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Finding her place



Early voting turnout up from last year

STAFF REPORT

Turnout for early voting was good this year with 820 residents casting their votes ahead of time for the combined city and school district elections.

school district elections. "We had 820 voters," said Karen Goodman, Gray County elections administrator. "That's a 40 percent increase over last year when we had 586."

Early voting by personal appearance was conducted at City Hall between April 29 to May 7.

Residents will have another chance to vote Saturday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner St. Polling hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The hot-potato item in this year's election is the mixed drink referendum. In December, the City of Pampa received more than 1,300 verified signatures in support of serving mixed drinks at restaurants in town.

Proponents of the measure have argued that allowing mixed drink sales would make Pampa a more inviting location for chain restaurants like Chili's and Friday's. More restaurants in town serving alcohol would translate into higher sales tax revenue collections; the city, in turn, could utilize those new revenues to expand its public services. Those against the referendum have ar-

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Rodeo queen contest making

comeback

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

After a one year hiatus, the Top O' Texas Rodeo Queen Contest is back for 2013.

This year's rodeo is scheduled Aug. 8-10 at Recreation Park.

The contest is open to young ladies ages 14-19 who live in or near Pampa. The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship and the runner-up will get \$200.

The contest will be different than in previous years, said Robert Douglas, a member of the rodeo association's queen contest committee and a past association president. There will be less emphasis on glamour than in past years, he said. This year's contestants will dress in simple Western attire such as blue jeans, a solid-color shirt and boots.

"Another change is that we are asking local businesses to sponsor a contestant," he said.

Sponsorships are \$125 and will underwrite the cost of putting on the contest, he said, and any money left over will be added to the scholarship fund.

If a business needs help finding a contestant to sponsor, the rodeo association can help them out, Douglas said.

"We have been contacting local businesses and the responses have been good," he said.

Contestants must be able to ride a horse, carry a flag while riding and be able to attend all three performances of the rodeo and the parade on Saturday morning. Further, contestants will be required to answer questions from the judges at the horsemanship contest. After the judging, girls can change into clothes with their sponsors names or lo-

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Elaineah Jackson and her grandmother, Becky, play with Missy, their Chihuahua mix.

Pampa girl with CDLS feels right at home in AgriLife Extension program.

By Sasha Heller sheller@thepampanews.com

For Elaineah Jackson, fitting in among her peers has never been easy. Jackson, 11, of Pampa, suffers from Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CDLS) which has left a couple of her fingers slightly deformed. But that is Elaineah's only visible physical handicap and, if no one had told you she deals with CDLS, you may never know it just by looking at her. "If she has it, she's on the very mild side," said Elaineah's grandmother, Becky.

Typical effects of CDLS include thin eyebrows that meet in the middle, long eyelashes, a short upturned nose and thin downturned lips — Elaineah has none of these.

But children know. They always know. They can tell something is

Reality not like reality TV

Local bail bondsmen say job is mostly about ensuring clients show up for court.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE

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When Jacob Martinez started his job as a bail bond agent two years ago, his friends joked, "So you are going to be just like Dog the Bounty Hunter now."

Partly to play along with the jokes, Martinez decided to dress up as the heavily tattooed and leather-clad reality TV star for Halloween.

Duane "Dog" Chapman lived in Pampa and served 18 months in a Texas prison on a murder conviction. Encouraged by a prison guard to become a bounty hunter when he got out, Chapman made international news in 2003 by capturing cosmetics industry tycoon Andrew Luster in Mexico, who had fled the United States in the middle of his trial on charges of drugging and raping a number of women.

Professionally dressed in a vest and tie, Martinez said the job of an agent, or bail bondsman, is much different than what is often portrayed on the tube.

"There are some dangers to it but it's **BONDS** cont. on page 3



Submitted photo

different with Elaineah and children

are often times brutal and relentless

when singling out someone from the

Elaineah, a fourth-grader at Lamar

Elementary School, had been in-

volved with a local Girl Scouts troop

but Becky felt like the other girls

didn't accept Elaineah. The other

girls' treatment of Elaineah prompt-

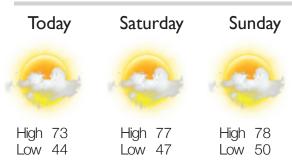
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pack.

Photo by Timothy P. Howsare Bail bond agent Jacob Martinez of Central Bail Bonds on Somerville Street with newly hired employee Jordan Borger.



PAMPA FORECAST



Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 73. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 18 mph. Sunrise at 6:43 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 44. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind east southeast at 12 mph. Sunset at 8:38 p.m.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 77. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:42 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 47. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind southeast at 10 mph. Sunset at 8:39 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 78. No chance of rain. Wind south at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:41 a.m.

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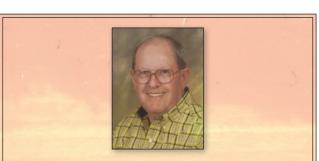
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Pampa man arrested for possession of controlled substance

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• Jessy Jaylynn Griffin, Thursday by PPD for theft

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fine — ran red light.

ment of Public Safety for Wednesday by PPD on a Borger, was arrested sion of marijuana, Randall Wednesday by PPD for expired motor vehicle identi-22, Pampa, was arrested fication, failure to appear laviz, 19, Pampa, was arand no drivers license.

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> Alexander Antonio Garested Thursday by GCSO for motion to revoke pro-

GOP boycotts health care advisory board

WASHINGTON publican leaders told Presi- other service providers if dent Barack Obama Thursday that they will refuse to nominate candidates to serve on an advisory board that is to play a role in holding down Medicare costs ing costs to seniors or under the new health care act.

House Speaker Boehner, who joined Senate Republican leader mer GOP vice presiden-Mitch McConnell in boycotting the Independent referred to "death panels" Payment Advisory Board, also said that the House next week will vote again to repeal the health care act. According to a Democratic count, the House has tried some 36 times to repeal or defund all or part of Obama's landmark health care overhaul since it became law in 2010.

(AP) force payment cuts on in- niors." House and Senate Re- surers, drug companies and Medicare costs rise beyond certain levels.

The health care law explicitly forbids the board from rationing care, shiftcutting their benefits, but Republicans have insisted John that it will be a vehicle to deny care to seniors. Fortial candidate Sarah Palin that would allow the government to withhold lifesaving care from the elderly while campaigning in 2008.

While Boehner and Mc-Connell did not go that far, they said in their letter to Obama that reduced payments "will force providers to stop seeing Medicare Republicans call "Obam- an unpopular tax-filing re-The 15-member advisory patients" and "this will lead acare," even though GOP board, known as IPAB, to access problems, waiting leaders know the Demowould have the power to lists and denied care for se- cratic-controlled

Boehner, at a news conference Thursday, said this about 70 new members "is a board with 15 unelected, unaccountable individuals who have the authority to deny seniors access to care. The American people don't want the federal government making decisions tal repeal of the law rather that doctors and patients than efforts to amend it as should be making.'

The members of the board, to consist of people nominated by both parties, would be subject to Senate confirmation. Economists have predicted that have been only two previthe board's services might not be needed in the near future because Medicare tirety. They say there have cost increases appear to be manageable.

was voting a 37th time to repeal all or part of what including one eliminating Senate nesses.

will again ignore the vote, Boehner said there were of the House this year. "Frankly they have been asking for an opportunity to vote on it, and we are going to give it to them."

He said he supports toit goes into effect over the next year. "I don't believe there is a way to fix this and make it acceptable to the American people."

Republicans say there ous votes to eliminate the health care law in its enbeen more than 30 votes to partially repeal or de-Asked why the House fund the law, and several have been signed into law, quirement that would have affected millions of busi-

Brazilian woman survives harpoon shooting

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) - A 28-year-old woman miraculously survived after her husband accidentally shot her in the mouth with a harpoon, Brazilian officials said Wednesday.

The Rio de Janeiro State Health Department said in a statement that the woman's husband was cleaning his spear gun when it went off, firing a harpoon that hit her cervical spine. Elisangela Borborema Rosa was rushed to the hospital and underwent emergency surgery after Monday's incident in the coastal city of Arraial do Cabo.

The statement quotes neurosurgeon Allan da Costa as saying that the harpoon came within 1 centimeter (less than half an inch) of killing the woman. He said he expects a full recovery. A police officer in Arrial do Cabo said by telephone that officials are looking into the case.

"Everything indicates it was an accident, but we are investigating. We don't think the husband tried to kill her," said the officer, who cited department policy in declining

Cleanup day Saturday, more recovery in West

repair experts have been residents understand and helping residents of a find resources for rebuild-Central Texas town devas- ing. tated by a deadly fertilizer plant explosion rebuild.

were damaged or de- another community cleanstroyed in the April 17 up day. City officials are blast in West, about 70 asking for donations of miles south of Fort Worth. garden and leaf rakes. explosion The fiery claimed 14 lives and left about 200 other people Community Center. hurt.

The Heart of Texas also need in the weekend Builders

WEST (AP) — Some Thursday night to help

The city of West also used its website to an-Dozens of structures nounce Saturday will be

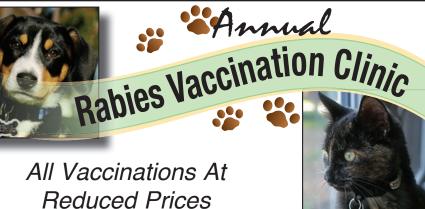
The equipment can be dropped off at the West

Some truck drivers are Association cleanup effort.

Ralph Dee Alexander 6/6/32 - 5/10/10

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Texas charter school waitlist numbers remain fluid

AUSTIN (AP) — As ing its way through the lawmakers debate ex- Legislature has prompted panding Texas charter advocates to repeatedly schools to accommodate point to a Texas Charter students wanting to leave Schools Association surunsatisfactory traditional vey conducted between classrooms, new details last August and September show charter school wait- showing nearly 102,000 list numbers can fluctu- students statewide were ate during the year due in on waitlists for charter large part to varied reporting standards and duplica- the space for them. tions.

expansion push work-

schools that didn't have

An updated survey con-The major charter school ducted by The Associated Press late last month found about 8,000 fewer names, owing in part to some lists that are wiped clean and begun again in January — meaning they have only been building for four months this year. Charter school operators say their waitlists continue to grow and could eventually exceed last summer's totals.



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Bonds

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not like what you see on TV. I bond people out of jail and make sure they show up for their court dates," he said. "If my client doesn't have an attorney then the judge looks at me to make sure they show up for court."

Central Bail Bonds is lo-St. The company is based in Amarillo and has offices throughout the Panhandle, serving about 10 counties.

Martinez, who works mostly in Gray County, said this of his job: "It's different every day. It keeps me out and about.

Martinez was born in Lubbock and graduated from Texas State University with an engineering degree.

Bonds, and that's how he got into the business.

Anne Briggs, another local bond agent, works out of her house on Crawford Street near Hobart Baptist Church.

table," she said.

Briggs likes to work part time and is glad that nearly all bonds at the Gray County Jail are set in the morning and not the wee hours of the night like in some counties.

She said 95 percent of her clients show up for court on their scheduled dates and report to her weekly. "It's the other 5 percent that give you trouble."

While she doesn't condone the crimes her clients may have committed, Briggs said she still wants to help them get their lives back on track.

her company, Chris Nonnecke of Amarillo, a "great towns it is up to the sheriff Christian man" and that they have helped clients who are hardcore drug addicts get into rehab.

"Some of my former clients have been clean for

am a lover of all people. I don't care if you are as low as you can be or as rich as you can be, and I don't care what color you are.'

Briggs agrees with Martinez that the biggest part of a bond agent's job is making sure clients show up for court

'My job is to get them there into the court room,' she said. "The court dockets are sent to us."

A bail bond is a contract cated at 315 N. Somerville to make sure someone shows up for court when they are released from jail.

The right to a timely and fair bond is ingrained in our federal Constitution. The Eighth Amendment prohibits cruel and unusual punishment and excessive bonds

If, for example, bond is set at \$100,000, the individual can pay the full bond or hire a bail bond agency, which promises to pay the His aunt runs Budget Bail court the full amount if Bonds in Amarillo, a sister the client is a no-show for company to Central Bail court. The agency typically charges the client a fee of 10 percent, which, unlike a cash bond paid directly to the court, is not returned to the client when he or she appears for court.

If the individual fails to "My office is my kitchen appear, then the bail agency may hire a bounty hunter to locate the individual.

An agent can take out a security against a defendant's assets in order to cover the cost of the bail.

This can range from a house to the two tanning beds that were in Martinez' office Wednesday when he was interviewed by The Pampa News.

Bail bond companies in Texas must have a certificate and proof of financial solvency, but whether the individual agents are required to have certification varies from place to place. In a city the size of Am-

She called the owner of arillo or larger, licenses are required, but in small whether you can work in his jail or not.

let you in or kick you out," Briggs said.

three years," she said. "I Copeland said he doesn't tell them to get an attorney."



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare Anne Briggs of Freedom Bail Bonds on Crawford Street.

recall ever having a problem with an agency at his jail.

"As long as they are qualified," he said. "I determine that before they go to work."

Copeland said without the service bond agencies provide, his jail "would be full all the time."

Bond hearings are held seven days a week by magistrate judges Joe Martinez (no relation to Jacob) and Kurt Curfman.

Joe Martinez said he and Curfman rotate from week to week, and the hearings usually begin around 8 or 8:30 a.m.

He said they handle all classes of offenses, from DWIs to murders.

Joe Martinez said the judge has complete discretion to determine the bail amount.

"We consider things like their criminal history to determine whether they are a flight risk," he said.

Curfman added he and Joe Martinez like to be consistent with the times they hold hearings.

We try to have a set time every day so everyone — the county attorney, the officers and deputies filing charges can have their paperwork ready," he said.

Jacob Martinez said it is important to remain objective while carrying out his "The sheriff can either job. "I don't judge people, I help get them out. If someone asks me what they Gray County Sheriff Don should do (in court), I always

Queen

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An additional event is a fashion show and dinner for the contestants, sponsors and family members.

Along with attending all the rodeo events, the winner will be expected to participate in the Pampa Christmas Parade and Top O' Texas Livestock Show.

Douglas said the queen committee is hoping to get 12 to 14 contestants this year.

"We are changing it up a bit and hoping the girls will like it," Douglas said. "And we would like to thank everyone who plans to participate."

Packets for contestants will be available on May 15 at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, The Pampa News or by calling the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at 806-669-0434.

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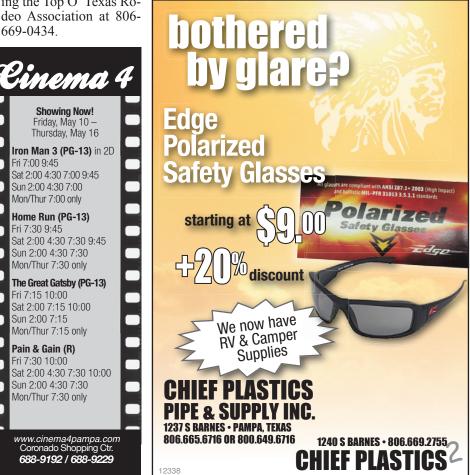
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From left, Moose Lodge administrator Scott Stilley with Lauren and Jodi Pingel, have raised \$17,300 toward construction of a handicapaccessible park. The girls have not set a fixed amount as a goal. Mayor Brad Pingel said, "The more we raise, the bigger the park can be." The Pampa Moose Lodge recently donated \$2,750 to the Wheeltimes fundraiser. "We just think its a worthwhile cause and we applaud the efforts of the girls," said Stilley.



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gued that allowing mixed will elect five school board drink sales is a social taboo members, with four candithat could lead to more de- dates running unopposed: structive social ills, such as Jay Johnson — place 1; more alcohol-related traffic David Teichmann accidents. Also appearing on the bal- and Cay Warner lot will be seats on the City 7. Louis Nava and Lance Commission representing DeFever will contend for Wards 1 and 3 (Commis- place 6. School board sioners John Studebaker member Matt Brock did and Robert Dixon); and the not refile.

mayor (Brad Pingel). All three candidates are unopposed. The Pampa Independent

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The war on terror: up close and personal

Living in the shadows of the ongoing war on terror are 1,715 American military people who lost limbs in Iraq and

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now at least 20 new amputee victims because of the brutal terror bombing in Boston.

When reality sinks in and the injured realize how dependent they are without all of their limbs, often there are severe psychological consequences. Many of the soldiers and Marines who lost limbs were selfreliant achievers who lived life on their own terms.

The bombs changed all that When I visit Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., I am struck by the determination of the amputees to put their lives back together. But the rehab process is exceedingly difficult for them and their families. Sometimes the wounded warrior feels guilty that his or her condition is bringing emotional pain to friends and family. You can see that in their eyes. They don't feel sorry for themselves so much, but they are sad for those who love them. The United States is a great country, but we do have our failings. Providing for the severely wounded should be a top priority, but it is not. Responding to a lack of urgency on the part of the Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs, a private organization called The Independence Fund was started in 2007 to provide support for amputees. And now something amazing has happened. A small company in Michigan has invented the Action TrackChair, an all-terrain wheelchair that can literally go anywhere — on sand,

in the forest, through shallow streams, you name it. The chairs are a high-tech marvel. Small switches give physically challenged folks almost stan. A few full mobility and an acute sense of indepenbrave folks dence — thus the name of the fund.

The chairs cost about \$15,000 each, and therein lies the problem. The federal government is broke after wasting billions of taxpayer dollars on misguided overseas nation-building projects, social justice boondoggles here at home and failed green energy investments like Solyndra. Just this week, The New York Times reported that the CIA is giving millions of dollars in cash to Hamid Karzai, the corrupt leader of Afghanistan. Karzai is a guy who would make Al Capone blush. If you took just 20 percent of the Karzai payoff money, you could buy every American military amputee a TrackChair

Culture Code

Seeing the world changed my perspective

A key feature of our common culture is the experience of traveling and the physiological effects on the body and mind encountered by the traveler. This



shared experience connects all human beings on multiple levels through the power of memory and our abilities to communicate and internalize. When someone visits a new land, upon their return

they relay to a friend who has never been there what the place looks like, what the people are into and what life is like there in general — essentially, the local culture.

Discovering new cultures allows the traveler to learn new ideas and incorporate fresh perspectives into their everevolving paradigms. Our worldviews can always be adjusted, they can be skewed through our interactions with nature — no matter how foreign that nature may be.

I am fortunate to have been raised by two public school teachers who spent as much of their summer vacations as they

could traveling. They took me along when they could allowing me, before age 14, to experience England, Ireland, Jamaica (twice), the Bahamas, Cayman Islands and Toronto, Canada. I met new people and my world expanded.

Already an avid baseball player, I learned how to play cricket in England, quickly picking up the sport's glitchy swing.

At 7, I ordered sodas to the room at a wet bar in a hotel pool in the Caymans; my mother had just received a Teacher of the Year Award and was gifted two tickets to the Caribbean paradise.

I watched in silence with a Jamaican bartender as red sunrises graced the horizon of Montego Bay. We didn't need words to appreciate the beauty - and I was 13 so I really didn't have much to say anyway.

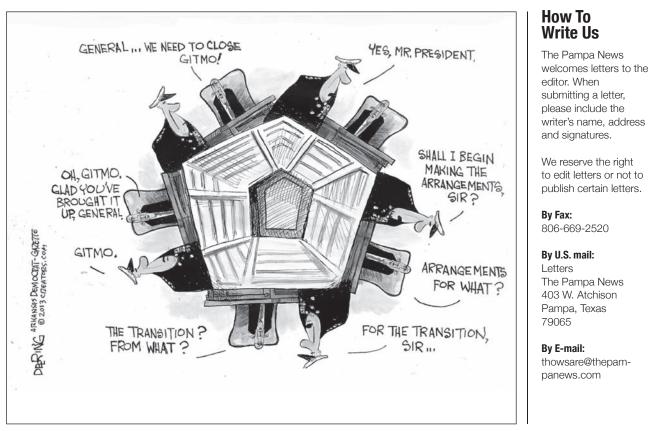
By that time, I had also driven through half of the states in America as my parents were also fond of taking long road trips, most often to a favorite beach destination like Hilton Head (S.C.) or St. Simon's Island (Ga.).

Let me share a humorous tale of a 6-year-old traipsing

through the Irish countryside who fell ill with a bit of a stomach ache. My mother and I were on a week-long tour in Ireland when we came upon the Blarney Stone, a famous, national Irish monument. The giant stone sits on the property of Blarney Castle and visitors come from all over the world to see the stone. The tradition is to kiss the Blarney Stone for good luck.

While my mother and I were at the site, I began feeling nauseous. I vaguely recall waiting in line for our turn to see the stone. When we were within striking distance, I directed my mouth toward the stone but something awful came spewing forth from my lips. I had vomited on a treasured Irish monument. To make matters worse, I was wearing a green sweatshirt, green sweatpants and an orange cap. Those colors happen to be the chosen colors of the Northern Irish Republican Army, who have long been at odds with the nation of Ireland. To the untrained eye, what I had done may have looked like the poster child of the enemy puking on hallowed ground.

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lost all four limbs when bombs blew apart their bodies. In

> But that's a pipedream. Not gonna happen. So

we the people have to help our wounded warriors regain a semblance of control over their lives, because the federal government will not.

I hope you check out the website independencefund.org. We all need to right this wrong. The technology is available to help amputees, and there is no reason on Earth why every single person who needs a TrackChair shouldn't have one.

So let's make this happen, people! We are Americans. We owe it to those who sacrificed their bodies for our country to do everything we can to help them.

Finally, I've discussed the situation with President Obama and believe that in the weeks to come a national effort will be launched to help the grievously wounded and their families.

That story: still developing.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Pinheads and Patriots: Where You Stand in the Age of Obama

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Fewer border crossings, e-verify system justify bill

Many loud voices in the debate over immigration have been insisting that effective border enforcement must precede any steps that legalize the status of cur-

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Some

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Byron York,

Examiner

colleague

have been



reading the BARONE fine print in the 800-

page draft prepared by the Senate Gang of Eight (or Gang of Ocho, if you prefer).

They argue that the legislation is quick to provide some form of legal status but only calls for commissions to be convened at some later time if the border is not secured. There's something to these arguments.

The Gang of Eight, like the drafters of the 1986 law and the bills that failed to pass in 2006 and 2007, is offering a deal: legalization in return for effective enforcement. The 1986 law, it is widely agreed, did not deliver on enforcement, and this bill wouldn't, either.

But that is yesterday's issue. The border doesn't matter so much as it used to.

That's because the U.S. is not likely to have another wave of immigration across the border from Mexico anywhere near the magnitude of the one from 1982 to 2007.

During most of that time, Mexico's birth rates were high, and its economy was hit by periodic crashes. In most of those years, the United States was generating large numbers of new jobs, especially in California and Texas. The wave of immigration from Mexico followed.

Today conditions are different. Mexico's birth rates have fallen; its economy is growing, while ours struggles; and the dream of homeownership in the U.S. was shattered as foreclosures took a heavy toll on Hispanic immigrants.

We can do better on the border — though we should keep in mind that Texas leaders, including Gov. Rick Perry, don't want a fence along the Rio Grande. But those who fear that legalization would trigger another wave of illegals would be wise to direct their attention to other parts of the legislation.

One is E-Verify, the system to determine the legal status of job applicants by checking their Social Security numbers. It's been required for some employers in states such as Arizona, and a survey conducted for ImmigrationWorks USA, a group that favors a comprehensive bill, reports that 23 percent of restaurant owners are using it today.

The Gang of Eight says that its bill would mandate the use of E-Verify. It's a tool that was not available when the 1986 law was passed.

Most Americans then, left and right, were skittish about creating anything like a national identity card. Americans today, after years of mass illegal immigration and terrorist attacks, seem less troubled by this.

An effective means of validating legal status and why should this be harder than what Visa and MasterCard do every day? — could vastly reduce

job opportunities for illegal immigrants. It could dramatically decrease the incentive to cross the border illegally or overstay a visa.

Those who fear future illegal immigration should be drilling down into the E-Verify sections. When would its use be required? And of whom? What are the standards it would have to meet, and who would decide?

It's possible that a case can be made for strengthening the E-Verify provisions. Those who don't want another wave of illegals should make that case if they can.

The other area of concern to those who decry mass low-skill immigration is the section covering high-skill immigration.

The Gang of Eight says it would increase the slots for high-skill immigrants. That would move us some distance toward countries such as Canada and Australia, which limit immigration to those with high skills.

Currently, we have a small number of H-1B visas allowing entry to those

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It got a little tense but my mother and I escaped. But while it could have been much worse, the experience still stands as a lasting memory and one I'll never forget. As Mother's Day rolls around this weekend, I remember my mom who passed away from lung cancer a few years ago. I always think of her but, on Sunday, I'll think back to her sipping on Cokes at the pool in the Caymans or curling up on the beach with a good book and her toes nestled in the sand.

Since graduating college in 2008, I've worked at four newspapers in four distinctly different areas of the country: the Alabama Gulf Coast, the Mississippi Delta, the northern New Mexico mountains and the Texas Panhandle. Each community I lived and worked in has presented a common culture I can recognize and unique subcultures that may be new to me. I eat new foods and pick up foreign-sounding slang. Culture is powerful and traveling lets us personalize that power. By sharing our experiences, we learn from each other, we grow and we fall in love all over again.

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with high-tech skills. Surely, we need to increase that number.

But should we limit those immigrants, as we currently do, to one employer? Maybe high-skill immigrants could make more contributions to our society if they were able to operate freely in the marketplace.

Major immigration legislation gets passed only every generation or two — 1924, 1965, 1986. The provisions of the law end up shaping the future population of the nation, sometimes in unanticipated ways.

One of those unanticipated ways was the wave of illegal low-skill immigrants mainly, but not entirely, from Mexico — that started in the early 1980s and was accelerated by the 1986 law. Those who regret that would be wise to concentrate not on yesterday's issues but on tomorrow's issues, such as employer verification and encouraging high-skill immigration.

NJ vet gets back dog tag he lost in World War II

Carol Wilkins leaned said. over the side of her father's wheelchair and sometimes talk about his handed him the small red war experience, especially box. a heart-shaped cutout when Carol was young, revealing its contents: a mentioning that he lost weathered, bent silver dog his dog tags. He and his

tag. "Oh, Daddy, look," smile wide. back."

Sixty-nine years after losing his dog tag on the battlefields of southern France, Willie Wilkins the soil around an olive reclaimed it Wednesday after a trans-Atlantic effort to return it to him that tag. started more than a decade ago in a French backyard early spring day in 2001 and ended with a surprise in Istres, France, a village ceremony in Newark City about 35 miles northwest Hall.

"I am so happy," Carol Wilkins said. "You don't know what joy is on my heart for what you have done for my father." In August 1944, Willie Wilkins was an Army corporal fighting in the Allied invasion of southern France. Amid the horrors of battle, Wilkins's job was one of the grimmest. A quartermaster, Wilkins was responsible for removing and identifying the bodies of dead American servicemen and having them buried or transported back to the United States.

At some point during the DOMS," Crespo later invasion, Willie Wilkins's silver dog tag somehow slipped off his neck.

'It could have been an arm, it could have been a hip that dragged it off, because he was picking up dead bodies," Carol Wilkins said. "He said it was horrible. Blood everywhere. Parts. All he knew was to pick up those bodies for the family members how it got there. of dead soldiers."

to Newark and work on the assembly line at Western Electric in nearby Kearny. He was a happy man passion for history, so who doted on his only daughter, but his service the dog tags and emailed as a quartermaster took an them to him. enormous toll.

down and post-traumatic photos in an online hisstress disorder and retired tory forum.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) at age 44, Carol Wilkins

Willie Wilkins would family were convinced the small medallion would tlefields of Provence.

In a backyard 4,000 miles from Newark, Anne-Marie Crespo was tilling tree tucked into a corner when she found the dog

She was enjoying an of Marseille.

Crespo hit a small piece of metal stamped with a name and numbers. She brought it inside, cleaned it and tried to straighten

out the tag's bend, only to break it slightly.

Crespo knew the tag belonged to a soldier and kept it on a bookcase shelf.

She presumed the soldier died on the battlefield, and held a ceremony at her home to honor Wilkins and other American war dead.

"I often thought of this poor soldier dead for FRANCE + FREEwrote in a handwritten letter to Carol Wilkins, dated April 13, 2013. "WILLIE WILKINS what a pretty name, as it sounds good for us French, for me anyway." Crespo would often show the dog tag to visitors, proud of the "treasure" she found in the backyard but unsure

She showed the arti-Willie Wikins returned fact to a friend over a meal.

The friend mentioned that her brother had a she took photographs of

The brother, Philippe He had a nervous break- Clerbout, posted the

He got a reply from the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C., which said Wilkins joined the military on Dec. 31, 1942, in Fort Bragg, N.C.

Clerbout became a man with a mission: finding Willie Wilkins.

His quest to help an American soldier was personal. Cherbout's father was a prisoner in Germany from June 1940 until the camp was liberated in 1945. He returned to France with American troops and married Cherbout's mother.

Cherbout sent emails to New Jersey. anyone he thought could help, from the White House to media outlets. A woman from the U.S. Department of Veteran's affairs in Minneapolis located Willie Wilkins in er of the GI Go Fund. Newark.

Carol Wilkins thought the phone call was a prank.

It was the woman from Minneapolis, asking for her father's honorable discharge number because someone found his dog tag.

Carol Wilkins didn't believe the woman and insisted on calling her back. The call was legitimate.

"I said, Daddy, Daddy, Daddy," she said, "They found your dog tags. You know you never had them. "Wilkins said her father was just smiling. He was so happy.'

Veteran's affairs got in touch with the GI Go Fund, a Newark nonprofit that connects veterans with services and helps them make the transition to civilian life.

The organization brought the dog tag to

Dog tags are "who you are in the military. It's how you're identified. This is me. This is who I am," said Jack Fanous, executive director and co-found-







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Wilkins exclaimed as her remain a tangible piece of 90-year-old father opened the history of the invasion,

it, his eyes beaming and buried somewhere in what "They're were once the bloody bat-

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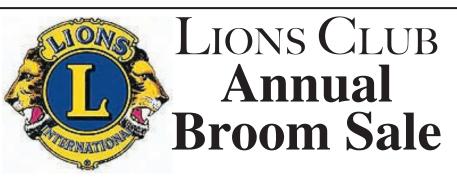
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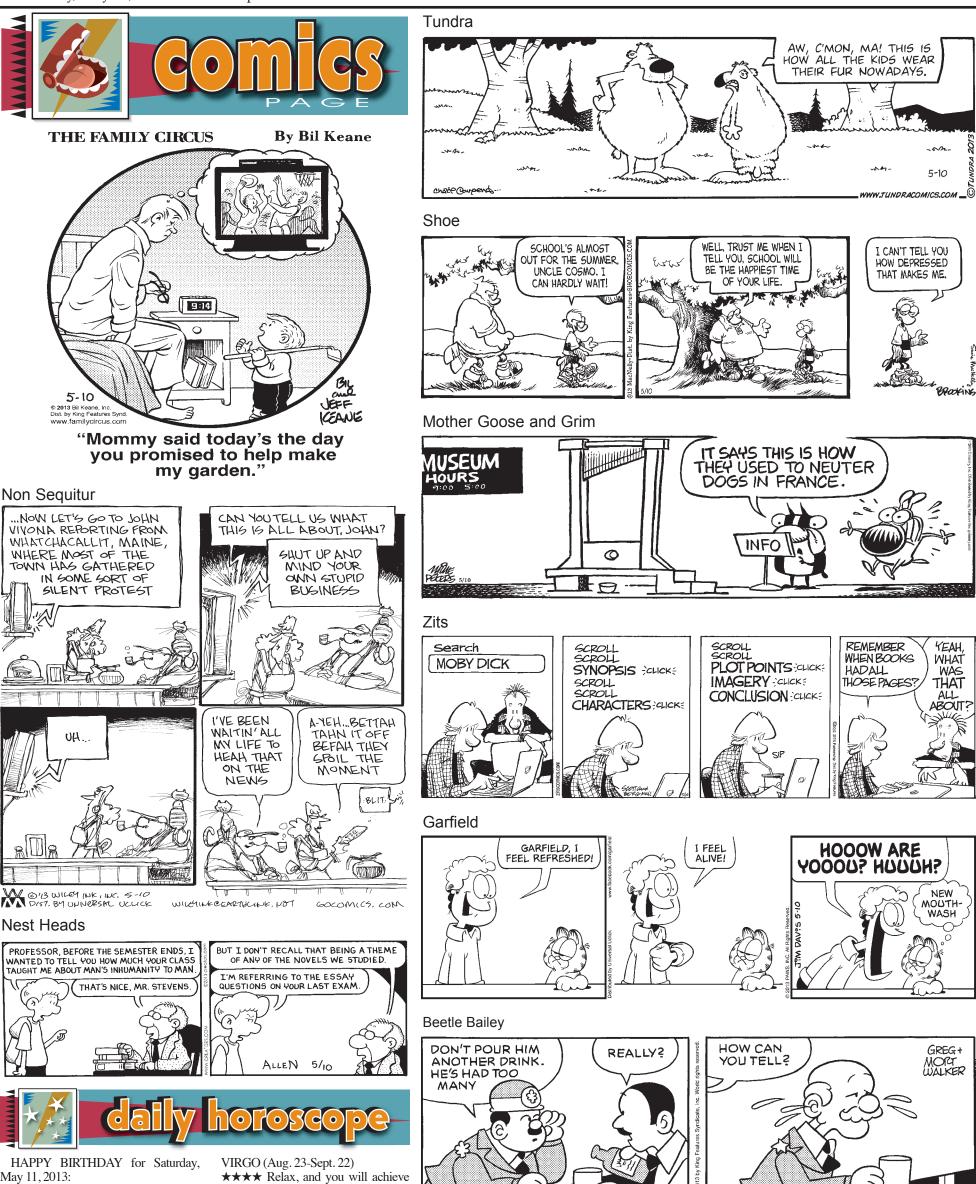
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You will want to have a discussion involving your finances and potential growth. You have a lot of opinions and a variety of information, but it always is worth brainstorming with someone who has a similar perspective and different knowledge. Tonight: Say "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

into spending more than you desire. You know your limits, and you might not want to waver. Follow your instincts as to what is best for you. Avoid overdiscussing a situation if you want a receptive audience. Tonight: Treat a friend to a movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You are full of personality and excitement. An offbeat friend can't seem to leave you alone. You might want to incorporate this person into some of your plans. You might know more about someone's feelings than he or she does at this moment. Tonight: Whatever you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

of sorts and not feeling good. You could be assessing a situation differently from those around you. Make time for a dear friend who often shares with you, and vice versa. Take some time to recharge your batteries. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ A friend will reach out to you, probably to take off on a day trip or go to a fair or an art show. Make it your pleasure. Crowds offer an opportunity to meet someone new and interesting. Unexpected developments force a change of plans. Tonight: Follow the crowds.

what you want. You sometimes have a heightened sense of responsibility. Do check in with an older friend or relative who shares many different ideas. A minivacation might be involved with future plans. Tonight: Appreciated for who you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Be spontaneous. Your sense of fun and adventure will come out. Wherever you are, you open up to new ideas and have a good sense of direction. A conversation with a partner or dear friend could result in new suggestions to solve a key issue. Tonight: Where your mind can roam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Bring forth more information than you have in the past. You have a situation that is changing the more you open up. When you keep your ideas to yourself, others are left to use their imagination. You might be surprised at some of the responses. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

 $\star \star \star$ You might want to defer more $\star \star \star$ Do not let someone push you to others, unless you want to go your own way. Though you are a strong, independent personality, you also often want to be with your friends. Express more giveand-take in a relationship, and it will work better as a result. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 $\star \star \star$ Get into a fun project, or run some errands. A surprise easily could land on your doorstep. Maintain a sense of humor, and you'll have an easy time working through any problem that could emerge. Think positively. Tonight: Know that you do not need to do anything.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You could be out of sorts with $\star\star$ For some reason, you might be out a friend who often throws a boomerang into your life. Know that this person probably won't change. You'll have a decision to make. Allow your inner child to emerge. Tonight: Give yourself a little more freedom to express who you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$ You are on top of your game, and you'll enjoy yourself to no end. Listen to what is being shared within your immediate circle of friends. Know when to say "enough." You do not like to hurt anyone's feelings, but sometimes it is necessary to speak up. Tonight: Do what you love.



Marvin



Meline

OFF TO THE RACES



Photos by Dana Whinery

Above, hospital staff and community members line up at the starting line Wednesday for a stick horse race at Pampa Regional Medical Center. In the spirit of that "real" horse race at Churchill Downs, the first-ever event was called the Kentucky Derby. The 13 competing teams raised \$623 for the 2013 Relay for Life. Along with the horse race, there was a contest to decorate your thoroughbred and another for the most unusual hat. Below left, Denise Daves, surgical services director, shows off her funny hat. Below right, Mayor Brad Pingel plays it safe by wearing a helmet.



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Mass. panel: No profanity on rapper's headstone

LYNN, Mass. (AP) - Commissioners at a Massachusetts cemetery have said no to profanity on headstones. Sonny Santiago, 23, was a rapper who died in a car crash in February. Commissioners at Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn this week unanimously rejected his family's request to inscribe his gravestone with a song verse that included profanity. The commission became aware of the language when the company inscribing the 3-foot tall memorial submitted drawings to commissioners. Pine Grove Cemetery regulations posted online state that "the cemetery office must approve all inscription work on monuments.' "We've never had a problem like this before," commission Chairman Arthur Dulong told The Daily Item of Lynn. The family has been asked to remove the decoration because it does not conform to cemetery rules. Santiago's mother, Ana DeJesus, said the family will comply with the request — but she's not happy about it.

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ed Becky to withdraw Elaineah from the Scouts.

"We decided to quit doing Girl Scouts because I didn't feel like the girls there accepted her," Becky said, adding that she ended up serving as a scout leader and didn't have the time to commit.

After taking some time to decide what Elaineah might like to try next, Becky learned about the programs offered through the Gray County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

"We didn't know much about it," Becky said.

Though she was somewhat in the dark about 4-H, Becky let Elaineah jump right in and Elaineah hasn't looked back since. Her favorite activities in the 4-H program are cooking, sewing and photography.

"Because we get to learn all kinds of new stuff," Elaineah said.

Through 4-H, Elaineah has also baked cocoa crinkle cookies, made pasta salad, learned how to safely cut with knives and she's completed the MyPlate nutrition education program.

Becky sang the praises of Extension Service agent Joan Gray-Soria who has been crucial in helping Elaineah find her place in 4-H.

"Joan is great with them," Becky said.

Soria has also been impacted by Elaineah. Soria gave her regular update at last week's Gray County Commissioners Court meeting. While reviewing the 4-H program's recent activities, she began to share Elaineah's story with the commissioners. Soria, holding back tears, said Elaineah was proud of herself after she sewed a blue sun dress that featured a bright yellow and pink flower. Soria tried to laugh it off in front of the Commission, joking



about how she had prom-ised herself she wouldn't cry. But one could easily see, through Soria's display of emotional investment, just how much Elaineah has come to mean to her.

And yet, Elaineah isn't the only one who enjoys her time at 4-H. Becky also benefits from seeing the joy and success Elaineah has found by getting involved with the program.

"What I like about 4-H is that it's a good learn-ing experience for them," Becky said. "I do not sew.'

Becky was a little hesitant at first upon finding out Elaineah would be learning how to sew. She expressed similar, heartfelt concern when describing Elaineah's experience cutting with knives while cooking. Elaineah's misshapen hands could present a unique set of circumstances and Becky only wanted to look out for her granddaughter's best interests.

However, Soria was there to quickly calm Becky's fears. Joan told Becky not to worry and that she would look out for Elaineah.

"They're very helpful with the kids," Becky said.

Becky also noted how the 4-H program instills in the youth the value of unity and diversity.

"The program teaches the kids how to work together," she said. "It brings the kids closer together."

Elaineah has a sister, Starla, 8, who is involved with Clover Kids, which serves 4-H's younger members. Becky and her husband, Steve, also have two dogs: Missy, a Chihuahua mix, and Scooter, a Chihuahua Weenie.

This Saturday is National CDLS Awareness Day. So on Saturday, think of Elaineah and Becky and Starla and Steve, who have found peace and serenity through Elaineah's involvement in Pampa's 4-H program.

Submitted photo Elaineah Jackson, 11, has found happiness through her

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DEAR ABBY: I am a long- that, too. time reader but a first-time writer. My problem has been question. Your grandson cept he's 25 and I'm 17. bothering me for some time may or may not grow up now.

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His parents don't accept this think about him all the time. behavior, and I'm afraid it He says he loves me back. will affect him now and in Is this true love, or just a in denial. -GRANDMA

he were my grandchild I'd usual age to find your perfect am concerned about how IN LOVE their attitude will affect DEAR CONFUSED: No cause parents are supposed you will be when you meet to love and accept children someone who is your perenough and don't measure through the lens of life exup — which can be a self- perience. fulfilling prophecy.

that's what I'd do. And if DEAR ABBY: I met a guy

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

trucks, etc., I'd support three times a week. He's

to be gay or transgender, and for a while he was fine We have a grandson who which is what I think your with it. Now he thinks I'm is 4 and very much a "prin- letter is really about. Re- a cop and I'm going to bust cess boy." He likes girl toys gardless of what his orien- him for trying to have sex is far ahead of you in life any of his boy toys. We're at tant that he knows he is age. He explained why he try to talk him into having

He's an adorable little boy boy that I really love. He's gave him information trying and we love him to pieces. nice, smart and funny and I to prove I'm not.

the future. How would you mutual crush? I know I'm handle this? We don't say only 13, but I think I'm in anything to his parents be- love. Is it ridiculous to think cause they are pretty much I have found true love in sev-WORRIED enth grade? How can I tell whether it's love or not? And DEAR WORRIED: If what would you consider the talk with the parents. I, too, other half? — CONFUSED

the child in the future, be- one can predict how old the way they are, and sex- fect other half. People's inual orientation is inborn. terests and needs evolve as Children who feel consis- they grow older, and what tent disapproval grow up seems perfect today can thinking they aren't good seem less so when viewed

I would never label your I would "handle this" by feelings as "ridiculous," making sure my grandson but when you are in love, knew I loved, accepted and there is usually no doubt valued him just the way he about it. Because you need is. If that means allowing to ask someone else if what him to play with the toys you're feeling is true love,

he showed more interest on an online dating site. It in art, music and dance turns out I know him. He and less interest in sports, works at a store I shop in

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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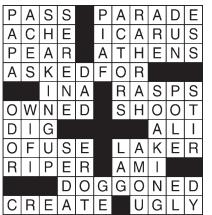
thinks that, and he made a sexual relationship with DEAR ABBY: I know this sense. But I'm NOT a cop. I you, you would be much

How do I prove that I'm not a cop? How do I show him he can trust me? - NEEDS ADVICE IN OREGON

DEAR NEEDS ADVICE: Undercover cops are older than 17. Because you say this man was "fine" with seeing you, but now is pulling away, it is possible that He knows how old I am he is trying to let you down without hurting your feelings. You are not yet out of high school and this man experience. Rather than better off finding someone your own age.

Abby, I really like him.

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Beyond the stat sheet Mothers hold a special place in our hearts

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Everyone has their traditions of honoring their mothers on this day. One of my favor-



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ites is a more recent one. Major League Baseball decided to honor mothers on that day by wearing pink in support of breast cancer research.

The players wear pink wristbands, pink necklaces, pink trim on shoes, pink socks, use pink bats, and, you name it. After Sunday, all of the items worn by the players are auctioned

off and all of the proceeds go to the Susan G. Koman for the Cure program.

I think it is great that professional athletes do not forget about their mothers and like to honor them in that special way.

I am still adjusting to not being able to see my mother on Mother's Day due to work or being away for college.

I never hesitate to give her a phone call to tell her I love her though and to thank

her for everything she has done for me. She has put up with a lot.

Due to space constraints, I cannot list everything I have done that she has put up with me through, but if you know my mother she will talk your ear off with story after story of something silly I have done.

Whether it was hitting baseballs off the roof of our house in Stillwater, Okla., breaking many shingles in the process, or throwing baseballs and breaking windows or portions of walls in the home, she has put up with me through it all and always gave me a hug to let her know she loves me and will never leave me no matter how many things I break - not to mention my rowdiness as a kid that led to many injuries. I have broken, torn, sprained or anything you can name many parts of the body and she has been with me through all of those right by my side as I heal

One of the scariest moments for her, I am sure, is when I fell out of the back of a truck while delivering papers and had to be life-flighted to Oklahoma City.

I suffered a skull fracture, brain contusion and grade-3 concussion.

Even still she fought for me during the healing process when school administrators were trying to hold me back one year. The accident happened in early April.

I missed almost a month of school and had to do homework under the influence of pain medication at my house. I am very thankful that she was able to tell them I didn't need to repeat the school year.

No matter where God leads me in this life, whether it's Pampa, Burleson, Stillwater, Okla., Weatherford, Okla., Mullinville, Kan., Searcy, Ark., or anywhere in the world, I will never forget my mother and all of the many blessings and lessons she has brought upon my life.

Come Sept. 14, I will have another mother in my life.

She will be my mother-in-law. Well, most people say mothers-in-law can be referred to as "monsters-in-law," but my future mother-in-law is a wonderful woman that has taken me under her wing ever since I came to Pampa.

Would it not be for the Guver family and the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ family, I do not think I would be happy in Pampa just because I wouldn't have many friends and would be lonely. The Guyers and the church have taken me in and I have grown to love this great small town of Pampa. So much so that I am marrying a Pampa girl and buying real estate in Pampa. I want to stay here for as long as God wills me to. I know that he brought me here for a reason.

I hope that many of you share the same sentiments about your mother as I do. Don't forget to give her a hug, call, write her, visit her tombstone or just think about her on the day set aside to honor our mothers.

Thank you for everything mom, I love you. And thank you for everything my future mother-in-law, I love you as well and can't wait to be included as a part of your family.

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Helfer, Guill headed to state

STAFF REPORT

Colten Helfer and Chanel Guill, both of Lefors, are headed to the state track meet hurdles. She also placed first in regionals in Austin.

Helfer will participate in the pole vault.

He won first place in the regionals with a vault of 12 feet.

Guill will participate in the 100-meter with a time of 17.04.

Lefors is in Class 1A, Division 2.

Kickoff time set for Oklahoma St-UT-San Antonio

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — A morn- in San Antonio. The game is to be broading kickoff has been scheduled for the cast by Fox Sports Net. Sept. 7 Oklahoma State at Texas-San Antonio game.

OSU officials say Conference USA has are coached by former Cowboys' assistant scheduled an 11 a.m. kickoff for the game Larry Coker.

This will be the first-ever meeting between OSU and UTSA. The Roadrunners



Oklahoma State to retire Tom Borland's jersey

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Oklaho- Injured Westbrook trying ma State plans to retire the jersey number of late pitcher Tom Borland.

The school announced Thursday that a ceremony is planned before the Cowboys' May 16 game against West Virginia to retire Borland's No. 11 jersey. He will become the fourth person to have his jersey retired at Oklahoma State, along with Robin Ventura (21), Pete Incaviglia (29) and coach Gary Ward (20).

The other three are members of the College Baseball Hall of Fame, and Borland is set to be inducted in June. He died in March at age 80.

A left-handed pitcher, Borland was 19-2 in his career with a 2.63 ERA and 16 complete games. He helped the school, then known as Oklahoma A&M, to the College World Series in 1954 and 1955.

to help Thunder while out

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — All-Star point guard Russell Westbrook expects to be on crutches for about four to five weeks as he returns from knee surgery that has knocked him out of the Oklahoma City Thunder's playoff run.

Westbrook held his first interview session Thursday since having surgery to repair cartilage in his right knee. He was hurt in Game 2 of Oklahoma City's first-round playoff series with Houston.

The Thunder have gone 3-3 without him and head to Memphis on Saturday for Game 3 of the Western Conference semifinals. That series is tied 1-1.

Westbrook says he's disappointed to be missing the playoffs and he's trying to help his team any way he can while he's out.

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