at Baker Elementary school. She was a member of Kentucky Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Penny Phetteplace of Culpeper, Va., and Monique Cronce of Asbury, N.J.; a sister: Pat Hagar of Dawn; a brother, Jimmy Shelton of Pampa; four grandsons, Patrick Phetteplace and Nolan Phetteplace, both of Culpeper, Va., Bryan Harper of Kentucky, and Craig Cronce of Asbury, N.J.; one granddaughter, Naomi Cronce of Asbury, N.J.; and a special cousin, Zodell Swift of Wheeler.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Shelby Ray Cogdell

Shelby Ray Cogdell, 84, of Pampa, died peacefully at his home with his daughters by his side on Sunday, April 21, 2013. A joint memorial service for Shelby and his wife of 59 years, Joyce Hill Cogdell, is pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Shelby Ray Cogdell

Joyce passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 31, 2013 with her husband and daughters by her side. As in life, they will be memorialized together forever.

Mr. Cogdell was born June 21, 1928 in Delhi, La., to Robert and Ethel Cogdell. He attended high school in Tallulah, La. and college at Northeast Junior College in Monroe, La. He moved to Pampa in 1947 and retired from Cabot/Ingersoll Rand in 1985 after 35 years of service. He was awarded a lifetime membership to the Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 AF & AM.

Shelby and Joyce were married on April 9, 1954 in Clovis, N.M., and became lifelong companions. They resided in Pampa for 61 years and raised three girls. Shelby and Joyce loved the outdoors and spent most of their retirement camping, fishing and spending time under the grape arbor in their backyard. Joyce filled much of her time with crossword puzzles and game shows.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Hospice of the Southwest for their gentle care of our father.

Survivors include three daughters, Shelley Rupert and husband Paul of Milton, Fla., Kelley Cogdell and husband Mike Bartley of Arlington, and Carla Cogdell and husband Jerry Horton of Panhandle; six grandchildren, Kelsey Womack and husband Eric of Pace, Florida, Kristen Rupert of Mobile, Ala., Jacob Rupert and wife Katie of Ketchikan, Ala., Jessica Tate of Greeley, Colo., Nakisha Horton of Denver, Colo., and Kevin Bartley of Waco, 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to the W. T. Hill Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 390, Lefors, Texas 79054.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Loree "Go Go" Shultz

Loree "Go Go" Shultz, 99, of Pampa, Texas died Friday April 5, 2013 at Southlake, Texas. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m., April 27 at the First Christian Church in Arnett, Okla. with the Rev Richard Royal pastor, officiating. The body was cremated and will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of the Shaw Funeral Directors of Vici, Okla.



Loree Shultz

Loree was born Nov. 17, 1913, at Arnett, Okla., and graduated from Arnett High School in 1931. She

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so on. The system isn't operating yet because Pepper, like many other local gardeners, is waiting for the weather to finally turn warm and stay warm. "We can't plant until 'Old Man Winter' goes away," she said. Pepper plans to grow a combination of vegetables, herbs and flowers.

This is the church's third year growing a garden, and the first with the drip system, Pepper said.

Though it's too soon to see how the church's monthly water bill during this year's gardening season will compare to past seasons, she does know for certain the church had high water bills in previous summers.

Water was wasted when people would come over and turn on the hose when it didn't need to run, she added.

"People would turn on the water and leave it running," she said. "The drip system has locks on the timers so people won't be able to do that."

The system begins with a "Y" connector attached to the outdoor faucet. Water flows from one side of the connector for the drip system, while the other side is there to let kids attach a hose, she said.

The drip system is comprised of a network of half-inch diameter poly tubing that weaves around her 4-foot by 4-foot growing boxes. Branching off the half-inch tubes are quarter-inch diameter tubes that run into the boxes.

Pepper has punched small holes in the quarter-inch tubes where the water drips out.

Caps at the ends of all the tubes, whether half- or quarter-inch, prevent water from running out.

The caps can be removed for the winter, so any water in the tubing can run out and not freeze, Winkler said.

Common vegetables that Pepper plans to grow include beans, beets, bell peppers, peas, squash and sweet potatoes. The church donates the vegetables to the Tralee Crisis Center and Good Samaritans.

Her garden also will produce aromatic favorites like mint and sage.

Along with her desire to save water, Pepper doesn't want to use pesticides on her plants, so she uses a technique called "companion gardening."

For instance, she will grow tomato plants using old car tires as planters. Between the tires, she will plant garlic, which frightens away such enemies of the tomato plant as red spider mites and horn worms.

Flowers not only brighten up the garden with their beauty, but their blooms attract bumble bees and

butterflies, which help pollinate all of the plants.

Along the south side fence she will plant sunflowers, which will provide shade for plants that need it like cucumbers, bean vines and cantaloupes.

Winkler said gardeners can find all kinds of information about when and what to grow on the Internet.

Pepper said there's nothing wrong with the Internet, but she relies on her trusty "Farmers' Almanac."

"The 'Farmers Almanac' said Saturday would be a bad planting day, and they were right. It was too cold and windy," she said.

While components to build a drip system can be purchased at hardware stores and places like The Home Depot, Pepper likes getting her system from Winkler's office because they have everything she needs and the expertise to answer all her questions.

Winkler said she is excited to watch Pepper's garden spring to life in the upcoming weeks.

"She's going to have a really nice garden," Winkler said.

For more information, contact Winkler at 806-665-1751 or katrina.winkler@usda.gov.

The Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is located at 12125 E. Frederic Ave. near the rodeo grounds.

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tion of every street in town, every year, to determine by condition, the streets that need the most attention."

Hooper added that he could not specify which streets have been targeted for this year's seal work until the project bid has gone out.

"The price we receive per square yard will determine the amount and which streets we do based on their condition priority," he said.

The Commission will also consider, upon second and final read-

ing, an ordinance related to the city's "Offenses and Nuisances" portion of its Ordinance Code regarding illicit synthetic and misbranded drugs. The Commission, at its meeting two weeks ago, unanimously approved the "drug ordinance" upon its first reading. The drug ordinance restricts the use of a lengthy list of substances, including "Spice" and "K2," which are two of the most commonly abused. The drugs mimic the effects of stronger, typical street drugs like marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, LSD and heroin. City manager Richard Morris had explained the synthetic products are being marketed and

sold to adolescents, which can leave Pampa's younger community members vulnerable to their curiosities. The synthetic and misbranded drugs can have dangerous side effects, including hallucinations, delusions, heart murmurs, strokes and even death.

Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing, at the same meeting, expressed his support for the ordinance.

"We feel very good about the ordinance as it's written," Rushing said.

The Commission meets on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill Ave.

For the record

Pampa man arrested for possession of controlled substance Friday

- Kendrick Lyndale Alexander, 19, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for possession of controlled substance.
- Pamela C. Woodruff, 51, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of controlled substance, expired drivers license,

- open container and violation of probation — possession of controlled substance.
- Tamara Dasha Cook, 25, Shamrock, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for failure to appear and unlicensed driver's permit.
- Betty Jane Medrano, 30, Amarillo, was arrested Sunday by GCSO

- for theft of property.
- Brandon Ralyn Hulsey, 38, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance — greater than 1 gram and less than 4 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Andrew Shane Johnson, 28, LeFors, was arrested

- Friday by the Pampa Police Department for capias pro fine — no seat belt, capias pro fine — failure to appear and capital murder.
- Michael Ray Waldrip, 23, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Roy Anthony Jiles, 43, Pampa, was arrested Fri-

- day by GCSO and sentenced 10 days in Gray County Jail.
- Jesus Rene Torres Jr., 27, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for no drivers license,

- failure to appear, open container, expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- Brenda Brown Tonielli, 55, Canadian, was arrested

- Saturday by PPD for driving while intoxicated.
- Andrew Thomas Chambers, 19, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for public intoxication.

Pampa Fire Department call log — April 19-22

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 19

- At 11:11 a.m., to medical call in 1000 block of West Harvester.
- At 11:15 a.m. to medical assist in 100 of East Harvester.
- At 2:38 p.m. to medical call in 1200 block of North Hobart.

April 20

- At 6:16 to medical call in 1600 block of West Somerville.
- At 1:23 p.m., to medical assist in 1900 block of Hilton Road.
- At 1:50 p.m. to lift assist in 1600 block of West Somerville.
- At 6:04 p.m. lift assist in 800 block of North West Street.

- At 7:59 p.m., to medical call in 1400 block of North Banks.
- At 9:13 p.m., to medical assist in 900 block of Varnon.

April 21

- At 11:39 a.m. two units, seven personnel to fire alarm response in 1800 block of North Price.
- At 1:15 p.m. one unit, four personnel to gas leak in 2400 block of West Kentucky.
- At 1:36 p.m., to medical call in 2800 block of Charles.

April 22

- At 3:15 a.m., one unit, four personnel to medical call in the 1000 block of Huff Road.
- At 3:57 a.m., to lift assist in 1100 block of Charles.

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Prairie Plains Perspective

Rain always ends a good drought

It never fails when I punch up my weather radar app on the trusty smart phone, or check one of the weather reports issued from an Amarillo TV station.



DENNIS PALMITIER

It's been that way now going on seven years. Didn't fail me again last week to notice when checking the two all the abundant moisture falling east of Pampa-ville and the Panhandle in of all places, that cursed state of Oklahoma! Since my childhood and particularly so since this drought has taken hold and every spring since, I love to search our atmosphere for the massive cumulonimbus clouds, in weather speak, super cell thunderstorms that will bring us much needed moisture, but

as the case has been more often than not, I see them rising a mere horned toad's length east of the Texas-Oklahoma border! Ack!

The Texas Panhandle, you see, per all the "weather experts", is fraught with the fickleness of that ever teasing dry line. We are in the throes of the worst post Dust Bowl drought ever, and as long as the dry line continues to set up east of us, Oklahoma gets the moisture, we get the dust... It's as if the Lord our God is sitting up there on his aerie high, flipping that coin for a heads or tails decision, with the Sooner state winning every time! Makes me think He's a Boomer Sooner and His coin is counterfeit, with identical images on both sides.

As I motor about and notice the dry and moistureless parched brown front yards and

stressed trees of Pampaville's front yards, I ask myself just what is causing our lack of measurable moisture or rainfall and is there anything I can do aside from praying to our Almighty to help bring back something so simple, now so rare, as a rain drop? Yet, prayer doesn't seem to be the answer.

I've even had one individual explain to me in an oh so serious rant this drought has been created from the contrails of commercial jets criss crossing our nation, the contrails actually chemical stimulants falling to earth, having been secretly emitted by a clandestine government agency to aid in population control, with a side effect being, lack of rainfall. Whoa! He added with the straightest of faces this caveat. The honorable and retired U.S. Sen.

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Will the GOP embrace amnesty?

During President Eisenhower's first term, 60 years ago, the United States faced an invasion across its southern border.



PAT BUCHANAN

Illegal aliens had been coming since World War II. But, suddenly, the number was over 1 million. Crime was rising in Texas. The illegals were taking the jobs of U.S. farm workers.

Under Gen. Joseph May Swing, the Immigration and Naturalization Service launched "Operation Wetback" and began rounding up and deporting Mexican border-crossers by ship and bus. By the end of Ike's second term, illegal entries had fallen by 90 percent.

Eisenhower, who had tapped his nuclear hole card twice — first, to force the Chinese to agree to a truce in Korea, then to halt their shelling of the offshore islands in 1958 — was a no-nonsense president.

Measured by population and gross national product, Eisenhower's America was but half the size of today's America. Yet, in the 1950s, we were in many ways a stronger and more self-confident country.

We had universal military service, and few complained. As for the deportation of the Mexicans, they had broken in, they did not belong here, and they were going back. End of discussion.

Contrast the rigorous response of Ike's America to an invasion across our southern border to the hand-wringing moral paralysis of our political elite in dealing with 11-12 million illegal aliens in our midst.

We are to stop using terms like illegal aliens, we are told. For it shows insensitivity. And compassion commands that we bring these folks "out of the shadows" and "put

them on a path to citizenship."

One understands Democrats' motives in pushing this amnesty. Perhaps nine of 10 illegals are from Third World countries, and folks of Asian, African and Hispanic descent voted 4-to-1 Democratic in 2012.

Sen. Chuck Schumer and Democrats are writing an immigration bill that will create millions of new citizens who will vote to bury the Party of Ronald Reagan forever.

But why are Republicans collaborating in erecting the scaffolding on which their party is to be hanged?

A year ago, the GOP platform declared, "We oppose amnesty because it would have the effect of encouraging illegal immigration and would give an unfair advantage to those who have broken our laws."

What has changed since then?

Yet, today, with Cuban-American Sen. Marco Rubio providing cover — a "very positive force," purrs President Obama — Republicans are about to trash their platform and vote an amnesty for 11-12 million illegals. Why?

One reason is the fear, bordering on panic, since Mitt Romney lost the Hispanic vote 71 to 27. Republicans attribute their unpopularity among Latinos to their opposition to amnesty, rather than their commitment to peel back the social programs on which minorities heavily depend.

Another force for amnesty is corporate America. Thousands of businesses have hired illegals in violation of U.S. law. Amnesty for their illegal workers means, de facto, amnesty for them.

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Will Boston attack kill immigration reform?

As news came out Friday on the background of the suspects in the Boston



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Marathon bombings, TV commentators were speculating that the two young men had been "radicalized."

The more salient question is whether they will radicalize us.

Twelve years ago, in the traumatic aftermath of 9/11, one cartoonist wrote that there were "3,000 dead, 300 million wounded." And wounded people can do self-destructive things.

We invaded Afghanistan. We invaded Iraq. We spent hundreds of billions of dollars on homeland security and national defense. Scaled back civil liberties. Adopted policies of torture. Disgraced ourselves at Abu Ghraib. Made the country more hostile to visitors. Offered undue deference to political leaders who pushed through huge tax cuts at a time of war.

On the death of Osama bin Laden, Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, an expert on al-Qaida, pointed out that bin Laden's strategy against America was similar to the strategy he and the Afghans had used against the Soviet Union — bleed them until they go bankrupt. Bin Laden couldn't do that on his

own; he needed our help.

It's 12 years later now. We're older and wiser, and this attack was lighter. Will it have the power to distort U.S. policy?

One day after the terrorist attack in Boston, Rep. Steve King of Iowa, a tea party favorite, seized on the tragedy to try to slow down work in Congress on immigration reform.

King said: "Some of the speculation that has come out is that yes, it was a foreign national and, speculating here, that it was potentially a person on a student visa. If that's the case, then we need to take a look at the big picture. ... We need to go far deeper into our border crossings."

King's attempt to use the terror attack against immigration drew a rebuke from another tea party favorite, Marco Rubio, the Cuban-American Republican senator from Florida who co-authored the immigration bill now in the Senate and has become the face of immigration reform.

"We should really be very cautious about using language that links these two things in any way," Rubio said. "We know very little about Boston other than that it was obviously an act of terror."

Now that the media are reporting that the suspects are two young Muslim men of Chechen

origin, how will this affect the immigration debate and the bitter divisions between the two sides?

This comes at an excruciating time for Republicans, who are trying to broaden the party's appeal to Hispanics. The most recent time Republicans tried to pass immigration reform, in 2007, the hostile opposition from the right wing killed the bill and set back relations with Hispanics even further.

This time, early reactions from conservatives were somewhat muted, an encouraging sign for immigration advocates. But if King's comments after the bombing are any indication, the anti-immigration forces will exploit the identity of the bombing suspects to stir up opposition to the bill.

The key thing to watch, in my view, is Rubio's response.

Rubio already has taken a big personal and political risk in becoming a leading advocate for immigration reform. If, as in the past, the immigration debate makes opponents angry, they will be angry with him. If people come to hate the bill, they are going to hate him.

This may be an ordinary hazard for most politicians, but not for a Republican with presidential ambitions. Leading the effort to pass immigration reform will make it much harder for

Rubio to win his party's nomination. Republican primary voters are so hostile to immigration that in 2012, a calculating Mitt Romney played the part of an anti-immigration extremist.

If Rubio can help pass immigration reform and then still win the support of Republican primary voters in 2016, he will have done more than change immigration law; he will have changed the laws of Republican politics.

That is what his party is asking him to do — not only to help pass a bill but to do it in a way that can help heal the rift between his party and his fellow Hispanics.

This is a big deal. This is entirely different from Republican tactical approaches to victory — such as getting more money from corporations, creating more voting barriers for minorities, catching up with the Democrats on technology, and stirring up the base. This is a strategic effort by Republicans to embrace a new policy that will bring new voters into the party.

This is a historic moment for democracy in America. Whatever anyone thinks of Rubio, we all ought to keep watching. He won't be the same person when this is over, and we won't be the same country.

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Social Security is an entitlement

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Q: It really gets my goat when I hear politicians refer to Social Security as an entitlement. I worked all my life and paid Social Security taxes all my life. How can they call that an entitlement?

A: They can call it that because Social Security is an entitlement — literally. And I think you've got to blame popular culture, not politicians, for abusing the term.

Social Security is an entitlement in not only the literal but also the legal sense of the term. Social Security is Title II of the Social Security Act. Medicare is Title XVIII — and other programs make up other titles of the Social Security law. So that's where the root word "title" comes from.

Once you meet all the qualifications for Social Security benefits (having enough work credits, being the right age, etc.) then you are considered eligible for benefits. But when you actually file a claim for benefits and get approved, you are legally entitled to those benefits.

So that is what makes Social Security an entitlement program. And for that matter, any other government program for which you have to meet certain eligibility criteria and then sign an application and get approved for benefits is also an entitlement program.

But popular culture, frankly mostly Fox News and the Tea Party folks, have given the term a bad name. They have started using the word to imply some kind of government handout, like welfare or food stamps. Actually, welfare and food stamps are also entitlement programs because you have to meet

certain eligibility criteria and file a formal application to become entitled to those benefits, too.

It's just too bad the name has been given such a stigma. There is nothing wrong with being an entitlement program. It's just a legal term.

Q: I got an email from a fellow Tea Party member that proved that had I been able to invest, at a simple 5 percent interest rate, all the money they took out of my paycheck in Social Security taxes for the 40 years I worked, I'd almost be a millionaire today. In fact, I would have had \$892,919.88 in accumulated savings.

A: I get emails like yours all the time. If you want to delude yourself into thinking that you, and hundreds of millions of past, current and future retirees in this country would all be millionaires were it not for that nasty old government program called Social Security, well then you just can keep sending your donations to Tea Party candidates and hope they get that they eventually get big brother off your back!

But here is some food for thought. You must remember that Social Security was never set up to be an investment scheme. One of the original objectives of Social Security was to try to strike a balance between what you get out of the program and what the country gets out of it.

The first goal is obvious and, frankly, it's the one in which most people are interested. You pay taxes into the program and eventually you get something



Social Security and you

out of the system. That's your own equity in Social Security. At the end of this column, I'll get into this a little more.

But it's the second goal that is actually more important and a major reason Social Security was established in the first place. For example, one of the social goals of "Social" Security is to raise the standard of living of lower income workers. This is accomplished through a retirement benefit formula that is skewed to give lower income workers a higher rate of return (when comparing taxes paid to benefit received) than that received by their more well-to-do counterparts. This has helped lift millions of seniors out of poverty. When the program started in the 1930s, something like 80 percent of senior citizens in this country lived below the poverty level. In large part because of Social Security, that figure is less than 10 percent today.

Q: I paid maximum Social Security taxes from the time I started working in 1971 until I retired at age 66 at the end of 2011. I've always been curious: How much did I pay in Social Security taxes? My Social Security benefit is about \$2,400 per month. How long will it take me to get that back?

A: There are all kinds of ways these payback numbers can be presented. For example, some insist the employer's share of Social Security taxes should be factored into the equa-

tion. I disagree. After all, it's not like your employer was sending YOUR money to the government. The employer's share of Social Security is simply another tax a business pays. But if you disagree with my take on this, then simply double the number I give you when I present the amount of Social Security taxes you've paid.

I also must point out that I fully understand I am presenting the payback times for someone who works for wages. A self-employed person pays twice as much in Social Security taxes — although over the years, that rate has been reduced by various tax write-offs.

And finally, I must make it clear that in adding up the taxes paid column, I used the Social Security tax, which varied from 4.6 percent when you first started working in 1971 to 6.2 percent in 2011. When some people attempt to do these payback times, they mistakenly add in Medicare taxes paid. Medicare is a completely separate program and is entirely separately funded. It makes absolutely no sense to factor in Medicare taxes when trying to figure out Social Security payback times.

OK, so here are the numbers. Assuming, as you said, that you paid Social Security taxes on maximum earnings from 1971 to 2011, you will have paid \$132,740 in Social Security taxes during those 40 years. At \$2,400 per month in retirement benefits, you will recoup all the taxes you paid in about 55 months, or a little more than 4 1/2 years.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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Kay Bailey Hutchison once controlled the agency responsible for contrailing the stimulants? Well, she didn't get my vote anyhow. I've also heard the drought is the result of the Chinese, using their left handed and above-average intelligence to create weather changing phenomena that work for them and against us, once weather systems reach America's Pacific coast. Figures.

All the weather forecasters, prophets of doom and conspiracy theorists aside, it just ain't raining folks! My beloved Panhandle is truly becoming, some say already has become, the Great American Desert. There seems to be no rainfall relief in

the foreseeable future, and aside from some knee bending prayer, there is nothing on hand human-kind can do to bring about rainfall. Cloud seeding? Yea, right. On the flip side of this drought, however, Pampaville and region has missed out on deadly tornadoes and such. In that aspect, why, thank you Lord!

As I think about how dry and drought stricken our Panhandle is, I recall a friend's statement the other morning spoken at breakfast club. With such profoundness, I and others heard: "You know, rain always ends a good drought."

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At Live Well Chiropractic, we have many young and old athletes from the surrounding areas that seek our help to get back into the sports they love to play. Whether they are in Pee Wee sports, high school, or even our weekend warriors, their goals are all the same to get back into sports. Once the pain is addressed, we work on their function which includes chiropractic care, sport specific therapies, and physical therapies that not only get them back in the game faster, but on many occasions they return at a higher level than they were at pre-injury. The reason for their increased ability is the athletes are functioning at a higher level.

Golfers are a good example of how increasing function can increase a player's ability. As much as golf is a mental game it is just as much physical. When a golfer comes in to see us they are typically having multiple muscle spasms in the lower back and shoulders as well as many spinal subluxations (misalignments of the spine) which are directly related to flexibility. As a golfer, flexibility is a key to hitting the ball down the course. If they are unable to make a smooth swing, the ability to repeat a swing becomes much more difficult. Where is the correlation between chiropractic and golf? Function is the answer. Lets break

down what is happening in the typical golf swing: the golfer stands with their knees bent with their feet spread shoulder width apart, slightly bent at the waist with arms extended out in front of them. Next, they begin a back swing which involves the rotation of the back and arms and "unwinds" to make contact with the ball. If the golfer's spine is out of alignment and is experiencing multiple muscle spasms they will be less likely to be able to swing a golf club dozens of times during a round of golf. After we get the spine aligned and flexibility back in the spine many of our patients return to our office and tell us they are hitting their drives 20 or more yards farther than they ever had in the past which can be directly related to the golf-

er increased spinal function and flexibility. Some of golf's all-time greats Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh and many other well known professional golfers are great supporters of chiropractic and consider it a key part of training regimen to perform at the level they have to compete at on the PGA tour.

Professional golfers are not alone when it comes to elite athletes and chiropractic. Many current and former NFL superstars use chiropractic as a way to keep them in the game. Some of the most notable are Joe Montana, Jerry Rice, Reggie Bush, and last years MVP Aaron Rodgers who has been adjusted his entire life (his Dad is a chiropractor). These athletes, in a sport like football, did see the chiropractor for pain but also to keep their bodies functioning at 100% to keep their professional careers going. No matter what the sport from competitive bicycling to track and field and everything in between, elite athletes use chiropractic care in order to prepare for and recover from their sporting events. Usain Bolt, the multiple gold medal Olympian, is adjusted prior to every race and is another prime example of what functioning properly can help one achieve. Claiming chiropractic care alone is the reason an athlete is successful would be false, but by using it as one of their training tools it becomes a contributor to their success.

Most professional sports organizations have a team doctor, as well as, a chiropractor on staff to treat their players. The team doctors have the ability to get the players medication to stop the pain, but if the

ultimate reason for the pain is not corrected, the player is going to have repeat injuries that will eventually compound and leave the players out for a longer period.

The great thing is that you don't have to be a professional or elite athlete to benefit from chiropractic care. If you or family members are interested in what chiropractic can do for you, there are chiropractors across the country that can help you. There are even sport specific chiropractic clinics that cater to athletes and base their care specifically on getting you back in the game and functioning at your absolute best.

The sport specific clinics doctors are typically certified by one or multiple sport specific post-graduate organizations such as Certified Chiropractic Sports Physicians. At Live Well Chiropractic, we have doctors of chiropractic that have treated numerous athletes with great success. One of the chiropractors is certified in Kinesiotape Technique (the colorful tape seen on many of the Olympic athletes) which speeds up the recovery. Another of our chiropractors worked with the US Olympic Decathlon athletes prior to the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

As you can see, chiropractic is much more than

just a way to help with back pain. There are countless specialties and techniques to help with what might be giving you trouble. So next time you are on the golf course or participating in sports, remember getting your body functioning at 100% might be the key the accomplishing your goal of being the best player you can.



Pampa youth softball player Emma Gill throwing a pitch during softball practice



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'The Artist' nostalgic, yet state-of-art as a modern, silent film

Editor's note: Harville's reviews are not of current movies in theaters, but of classic films that can be enjoyed by families and general audiences. Please email comments on whether you like this new weekly feature to thowsare@thepampapnews.com.

"The Artist" (2011) is an odd exercise in film making. It's black and white and mostly silent. It is also shot at 22 instead of the standard 24 frames per second to mimic hand-cranked film.

It is written and directed by Frenchman Michel Hazanavicius and stars Frenchmen Jean Dujardin and Bérénice Bejo. It is considered a French film even though it was shot mostly in Hollywood with a couple scenes in downtown Los Angeles.

It was nominated for 10 Oscars and won five. Jean Dujardin who plays the lead George Valentin is the first Frenchman ever to win an Oscar for best actor.

"The Artist" is the first silent film to win since 1927 when Howard Hughes released "Wings" and the first black-and-white film to win since "Shindler's List" won in 1993. It is now the most awarded French film in History.

The movie starts out in 1927 where we find silent film star George Valentin at the pinnacle of his career. He's backstage/behind the screen at the world famous Orpheum Theater. As soon as his latest film ends to ap-

plause he jumps out on stage and greets the audience, introducing his dog Jack over his costar... which annoys her but pleases the crowd. And please the crowd he does. The man can do no wrong. He has hit after hit after hit.

Outside of the theater the police hold back the throng of adoring fans and George poses for photos. A beautiful young lady stumbles. At that moment the police line moves past her, she stands up and is inches away from George.

Her picture gets snapped and the headlines want to know "Who's that girl?!" next to George... something that does not please George's wife very much, but delights the world.

The young lady, Peppy Miller, played by Berenice Bejo parlays her instant fame into an extra role as a tap dancer at Kinograph films, Georges home turf and, with George's kind intervention, Peppy is started on a path towards a career in film.

All is well for a while, George continues to kill at the box office and Peppy is slowly rising thru the ranks, getting bigger and better roles.

As you know, sound, or "talkies," came into being in the summer of 1928, shaking up the movie industry and completely destroying the careers of most of the box office giants up to that point. Precious few actors were able to make the transition from silent movies into the talkies.

George's career takes a dive as Peppy's catches a wave. George's wife Doris, played by Penelope Ann Miller, throws him out. He moves into a small apartment with his dog Jack and devoted and unpaid chauffeur, Clifton.

There is a fabulous scene filmed on the interior stair structure of the Bradbury

Building in Los Angeles, (maybe you'll recognize it from the Harrison Ford movie "Bladerunner") George is literally and figuratively headed down as Peppy is climbing up the stairs and passes him. As soon as she does, she stops and implores him to call her.

Side note: Even though it is obvious to us that there is a friendship which grows into love between the two main characters, They never take the relationship beyond the bounds of propriety. George is married and

remains faithful to his wife even though there is opportunity to cross that line, he does not. The following of his moral compass adds to the measure of his character and endears him to us even more.

Continuity alert: The film covers a 5-year period between 1927 and 1932. But the song "Pennies from Heaven" was not written until 1936 but I am sure you will enjoy this film even with the glaring anachronism staring you in the face.

So how does it rate? I asked 10 actor and film-

maker friends to rate the movie on the 5-star scale. I asked the same from normal friends and family.

Among actors and filmmakers, it was unanimous, 5 stars. Normal people and family gave it 4 1/2 stars. Most gave it 5 stars but one friend from Iowa gave it zero stars and a quote: "Yuck."

I initially avoided this movie because it was silent and B&W, which is out of character because I really do enjoy silent movies and B&W doesn't bother me at all. It's just that sometimes,

modern films done in B&W have a certain presumption, or posturing, up to which the end product usually falls far short.

I was terribly wrong about this movie. This is a wonderful film and I can find no flaw in it. It is amazing and wonderful. I give it 5 stars. I loved every single frame of it.

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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.

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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.

Meredith House presents live music

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

formation, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-665-2858.

Carver School alumni, former teachers

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

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

Autism Awareness fundraiser and walk

The Autism Awareness and Community Fundraiser and Walk will be April 27 at Central Park. Walk registration is at 10 a.m. and the walk begins at 11 a.m. There will be live entertainment featuring The Mark Patterson Band, Zumba and more. Other activities include a silent auction, bounce house and face painting and access to infor-

mational 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 members of their families to the Pampa community. Also, visitors will have the opportunity to introduce their own pets to residents and staff.

Meredith House, located near the intersec-

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

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

Lovett Memorial Library to offer free computer classes

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

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

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

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

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

The Lovett Memorial Library is located at 111

N. Houston, and you can learn more about classes by calling the library staff at 806-669-5780.

Circus coming to Pampa May 4

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

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 encouraged 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.

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

Junk Hippy Roadshow schedules second event in Amarillo

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Junk Hippy is coming back to the Panhandle! The Junk Hippy Roadshow is an eclectic traveling vintage show, making stops all over Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and surrounding states. This will be their second event held in Amarillo! The Amarillo show will feature the Sisters on the Fly, a group of fun loving ladies and their vintage refurbished campers! You can also find a vintage photo booth by Carol McKinney and Frames of Love, and live music provided by Lauren Lee and Liberty Road!

Junk Hippy features handmade, vintage, repurposed and up cycled items, antiques, furniture, vintage jewelry and clothing, as well as handmade soaps and bath goods. This event will feature over 100 booths with vendors and artists traveling from all over Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico, including several local area artists and crafters. It is important to support your local businesses and

artists, and buying vintage and handmade is one way to do this. Junk Hippy will donate a free booth at every show to a first-time vendor in the hopes that it will help someone be able to follow their dreams and build their business!

The event will be held Saturday, April 27th, 9-6 in the North Exhibit Hall at the Amarillo Civic Center. Admissions is \$5 at the door, 13 and under are free.

Junk Hippy shows were held last year in Oklahoma City, Amarillo, and Dallas/Ft. Worth. Several shows are planned throughout 2013, including Houston, Amarillo, Oklahoma City, Colorado Springs, Colorado, as well as Tulsa and Waco.

For more information, contact Kristen Grandi at junkhippyroadshow@live.com, visit their facebook page, Facebook.com/junkhippy.

Man reunited with bird he lost in divorce

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — A Great Falls man who lost his macaw in a divorce more than five years ago has been reunited with the bird, thanks to an observant friend.

Mike Taylor picked up the 25-year-old bird he calls "Love Love" at Montana's Parrot & Exotic Bird Sanctuary in Butte on Sunday.

Taylor said his wife sold the bird after a nasty divorce. "I've been kind of looking for him the whole time," he said.

A friend of Taylor's, Steven Campbell, recently spotted the bird during a visit to the sanctuary.

It took some time for Campbell to convince Taylor. Then Taylor had to convince sanctuary founder Lori McAlexander. But she said he knew things about the bird that only a previous owner could have known, like it was blind in one eye, said "love love" and liked to play peek-a-boo.

The bird was surrendered to the sanctuary a couple of years ago after it bit a woman so hard she required medical attention, McAlexander said.

"I don't even handle him because he will bite me," she said.

CULBERSON'S Spotlight



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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Weekly Menus

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MONDAY, April 22

Pig in a blanket or chicken nuggets, green beans, sliced carrots, mixed fruit, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza

TUESDAY, April 23

Popcorn shrimp or chef salad, spinach, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, juice

Breakfast- Donut, sausage patty

WEDNESDAY, April 24

Spaghetti or popcorn chicken, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Waffle sticks, syrup

THURSDAY, April 25

Egg rolls or pizza, corn, broccoli florets, fresh fruit, juice

Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage patty

FRIDAY, April 26

Chicken fajitas or hamburger, french fries, burger salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Cereal, toast

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, April 22

Chicken fried steak or chicken ala king/cornbread, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, devils food cake, banana pudding, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, April 23

Fajita chicken breasts or meatloaf, tator tots, spinach, corn, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, strawberry cake, blueberry cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, April 24

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

THURSDAY, April 25

Chicken strips or taco salad, cheese potatoes, hominy, buttered broccoli, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, cinnamon roll, cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, April 26

Fried cod fish/hushpuppies or beef stroganoff, potato wedges, peas and carrots, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, lemon icebox pie, fruit cup, garlic breadsticks, hot roll, cornbread

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, April 22

Corn dogs, macaroni/cheese, pork beans, mixed fruit

TUESDAY, April 23

Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, peaches

WEDNESDAY, April 24

Meatloaf, peas/carrots, potato casserole, pudding

THURSDAY, April 25

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, sugarless cake

FRIDAY, April 26

Beef tips, cream corn, baked apple, cookies

'Diamond Dog' from Ohio retrieves baseball bats

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — While much of the crowd watched the Columbus Clippers' Cedric Hunter make a dash to first base in the bottom of the third inning, one Huntington Park visitor kept his gaze fixed on home plate.

On command, he shuffled out to home, picked up Hunter's bat and turned back toward the dugout.

In such ways, the golden retriever — aka Jake the Diamond Dog — dutifully took care of business on a Sunday during the first of his four visits to Columbus this season.

The home team lost 12-7 to the Indianapolis Indians, but Jake became the star of the afternoon — delivering the game ball to the pitcher, retrieving bats, taking bottled water to the umpires between innings and otherwise entertaining the 6,248 fans on hand.

"Nothing away from the other batboys, but we love Jake," Hilliard resident Melinda Brant, 35, said as she stood in line for his "autograph" with her young son. "When Jake goes out and gets the bats, that's our favorite."

The dog is hardly a minor league rookie: "Jake" has visited ballparks nationwide with his owner — Jeff Marchal, 55, of Lima, Ohio — for 2 1/2 decades and Clippers games for the past seven years.

The appearance grew out of a trick that Marchal taught his first golden retriever, Jericho: Twenty-five years ago, as a resident of Pompano Beach, Fla., Marchal would put money in a basket for the dog, who would trot to a nearby store to fetch a six-pack of beer.

After gaining attention for that stunt and others, the duo made Fort Myers, Fla., its home — where Jericho was named a full-time mascot for the Fort Myers Miracle, a Minnesota Twins affiliate.

The first official "Jake the Diamond Dog" — the second Marchal-trained golden retriever (real name: Jake) — was prepped to take over for Jericho before Jericho died in 1994.

A year later, the dog and owner moved to Lima, Marchal's hometown, to extend their entertainment to other teams. Jake represents one of several acts that the Clippers will showcase during the season.

Marchal has since had two other golden retrievers: Homer, who died in 2009; and his latest pup, Deuce (with "Jake the Diamond Dog" as their pseudonyms).

"I'm with them 24/7," he said. "Their vocabulary is very wide, so, in order for them to understand you, you have to be with them. You have to teach them right and wrong."

Marchal is committed to quality: He once ripped up a check after a game, he said, because he thought Jake

hadn't performed well.

"I didn't feel my dog worked up to par...? The majority of the time, he does great."

The biggest challenge seemed to involve the bottled water.

Jake, making his rounds from the umpire at home plate to those in the outfield, sometimes sat down and let the men in blue approach him to get a bottle out of the basket. Another time, he took the basket away before an umpire had finished his drink.

"Sometimes it's funnier when he doesn't do something he's supposed to," said Mark Galuska, director of marketing for the Clippers. "That's when the fans seem to get a bigger kick out of it."

Jake did a little better in the first inning when he delivered flowers to his "ballpark sweetheart" of the game: Patti Wogan, 38, of Columbus.

When not performing his duties, catching Frisbees or propping his front paws on the baseline walls to meet the crowd, Jake was perched in his blow-up doghouse next to the Clippers dugout.

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South Texas youth adopted after decades of waiting

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Anthony Gonzalez Harris had spent a decade in state foster care following the death of his mother, and as his 18th birthday drew near, he lost hope he'd ever be adopted.

But there he was Wednesday, surrounded by a mix of some of life's golden moments in the 93rd state District Court with Judge Rudy Delgado.

With beaming parents Polly and Alex Harris by their new son's side, Delgado officially granted the adoption on the same date the judge himself was born 60 years ago.

The formation of the new family also happened to be the 17-year-old Mission youth's most sincere birthday wish.

It came true about two weeks early, allowing the teen to avoid the challenge of aging out of foster care upon turning 18. With a broad smile, he acknowledged his senior graduation and prom are on the horizon, too.

The road to Wednesday's court hearing has been "unbelievable," he said, following the struggle that affected his schooling as he tried to cope with his mother's death in 2002.

"I look at myself 10 years ago and I look at myself now and I'm like, 'Who is this? Who was this Anthony?'" Gonzalez Harris told The Monitor. "If my mom would have to pick anybody to take care of me, it would be them."

When asked in court if he wanted to be adopted, the teen earnestly responded:

"I wouldn't want to be

anywhere else."

There are dismal truths about children who, like Gonzalez Harris, must wait to find their "forever families."

Adoption proves more elusive for children who come from large sibling groups, who have a disability, or who are older. Gonzalez Harris was 7 when he entered foster care and was the middle child in a group of eight.

Seven Hidalgo County foster care children were adopted last fiscal year, according to data from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

That amounts to less than 1 percent of the 963 children from here under such care.

Youths who age out of foster care are without a close support system and may face homelessness; among them, many lack a high school diploma and just a small number go on to earn college degrees, according to advocacy groups.

However, the state does offer post-foster care help. So-called emancipated youths are not charged tuition at public colleges and they are given limited transitional living and aftercare allowances.

In some cases, youths may sign an agreement to remain in foster care until age 22.

The state also requires all youths on the verge of aging out to go through its Preparation for Adult Living program.

In court Wednesday, a birthday banner hung from Judge Delgado's dais and

Polly Harris led a rendition of "Happy Birthday to You" as several DFPS caseworkers in attendance sang along.

Given his jurisdiction over criminal and family law, the judge said that it's often the darker side of life that is discussed in his court.

So Wednesday was a breath of fresh air.

"Every once in a while I get to do something that brings joy to my heart," he said.

The hearing was "only a formality," though, he said, because it was obvious the three before him were already a family.

Polly and Alex Harris, a couple in their early 60s from Corpus Christi, thought rearing a child in their own home again was behind them.

The couple has had an empty nest since 1999. Each of them has two adult children and they share three grandchildren.

For five years, Polly Harris, a retired educator and insurance business owner, worked to help coordinate informal picnics where foster children, including those finding it difficult to become adopted, could meet families already qualified to become parents. It was a picnic in November where the couple spotted their future son — shyly standing alone, dressed in a suit.

"I never, ever, thought it would be me, really," she said of adopting. "To be honest, he got the best deal and so did we."

The family remembers the exact date she approached the teen to chat:

Nov. 9. Drawn to the lonely looking boy, she said it was difficult that day to hear another family tell him they weren't interested in adopting an older child.

Less than a year later, as they sat on a court bench, a typical family scenario peppered with hugs and smiles played out in some good-natured teasing from Mom about a cute prom date.

"If there was one thing I was good at, it was being a mother," she said. "I thought why not give that to him?"

Alex Harris, who owns a title services company, recounted in court how the bond grew among the three as they took him to soccer practice and driver's education classes, while regularly talking on the phone and texting.

"Judge, he just touched our heart," Harris said.

Gonzalez Harris, who is a legal permanent resident, works as a lifeguard and will celebrate his birthday April 30.

He plans to attend Del Mar College to study computer technology after high school.

His life today is a far cry from the time when his father's parental rights

were terminated, eventually separating him from three of his brothers, who were adopted by a Houston family, and his three sisters, who stayed in the Rio Grande Valley.

"Every other word is 'Mom' and 'Dad,'" he said with a grin and a laugh. "I

love them. What's the best way to show gratitude than to call them my own?"

The teen believes God brought the family together, adding that he feels blessed and hopes other foster children can find what he found.

Haliburton seeks settlement over Gulf oil spill

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP's cement contractor on the drilling rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 says it is trying to negotiate a settlement over its role in the disaster.

Halliburton Chief Financial Officer Mark McCollum said during a conference call Monday that talks are at an "advanced stage."

The Houston-based company says it hopes to resolve a substantial portion of private claims spawned after the explosion of the rig Deepwater Horizon.

Testimony ended last Wednesday in the first phase of a trial over the blast, which killed 11

workers and triggered the nation's worst offshore oil spill.

A federal judge in New Orleans ultimately could

decide how much more money BP, Halliburton and rig owner Transocean Ltd. owe for their roles in the catastrophe.

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Group kicks off planting of ancient tree clones

COPEMISH, Mich. (AP) — A team led by a nurseryman from northern Michigan and his sons has raced against time for two decades, snipping branches from some of the world's biggest and most durable trees with plans to produce clones that could restore ancient forests and help fight climate change.

Now comes the most ambitious phase of the quest: getting the new trees into the ground.

Ceremonial plantings of two dozen clones from California's mighty coastal redwoods were taking place Monday in seven nations: Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, Germany and the U.S.

Although measuring just 18-inches tall, the laboratory-produced trees are genetic duplicates of three giants that were cut down in northern California more than a century ago. Remarkably, shoots still emerge from the stumps, including one known as the Fieldbrook Stump near McKinleyville, which measures 35 feet in diameter. It's believed to be about 4,000 years old. The tree was about 40 stories high before it was felled.

"This is a first step toward mass production," said David Milarch, co-founder of Archangel Ancient Tree Archive, a nonprofit group spearheading the project. "We need to reforest the planet; it's imperative. To do that, it just makes sense to use the

largest, oldest, most iconic trees that ever lived."

Milarch and his sons Jared and Jake, who have a family-owned nursery in the village of Copemish, Mich., became concerned about the condition of the world's forests in the 1990s. They began crisscrossing the U.S. in search of "champion" trees that have lived hundreds or even thousands of years, convinced that superior genes enabled them to outlast others of their species. Scientific opinion varies on whether that's true, with skeptics saying the survivors may simply have been lucky.

The Archangel leaders say they're out to prove the doubters wrong. They've developed several methods of producing genetic copies from cuttings, including placing branch tips less than an inch long in baby food jars containing nutrients and hormones. The specimens are cultivated in labs until large enough to be planted.

In recent years, they have focused on towering sequoias and redwoods, considering them best suited to absorb massive volumes of carbon dioxide, the greenhouse gas primarily responsible for climate change.

"If we get enough of these trees out there, we'll make a difference," said Jared Milarch, the group's executive director.

Archangel has an inventory of

several thousand clones in various stages of growth that were taken from more than 70 redwoods and giant sequoias. NASA engineer Steve Craft, who helped arrange for David Milarch to address an agency gathering, said research shows that those species hold much more carbon than other varieties.

The challenge is to find places to put the trees, people to nurture them and money to continue the project, Jared Milarch said. The group is funded through donations and doesn't charge for its clones.

"A lot of trees will be planted by a lot of groups on Arbor Day, but 90 percent of them will die," David Milarch said. "It's a feel-good thing. You can't plant trees and walk away and expect them to take care of themselves."

The recipients of Archangel redwoods have pledged to care for them properly, he said. The first planting of about 250 took place in December on a ranch near Port Orford, Ore. Others were being planted during Earth Day observances Monday at the College of Marin in Kentwood, Calif., and in parks and private estates in the other six countries.

"I know the trees will thrive here," said Tom Burke, landscape manager at the College of Marin. "We've had redwoods in this area since God planted them."

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Traffic

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on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

The traffic study revealed that no greater than one reported accident at the intersection occurred in any calendar year in the six years preceding the report, which did not satisfy the manual's requirements. There was one accident in 2011 and one accident in 2007. The manual dictates that at least five traffic accidents be reported for a given intersection during a 12-month period.

The traffic study also tabulated the total traffic count for the intersection, both during the mornings and evenings. The study showed that northbound-southbound traffic averaged 175 vehicles per day, or almost 11 vehicles per hour. The manual's criteria mandates that the average must be more than 300 vehicles per hour so that portion was also not met. The second part of the traffic count portion showed that eastbound-westbound traffic, which does not currently have stop signs, averaged only 45 vehicles per hour, which was considerably less than 200 vehicles per hour as the manual dictates.

"Therefore, because none of the criteria governing the placement of multi-way stops is met, it is the

finding of this engineering study that an all-way stop at the intersection of Russell Street and Kentucky Avenue is not warranted in accordance with the Texas Manual on Traffic Control Devices," the study reads.

A complete list of traffic count totals for the intersection follows:

• Jan. 21 — north-south:

- 948; east-west: 2,021
- Jan. 22 — north-south: 813; east-west: 1,722
- Jan. 23 — north-south: 988; east-west: 2,586
- Jan. 24 — north-south: 801; east-west: 2,360
- Jan. 25 — north-south: 928; east-west: 2,624
- Jan. 26 — north-south: 571; east-west: 2,096
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- 711; east-west: 2,360
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Culberson-Stowers celebrated its 87th anniversary on Saturday which featured games for children, food vendors and special guest "Pokey the Clown," who was on his farewell tour. "We appreciate the support and it's (basically) a thank you for everything the community gives us," said Culberson-Stowers owner Richard Stowers.



Right, Juan Castillo, 12, and Pokey the Clown watch Castillo's race car shoot down the track.



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Lady Harvesters track sends 10 to regionals

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Lady Harvester track team traveled to Canyon on Friday for the Area track meet at West Texas A&M University.

Pampa finished third as a team with a total of 78 points.

The top four finishers in each event head to regionals.

Here are the athletes that are advancing to regionals.

Cheyenne Williams placed first in the

shot put with a throw of 39 feet, 7 inches. J'Cee Holmes took first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:25.3. Terra Truitt was third in the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:35.2.

Truitt was also fourth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:48.9. Holmes was third in the 1600-meter with a time of 5:44.2.

Taylor Giles finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.48. Savanna Hulsey finished fourth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.26.

The Lady Harvesters also had three relay teams make regionals.

The 4x100-meter relay team, comprised of Hulsey, Samantha Woodruff, Kristin Hood and Ty'Randa Johnson placed fourth with a time of 52.03.

Madison Brown, Johnson, Hood and Giles finished fourth as a team in the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:49.8.

Giles, Johnson, Francheska Bridwell and Holmes placed third as a team in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 4:15.4.

Johnson finished sixth in the long jump

with a jump of 14 feet, 9 inches. Brown finished seventh with a jump of 14 feet, 4 inches.

Hulsey took fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.3.

Woodruff placed fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.64.

Brown took sixth in the 200-meter run with a time of 28.91.

The 10 athletes that advanced to regionals will be back in action Friday and Saturday at the Fuller Track on the campus of Texas Tech University.



Photo by Lori Valentine at Pampa High School

The regional qualifier 4x200-meter relay girls team. Pictured are Madison Brown, Ty'Randa Johnson, Kristin Hood and Taylor Giles.

Harvester track sends four to regionals

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Harvester track team traveled to Canyon for the Area meet at West Texas A&M.

The top four finishers would advance to regionals.

Pampa finished seventh as a team with a total of 30 points. Here are the results of the top four finishers.

Kyler Allen finished third in the discus with a throw of 134 feet, 5 inches. Kody Maddox ran a 11.04 in the 100-meter dash, which was good for second place.

Zane Robles took fourth in the 100-meter with a time of 11.46. Brendan Ponce took second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.93.

Adrian Elam took sixth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.95. Joseph Radke placed sixth in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet, 8 inches.

The 4x400-meter relay team comprised of Trey Wiggins, Ryan Smith, Patterson Alvey and Ponce placed seventh with a time of 3:39.38.

Robles, Elam, Zach Gates and Maddox finished sixth as a team in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 44.84.

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Harvesters' winning streak now at four with 10-2 win

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Harvester baseball team hosted the Sayre, Okla., Eagles on Saturday afternoon. It was Senior Day and the six senior players and two senior managers were honored with their parents before the game. It was also Optimist Day at the park. All of the Pampa Optimist Youth Club athletes that wore their uniforms got in free to the game. They also got to take the field with the Harvesters during the National Anthem.

Both teams were scoreless in the first inning. Pampa picked up a run in the bottom of the second. The run came as Brandon Stokes was driven in by an Ethan Hunt single. Stokes courtesy ran for Jordan Lemons who was hit by a pitch to start the inning.

Sayre quickly knotted the score up at one all in the top of the third. Taylor Woods reached first on a bunt to start the inning. Chris Howard followed up with a single to short. Cade Engle then laid

down a bunt and reached second base after an error. Woods and Howard scored during the play. Pampa led 3-1 after the third inning.

Tyler Powell was hit by a pitch to start a two-out rally for the Harvesters in the bottom of the fourth. Riley Douglas then reached on an error. Woods came up to bat again and hit a double to right. Powell and Douglas scored on the double by Woods. Pampa led 5-1 after four innings of play.

Both teams were held in check until the sixth. The Eagles scored one run in the top of the sixth to make the score 5-2. Powell led off the inning with a walk. Woods then reached on an error. Howard singled to left and the bases were loaded. Engle then laid down a bunt on a suicide squeeze attempt and it was successful. Powell scored, Engle reached first and the bases were still loaded. Ryan Powell then hit a sacrifice fly that scored Woods. James Thompson then blasted a triple to center that scored Howard and Engle. Lemons then singled to center to score

Thompson. Pampa led 10-2 after a big sixth inning.

The Eagles were shut down in the top of the seventh and the final score was Pampa 10, Sayre 2. Brody Gaines picked up the win with a complete game performance. He allowed two runs on only six hits and struck out five batters along the way.

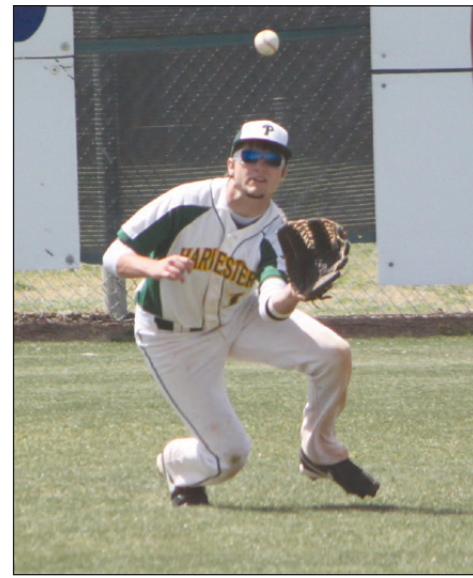
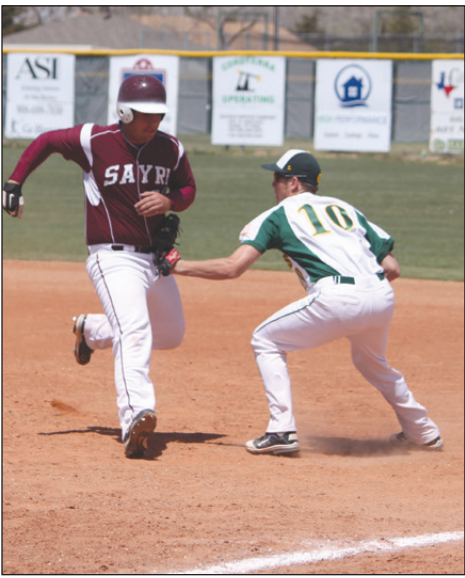
Engle was 2-4 with three RBIs, a double, a stolen base and a run scored. Ryan Powell had a walk, an RBI, a stolen base and a sacrifice fly. Thompson had a triple, two RBIs and a run scored. Lemons was 2-3 with an RBI. Stokes scored one run and stole two bags as a courtesy runner. Hunt had a single and an RBI. Tyler Powell had a walk, two runs scored and a stolen base. Douglas had a run scored and a stolen base after reaching on an error. Woods was 2-3 with a double, two RBIs, two runs scored and a stolen base. Howard was 1-3 with two runs scored.

"Anytime you can win on Senior Day that is a special deal for these seniors. They put in a bunch of time and a bunch of effort. The huge crowd was exciting

for us," said Pampa coach Kaleb Snelgrooves. "That is four in a row now. We are playing really well at home and trying to protect that homefield advantage. We are undefeated at home with one more to go. We're looking forward to next Friday against Perryton and to get after that district championship."

Snelgrooves reflected back to the two games Pampa played in the Woodward, Okla., Festival.

"We played two very talented teams that did things right. Yeah we lost but we played very good competition and I thought we played well also. You hate to lose games but if it is going to springboard you for the district season it's worth it. That's exactly what it did. Those games helped us and we're on a roll here and are going to take it as far as it will let us." The Harvesters improve to 12-11 on the season but remain 5-2 in district play as this was a non-district game. They will take to the field at 4:30 p.m. Friday when Perryton comes to town to decide the District 1-3A champion.



Photos by Zachary Green

Left, Tyler Powell lays a tag on an Eagle runner in a pickle. Second from left, James Thompson makes a single-saving grab with his glove. Second from right, Cade Engle gets in position to receive a throw from Jordan Lemons and waits for the ball to arrive before tagging the runner out. Right, Taylor Woods lays out for a catch during the game. The Harvesters won the game 10-2 and are on a four-game winning streak. They will host Perryton at 4:30 p.m., Friday for the District 1-3A championship.



Left, Ryan Powell runs through the first base bag during the game Saturday. Right, Brody Gaines rears back and delivers a pitch. Powell had a walk, an RBI, a stolen base and a sacrifice fly. Gaines picked up the win with a complete game performance. He allowed two runs on only six hits and struck out five batters along the way. There was no junior varsity game on Saturday due to cancellation by Sayre. Attempts to bring in another opponent were unsuccessful.

Tennis team at regionals last week

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The tennis team traveled to Lubbock for the regionals this past week.

Coach Sarah Corse said, "All the athletes played well, but lost in first round. We did not get very good draws. My mixed doubles team drew the No. 1 team from Abilene Wylie. Maddie Fatheree and Nick Nelson

played well in the match but fell short."

The girls doubles team also drew an Abilene Wylie team. "Emily Terry and Kindle Hunt played really great but fell short losing in three sets," said Corse. "The singles players Ashton (Robinson) and Genevieve (Zavala) also played well but both ended up losing. We had a great year and I am proud of the way the players played. Now we will start getting ready for next year."

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PampaSports

Lady Harvester softball team rides O'Brien's 17 K's to victory

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Lady Harvester softball team hosted Amarillo High Friday in a playoff warmup game and their final game of the regular season.

Bailey Beck tripled to right with one out in the bottom of the first for Pampa. Tiffany Britton was then hit by a pitch. Bailey Dixon then grounded out to second, but scored Beck in the process. Pampa led 1-0 after the first inning.

There was not a whole lot of scoring in the game as Pampa would add the last three runs of the game in the bottom of the second inning. Kassie Jerome was hit by a pitch to reach base. Brittney Gonzalez then doubled to left. Claire Hopkins hit a triple to center to score Jerome and Gonzalez. Beck then scored Hopkins on

a single to right field. Pampa led 4-0 after two innings and that was also the final score.

Alexa O'Brien picked up the win with a complete game, two hit, shutout. She also struck out 17 batters along the way. From the plate, O'Brien had a single.

Hopkins had a triple, two RBIs and a run scored. Beck was 2-2 with a triple, a walk, an RBI, two steals and a run scored. Britton was hit by a pitch and stole a base. Dixon had an RBI. Gonzalez had a double, a walk, two steals and a run scored. Jerome was hit by a pitch and scored a run. Kylie Krieder had a steal as a courtesy runner.

The Lady Harvesters improve to 21-8 on the season. They will be back in action the weekend of May 3 for the playoffs. Time, place and opponent are yet to be determined.



Photo by Charla Shults

The Lady Harvesters gather together to sing the school's alma mater after the 4-0 win on Saturday. The playoffs are up next for Pampa. Stay tuned.



Photos by Charla Shults

Above, Alexa O'Brien delivers a pitch during the game. Below left, Brittney Gonzalez prepares to make a catch. Below right, Jessie Dixon steps on the first base bag for the put out. The Lady Harvesters recorded another shutout on Saturday with the 4-0 win over Amarillo High. The team will be back in action the weekend of May 3 after a bye week in the first round of the playoffs. Once The Pampa News knows when, where and who the Lady Harvesters will be playing, we will share with our community.



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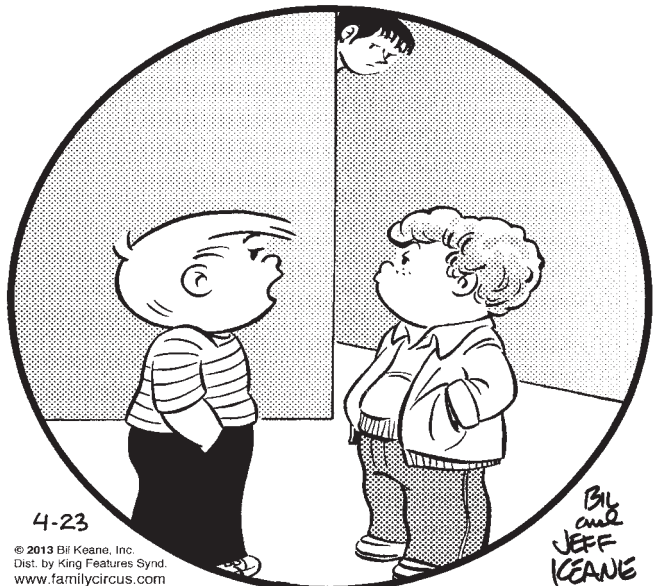
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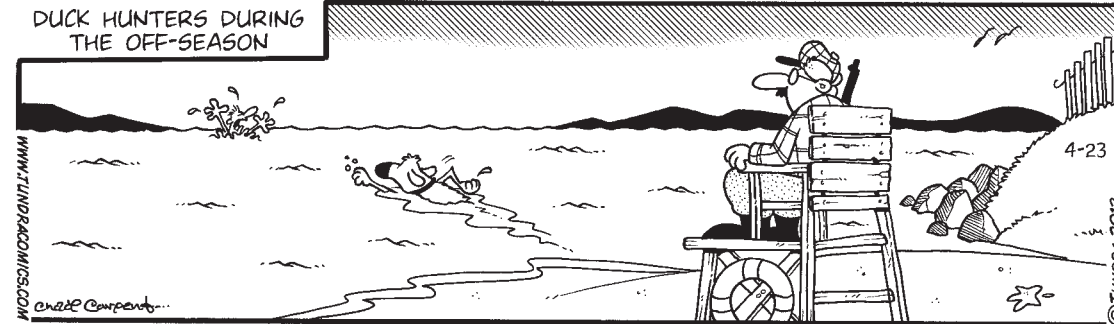
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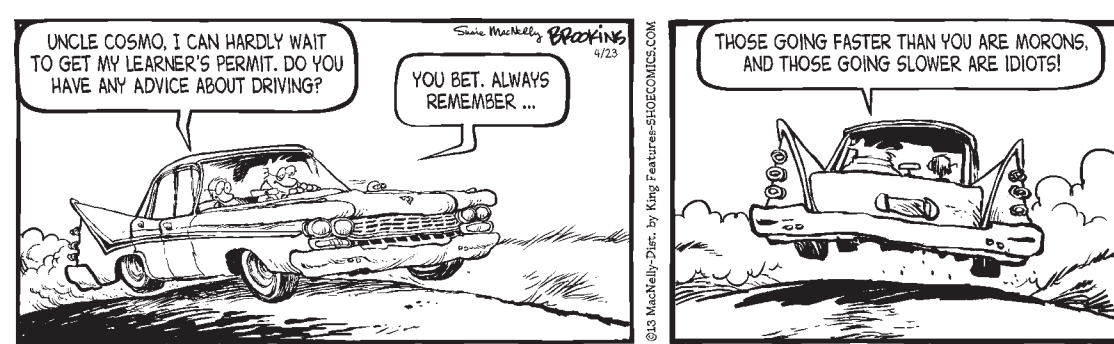


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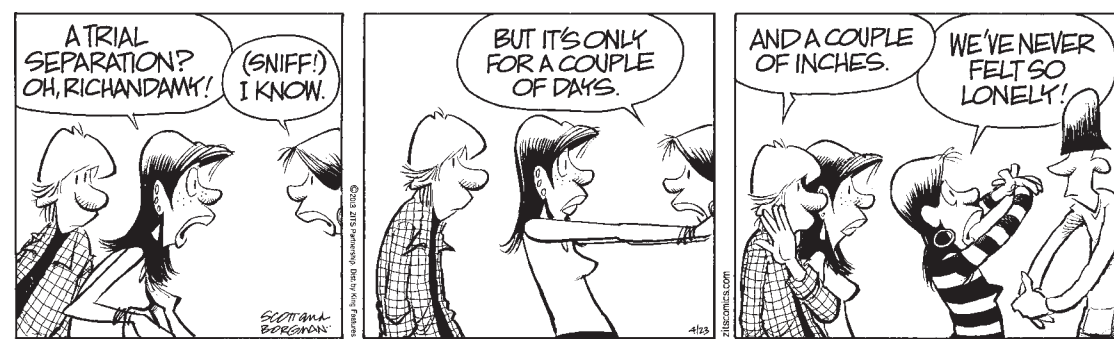
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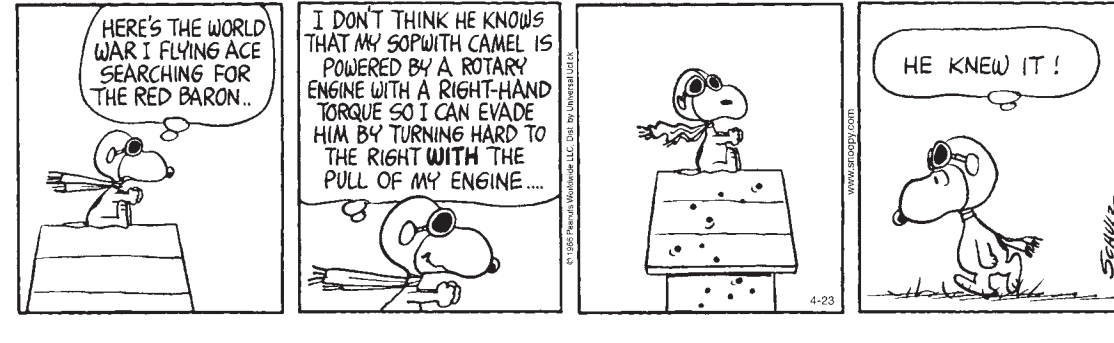
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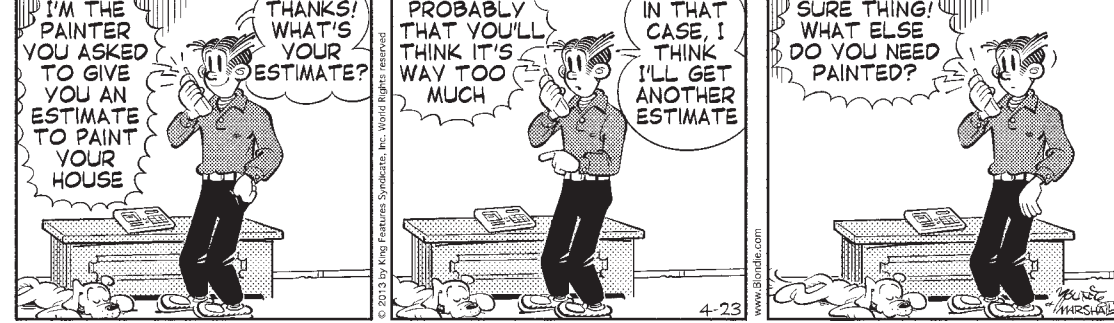
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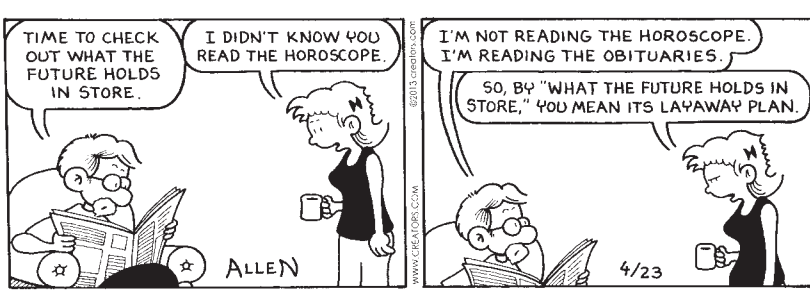
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could be juggling a bit more than you want to. Honor your priorities, and eliminate anything that is insignificant and/or futile. You could find this process to be difficult, as it is not easy for you to admit that your efforts fall short. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You pull the wild card financially. You are more likely to encounter extremes, so remain focused when dealing with money. You will be a lot happier as a result. Don't take risks before seeking out other opinions. Tonight: Get to the gym or take a walk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a loved one. A solution emerges, no matter what you have to deal with or what choices you have to make. Push comes to shove in a difficult situation. You feel better than you have in a long time. Tonight: Have fun!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You come from an anchored point of view. Sometimes others see you as a stick in the mud when it comes to taking risks. You will have one opportunity to jump on an offer. Be sure of yourself when taking this gamble. Tonight: Have a discussion with a family member.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Listen to news with focus and determination. Though everything might seem fine, you could become aware of someone's suppressed anger. Try to address this issue, but understand that this person might not be cognizant of his or her deeper feelings. Tonight:

Visit with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of the possibilities surrounding an offer. Look at alternative options -- they might be more numerous than you had originally thought. Know that you can reach a goal without disturbing the angry sleeping tiger within. Tonight: Put your best foot forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your smile and positive approach allows greater give-and-take. You know what is happening below the surface, and you will choose to boycott it. Your intensity makes all the difference. Others simply can't stay away. Tonight: Go with the flow.

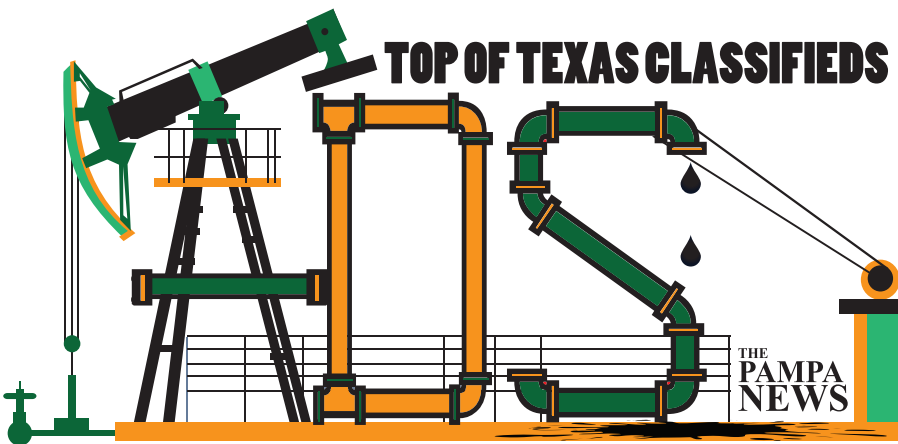
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Know that something is going on within you. Before erupting with angry words or behavior, evaluate what is really bothering you. You could be uncomfortable with the process, but you need to root out what is going on. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's while you can!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A meeting provides direction as well as feedback. You'll see someone's anger, perhaps for the first time. A change in how you discuss certain personal matters might be appropriate. Your caring means a lot to someone in your daily life. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are changing -- and quickly, at that. Your belief that you gain as a result of resolving a problem is worth exploring. You are capable of enormous growth and change. Consider your options more openly. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you genuinely care about. The unexpected often occurs. You'll need to pull back and re-think a personal matter. Be careful when dealing with mechanical equipment. Use care with spending. Tonight: Return calls.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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- High school diploma or GED equivalent
- Minimum of 2 years of continuous recent full-time work experience
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have a valid driver's license
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- Willingness to perform/comply with the following:
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