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School parking problems get temporary fix

Travis Elementary safety issues will be looked into more this summer, officials say.



Photo by Zachary Green
 Barricades are up at the Travis Elementary crosswalk.

By **ZACHARY GREEN**
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The City of Pampa and the Pampa Independent School District met last week to look into a safety issue at the Travis Elementary crosswalk. The crosswalk is located at 23rd Avenue and Wells Street. During pickup and drop off hours, cars are allowed to park on the far westbound lane of 23rd Avenue.

This is where the problem arose. Parents were parking in spaces next to the crosswalk. This forced the crossing guard to

step out past the vehicles and into oncoming traffic before seeing if it was safe to cross.

Superintendent Dr. David Young said that PISD met with Pampa Police Department and city officials last week to discuss the safety issue.

"We have a great relationship with the city," he said. "And we feel good knowing that we can collaborate with the City to fix



David Young

issues that arise at school intersections."

From their meeting, Young said that it was decided that for the time being the two parking spaces nearest to the crosswalk will be barricaded. "During the summer we might come up with a better system. But even still that system will only work if people follow the rules in place," Young said. "We don't want to leave anything to chance. We want the crossing guard to have a clear field of vision. The city requested the addition of the barricades and we totally support

that."

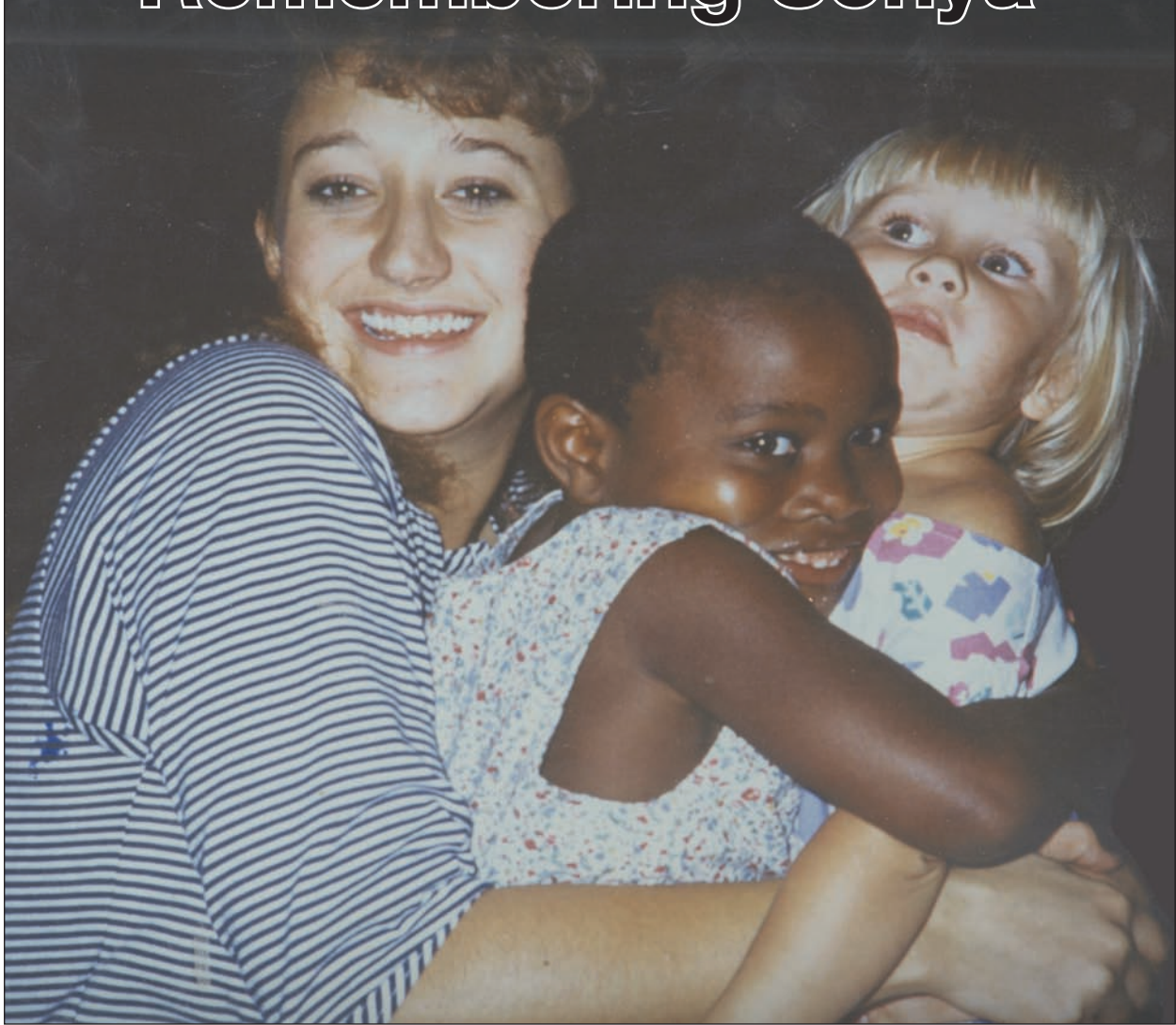
Young said there is a defined traffic flow system and that if people do not follow the system then problems can arise at any of the schools. He added that he will work with principals to make sure that staff at schools only park in the designated staff parking areas.

Currently at Wilson Elementary, teachers park along the road in front of the school.

"During the summer we have a proposed maintenance project at Wilson," he said. "That is to

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Remembering Sonya



Above, Sonya West in 1991 with a Haitian child and the granddaughter of the doctor who operated the hospital where she worked as a missionary. Below, members of First United Methodist Church who will be traveling to Haiti this summer for a mission trip are, front row from left, Cager Osborne, Cy Fuentes, Jimmy Townson, Christa Perry and Misti Bowers. Back row, Kelley Smith, Tad Smith, David Gerhardt and Dale West. Not pictured are Ryan Smith and Chandler McAlpin.

In July, a Pampa resident will take mission trip to Haiti where his oldest daughter died 22 years ago.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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Dale West was one of the lay people that said a prayer Thursday at Pampa's National Day of Prayer Celebration held at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium Heritage. This year, the annual holiday happened to be on May 2, which for the past 22 years has been a special day of remembrance for West.

The Pampa resident owns Dale's Turf & Weed Control and his voice is heard twice a year on the radio during KGRO's on-air auctions.

On May 2, 1991, West's oldest daughter was killed in a car crash while performing mission work in Haiti. Sonya, who was 20 at that time, was working in a hospital near Limbe, a city on the opposite side of the



island from the country's capital, Port-au-Prince.

Though she had no previous medical experience, she was setting broken bones and caring for orphaned babies, West said.

Haiti occupies the western third of the island of Hispaniola (the Dominican Republic occupies the eastern two thirds) and is the poorest nation in the Americas. It

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Special PISD Board meeting today

By **SASHA HELLER**
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The Pampa Independent School District (PISD) Board will hold a special called meeting at 6:15 p.m., today, at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. The Board will consider approving the guaranteed maximum price for the district's new central administration facility on Hobart Street. District records indicate that PISD expects to spend around \$6 million on the new facility, including the costs of construction, furniture and equipment. Also on the agenda, to be considered, is a discussion by the Board about employment of Pampa High School's principal.

M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium is at 1100 W. Coronado Drive.

If the Legislature is in town, bills aren't dead

By **ROSS RAMSEY**
 The Texas Tribune

No issue is really dead as long as the Legislature is in town.

Lawmakers love to take things to the brink of legislative death and then revive them. They can make a relatively easy thing look surprisingly hard, then go home and recount their fantastic and ingenious rescues of vital bills that would otherwise have been sent to that great paper shredder in the sky.

The last three weeks of a legislative session are brutal. During the 20-week session, thousands of bills are filed, and fewer than one in four makes it to the finish line. In 2011, lawmakers filed 6,003 bills and constitutional amendments; only 1,390 passed, according to the Texas Legislative Reference Library.

Over the next few weeks, the parliamentary rules gradually remove paths to success. Most House legislation has to be handed to the Senate by the end of this week to survive. The rest of the month is a minefield of deadlines like that, all designed to limit what is written into the law

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
High 83 Low 52	High 86 Low 51	High 81 Low 50

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 83. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind south at 19 mph. Sunrise at 6:46 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 52. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 17 mph. Sunrise at 8:35 p.m.

Wednesday: Isolated T-storms with a high of 86. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind south at 17 mph. Sunrise at 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 51. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south at 12 mph. Sunset at 8:36 pm.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a low of 81. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind west at 11 mph. Sunrise at 6:44 a.m.

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Obituaries

Ernie W. Roark

Ernie W. Roark, 87, of Pampa, passed away, Saturday, May 4, 2013 in Pampa.



Ernie Roark

Mamie Ellen (McGhee) Roark. He married Virginia Buttry on April 9, 1943 in Harrisburg, Ill.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and wife Virginia.

Survivors include his wife Aleena Roark of Pampa, two sons, Ken and Carol Roark of Mineral Wells, and Denny and Donna Roark of Pampa, brother, Bill and Mary Roark of Alton, Ill, four grandchildren, Debbie Richardson, Dave, Justin, Jason Roark, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at the Fairlanes Baptist Church in Borger with burial to follow at Westlawn Memorial Cemetery in Borger.

Mr. Roark will lie in state

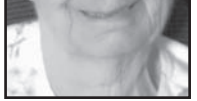
at Brown Chapel Of The Fountains in Borger on Monday, May 6, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In Lieu of flowers memorial may be made to Fairlanes Baptist Church, 3000 Fairlanes Blvd., Borger, TX 79007 or American Cancer Society.

Send personal condolences to Brownfuneral-directors.net.

Phyllis Laverne (Kuykendall) Looper

Phyllis Laverne (Kuykendall) Looper, a resident of Grove, Okla., died Sunday, April 28, 2013 at the age of 83 years.



Phyllis Looper

She was born May 12, 1929 in Pampa to her parents, Isaac Clay and El-niece (Ginn) Kuykendall. Phyllis married Earl Looper in Pampa in October 1948. Phyllis was a homemaker who enjoyed fishing and spending time with her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earl; daughter, Debra Looper.

Phyllis leaves many loving memories with her family, daughter, Sandra Mooney and husband Danny; three grandchildren, Greg Mooney and wife Lisa, Stacy Guthrie and husband Mike, Aleisha Knowles and husband

Mike; seven great-grandchildren, Tyler Guthrie and wife Nikki, Bhody Guthrie, Natalie Guthrie, McKenna Mooney, Mattie Mooney, David Knowles, and Emily Knowles; great-great-grandchild, Logan Guthrie; and brother-in-law, Myrel Looper.

There will be a Mass celebrating her life at 9 a.m., Friday, May 10, 2013 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Grove. Father Alex Kennedy will be officiating.

Cremation Arrangements were entrusted to Worley Luginbuel Funeral Home of Grove.

Family and Friends may view the obituary online and send condolences at Honoringmemories.com.

Dolores Irene Lee

Dolores Irene Lee, 72, of Sanford, Texas, passed away, Friday, May 3, 2013.

Dolores Irene Lee was born Sept. 2, 1940 in Trulaini, Calif. to Emmitt Newton and Dimple Welsh.

Mrs. Lee is preceded in death by his parents and brother Johnny Gibbons.

Survivors include her husband Billy Lee, two sons, Elwood and his wife Ronda Lee, of Borger. William and his wife Kim Lee of Owensboro, Ken., daughter Victoria and husband David of Cement, Okla, brother Roy Gibbons of Lewistown Pa. Five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at Brown Chapel of The Fountains with the Rev. Ken Burton officiating. Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park. Viewing was held at

Brown Chapel of The Fountains on Sunday and Monday, May 5-6.

Send personal condolences to Brownfuneral-directors.net.

Maudie Bell Rains Aldridge

Maudie Bell Rains Aldridge, 74, died May 4, 2013 in Amarillo.

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

Mrs. Aldridge was born Oct. 15, 1938 in Leslie, Ark.

Maudie married James Thomas Aldridge on May 11, 1977. He preceded her in death on March 19, 1990. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1990. She was a member of Central Baptist Church. Maudie enjoyed working puzzles and word search games. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and will be truly missed by her family.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathy Cole and husband Gary and Anna Gamble and husband Scotty, all of Pampa; three sons, Randall Welch and wife Jenny of Pampa, Robert Welch and wife Barbara of Muskogee, Okla., and Raymond Welch and wife Kelly of Pilot Point; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and two sisters, Geraldine Reagan and husband Jerry of Pampa, and Dorothy Welch and husband Willie of Barnsdall, Okla.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

For the record

Pampa teen arrested for marijuana, controlled substance possession

- Tyler Blane Roberts, 18, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of marijuana — less than 20 ounces, possession of controlled substance — less than 1 gram, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- Dixie Denese Wilson, 58, Amarillo, was arrested Friday by GCSO for violation of probation — possession of dangerous drugs.

- Jana Elizabeth Turlington, 38, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for failure to appear/contempt of court — Randall County and capias pro fine.
- Colby Ray Johnson, 19, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department for capias pro fine — no valid drivers license.
- Rolando Chavez, 21, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for driving

- while intoxicated.
- Henry Edgardo Nava, 21, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for driving while intoxicated.
- Rod Lamont Donnell, 36, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for possession of marijuana — less than 2 ounces.
- Scott Earl Johnson, 19, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for no drivers license, failure to appear and open container.

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Sonya

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has been rife with political instability for decades and has a history of devastating earthquakes, the most recent in 2010.

In the weeks preceding Sonya's death there was an uprising on the island, West said.

"Two weeks before she died I got a telephone call from her," he said. "Voodoo was the prominent religion on the island and authorities had come to the hospital that week. They said there was going to be a voodoo uprising (against Christians) and they had to move from the hospital."

Most of the patients, doctors and nurses left the hospital, West said.

The only ones who stayed were the head nurse, some patients not safe to move and Sonya, who remained by her own choice, he said. West recalled what his oldest daughter said during their conversation: "I came here to help, not run, Dad. I'm not scared to die."

About two weeks after their conversation, West said he got a phone call on a Friday night around 10:30.

His other two children, Christa and Kurt, had already gone to bed.

"The man asked me if I was Sonya's father," West said. "He said my daughter had been in a car accident and didn't survive."

Sonya and a young woman from Canada were riding in a car to Port-au-Prince to spend the weekend with Cecelia Manness and her husband, an American couple who had assisted Sonya and other American missionaries, West said.

As they were driving, a cow stopped in the middle of road and the driver swerved to miss the cow. When they swerved back into the road, they were struck by a car traveling in the other direction.

Dad follows in daughter's footsteps

Twenty two years later, West will travel to Haiti July 18-27 with a mission group from First United Methodist Church, where he attends.

His daughter Christa Perry, a Canadian resident, is among the 11 adults and teenagers who are going.

FUMC youth director David Gerhardt said along with spreading the Gospel they will help plant trees on



Sonya West

their nine-day trip.

But West and Christa won't be spending all nine of those days with the group.

Gerhardt has made arrangements for the father and daughter to spend one day and night at the hospital where Sonya did her good deeds the last four months of her life.

They will fly to the hospital on a small plane, and the trip is being paid for by a church member who wishes to remain anonymous.

West said he had to be persuaded by Christa, Gerhardt and Donna Brauchi, chair of missions at FUMC, to make the trip.

Brauchi told him earlier this year that Haiti was on the radar for the church's summer mission trip and that he should go.

She didn't expect an answer right away, West said, so he avoided her for sev-

eral weeks.

Next in line to twist his arm was Gerhardt, who West said he also avoided.

But when daughter Christa put on the pressure, it was a little harder to say no.

Christa said they needed an answer quickly because they all needed to buy plane tickets. "Dad, you are going!"

The next morning, West said, he opened the Bible to Acts. In the chapter he was reading, Peter and Cornelius met, and God told Peter to take his work to the Gentiles.

It was at that point West knew that God was working through those three people just as he had worked through Peter. "God said three times I had to go to Haiti."

The trip will be both a way to remember Sonya and to become closer to Christa, he said. "I feel like this is such a great honor to be able to do this."

Sonya's decision 23 years ago

In 1990, Sonya was between her junior and senior years at McMurry College in Abilene (now McMurry University) when she sat down with her family and told them she had a call-

ing to go to Haiti. But she wouldn't go unless she had all of their blessings, West said. Along with youngest daughter Christa, West also has a son, Kurt, and wife, Bobbie.

West said at first he was very apprehensive to let Sonya go, but knew it would be against God's will to stop her.

Sonya went on her own instead of with an organized group, getting funding from three different churches.

She left for Haiti on Dec. 31, 1990, and, upon arrival, stayed with the Mannesses, who owned a compound in Port-au-Prince where American missionaries could stay.

The mission hospital in Limbe was owned and operated by an American doctor. His last name was Hodges, but West said he can't remember his first name.

"His wife, children and grandchildren were all working there," West said, adding that the doctor is now deceased and that the hospital is being run by one of his grandchildren.

Sonya had planned to stay in Haiti for a year, West said, then after that her dream was to come home and raise a family.

He described her as a person who truly loved everybody, young and old.

Kurt travels to Haiti

In 2011, West's son went to Haiti on a one-week mission trip with Trinity Fellowship Church, West said.

Kurt admitted to his father he didn't enjoy the work much, which was mixing and pouring concrete.

But while in Haiti, Kurt had an experience that changed his life, West said.

He befriended a pretty, quiet Haitian woman who was about 40, which would have been Sonya's age if she was still alive.

As it turned out, her name was Sonya.

"He knew right then why God had sent him over there," West said. "It was to give him peace."

West hopes he will find that the same peace during his trip to Haiti.

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Parking

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try and add to or expand the existing parking lot at Wilson so that teachers can park in the lot rather than on the street. It might cost a good bit for the project, but safety is safety."

Young described the general lack of parking at all of the elementary schools. "All of these buildings were built a long time ago. Parking was not a concern then like it is now. We have to retrofit parking to meet today's standards. Some schools have more space readily available to add parking than others do."

Young said that PISD hopes people will understand where to park and will do so in designated areas in order to maximize

safety and efficiency.

Donny Hooper, Pampa public information officer, said that the City received complaints from concerned parents about people parking immediately next to the crosswalk on 23rd Avenue when school is letting out. "City directors have discussed this with administrators of the PISD, and both feel that, though it may be inconvenient for some, the need to take every precaution to avoid an accident with a child or crossing guard is paramount," Hooper said in a released statement. "Drivers are encouraged to always proceed with extreme caution in any and all school zones for the safety of our children."

Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing said, "We understand that parking is at a premium at this school, but believe that people will un-

derstand that the students' safety takes priority over any inconvenience. This is the planned procedure until the end of the school year. Over the summer we plan to meet with ISD officials to create a more permanent solution."

Rushing added that on the eastbound lane of 23rd Avenue there are "no parking at anytime signs" but then there are parking spaces blocked off in the road. "That is another thing we are going to work on in the summer. We plan to have parking spaces clearly marked to where it will be safe for everyone in the crosswalk."

"Our first step is to come up with a good buffer zone for the crossing guard in the crosswalk area and then we will take other measures the City deems necessary for safety."

Rushing said that he believes they will come up with a plan that people can live with.

"Right now we ask people to be patient with us and considerate of others around them. We are going to try and fix it as best we can," he said. "We will be working with the City and ISD officials to come up with a solution."

PPD will also start enforcing the illegal parking problems, including handicap parking spaces. "We try to keep the handicap spaces clear and we will take enforcement measures to do so. We are just in the process of making the safest temporary solution until we can meet this summer and determine a permanent solution."

Bills

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books. Headline issues get the full dramatic treatment. When the Texas House knocked down \$2 billion in financing for water last week, the author, state Rep. Allan Ritter, R-Nederland, declared his legislation "doorknob dead."

It ain't so. Ritter got off a good quote, but his plan isn't dead yet. Water doesn't

stand out in most opinion polls, but drought conditions have the full attention of business, agriculture, local governments and others, all the way up to the state's top officials. The condition of his proposal is serious, but not critical. There are still ways to get it done, and there is still time to do it. Just listen to a guy who's been doing this every two years since 1985.

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In a photo caption in Saturday's paper the name of the company that is doing roofing and sheet metal work at the new Bealls location in Las Pampas Square was spelled incorrectly. The name of the company is Parsley's Sheet Metal and Roofing. The Pampa News apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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April jobs aside, we're falling behind

The really good news from April's employment report is that all the pessimistic, end-of-the-world, spring-swoon forecasters were wrong. It wasn't a fabulous report. But it handily beat Wall Street expectations. Stock markets soared on the news.

The bad news, however, is that the U.S. continues to fall further behind its own long-term trends for jobs and economic growth. And lately, hours worked — a key labor measure — have begun to fall.

First the good: Non-farm payrolls rose by 165,000 last month, with private payrolls up 176,000. And the prior two months were revised higher by a net 114,000. The unemployment rate fell slightly, from 7.6 percent to 7.5 percent. And with all the hysteria over the economic evils of the sequester cuts, government jobs have fallen only by an average 5,000 over the past three months — dwarfed by private job gains.

Keynesians should weep. So might President Barack Obama. The sequester doom and gloom has not come to pass.

In fact, 4 percent real growth in the private economy in the first quarter far outstrips the slippage in government spending.

The 10-year, \$1 trillion spending cut launched in 2011 and the 10-year, \$1 trillion sequester cuts, which began this year, are bright spots in economic policy.

As a share of gross domestic product, federal spending is now less than 23 percent, down from a peak of 25 percent. That helps take the government's boot off the neck of the free enterprise economy.

But as good as it is that more Americans are working, they may be working fewer hours. Not a good trend. Total private hours

worked are declining. They fell 0.4 percent in April, with manufacturing hours dropping 0.2 percent. And aggregate hours worked for all employees also fell 0.4 percent. Those are worrisome trends for the future.

It may be a harbinger of the ill effects of the job-killing Obamacare program, in which rising tax, mandate and regulatory costs penalize the 50th worker hired and the 30th hour worked in small business.

Fearing Obamacare, profitable business is reluctant to invest in the kind of capital projects that create jobs.

That is one reason job growth is falling short by at least 100,000 per month. Nonfarm payrolls remain 2.6 million short of the peak, reached in January 2008. What's more, the number of people who are effectively unemployed — those who are not working, underemployed or forced to work only part time — is roughly 22 million.

And partly because people are dropping out of the labor force or collecting government benefits instead of working, the employment-to-population ratio, which peaked at 64.6 percent in April 2000, has dropped to 56.8 percent.

That translates to a loss of roughly 10 million jobs from the long-term trendline.

It's a huge waste of human capital and talent, as well as economic growth.

What's more, the anemic 2.1 percent real GDP recovery of the past 15 quarters (compare that with the 4.4 percent post-World War II average) has thus far created an output gap of roughly \$3 trillion, according to RDQ economist John Ryding.

This country will need to grow at more than 5 percent yearly for more than a decade if that economic gap is to be closed.

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Brown recluse not a stranger to Pampa

Thrash metal band "Slayer" co-founder and guitarist Jeff Hanneman died last Thursday in a Los Angeles hospital. I bet you're thinking I listen to thrash metal music, aren't you? Well, slow down amigos y amigas, I do not listen to thrash metal, and I use the term "music"



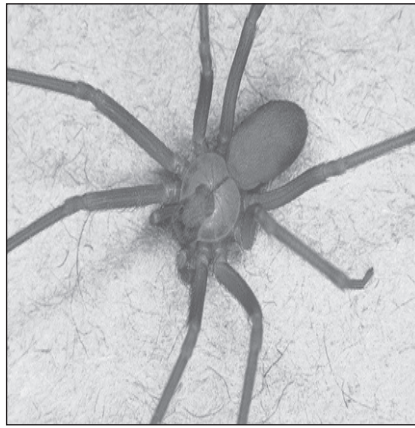
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loosely whenever hearing such bilge, thinking in stead it should go right where it's name implies. But I digress. It's what is purported to have caused Mr. Hanneman's death that caught my immediate attention.

While soaking in a hot tub a few years back, Mr. Hanneman was bitten by a brown recluse spider enjoying the same spa. Evidently, it took the guitarist a rather long time to opt for necessary healthcare treatment, for over that time frame he developed necrotising fasciitis on his arm where the spider chomped down, and once that occurred,

Mr. Hanneman's quality of life proceeded to get rather tedious to endure. For those of you not in the know, I'm here to tell you a brown recluse spider's bite will quite frankly, mess you up! For clarity's sake, necrotising fasciitis grabs a hold when treatment of a brown recluse spider bite is not treated post haste, and in regard to Mr. Hanneman's plight, no telling what other healthcare hazard was floating in the warm water of that hot tub?

Shortly after my father died, I was cleaning out the requisite back yard tool shed of some sixty years plus accumulation of stuff. Many of us have been down that road, eh? What had to be 48 or so hours after cleaning the shed and while drying myself after a shower, I noticed a sizable red, rashy ring on my



left thigh along with a finger nail sized black mark exactly in the bull's eye of the ring. I knew instantly what I was seeing, which was the resulting consequence of a brown recluse spider's bite.

I immediately dressed, headed straight to our local ER where the poison created necrosis was dug away, received a healthy number of steroid shots in and around the wound along with a mega dose slug of antibiotic injection in one butt cheek. It took close to eight weeks for the site to heal and now I am blessed with the scar in my leg courtesy the little hellion.

Before I was bitten by the brown recluse, I was not afraid of spiders. You're reading the words of a man who to this very day will still tease a rattlesnake if confronted by one. Yellow jacket wasps — I cannot tell you how many times over my lifetime I have been stung by the buzzers for messing around with their nests. I've teased alligator snapping turtles with sticks just to see one snap the thing in two, and they can. Ever "play" with a cornered badger? In other words, nature still fascinates me to this very day. Before my experience due to the brown recluse spider, I was not afraid of arachnids either. In the past when encountering any spider save for a brown recluse or black widow in the home, I would simply catch it and release the thing outdoors. Not anymore.

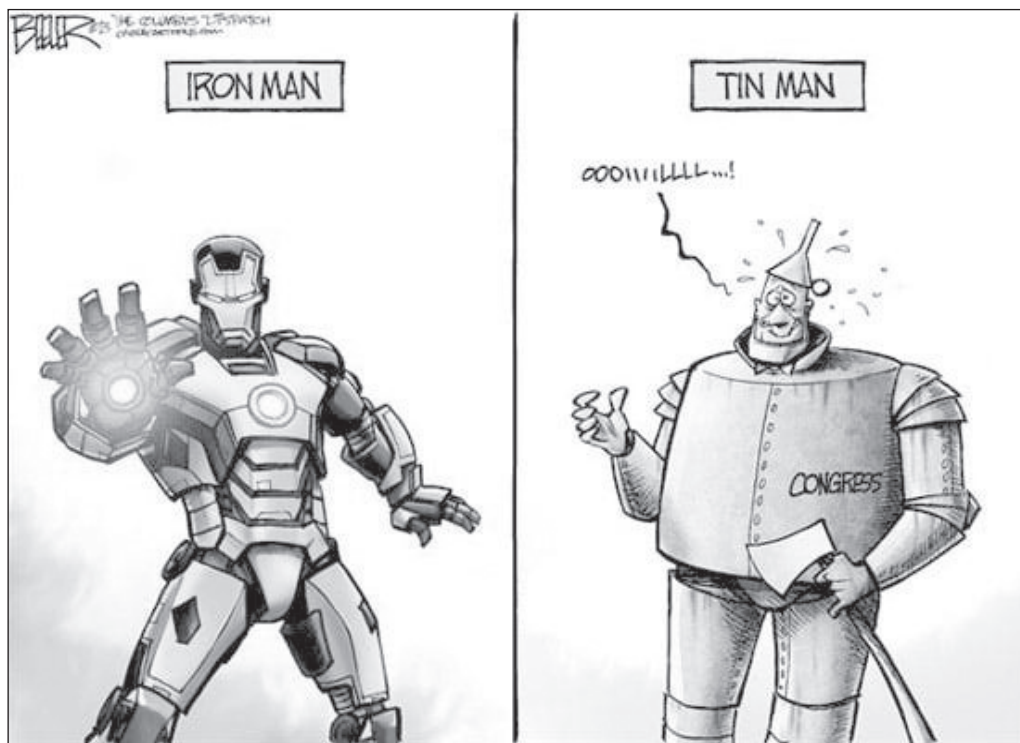
Pampa happens to be square in the middle of brown recluse spider habitat. Aren't we lucky. The arachnid, at the most about a fifty cent piece in size, enjoys dark places like under beds and furniture, inside shoes and clothes in a closet, in attic storage space, in basements, under pier and beam foundation structures, inside jam packed tool sheds. It's web, if you want to call it such, does not resemble a "normal" spider's web. Rather than the geometric beauty of a garden spider's web, the brown recluse's is a mishy mash of a silk creation going all directions, as if the little killer built the thing while smoking crack. It's egg sacs are somewhat round with a hairy like appearance, with a few to several placed inside the nest. One other point.

The brown recluse spider is quite aggressive and when getting in close proximity to one, you can be easily bitten on a finger, hand, toe, foot, leg, or body and not realize anything until later, like my situation entailed.

I've written about a nasty critter of which most Pampans are well aware. If you are not or perhaps new to our fair burg, take my advice and call your favorite exterminator muy pronto and have your house and any exterior buildings treated routinely. The brown recluse spider is thriving here quite nicely!

If bitten by one or recognize the post-bite rashy red ring that I had, seek medical attention forthwith. The resulting treatment will still make for a lousy healthcare experience, but even more so the situation Jeff Hanneman opted to put himself in.

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Letter to the Editor

Homosexuality not an 'alternative lifestyle'

Jesus Christ was not tolerant. He condemned religious snobs, had hard words for His disciples and expected lost sinners to leave their sinful lives when they became a follower. Yes, he had compassion for the woman taken in adultery, but then He told her to leave her sinful ways.

The Bible is NOT tolerant. Romans 1:26-27 clearly says that homosexuality is SIN! It isn't an "alternate lifestyle." And

so is adultery and fornication. 1 Cor. 6:9-20

But here is the biggie. Jn. 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.'" Now was that clear enough for you.

Jesus said that if anyone doesn't know Him as their truth, their way and their life, they will see God in Heaven! Does that sound very tolerant? No! Why? Because Jesus wasn't tolerant! Christians who

plan on being saved by the sacrificial gift of Jesus' blood had better listen to His words and believe them and preach them.

Last time I checked, the only world religion that recognizes Jesus as the only begotten Son of God and the Savior of lost sinners is Christianity. So does that mean that only Christians will be saved? Yes! No one from any other world religion can be saved. If they are, then Jesus Christ was a LIAR! We

can't have our cake and eat it too. Get in, or get out!

So what should we do with the idol of tolerance? Throw it out with the other trash! But what about love? Now that's a different question. Keep it and practice it just like Jesus did. Tolerance? Trash! Love? Personified on Calvary, practiced by all true Christians. God bless.

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A short history of Social Security amendments since 1935

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Almost every year since the Social Security Act was passed in 1935, there have been amendments to that original law. Many years, they are simply minor technical adjustments. But some years, they include major changes to the program. Here is a brief summary of how the Social Security program has evolved over the years.

The Social Security Act of 1935

The original law provided benefits only for a retired worker age 65 or older.

The 1939 Social Security Amendments

Even before the first monthly benefits were paid in 1940, these amendments added many provisions to the original law. They included benefits for a dependent wife 65 and older and for the minor children of a retiree. They also added the first survivor's benefits: for a widow age 65 or older, for the minor children of a deceased worker, for a widowed mother of any age caring for those children and for dependent parents of a deceased worker.

The 1950 Social Security Amendments

Congress must have realized the 1939 amendments were sexist because this year they added benefits for a dependent husband of a retired woman and for a dependent widower age 65 or older. They also provided benefits for a retiree's dependent wife of any age as long as she was caring for his minor child. And for the first time, Congress realized that not all marriages last forever. They included benefits for a divorced widowed mother caring for the minor child

of a deceased worker, but only if she was married at least 20 years.

The 1956 Social Security Amendments

These amendments added a major new Social Security program: disability benefits. This first law offered monthly benefits only for disabled people over age 50. But in a few years, disability benefits were made available to people of all ages. Provisions were also added to pay monthly benefits to disabled adult children of retired, disabled and deceased workers. And for the first time, Congress recognized that not all senior citizens wanted to wait until age 65 to claim benefits. Initially, they offered earlier benefits only to women. They provided reduced retirement benefits for women between ages 62 and 64 and reduced spousal benefits for dependent wives and widows between ages 62 and 64.

The 1961 Social Security Amendments

Finally, Congress authorized reduced retirement benefits to men. These changes also provided for reduced benefits for dependent widowers between ages 62 and 64.

The 1965 Social Security Amendments

For the first time, benefits were offered to divorced wives if they were at least 62 years old and if they had been married for at least 20 years. (The 1950 amendments had provided benefits only for divorced widows.) The 1965 amendments also added the Medicare program. But Medicare is NOT a Social Security program and an entirely separate funding mechanism was established for



these health care benefits, so I am not including Medicare changes in the rest of this column.)

The 1972 Social Security Amendments

The concept of a "delayed retirement bonus" was added for the first time to offer an incentive to workers who wait to file for retirement benefits until beyond age 65. Over the years, this bonus has been liberalized.

The 1977 Social Security Amendments

Congress closed a big loophole in Social Security law. A Social Security retirement pension had always offset any spousal benefits a retiree might be due on a husband's or wife's Social Security record. But folks getting non-Social Security retirement pensions (like many teachers and government employees) were still able to get such spousal benefits. Congress changed the law to treat teacher and government pensions in the same way as Social Security retirement pensions. Also this year, the length of marriage requirement for divorced spouses was lowered to 10 years.

1983 Social Security Amendments

The retirement age was bumped up -- in gradual steps. It is currently planned to reach age 67 by 2027. In a rare move to actually cut a Social Security benefit, payments to children over age 18 were eliminated. Also, for the first time, Social Security benefits became taxable.

1996 Social Security Amendments

The earnings penalty provisions were eliminated for anyone over Full Retirement Age and were liberalized for people between age 62 and the FRA. Provisions in these amendments also led to

the "file and suspend" and "restricted application" rules (discussed many times in this column) that allow folks over age 66 to maximize their Social Security benefits.

As I said at the begin-

ning, these are just SOME of the highlights of Social Security changes over the years.

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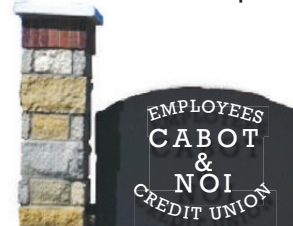
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Pampa Fire Department call log — May 3-6

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

May 3
• At 10:29 a.m., to odor investigation in the 1300 block of Christine.

• At 11:32 p.m., to medical assist in the 2100 block of Zimmers.

May 4
• At 8:51 a.m., to medical assist in the 200 block of Tignor.

• At 10:49 a.m., two units, six personnel to false alarm at One Medical Plaza (Pampa Regional Medical Center).

• At 12:10 p.m., to motor vehicle accident at Huston and Craven. One victim transported to hospital.

• At 10:42 p.m., to odor investigation in the 400 block of West Foster.

May 5
• At 1:02 p.m., two units, four personnel to vehicle fire in the 700 block of East Crawford.

• At 2:11 p.m., one unit, two personnel to small grass fire in the 1100 block of West State Highway 152.

• At 5:57 p.m., two units, six personnel to false alarm in the 700 block of North Wells.

• At 10:30 p.m., to medical assist in the 500 block of Powell.

May 6
• At 1:26 a.m., to lift assist in the 1100 block of Charles.

• At 5:58 a.m., to medical assist in the 200 block of Tignor.

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Teen immigrant angst — a factor in bombings?

CHICAGO (AP) — Anna Tabakh didn't know a word of English. At age 5, a stranger in a strange land, she was en route with her parents from the Soviet Union to a new home in Kansas City, Mo. But she understood the intent when security guards at a New York City airport suspiciously eyed her stuffed animal, a rather rotund plush toy pig.

"They thought we were smuggling diamonds in my stuffed animal friend," Tabakh, now 27, says, recalling how her mom, pleading in broken English, persuaded the guards not to tear apart the toy to search its contents.

Tabakh still has the pig in her New York apartment, "to remind me how far I've come since those first days." The beginning was traumatic, she says, but the transition to American life was relatively smooth — a result that some social scientists would say was partly due to her age.

There is, in fact, a term researchers use to describe young people who, like Tabakh, were born in other countries but came to the U.S. between the ages of 5

and 12 and have a foot in two worlds. They call them "Generation 1.5."

They remember the places they came from but come of age in their new home — and research shows that, while they may struggle at first, many end up adapting better than immigrants who arrive as teenagers.

It is a dynamic that could help explain why the two brothers suspected in the Boston bombings had seemingly different experiences in this country, in terms of how well they adapted.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the younger brother, was about 9 when he came to the United States from the Russian Caucasus region. He was more integrated in daily American life, according to accounts from friends and relatives.

By comparison, they say older brother Tamerlan Tsarnaev — who came to this country in his mid-teens and died in a gunfight with police after the bombings — had a more difficult time fitting in.

He once told a journalist that he had no American friends. And yet when he returned to his homeland last year, relatives said he

had trouble fitting in there, too — that he seemed more American than Chechen.

Experts say that inability to fit into either world is a common predicament for immigrants who came here as teens, though many of them eventually adapt much more successfully than Tamerlan Tsarnaev did.

"Being a teenager itself is such a hard journey. That coupled with being an immigrant is very, very difficult," says Barbara Greenberg, a clinical psychologist who ran an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit at a hospital in New York for many years and whose patients included young immigrants.

She says the teen years are a particularly difficult time to fit in because social groups have formed, and cliques are tougher to break into.

"When you're a little kid, social groups are more in flux," says Greenberg, who still specializes in adolescents in private practice in Connecticut.

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Depp not the only actor who shines in 'Gilbert Grape'

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.

Released in 1993 to critical acclaim and lackluster audience response, "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" lost money. The movie cost \$11 million to make and it barely made \$9.5 million at the box office.

The movie's star, Johnny Depp is a fine actor. He has a reputation for taking on odd characters and making them fuzzy and lovable in spite of themselves. Capt. Jack Sparrow, The Mad Hatter, Edward Scissorhands and Rango are a few examples that immediately come to mind. I now have another that I like tremendously; Gilbert Grape.

This dramatic romance is supposed to be happening in the fictional town of Endora, Iowa but from the very first frame you'll know that it was filmed deep in the heart of Texas. Depp turns in a solid performance as Gilbert Grape — a young

man trying to hold his dysfunctional family together. His father committed suicide and his mother hasn't left the house since that day eight years ago. Mom now weighs about a quarter of a ton and is the jerkwater town spectacle. Gilbert has two teenage sisters — one is self absorbed, the other is long suffering and sacrificing. The main dynamic in the family is Gilbert's autistic younger brother, Arnie, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, in a performance that should have been rewarded with an Oscar. Leo was nominated for best supporting actor but lost out to Tommy Lee Jones who won for "The Fugitive."

Gilbert has a minimal job as a clerk in a small family owned grocery store, the existence of which, is threatened by the new gigantic food store out by the interstate. Grape gives and sacrifices for everyone else including Betty, a local housewife played by Mary Steenburgen, who is bored with her husband, bored with her kids, and most likely bored with herself.

Betty is persistent in calling the little grocery store for special deliveries as long as that special delivery is delivered by Gilbert.

One day a caravan of RV's passes through town.

The last RV in line has trouble and pulls off the road with a sputtering engine. Teenager Becky and her grandmother are now stranded. Becky, played by Juliette Lewis, and Gilbert become interested in each other. The greater part of the movie happens during this time while waiting for truck parts to arrive so that Becky and Grandma can get back on the road.

There is great contrast here, Gilbert and family are stuck in one place; never moving. Becky, who lives in a truck-pulled camper, is free and always moving. That isn't just their living conditions; it's also their frames of mind.

Depp, DiCaprio and Steenburgen turn in some of the best performances in their careers. Kudos go out to Ms. Steenburgen. In one of my favorite scenes of the movie, she and her two young boys come into the store. Gilbert is working the cash register and after just a few words of deep and very honest conversation, Becky enters. The three of them are standing in a literal and figurative triangle. Mary Steenburgen makes that scene real. She sells the sizzle.

So how does it rate? I polled 10 of my filmmaker and actor friends

and asked them to rate the movie on a five-star scale. (Note: In my opinion, if you have 10 friends who are actors, something has gone terribly wrong in your life. Please, get out more).

I asked my normal friends and family members to do the same. After the results were gathered and averaged, my filmy friends had given "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" 4 1/2 stars. My normal friends and family rated it a bit less at 4 stars.

I really enjoyed the movie. It seemed like a slice of real life in America and was a great statement on family and the strength one gains from giving and receiving love and service. I give the film 4 stars.

I'm an actor, writer and filmmaker reviewing movies that maybe you missed on their first time around. My name is Dan Harville, but my friends call me Spike. Please visit my blog www.MyFriendsCallMeSpike.com and follow me on twitter @SpikeHarville.

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Teams with the Federal Emergency Management Agency also canvassed damaged neighborhoods in West to provide help.

FEMA spokeswoman Susan Solomon said Monday that nearly 80 people

have visited the center in a Pointwest Bank building since the site opened Saturday.

Experts are trying to determine what sparked the fiery April 17 explosion in West, located about 70 miles south of Fort Worth. About 200 people were

hurt and dozens of structures were damaged or destroyed.

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A unique duo at Culberson-Stowers is Merkie Martinez and son Matt. They are both experienced auto body professionals and between the two, have a combined 50 years of experience. Merkie attended PHS and married wife Virginia. They have 4 children, Charles, Chauntly, Matt, and Maleesa (graduating this year from Clarendon College Nursing school). He is also blessed with several grandchildren, Tera, Strise, Jazlynn, Michael and Matt's twin boys that are on their way. Plus one for Malessa to arrive soon.

Merkie's father, Joe Lewis Martinez Sr., worked at Ford's Body Shop for many years. He would teach Merkie everything he knew after school and during the summer. Buffing and painting was a family art, not only carried on through Joe and Merkie but also brothers, Brig and Jerry as well. "This is all I know. This is what my family has done for years. I enjoy it and making customers happy," says Merkie.

Matt learned the same way that his father did. He went to Ford's Body Shop with his dad. At 10 years old he mowed lawns to earn money towards the repair of a '64 Impala. He helped repair the body and add wheels, tires, stereo etc. They just did it a little at a time. Then he moved onto painting a sunfire at the age of 15. He has sanded and painted many vehicles since then. Matt graduated from PHS in 2008 along with his wife Kamra. His daughter Jazlynn (3) and son Michael (2) plus twin boys soon to arrive have taken some attention away from his car projects. But it won't be long and they too will be along side dad learning how to craft a like new automobile out of a damaged metal. "This is what I enjoy and know how to do. It's something my family has done for years and we take pride in our work," says Matt

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Seventh grade: Thomas Clyde Abshire, Monica Lourdes Apodaca, Cierra Michelle Ditmore, Lynn Marie Herron, Trey Austin Hon, Collin Alexander Mertz, Conception Perez, Jennifer Ellen Price, Maximo Renteria Rodriguez, Alexander James Smith, David Gerardo Soria, Jarrett Duke Ward and Chloe Jan Winegeart.

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and Esmeralda Torres.

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Lamar Elementary A Honor Roll

Second grade: Shayla Burnley, Bobby Chavarria, Kaylee Eblin, Christopher Ewing, Lillian Ledgerwood, Lorell Luera, Kate Orr, Lizzett Rodriguez, Devonta Session, Kayden Smith, Kimberly Soto, Brianna Soto.

Third grade: Alex Granillo and Amanda Soliz.

Fourth Grade: Maribel Cabrales, Olivia Flores, Gissell Perez and Elijah Robinson.

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Eighth grade: Tyler DeVuyst.

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

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

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

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

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

County Commission meetings

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

Jam sessions every Friday night

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

Meredith House presents live music

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

Monday night dance club

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

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

Carver School alumni, former teachers

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

The Pampa News is working on an ongoing series that documents the club members' 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.

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.

Early voting by personal appearance ends today.

Inventors gather in Amarillo

The Amarillo Inventors' Association will meet at 7 p.m., today, at the Canyons Retirement Community, 2200 W. 7th Ave., Amarillo. For more information, visit

amarilloinventors.org.

Art Club show and tea May 7-9

Pampa Art Club 65th annual Member Show and Tea from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 7-8 at the White Deer Land Museum, and from 1 to 4 p.m., May 9. Admission is free.

PISD Heritage Room meeting

The Pampa Independent School District Board will host an informative meeting at 5 p.m., May 9 in the Pampa High School library. The Board plans to form an executive committee who will manage the assets that will be featured in the Heritage Room. Those interested in joining the committee or anyone who would like to find out more info about the Heritage Room are asked to attend the meeting. All questions and comments are to be directed to PISD's administration at 806-669-4700.

Prom night is May 11

Prom will be held May 11 in the PHS commons with announcing beginning at 7 p.m. The community is invited to view the decorations from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday May 11.

This year's theme is "A Night under the Big Top" and features circus-themed decorations.

Prizes will also be given away throughout the night and as always, PHS Student Council looks forward to providing a memorable fun filled night for the seniors of 2013. The community is invited to view the decorations from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday May 11.

Mother's Day celebration

The Pampa area is invited to Meredith House to join them from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, for Mother's Day Fellowship and free grilled hamburgers and hot dogs in the courtyard. All mothers who attend will be given a special Mother's Day gift and the chance to win a door prize! Meredith House is located at 812 W. 25th Ave. Contact Jennifer Roybal at 806-663-2527 for further details or to RSVP.

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.

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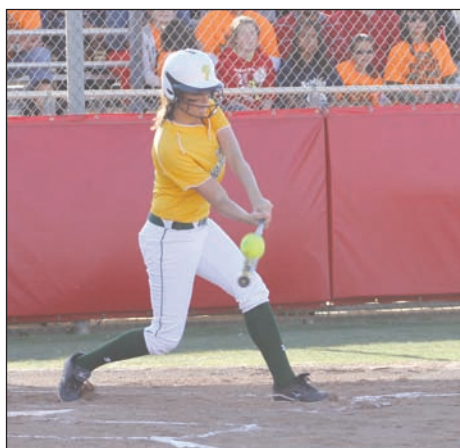
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Lady Harvesters win Area behind 3-hit shutout from O'Brien



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Above left, Mattie Eldridge slides into second base. Above right, Jessie Dixon lays into a pitch. Below left, Bailey Beck throws to Dixon for an out. Below right, Beck rounds through the first base bag after a hit on Friday.



By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Lady Harvester softball team traveled to Lubbock Coronado High School for a playoff game on Friday night. The opponent was the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs. Pampa was designated the visiting team.

In Texas, teams have the option of picking a one-game playoff or a best two-out-of-three series. If the coaches disagree then a coin flip determines the result. Pampa lost the coin flip and was forced to play a one-game playoff.

Both teams had nervous jitters in the first inning with a couple of wild pitches as well as some eager hitters swinging at the first pitches.

Pampa settled down in the top of the

second when Bailey Dixon singled to second base. Matte Eldridge then came up to courtesy run for Dixon. Jessie Dixon flied out but scored Eldridge in the process. Pampa led 1-0 after the second inning.

In the third, Martecia Alexander singled to third base to lead things off for Pampa. Claire Hopkins then walked. Bailey Beck singled to short and the bases were loaded. Tiffany Britton hit a double to left field to score Alexander and Hopkins. Bailey Dixon sacrificed and scored Beck in the process. Pampa led 4-0 after three innings.

Pampa would add a final run in the fifth. Beck singled to center and advanced to second on a Britton fly out. Bailey Dix-

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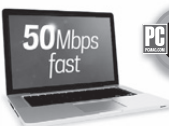
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on grounded out to short and Beck then advanced to third.

Alexa O'Brien walked and during her at-bat Beck scored.

Pampa led 5-0 after five innings and that would be the final score.

O'Brien had a complete game shutout with seven strikeouts and only three hits allowed. She picked up the win and only walked one batter the entire game. From the plate, O'Brien

walked one time.

Hopkins had a single, a walk and a run scored. Beck had two singles and two runs scored. Britton had a double and two RBIs. Bailey Dixon had a single and an RBI. Jessie Dixon had a single and an RBI. Eldridge had a steal and a run scored while courtesy running in the game. Kassie Jerome and Brittney Gonzalez walked one time each. Alexander was 3-3 with three singles and a run scored.

O'Brien also limited the Lady Mustangs from reaching scoring position all game long.

"This was huge for Al-

exa. She had a rough start at the beginning of the year, struggling with her fingers being healthy to grip the ball," said coach Bobbi Gill. "Our defense made all the outs behind her. I felt like after a 13-day layoff, that was about as sharp as we could have come out."

Gill added that she was excited that the Lady Harvesters put themselves in a position to put runs on the board every inning. "We need to capitalize on those scoring chances next weekend, but the fact that we were in that position is huge. One hit can change the game from that position."



Photos by Charla Shults

Above, Martecia Alexander throws to Jessie Dixon for an out. Right, Kassie Jerome gives Cameron Schaub a pep talk on the basepath.

Glo-Valve Service falls 5-2 to Clarendon

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CLARENDON — Clarendon opened its season by defeating visiting Glo-Valve Service here Friday 5-2.

Kameron Parks, Jace Ware, Chris Gowin and Evan Boyd pitched for Glo-Valve and did not allow any earned runs.

Parks gave up two runs on two hits. He walked a batter, hit a batter and struck out five in two innings. Ware was touched for three runs on two hits. He struck out four while walking one in two innings. Gowin walked two and struck out one. Boyd struck out both batters he faced.

Ware got the Pampa team on the board in the first inning with a double and a stolen base. He slid home after a ground ball out by Fernando Perez. Clarendon scored

twice in the bottom of the first on a single, a dropped third strike which permitted the batter to get to first, a stolen base, a ground out and a passed ball.

Glo-Valve tied the score at two in the second. Brenden Courtney was hit by a pitch. He went to second on a passed ball, to third on a wild pitch and scored on an infield out hit by Ethan Rushing.

The winners picked up a run in the third on a double, a stolen base and a throwing error. They padded their lead in the fourth inning scoring twice on a double, a walk and two errors.

Glo-Valve will be back in action Monday at 6:30 p.m. when it hosts Rotary Club. Cabot and Glo-Valve will square off Tuesday at 5:45 p.m.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.



The Lady Harvester team poses for a picture with the Area Championship trophy. The team defeated Sweetwater 5-0 on Friday to win Area. They will be back in action this weekend in regional quarterfinal action Friday and Saturday at Canyon High School against Lubbock Cooper.

PHS playoff action

STAFF REPORT

The following is a list of the Pampa High School sports teams in playoff action. Times are subject to change.

Softball will play Lubbock Cooper in the Regional Quarterfinals at Canyon High School. It will be a best of three series with game one on Friday at 6 p.m. Game two will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, and the if-necessary game three will be 30

minutes following game two.

Baseball will play Sweetwater in the Area Championship at Lubbock Christian University. It will be a best-of-three series with game one on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Game two will be at noon, Saturday, and the if-necessary game three will be 30 minutes following game two.

Cheyenne Williams will throw shot put in the 3A state track meet at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Cornyn to talk security, trade at border

RIO GRANDE CITY (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Cornyn is scheduled to discuss security and trade matters with local law enforcement and business officials in Rio Grande City.

The second-ranking Republican senator's visit Monday comes as Congress grapples with comprehensive immigration reform.

Cornyn has praised some aspects of the

bill put forward by the Senate's bipartisan so-called Gang of Eight last month, but criticized it for not going far enough to improve border security.

Cornyn has long called for improvements at the ports of entry on the Southwest border, both in terms of security and trade.

Monday's meeting was scheduled to be held at the Rio Grande City port of entry.

Cops: Woman used Facebook to harass herself

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — A western Michigan woman is accused of creating a Facebook account to stalk herself.

Cheryl Nelson, a 52-year-old from the Grand Rapids area, complained to sheriff's deputies that she was the victim of stalking, harassment and other crimes. But authorities learned that she set up a Facebook account with her ex-boyfriend's information and made it appear that his new girlfriend was using it to harass her.

Detective Jason Russo of the sheriff's department says Nelson couldn't let go of her relationship with her former boyfriend. MLive.com reports that Nelson is charged with falsely reporting a felony. She could not be reached for comment Saturday. There is no listing for a home number.

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Bride, four others die in limo fire on Calif. bridge

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A newlywed bride was celebrating a night out with friends when the limousine they were in erupted in flames on a San Francisco Bay bridge, killing the bride and four other women who were trapped inside and injuring four who escaped, authorities and her family said Sunday.

The driver, who was not hurt, told investigators he was driving the women on the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge Saturday night when one of them complained of smoke inside the passenger compartment, San Mateo County Coroner Robert Foucault said.

He said he pulled over, got out, and saw the back of the 1999 Lincoln Town Car fully engulfed in flames, Foucault said.

By the time firefighters rushed to the scene and put out the fire, authorities found five badly burned bodies huddled near the partition that separates the driver from the passengers.

“My guess would be they were trying to get away from the fire and use that window opening as an escape route,” Foucault said.

He said other motorists helped three women get out of the rear right door, and a fourth woman managed to squeeze through the partition.

Investigators didn't release details about the accident Sunday, but scheduled a news conference Monday.

The San Mateo Fire Department was looking into the cause of the fire, while the coroner's office was working with the Califor-

nia Highway Patrol to determine whether a crime occurred.

“We don't believe there is,” Foucault said.

Relatives told the San Francisco Chronicle and the San Jose Mercury News that one of the dead was Neriza Fojas, 31, a registered nurse from Fresno who recently wed and was planning to travel to her native Philippines next month to hold another ceremony before family.

Her friends in the limousine were fellow nurses.

The driver said he picked the women up in Oakland and was taking them across the bridge to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Fojas' sister, Rosalyn Bersamin, told the Chronicle that after a night out on the town, Fojas and her friends

were heading to the hotel to party with her husband.

“She was a hard worker, a loving sister,” a sobbing Bersamin said.

Aerial video shot after the incident showed about one-third of the back half of the limousine had been scorched by the fire.

Its taillights and bumper were gone and it appeared to be resting on its rims, but the remainder of the vehicle didn't appear to be damaged.

A photo taken by a witness and broadcast on KTVU-TV showed flames shooting from the back of the limo.

The driver — 46-year-old Orville Brown of San Jose — was the only person to escape unhurt.

Brown's brother told the Chronicle the flames

spread before he could help the women escape. “He told me, ‘Man, it was so fast.’ He said, ‘I've never seen anything like it in my life.’”

“He kept saying, ‘I should have done more, I should have done more,’” he added.

The brother said that Brown is an experienced commercial driver who has operated big rigs and moving trucks and has a clean record.

The bodies were so badly burned that medical examiners will have to identify the victims by using dental records. Foucault said the autopsies will include

toxicology tests, as well as examinations into whether any accelerant such as alcohol or gasoline was found on the bodies.

The four other women who escaped the fire, Mary G. Guardiano, 42, of Alameda; Jasmine Desguia, 34, of San Jose; Nelia Arrellano, 36, of Oakland; and Amalia Loyola, 48, of San Leandro, were being treated at nearby hospitals, the CHP said.



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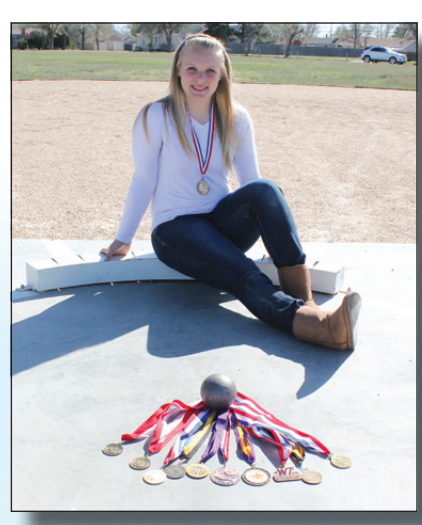
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Obama dares graduates to reject cynical voices

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A year to the day after kicking off his victorious re-election campaign on this college campus, President Barack Obama returned to Ohio State University and told graduates that only through vigorous participation in their democracy can they right an ill-functioning government and break through relentless cynicism about the nation's future.

"I dare you, Class of 2013, to do better. I dare you to dream bigger," Obama said.

In a sunbaked stadium filled with more than 57,000 students, friends and relatives, Obama lamented an American political system that gets consumed by "small things" and works for the benefit of society's elite. He called graduates to duty to "accomplish great things," like rebuilding a still-feeble economy and fighting poverty and climate change.

"Only you can ultimately break that cycle. Only you can make sure the democracy you inherit is as good as

we know it can be," Obama told more than 10,000 cap-and-gown-clad graduates gathered for the rite of passage. "But it requires your dedicated, informed and engaged citizenship."

The visit to Ohio State — the first of three commencement addresses Obama will give this season — was a homecoming of sorts for Obama, who has visited the campus five times over little more than a year, starting with his first official campaign rally here last May.

He made many more stops elsewhere in Ohio as he and Republican Mitt Romney duelled for the Buckeye State, and its 18 electoral votes were pivotal to Obama's victories in both 2008 and 2012.

There was little direct mention of party politics Sunday, but ample allusion to the partisan battles that cramped many of Obama's legislative efforts in his first term and have continued unabated into his second.

In an apparent reference to his failed push on gun control, he bemoaned that a

small minority in Congress find excuses to oppose things that most Americans support.

"This is a joyous occasion, so let me put it charitably: I think it's fair to say our democracy isn't working as well as we know it can," Obama said.

Invoking the end of the Cold War, 9/11 and the economic recession, Obama said this generation had been tested beyond what their parents could have imagined.

But he said young Americans have responded with a deep commitment to service and a conviction that they can improve their surroundings. He urged graduates to run for office, start a business or join a cause, contending that the health of their democracy "requires your dedicated, informed and engaged citizenship."

"You've grown up hearing voices that incessantly warn of government as nothing more than some separate, sinister entity that's at the root of all our problems," Obama said.

"You should reject these voices. Because what these suggest is that somehow our brave, creative, unique experiment in self-rule is just a sham with which we can't be trusted."

Among the 10,143 students receiving diplomas at this sprawling state university Sunday were 130 veterans, including the first class to benefit from the new GI Bill that Congress passed after 9/11, university officials said.

Ohio State also bestowed an honorary doctorate on Obama, applauding his "unwavering belief in the ability to unite people around a politics of purpose."

Also honored was photographer Annie Leibovitz, whose images of Obama and his family have become iconic reflections on the nation's first black president.

Obama's other two commencement speeches this season will be later in May at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and at Morehouse College, an all-male school in Atlanta.

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Pittsburgh Marathon run amid tightened security

PITTSBURGH (AP) — James Kirwa of Kenya has won his second straight Pittsburgh Marathon on Sunday amid heightened security following the Boston Marathon bombings and with a contingent of runners unable to finish the Boston race.

About three dozen participants in Sunday's race were expected to be runners who had been unable to finish last month's Boston Marathon. A marathon spokesman said the race's sponsor was paying transportation and lodging costs to help the 37 runners participate.

Support for Boston was evident throughout, with runners sporting pro-Boston T-shirts. One runner crossed the finish line carrying a large American flag.

Pittsburgh police were aided by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency staff and other area police departments in providing security. Police

spokeswoman Diane Richard said a few people had received a few calls about people acting suspiciously, but they proved to be unfounded.

Authorities said a runner collapsed and died during the half-marathon competition. Pittsburgh Public Safety Director Michael Huss said the 23-year-old man collapsed near paramedics at the 12-mile mark near Duquesne University. Officials said he was pronounced dead at UPMC Marcy Hospital.

His name was not released. An autopsy by the Allegheny County coroner's office was scheduled Monday.

"This is a loss for the entire marathon family and our hearts and prayers go out to his family at this time," race director Patrice Matamoros said on the marathon's website.

Kirwa, finishing among a group of half-marathon participants, beat his time of a

year ago with an unofficial mark of 2:13:37, becoming the first back-to-back male winner since Abel Gisemba in 1993-94.

"I'm really happy, and I am coming back next year," said Kirwa, who added that knowing the course made for a better time.

Stephen Njoroge of Flushing, N.Y., was second on 2:14:10.

Mary Akor of Hawthorne, Calif., won the women's marathon, collapsing in exhaustion after crossing the finish line of 2:37:35. Hirut Beyene Guangal of Ethiopia was second in 2:38:05. She was third last year.

"I put a surge on Hirut at 23 miles on the downhill and never let up. I was determined to run hard and win," Akor said.

Marathon officials said more than 22,700 runners took part in men's and women's marathons and half-marathons, a record for the event.

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Collector keeps his 29 boa constrictors — for now

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah snake collector who says his rare boa constrictors are getting a bad rap has won at least a temporary reprieve from an order to remove more than two dozen of the exotic pets from his home. Cottonwood Heights police cited Thomas Cobb a week ago for failure to have an exotic pet permit and told

him he had until Friday to get rid of all but one of his 29 boa constrictors.

Cobb values the snakes at \$12,000 apiece and said he spent \$100,000 on a special room in his basement with top-of-the-line cages. Some of the snakes are as long as 7 feet. Police officers noted in their report the setup was clean and well-kept.

City council members

agreed on Friday to look into the case further after Cobb argued that a local ordinance is confusing.

Cobb got the attention of the council and the mayor after he took his fight against the snake eviction to the Internet and local radio shows. He maintains he's the victim, in part, of the public's distaste for snakes in general.

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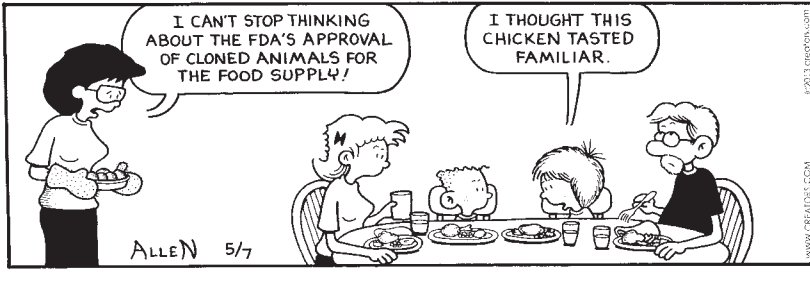
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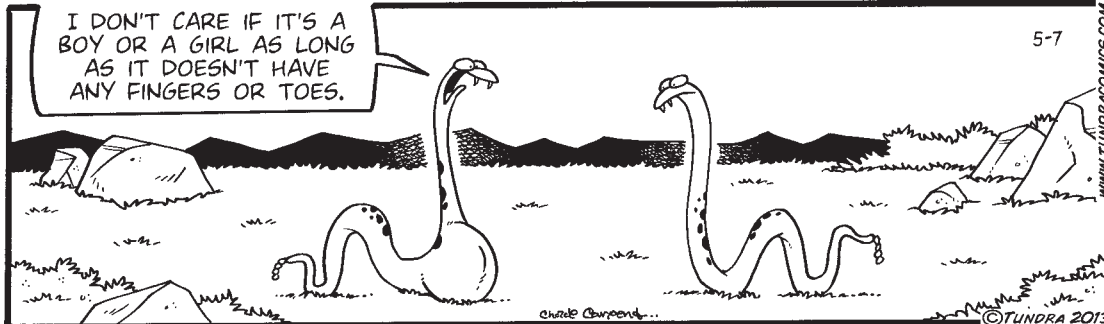
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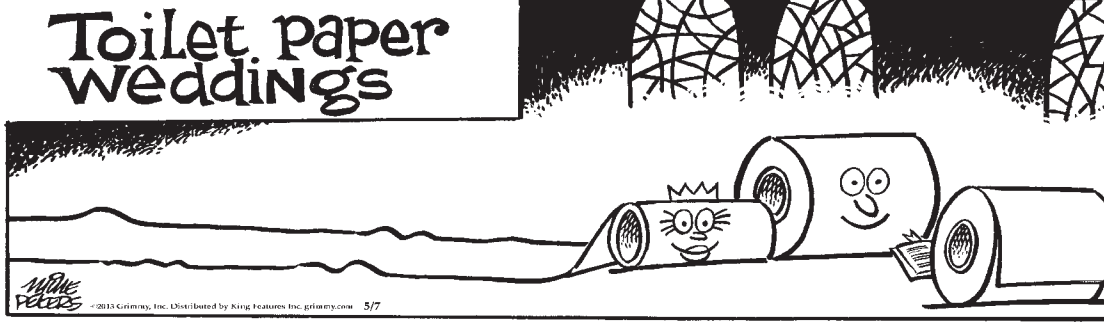


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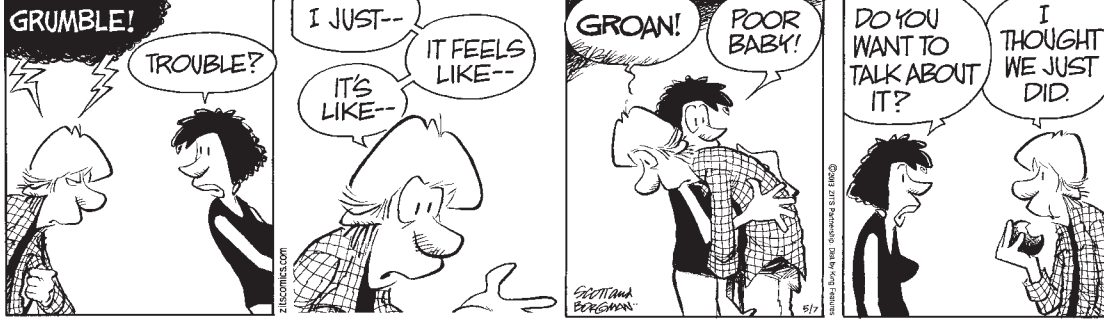
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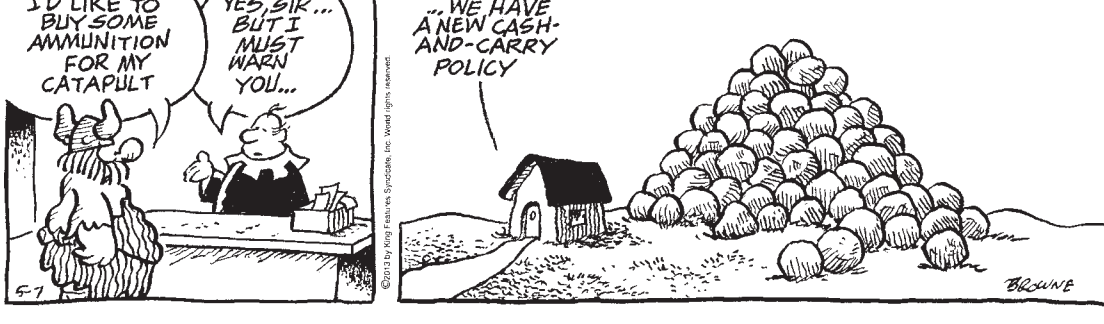
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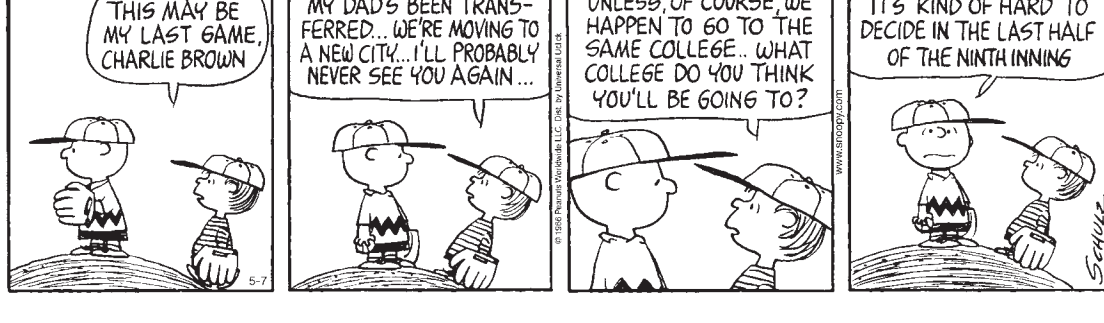
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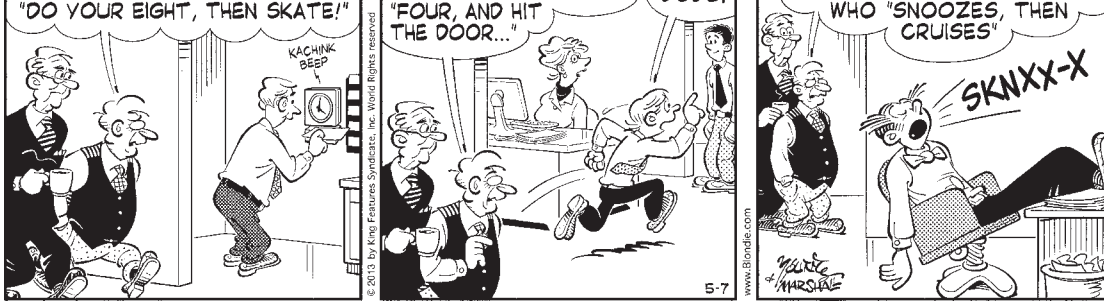
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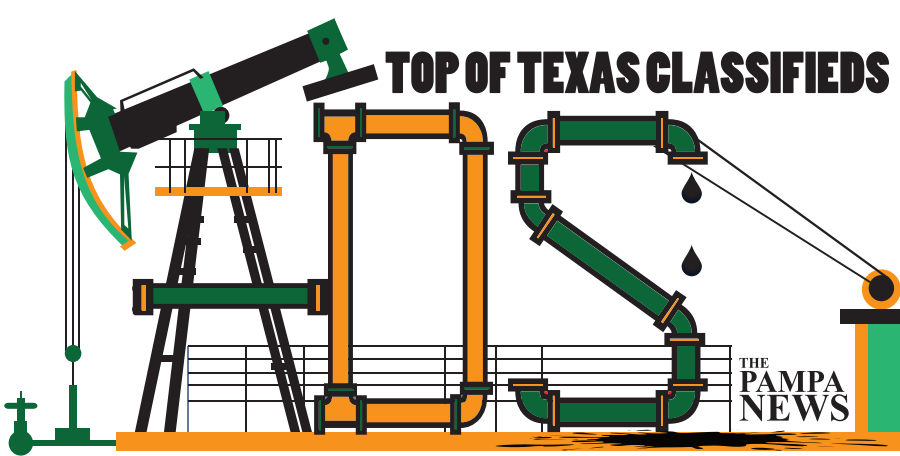
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 8, 2013:
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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)
★★★★ Your imagination plays out with a financial decision. You could be wondering what to do, but if you relax or take a walk, you will know what to do. You might catch some negativity from someone whose opinions you value. Tonight: Do not feel as if you must do anything.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll wake up knowing what you would like to do. Emphasize your priorities. What you need from a certain someone is more acceptance, but you are likely to receive the opposite. Understanding evolves between the two of you, as long as you don't act out. Tonight: All smiles.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might want to think through what you are willing to do in a certain situation. Your ability to move forward could be affected by your mood and energy right now. Do not allow someone's negativity to filter in. Try to maintain an upbeat attitude. Tonight: Play it low-key.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Listen to a suggestion from others; your friends mean well. Your creativity and a brainstorming session might not be as fruitful as a clear-cut suggestion from a friend could be. Do not allow pressure to build. Tonight: Where the action is.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You suddenly might realize that you have more going on than you originally thought. Pressure builds as a result. Have a discussion with someone you trust. You might want this person to pitch in more. You could be overtired

or stretched too thin. Tonight: Make it early.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. A partner can sense that you are looking for something new, and he or she will help you. Communication could be active. Listen and open up. This process is good for you. Tonight: Detach in order to find the answer to a problem.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to consider making a change or doing something very differently. A key partner is far more conservative than you thought. Use care with your finances, as you could be pushed to meet many different demands. Think twice before spending. Tonight: Pay bills.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You'll find that others are seeking you out, specifically a friend or a group of friends. You might want to head in a different direction. Others see you as negative, but you see yourself as someone who makes strong choices. Tonight: Let others do what they want.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Listen to news that is forthcoming. You are going to have to take action and head in a new direction. You have a lot of feelings regarding an investment or piece of real estate. You could have a lot going on right now and feel out of sorts on some level. Tonight: Say "yes."
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone's plan might not have been logically thought out. As a result, a friend could retreat into his or her cocoon. You need to let this person decide when he or she wants to open up. Pushing ultimately will not work. Tonight: Add some fun and adventure to the mix.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. Do not agree to anything unless you are sure of the fine print and implications involved with a financial agreement; otherwise, there easily could be a last-minute problem. Tonight: Be wherever your friends are.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take news with a grain of salt. Open up to a change, but do not be surprised by mounting negativity. Unfortunately, you could get less-than-desirable feedback no matter what you do. You know where you are coming from. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.



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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I'm re- sponse significantly de- age, so they end up "set- responding to your request creases one's satisfaction tling." Read some of the for comments about the in a relationship. While crazy lottery winner sto- letter from "Happily Sin- we all "vent" from time ries posted online, and gle" (Feb. 13) and wheth- to time, if talking divorce you'll see people trade er a divorce would be is your first response to a in their spouses because the first course of action jackpot win, then you're they feel they can do bet- upon winning the lottery. in the wrong relation- ter or "move up," kind of In a community-property ship. — IN IT FOR THE like buying a bigger, bet- state, a divorce AFTER LONG HAUL ter house. I'm not saying winning wouldn't legally DEAR IN IT: I hit the it's right, but it happens. protect you from having jackpot with the huge — CINDY IN ARLING- to share the spoils with response I received TON, VA. your soon-to-be (and about that letter. And DEAR ABBY: If I won the lottery, the first thing probably now bitter) ex- the majority of readers I'd do is GET married. spouse. We're waiting so we can My husband and I have divorce: My husband and I have what we'd do if either lottery winner, and I feel of us won the Powerball blessed and proud that I ANIE IN SAUGUS, CA- jackpots, and no, divorce can take care of my wife was NOT on the list. the way she deserves. DEAR ABBY: The first We'd start by consulting Within two minutes of my thing I'd do if I won is a lawyer/financial planner win I was on the phone pay off all my debts. I'm to find a way to protect with her, telling her to ALREADY divorced. our privacy before claim- quit her stressful job. We — DIANA IN TEXAS ing the money. Now have a wonderful CITY, TEXAS I suspect the com- life, with more than we DEAR ABBY: I wouldn't consider getting ments from "Happily's" ever hoped for. — SAT- divorced if I won, but ISFIED IN THE SUN- I might finally buy that SHINE STATE second husband I've been DEAR ABBY: I'm sin- group together — or en- joy complaining about gle, but that letter didn't wanting but can't afford. — TACOMA READER their spouses. Either way, surprise me. I think a lot DEAR ABBY: I've it's sad. Studies show of people feel they must been married for 40 years. that complaining about a be married by a certain

If I won I would not divorce. There's NO WAY I'd want to give him half the money. I would stay married so I could have control over the money he spent. It would make up for all the years that he would pinch my pennies and make me squeeze a nickel till the buffalo pooped. — WISHFUL IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: If I were to win the lottery, I would trade all of it just to have one more hug and one more night talking with my wife, who died 16 years ago. Our children were young when she died, and I have tried my best to raise them to be good adults. But my heart still aches over losing her to cancer. I believe all widows and widowers would agree with me on this. — TRENT IN OKLAHOMA

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Yesterday's Answer: COCOA, IMAGE; BEVEL, DOUGH 57

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cincinnati team
 - 5 VCR inserts
 - 10 Hilo hello
 - 12 News item
 - 13 "Oz the Great and Powerful" co-star
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 - 16 Pewter component
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 - 20 Kingly address
 - 21 Sleep sound
 - 22 Beseeched
 - 23 Tennis star Agassi
 - 25 Pack full
 - 28 Marsh plants
 - 31 Skirt edges
 - 32 Certainly
 - 34 Unclose, to poets
 - 35 Tavern quaff
 - 36 "The Matrix" hero
- DOWN**
- 1 Indian prince
 - 2 Gladdens
 - 3 Realm
 - 4 That lady
 - 5 Shore flier
 - 6 Gardner
 - 7 Puzzle-solving choice
 - 8 Concert bonus
 - 9 Put away
 - 11 Toward the wake
 - 14 Safety exercise
 - 19 Lathers
 - 20 Velocity
 - 24 Makes fresh
 - 25 Musical group
 - 26 Meal
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 - 29 Refutation
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Rain brings muddy slopes for Calif. fire crews

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters building containment lines around a huge Southern California wildfire struggled in muddy and slippery conditions as rain moved in Monday.

Ventura County Fire spokesman Tony McHale said the wet weather significantly reduced fire activity but also caused crews to work more slowly and methodically on steep rain-slicked hillsides. The blaze was 80 percent contained. Officials expect full containment late Tuesday.

Investigators ruled out arson as the cause of the fire that charred 44 square miles at the western end of the Santa Monica Mountains.

Instead, they believed it was started by a small, "undetermined roadside ignition of grass and debris" on the edge of U.S. 101 near Thousand Oaks, said Tom Piranio, a spokesman with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The area near an uphill incline is considered a collection point for fuel and ignition sources, and it's possible a piece of debris fell into the tinder-dry

brush early Thursday and sparked the fire, Piranio said.

"The topography plus the hot, windy weather created a perfect storm for the fire to spread fast," he said.

At its peak, the fire threatened some 4,000 homes as it moved through neighborhoods of Camarillo Springs and Thousand Oaks. It damaged 15 homes. The blaze was one of more than 680 wildfires in the state so far this year — about 200 more than average. East of Los Angeles in Riverside County, a fire that burned 510 acres south of Banning was fully contained Sunday.

In Northern California, a fire that has blackened 11 square miles of wilderness in Tehama County was a threat to a pair of commercial properties near the community of Butte Meadows, according to Cal Fire.

Thunderstorms were expected to bring erratic winds but little rain to the area about 200 miles north of San Francisco.

Nearly 1,300 firefighters were on the lines and the blaze, which started Wednesday, was 60 percent contained.

Bill Clinton tried to broker Led Zeppelin reunion

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a diplomatic failure at the highest level: Bill Clinton couldn't get Led Zeppelin to reunite.

The CBS "60 Minutes" webcast reported Monday that the former president was enlisted to ask the British rock gods to get back together last year for the Superstorm Sandy benefit concert in New York City. He asked, they said no.

David Saltzman of the Robin Hood Foundation says he and film executive Harvey Weinstein flew to Washington to ask Clinton to make the plea. Led Zeppelin's surviving members Robert Plant, John Paul Jones and Jimmy Page were in Washington just before the Sandy concert for the Kennedy Center Honors.

Led Zeppelin last played publicly at a one-night reunion in London in 2007.

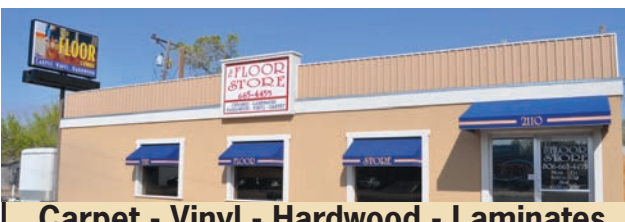
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