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Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Plemons-Shelby Camp 464, on Monday will conduct a historical reenactment of a black powder gun salute to honor 18 Confederate veterans buried at The McLean Hillcrest Cemetery.

Memorial Day service to be held in McLean

Names of Confederate veterans buried at Hillcrest Cemetery will be read.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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The McLean Hillcrest Cemetery Association is holding a Memorial Day service on Monday that will include a historical reenactment of a black powder gun salute to honor 18 Confederate veterans buried at the ceremony.

Singing and music will begin at 10 a.m. and the program starts at 10:30. "Come out and help us celebrate our heritage and honor our fallen," said

L.H. Webb, president of the Hillcrest Cemetery Association. "We want to honor all veterans, Confederate and Federal."

This year, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States, Sandra Barnes of the Texas Society Order of Confederate Rose, Chapter 51, will read the names of the 18 Confederate soldiers buried at Hillcrest.

Their graves will be flagged during the ceremony, she added.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Plemons-Shelby Camp 464, based in Amarillo, will perform a historical reenactment black powder gun salute in honor of these veterans.

"We will be dressed in full period

uniform," said Rocky Sprott, adjutant for Camp 464. "We may have a cannon to fire alternate volleys with the rifle-men."

Sprott said all the weaponry are replications from the War Between the States. He added the firearms are reliable and safe, and that blank charges will be fired.

Barnes said the discovery of the 18 Confederate graves in McLean is a fairly recent occurrence. Her chapter of the Confederate Rose is the ladies auxiliary of Plemons-Shelby Camp 464, and that's how she got involved.

"It's a project of the camp to identify soldiers in cemeteries throughout the

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Severe weather threat today

By **ZACHARY GREEN**
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There is a chance of severe thunderstorms today through the weekend. In a conference call with the National Weather Service in Amarillo on Wednesday afternoon, NWS spokesman B.J. Simpson said that there will be chances for severe storms starting today and every day into Memorial Day weekend. However, they believe the greatest threat is for today.

The greatest threat will be this afternoon starting anytime after 1 p.m. and continuing until the evening until before 10 p.m.

The primary hazards will be large hail and damaging winds. There will also be a local-

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How to help Moore tornado victims

STAFF REPORT

Here is how you can donate to the relief efforts for Moore, Okla.

The follow is a list of supplies needed along with places you can drop them off.

- Gift cards — The best are Visa or AMEX that can be used anywhere. Also helpful are Home Depot, Walmart, Target, etc.

- New Baby supplies — Disposable diapers, bottles, formula, car seats, blankets, onesies, etc.

- Clean-up supplies — Work gloves, N95 masks, cotton socks, heavy duty brooms, dust bins and garbage bags.

- Large containers for collecting household items — Big bins with lids, large canvas or sturdy bags, coolers, etc.

Items can be dropped off at Ammons Companies at 1423 N. Hobart St.; Pampa Office Supply at 215 N. Cuyler St.; The Coffee Shop at 220 N. Cuyler St.; Integra-Care Home Health of Pampa at 1224 N. Hobart St. No. 10.

They have asked that all donations be brought in by 5:30 p.m. today.

Donations can also be delivered to the United Supermarkets parking lot between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. today. The Harvester Take-down Club is hosting those donations.

A DAY FOR REMEMBRANCE



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Lance DeFever, sexton of Fairview Cemetery, stands next to a memorial to Flanders Field in France, where many American soldiers killed during World War I are buried. The field is known for its colorful poppies. A memorial service will be held Saturday at Fairview, located at 1500 N. Duncan St.

Remember loved ones Saturday at Fairview Cemetery

Pampa cemetery to hold annual Memorial Day service.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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Fairview Cemetery in Pampa will hold its annual memorial service at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Lance DeFever, who was hired as a cemetery sexton in 1999, said the event is free and open to the public.

DeFever said the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 will conduct a flag-raising ceremony and the Pampa Lions Club will be fixing hamburgers free to the public.

"The memorial service is for all family members and is open to everyone," said DeFever, who also is a director at Whatley-Carmichael Funeral Home.

There are now about 12,000 people buried in Fairview with about 1,200 of the veterans, DeFever said.

The first burial at Fairview Cemetery was for C.B. Dobbs, who died of heart disease in 1904. He was employed by the White Deer Lands Company.

Nearly four years after that first burial, Fairview Cemetery Association held its first official meeting on April 4, 1908 in the White Deer Lands office, where several

officers were elected.

A meeting was held on Jan. 14, 1914, and a gentleman named C.P. Buckler was elected president of the association, a position he held for many years. In 1925, White Deer Lands Company deeded more land to the association and three acres adjoining the property of W.T. Wilks were purchased.

In 1933, Ed Foran was hired as sexton of Fairview Cemetery. His first order of business was to build a fence with the help of the National Recovery Administration to keep out the cattle and pigs that had been running loose.

In 1938, the cemetery was chartered by the state of Texas as a perpetual care cemetery. Now, 20 percent of each lot sale goes into the perpetual care fund.

When Foran retired in 1974, the cemetery had grown from 12.5 to 32.5 acres.

The stone entry way was a gift from the Gray-Pampa Foundation, which administers the estate of the late Henry B. and Fannie Lovett.

For more than 100 years, Fairview Cemetery Association has been committed to providing a beautiful final resting place for the citizens of Pampa and Gray County.

Fairview Cemetery is located at 1500 N. Duncan St. For more information, call 806-665-2412.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
High 79 Low 58	High 82 Low 60	High 87 Low 61

Today: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 79. Chance of rain 30 percent. Winds south-east at 22 mph. Sunrise at 6:33 a.m.

Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms with a low of 58. Chance of rain 40 percent. Winds south-east at 24 mph. Sunset at 8:49 p.m.

Friday: Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 82. Chance of rain 30 percent. Winds south southeast at 23 mph. Sunrise at 6:33 a.m.

Friday night: Cloudy with a low of 60. Chance of rain is 10 percent. Winds south at 15 mph. Sunset at 8:49 p.m.

Saturday: Isolated thunderstorms with high of 87. Chance of rain 30 percent. Winds south at 19 mph. Sunrise at 6:32 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 61. Chance of rain 10 percent. Winds south at 16 mph. Sunset at 8:49 p.m.

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MEMORIAL DAY Celebration Saturday, May 25, 2013 beginning at 6:30 pm. It will be led by the VFW Post 1657 and the Lions Club will furnish hamburgers. All of the public is invited.

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Pampa women arrested for theft warrants

- Thaddeus Ryan McLaughlin, 25, Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for motion to revoke probation and possession of marijuana.
- Breanna Ashleigh Grantham, 22, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for motion to revoke probation and possession of marijuana.
- Parker Joe Davisson, 23, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for violation of probation — theft of property over \$500 but less than \$1500.
- Thomas Dale Jedele, 25, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for theft of property over \$50 but less than \$500.
- Kristy Colynn Sinyard, 27, Pampa, was arrested

- Angela Marie Thompson, 35, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for theft of property over \$50 but less than \$500.
- Matthew Lincoln Rose, 33, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for theft of property over \$500 but less than \$1500.

- Steven Tyler Kimbley, 21, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Dakota Lee Whinery, 21, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and a theft of property charge of under \$50.

ALL SYSTEMS GO



Photo courtesy of Xcel Energy
Cody Cramer, a line-man journeyman for Xcel Energy in Pampa, prepares for the drive Tuesday to Moore, Okla. Talking with Cramer in the doorway is Ryan Sherrick, a line-man apprentice from Hobbs, N.M. The men were among a crew of 49 that departed in a caravan from Amarillo Tuesday. They are expected to be in Oklahoma for about two weeks to assist with power restoration.

Arias jury deadlocked but must continue

PHOENIX (AP) — Jurors in the Jodi Arias murder trial told the judge Wednesday that they are unable to reach a unanimous verdict on whether the convicted murderer should get life or death for killing her boyfriend, prompting the judge to send them back to the deliberation room to work through their differences.

The jury reported its impasse to the judge after only about two and a half hours of deliberations that began Tuesday afternoon.

"I do not wish or intend to force a verdict," Judge Sherry Stephens told jurors before sending them back to continue deliberating.

The panel heard emotional comments last week from the family of victim Travis Alexander as the prosecutor argued that the 32-year-old Arias should be executed for the gruesome killing.

Arias responded Tuesday by pleading for mercy, saying she can become a model prisoner who teaches inmates how to reach and speak Spanish, helps the prison launch recycling programs. She also wants to be an advocate for domestic violence victims.

The same jury of eight men and four women convicted jury of first-degree murder two weeks ago in the death of Alexander, who was stabbed nearly 30 times and nearly decapitated in what authorities said

was a jealous rage.

Tuesday night, Arias spoke to The Associated Press and other media outlets in jailhouse interviews just hours after the jury began deliberating her fate. She spoke out about her murder trial, her many fights with her legal team and her belief that she "deserves a second chance at freedom someday."

She said her lawyers let her down by not calling more witnesses who could have bolstered her claims that she was a victim of domestic violence at the hands of Travis Alexander.

Arias was convicted last week of first-degree murder in the June 2008 stabbing and shooting death of her one-time lover in what prosecutors described as a cold, calculated killing carried out in a jealous rage. Arias maintains it was self-defense.

The jury began deliberating Tuesday as they worked to determine whether she should live or die for her crime. They adjourned after about an hour and resumed Wednesday morning.

If the jury opts for a life sentence, the judge will have the option of determining whether she spends the rest of her days behind bars or is eligible for release after 25 years. Arias acknowledged it was unlikely she would ever be released, but believed she deserves a second chance.

Following her conviction

last week, she told a local TV station that she preferred the death penalty. She said Tuesday night that she changed her mind after a tearful meeting with family members the same day, realizing her death would only cause them more pain.

"I felt like by asking for death, it's like asking for assisted suicide, and I didn't want to do that to my family," she told the AP.

Arias said she fought from the beginning to keep cameras out of the courtroom to limit the media spectacle, and believes the jury should have been sequestered. She stated flatly that she did not receive a fair trial.

"The prosecutor has accused me of wanting to be famous, which is not true," she said.

However, Arias has sought the spotlight at every turn, providing TV interviews and even using a third-party to tweet throughout the trial.

Arias repeated her claims that she never wanted to go to trial in the first place but instead wanted to reach a deal with prosecutors on a second-degree murder count that would have carried a maximum of 22 years in prison.

However, she said, "no deal was offered."

She talked to reporters Tuesday after the judge lifted an order barring jail officials from accepting any media requests. The

judge did not elaborate on the reason for the ruling, but Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's office quickly began arranging the interviews that lasted late into the night.

A shackled Arias wore makeup for the interviews and showed up in a jail classroom with a comb in hand as she fixed her hair for the cameras. When pressed for details on some of her conflicting stories, she was mostly evasive, citing advice from her attorneys and possible pending appeals.

She was also asked about the conflicts she had with her two court-appointed lawyers, Kirk Nurmi and Jennifer Willmott.

Arias said she wanted at least three people called as witnesses who could have testified to having seen bruises on her neck "when I was choked out" by Alexander but she said she was rebuffed by her lawyers. The prosecutor insisted her self-defense claims were an exaggerated attempt to avoid being convicted.

She said her lawyers "felt a little betrayed" and blindsided by her post-conviction interview but that they gave their blessings for Tuesday night's interviews, warning her to be cautious.

Arias said she sometimes wishes she'd never met Alexander, "just because of how ultimately everything ended and I say that for his sake and mine — not just a selfish thing."

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A surprise shell has caused a big stir at a popular Athens beach.

Greek authorities evacuated the seafront Monday after a swimmer found a corroded artillery shell just 10 yards from dry land, fished it out and presented it to a lifeguard.

A coast guard statement said army explosives experts were rushed to Vouliagmeni beach and safely disposed of the munition.

The 30-centimeter (12-inch) round dated to World War II, when much of the coastline around Athens was heavily fortified.

Athenians have been flocking to nearby beaches over the past few days as the country suffered an early heat wave, with temperatures over 30 degrees Centigrade (86 Fahrenheit).

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Merry and Mike Jenkins were the guest speakers at Tuesday's Pampa Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The sponsor and program presenter for the luncheon was Gray County Relay for Life. Mike and Merry are this year's Heroes of Hope. Mike had a liver transplant and not long after getting out of the hospital was diagnosed with cancer. But despite their hardships, the Jenkins have remained strong in the faith and thanked Relay for Life for the organization's help with their medical and travel expense. "This community is the best resource you can have," Merry said. "It's about helping the community." For details about the 2013 Relay for Life, visit Thepampanews.com.

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Panhandle," said Barnes, who lives in Amarillo and works in Pampa as a caregiver. "One man walked through the McLean cemetery and wrote down the names from the marked graves."

She said many graves in the Panhandle have been marked as those of veterans in the past by groups like the former United Confederate Veterans, but many are still unidentified as the final resting places of soldiers.

Theoretically, Barnes said, any male born between 1800 to 1850 could have served in the Civil War, because so many men and boys were enlisted to fight.

Altogether, 650,000 soldiers from the North and South died in the war, which began in 1861 and ended in 1865.

After members of Camp 464 gathered names from grave stones, Barnes said she would take those names and research their genealogical.

"Basically you are starting with a name, two dates and a place," she said.

She said John Mead at the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library has been a tremendous help with her research and shared in her excitement about the project.

There are now notebooks at the libraries in Pampa and McLean that are available to individuals interested in finding out whether one of their ancestors was a Civil War veteran, she said.

Along with 18 Confederate veterans buried in McLean, there are 10 Confederate and three Union soldiers buried in Pampa, one Confederate soldier in Lefors, four Confederate and one Union soldier in Alanreed and one Confederate soldier in a ghost town called Eldridge, she said.

The Hillcrest Cemetery is on the north side of McLean as you come into town on State Highway 273. It is on the left, or the east side of highway. If bad weather occurs, the location will be moved to the old gymnasium in McLean.

For more information, call Webb 806-779-2842.

Water Wise Program offers classes

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The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office is hosting a Water Wise Program, which will be presented by Brandon McGinty, CEA, Ag/NR & Joan Gray-Soria, CEA, FCS.

The program begins at 10 a.m. each day in the Gray County Annex Building at 12125 E Frederic Ave.

June 8 will be a landscape and irrigation class. Topics covered will be turf grass varieties, timing of irrigation, irrigation systems and the 40 Gallon Challenge.

July 13 will be rainwater harvesting and water testing. Topics discussed will

be making a rain water barrel, determining water needs and how much water someone can collect.

Aug. 10 will be tree and garden. Topics covered will be watering trees, fertilizer needs and garden watering.

Sept. 28 will be lawn and tree care. Topics discussed will be expanding rain water collection, results from water testing, fall and winter lawn care and turf grass establishment and variety.

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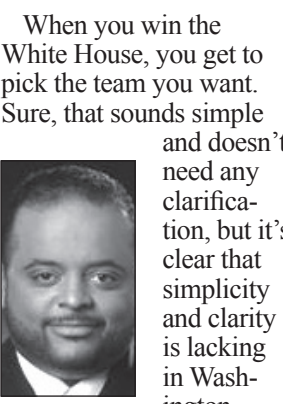
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Appointment process is shameful



ROLAND MARTIN

When you win the White House, you get to pick the team you want. Sure, that sounds simple and doesn't need any clarification, but it's clear that simplicity and clarity is lacking in Washington, D.C. A Republican wins the White House and Democrats do all they can to muck up the waters and score political points by trying to keep the president from naming the team he wants. The Dems did it when President George W. Bush was office. And now that President Barack Obama sits in the Oval Office, Republicans are doing everything they can to prevent the president from filling critical vacancies.

takes to the floor of the U.S. Senate to extol the virtues of Shwartz and says no one should vote against her. It's this kind of pathetic behavior that causes many Americans, including yours truly, to hate this city, its politics and how it operates. There is critical business that needs to get done, and too many politicians want to score cheap points in order to do it. Look, your party didn't win at the ballot box, so now you want to exact revenge. Instead, run a better campaign.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has threatened to change the Senate rules, but he won't do it. Why? Because the day the Democrats are in the minority and the GOP controls the chamber, they want to be able to do the same thing. This is why D.C. is full of it. The whole game is based on not changing the rules because one day you will want to do the same thing as the other guy. The reason this doesn't get as much attention as Benghazi or the IRS is because it's not sexy enough. Folks may think, "Hey, it's just a few appointments." But remember, if you're one of the appointees, your entire life is placed on hold. You are stuck in a land of inaction so as not to jeopardize the appointments. The Senate should change its rules and declare that no appointee, regardless of who is sitting in the White House, should have to wait longer than six months. From the time the president appoints a nominee, the clock should start ticking. After six months, a committee vote and an up-and-down hearing should take place. This is basic. This is logical. And this is common sense.

Then again, that's three reasons why it will never happen, thanks to the United States Congress. Roland S. Martin is an award-winning CNN analyst and author of the book "The First: President Barack Obama's Road to the White House as Originally Reported by Roland S. Martin." Please visit his website at RolandSMartin.com.

Right now, there are 82 vacancies in the federal judiciary. Some of these critical positions have been vacant as long as 4 1/2 years. Seriously. How dumb is this game in the nation's capital? The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has not had a leader confirmed by the U.S. Senate in six years. SIX years. Democrats are quick to cast blame on Republicans for their shameful stalling tactics. And all of them must share the blame for refusing to grant hearings and up-and-down votes to the president's picks. But the case of Patty Shwartz is evidence that Democrats can also mess with the president.

On Oct. 5, 2011, President Obama nominated Shwartz, a federal magistrate in Newark, to the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. It wasn't until two months ago that she was confirmed. Why did it take 553 days? Because Menendez objected. What was his reason? He says because of some answers she gave during an interview. Were the questionable answers made public? Nope. So when it was time to vote on her nomination, Menendez shamelessly

Beyond the stat sheet

Texans bring hope in the midst of tragedy

I want to take a few moments to praise the wonderful people of our state and other states across the heartland. No matter what happens — be it the April 19, 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, the May 3, 1999 Moore, Okla. tornado, the Texas Panhandle blizzards, or, like recently, the May 20 Moore, Okla. tornado — people from all over our great state and states across the Midwest and Southern Plains join together as one to lend a helping hand.



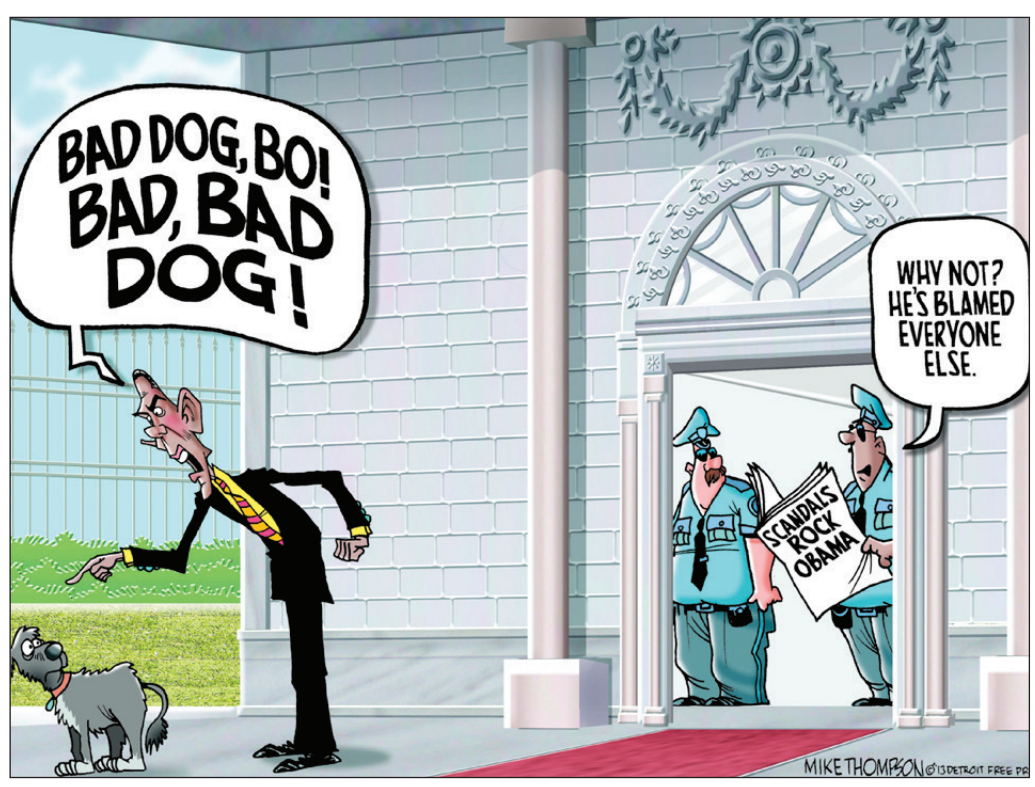
ZACHARY GREEN

I lived in Oklahoma for 12 years of my life. Most sports fan will know that the Oklahoma-Texas or Oklahoma State-Oklahoma rivalries are big in college sports. But what I find so wonderful is that no matter the colors you sport, all of that is thrown out the window to help each other. Moments after the massive tornado roared through Moore, people from all over were willing to lend a helping hand. Various churches, clubs and organizations from across the Panhandle are accepting donations to send to the Moore tornado victims. Members of Xcel Energy's lineman crew from the Panhandle hit the road to help in the recovery. Cars were lined up all across Oklahoma and Texas driving to donate blood, food and other supplies. In the coming weeks, I know that many will be taking off

from work and their daily lives to go show support, donate supplies or help in the cleanup and recovery. This truly is a great state and region of the United States to live in. It brings the true meaning of the words "United States" and "selflessness." People are willing to drop what they are doing in any instant to go help a complete stranger with no questions asked, no frills and no repayment in any way asked for. It is hard enough to go through a disaster where you can lose everything you have, your family pet, your home, your belongings and even your friends and family. I can't even imagine living in a place where people would rummage through your things in hopes to snag big bucks at the pawn shop, or just a place where people are not willing to help no questions asked. Far too often people try get rich quick schemes off tornado or other natural disaster victims. This could be individuals sifting through the rubble in hopes to find valuables to pawn off or businesses raising up the prices for their roof and home repair services. I am thankful that God has allowed me to come to such a loving, caring and compassionate state and community. The people of this state and region are the epitome of what God talks about in the Bible when he says in Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket,

but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven." Also, to all those that are going through the disaster, God has provided hope for us to look forward to in Romans 5:1-5, "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character, and character produces hope and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Even though it is NEVER a good time for a natural disaster or other tragedy to occur we should remember that we are growing together and building each other up by lending a helping hand or donating in anyway we can be it time, food, supplies or money. My hope for all of us is that we never lose sight of who we are and what we stand for. And that we will always RISE TOGETHER in the midst of tragedies. Is this a great state or what?

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Gosnell and the Abortion Universe

So sad, so affecting -- the cases of various newborns whose lives a Philadelphia jury found Dr. Kermit



WILLIAM MURCHISON

Gosnell to have taken through quick, deft application of scissors. The district attorney called Gosnell "a monster. Any doctor who cuts into the necks, severing the spinal cords of living, breathing babies, who would survive with proper medical attention, is a murderer and a monster." He kept jars full of baby body parts around his filthy clinic. He served, if you call it serving, a clientele of poor and minority-group women -- at least two of whom died from his ministrations. A

judge last week sentenced him to three life terms in prison. Yes, and so ... ? Having digested the charges and proof in a case closely watched across the land, by pro-life and pro-choice people alike, we ... what exactly? Besides tell the Gallup Poll that our views on abortion remain pretty much what they've been for years? A "Children, cover your eyes!" moment looms. Let's hustle the little chicks and ourselves with them past a scene bereft of humanity and hope. To focus on what happened for years in Gosnell's abortion mills -- chiefly, filth and murder -- would be to look at abortion not as liberation but as horror. We seem as a people not to want to do that. As Gallup reported a few days

before Gosnell's conviction, "despite the news that Gosnell may have murdered newborns" -- "may have" nothing; he did -- in the course of performing late-term abortions, public attitudes on abortion are essentially unchanged." To put it another way, 26 percent think abortion should be legal under all circumstances, whereas 20 percent would ban it under all circumstances. The remaining 52 percent, well, they're somewhere in between -- 38 percent favorable to letting abortion take place "in a few," unspecified circumstances, 13 percent favorable to legality "most" of the time. It's pretty much the same finding Gallup has reported since the century began, "except for a brief period between 2005 and 2006," when opinion tilted toward the pro-choice side.

It would seem half of us continue ambivalent, to one degree or another, on the hardest moral question of our times. And no wonder: to look hard and unblinkingly at abortion -- no covering of eyes, no turning of heads -- is to see Dr. Harold Gosnell hard at work with his scissors. What separates Gosnell, the "house of horrors" doctor -- to quote a phrase widely used concerning his clinic -- from, shall we say, his colleagues in more sanitary settings: fetuses neatly done away with, beds and corridors kept spic-and-span? No principle of any rationality separates Gosnell from these others. The principle that informs them all -- ratified by the U.S. Supreme Court -- is the principle that an unwanted baby enjoys no inherent or implied right to life.

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Weather

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ized risk of tornadoes and flash flooding. The Storm Prediction Center in Norman currently has Pampa and the Texas Panhandle at a slight risk for severe weather.

Rain chances as of press time Wednesday for the Pampa area were 40 percent with 50 percent chances just to our south.

The set up is a stationary boundary that will move into the region Wednesday night. Where it sets up during the day today is the key to determining where the severe weather threat will be. NWS said there is a chance it can hang up between Pampa and Canadian, which would increase our storm chances and tornado threat. But they also believe it could move almost through the region and hang up south of us between Clarendon and Interstate 40.

There also will be a be dryline setting up in the western Panhandle. The dryline will be intersecting the boundary and that is where NWS says to look for initial storm development.

An NWS spokesman said there will be cooler temperatures, more moisture and cloudier skies north of the boundary, while south of the boundary will have warmer temperatures with clearer skies. The NWS wanted to make sure everyone knows that anything that develops today will likely go severe, with supercells possible.

During the conference call, NWS released their confidence level on the storms and hazards possible. They place a high chance of storms developing with a very high chance storms will go severe if they develop, while their location confidence was moderate. The location hinges on where the stationary boundary sets up today.

NWS staff said their confidence level is high that storms will bring hail and/or damaging winds while their confidence level is medium that storms will

produce tornadoes and/or flash flooding.

"It is a very narrow corridor. Any storms that form along the boundary will have a tornado threat," Simpson said. "Due to the lack of upper level flow there will be slow moving storms that produce a good amount of rain with them."

Simpson added that storms will likely move west to east, but if storms form near the boundary they could travel south along the boundary.

"Thursday is the most likely day for severe storms. We might only see a handful of supercells, but we all know it only takes one. Not everyone will get widespread rain," Simpson said. "There is a weak cap in place so that will likely lead to early initiation of storms and for storms to be ongoing at the time schools are letting out."

Friday

Severe storms remain possible for Friday. The primary hazards are large hail and damaging winds but isolated tornadoes will be possible. Anywhere in the Panhandles will have chances of severe weather. The NWS added that Friday through the Memorial Day weekend the storms will most likely be more isolated and scattered.

The NWS also provided confidence levels on storms for Friday. Their confidence was only moderate for storms developing, but their confidence was very high that if storms develop they will likely turn severe. Their location confidence was low as of Wednesday afternoon.

Their confidence was high that storms would bring hail and/or damaging winds on Friday but low that they would bring tornadoes and medium for the storms to bring flash flooding.

Rain chances for Pampa were 20 percent for Friday through the weekend.

For the latest updates on severe weather stay tuned to The Pampa News' Facebook page as well as your NOAA weather radios. For more information, including updated graphics on the severe weather threat visit Weather.gov/ama.

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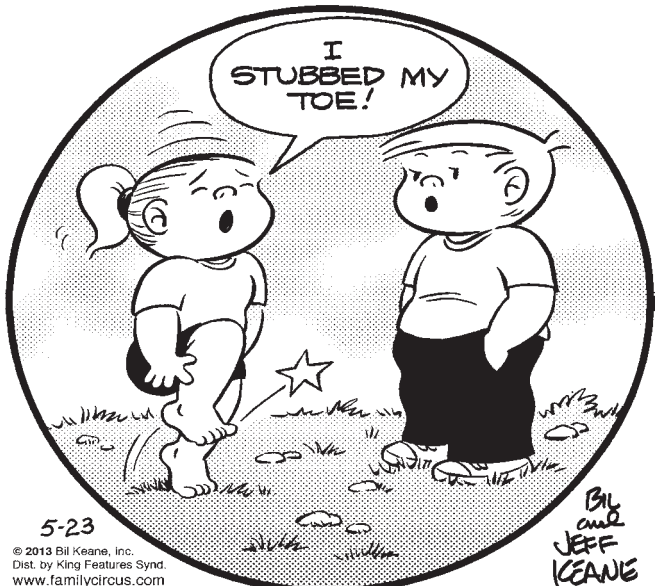


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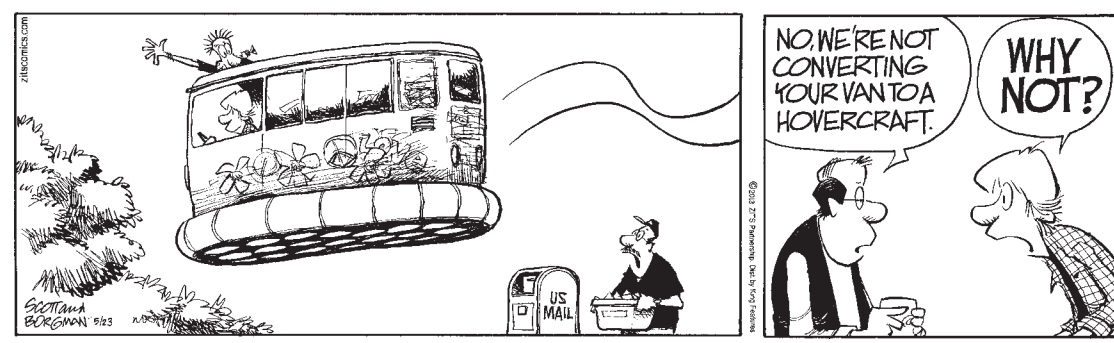
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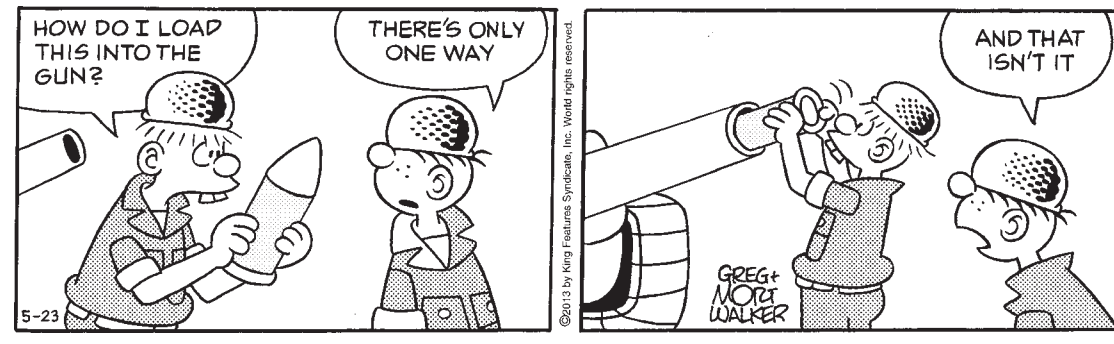
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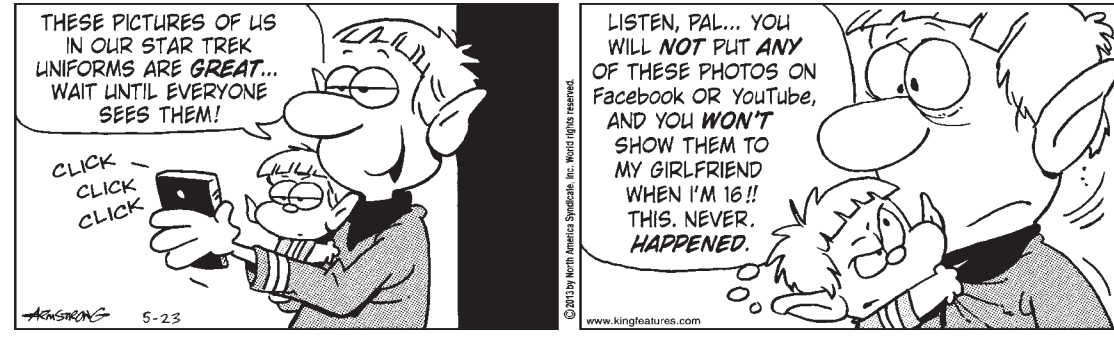
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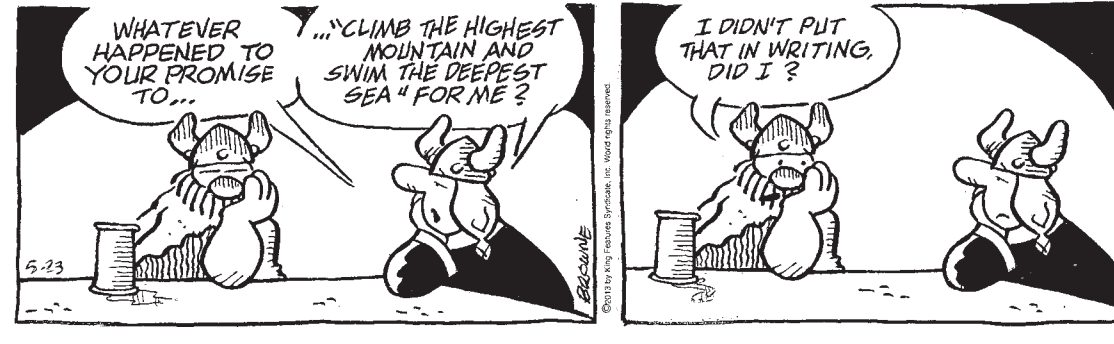
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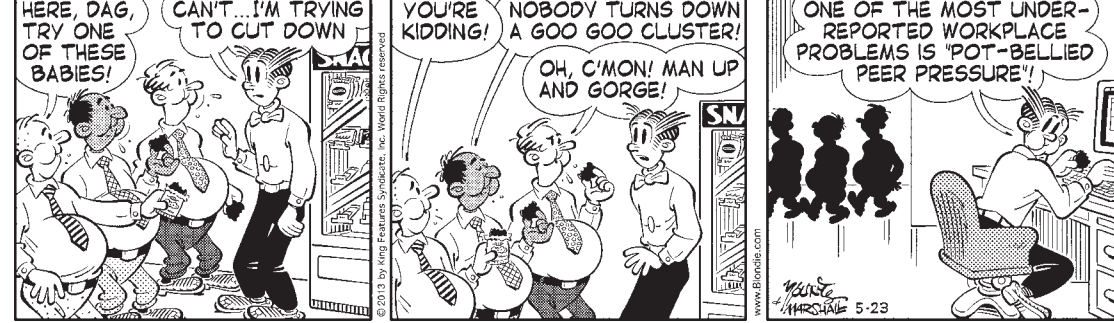
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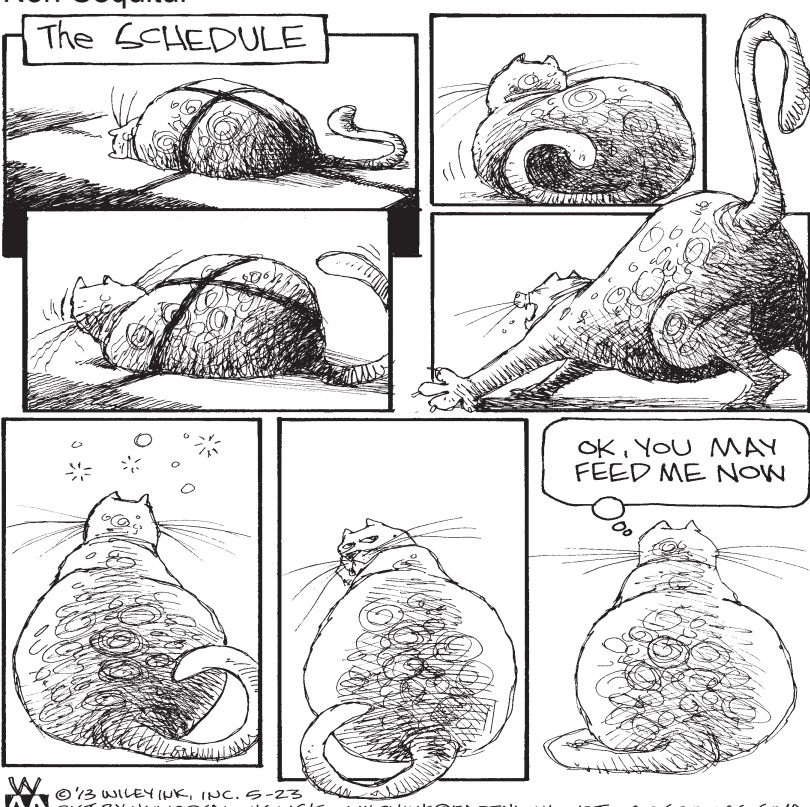
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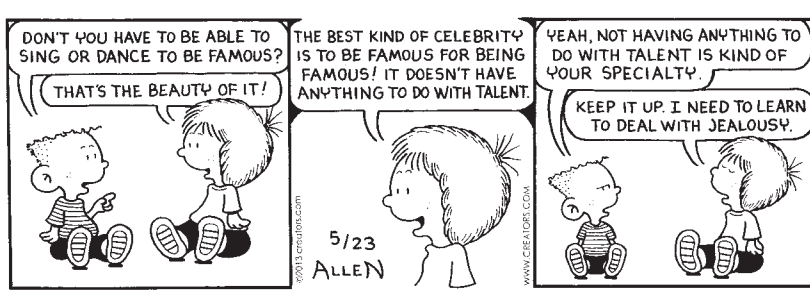
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 24, 2013:
 This year you opt for a new beginning. You will be happier if you act like the master of your own destiny. You often will suppress your anger only to have it later emerge in inappropriate ways. Learn to verbalize your feelings more often. If you are single, you will open up new doors, but first, you must completely detach from someone in your past. If you are attached, the two of you struggle with your differences. Don't worry so much about them — just accept each other as you are. **SAGITTARIUS** can be very testy at times.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★ You could be coming off a lot tougher than you actually are. Someone might think that you are arguing, when you simply are trying to give a different perspective. Stop and communicate your feelings rather than having to demonstrate that you are right. Tonight: Dance stress away.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ You are sensitive, and you'll sense that tension is mounting. You could become quite provocative as a result, which is not usual for you. Let go of any rigidity, and opt for a solution. There are other methods of self-expression. Tonight: Observe what difficult looks like.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ You might want to see a situation differently, and you'll take the necessary steps toward achieving that goal. Know that you can't sit on anger, whether it is grounded or not. Try to express your anger in a way that can be heard. Tonight: Confusion surrounds an older person.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ You could be questioning what might be the best way to proceed with an angry friend. Anger is close to the surface for many people. Try to stay reasonable. Listen to what this person has to share, and try not to pass judgment. Tonight: Let off steam with a co-worker or pal.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ You will feel tension build in nearly every aspect of your life. A discussion with a friend could help free you up. You suddenly might see a situation in a different light and feel less pressured. Remain sensitive to a child or loved one.

Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ No matter what words you use to convey your thoughts, it seems as though others feel challenged. That is not your intention! Take a look at what is happening around you. Perhaps others are overwhelmed. Tonight: Do not hold a grudge; instead, go out and enjoy yourself.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ Pressure continues to build. A partner will make a demand, and you might not know whether you can meet it. A fight could ensue if you are unsure in any context. Don't take action until later today, when a conversation seems more plausible. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ You might trigger a partner or key associate. Whether it is inadvertent or intentional makes little difference, as you have your hands full. Letting off steam might feel good, but resist the urge to do so right now. Tonight: Buy a token of affection for someone you care a lot about.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ You might want to rethink a decision that involves a private matter, as it could be affecting other areas of your life. You can try to work through your stress and anger, but don't be surprised if you get triggered. You can sit on a situation for only so long. Tonight: Out and about.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ You will make your point, no matter what it takes. If you see someone take off on the warpath, you'll know that he or she got your message. Is this the reaction you wanted? Count on passing the peace pipe sooner rather than later. Tonight: Treat someone to drinks and munchies.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ You might be irritated by a domestic or personal issue. Considering all of the responsibilities that you need to handle, you could lose your temper more easily. Be careful, as this could affect various people in your life. Tonight: Go along with a friend's suggestion.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ Someone is so in tune with you that you don't need to say much in order to make an impression. Remain understanding, and take in the big picture. You will gain some insight as a result. Make a phone call to an older relative at a distance. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

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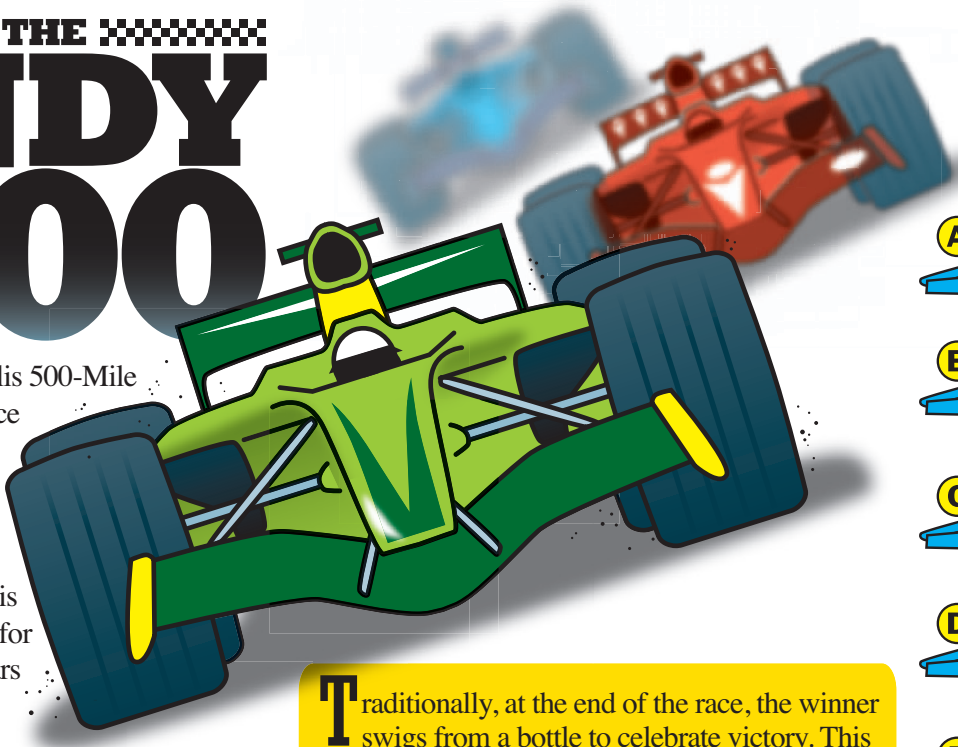
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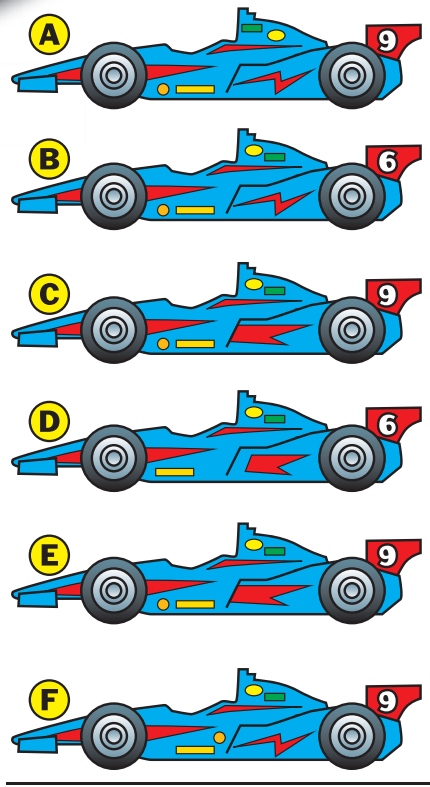
THE INDY 500

The Indianapolis 500-Mile Race takes place every year on Memorial Day weekend. Cars race around an oval track that is 2.5 miles long for 200 laps. 33 cars start the race. Indy cars have an open cockpit and are specially built for the race. They can reach speeds over 225 mph!

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the world's largest spectator sport facility, with more than 250,000 permanent seats. If laid end-to-end, the seats would stretch for 99.5 miles!



Look closely: Can you find the two identical Indy cars?



Traditionally, at the end of the race, the winner swigs from a bottle to celebrate victory. This started in 1933 after Louis Meyer requested a particular beverage after winning. Use the code to find out what Indy winners drink.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

RACE TRACK GAME

Cut out a car for each player.

Take turns flipping a coin. Heads moves your car forward one space. Tails moves your car forward two spaces. First one to reach the last space wins! Who will win the most in 10 races?

		FLAT TIRE! Lose a turn.	TURBO BOOST! Move ahead one space.		
			OIL SPILL! Lose a turn.	TURBO BOOST! Move ahead one space.	
		TURBO BOOST! Move ahead one space.			COLLISION! Lose a turn.

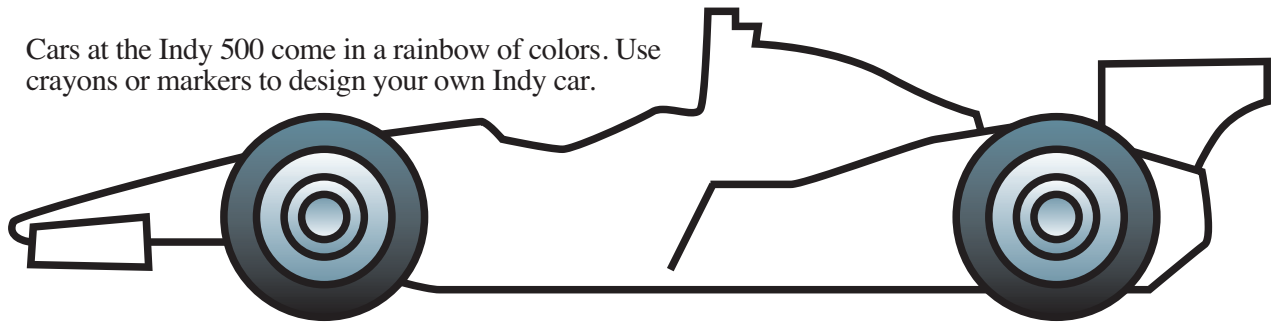
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Race Action
 Sports writers use lots of action verbs. Look at the sports pages of today's newspaper or newspaper's website. Find and list ten action verbs.
 Standards Link: Writing: Identify verbs in writing.

Who is on the starting line?

Drivers line up on the starting grid in the order of speed rank they reached on the qualifying laps after two days of time trials. The driver that covers the track in the fastest time on the first day of trials wins the **pole position**,

which means they start the race at the front of all the other drivers. The 24 fastest drivers from the first day take the starting positions first. The fastest drivers on the second day take the other nine places.

Cars at the Indy 500 come in a rainbow of colors. Use crayons or markers to design your own Indy car.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many compound words can you make using the words below in five minutes or less?

ROAD ARM PET LAP FLAG PIT
 CAR RACE STOP WAY TRACK
 TOP STOP POLE

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify compound words.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Female drivers were _____ for the first years from driving, reporting and even from being in the pit area and it wasn't until 1977 that a female driver participated. Danika Patrick came in _____ place in 2009.

The Indy 500 is watched on TV in more than 292 million homes around the world!

Standards Link: Language Arts: Use nouns, adjectives and verbs correctly.

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

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Car Shopping
 Use the classified ads to compare the cost of new and used cars. Find ads for five new cars. See if you can find ads for the same five cars used. Find the differences between the costs of new cars and the costs of used cars.
 Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

What kind of snakes can you find on a car?

ANSWER: Windshield Vipers.

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on the road again

Tips on how to pack a car safely

This is the prime season for road trips, which many people feel are the most affordable vacation option available. They also provide unsurpassed views of the countryside and the ability to slow down and customize the trip as desired.

Packing the car for a road trip can be complicated. Although the goal may be to cram as much as possible into the car and get on the road quickly, part of the safety plan for this year's adventure should include packing properly to avoid injury.

Americans and Canadians combined drive trillions of miles in any given year. Although it is difficult to make a direct comparison between how many people choose driving as opposed to flying, when comparing data from the Federal Highway Administration and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, for every mile Americans flew they drove about six more in 2011. With so many miles clocked on the road, it is essential to make the experience as safe as possible—and that means properly securing belongings in a vehicle before getting on the road.

In 2009, a laptop computer became a projectile that killed its owner. Heather Storey of Surrey, British Columbia, was driving to work when her vehicle was hit by a tow truck. Her laptop was propelled at such a force that it caused a deadly injury to her head.

Unsecured or improperly packed items in a car or truck have the potential to cause serious injury when on the road or, at the very least, may obscure visibility when driving, says Consumer Reports. The organization and others offer

drivers a series of tips that can help make travel safer.

- Adjust tire pressure prior to travel. Consult the owners manual to determine the proper tire pressure when the vehicle is carrying a full load. This will not only help alleviate unnecessary wear and tear on the tires, but also can help to prevent a tire blow-out.

- Know the car's limits. It also is important to stay below the maximum permitted weight or maximum load capacity for the car or truck. Consumer Reports says that the capacity for small SUVs can span from 825 pounds to 1,155 pounds. Midsize SUVs may carry anywhere from 900 pounds to 1,405 pounds. Minivan capacities can vary significantly as well. The load capacity is specified in the owner's manual.

- Store the heaviest items at the lowest, most central part of the vehicle. This helps reduce effects on handling that can lead to problems with steering or braking. Drivers should keep the overall center of gravity lower to help reduce the risk of rollover.

- Make sure everything is secured in the car or truck. Use crates or boxes to house smaller items. Use straps or rope to tie down anything loaded in the back of a truck or SUV to the vehicle's cargo anchors. Load as much as you can into a car's trunk to avoid having loose items rolling around inside the passenger area.

- Keep a clear view of mirrors and the rear of the vehicle. Do not pack any items higher than the level of the rear seats. Not only can these items fly forward in the event of sharp braking or a crash, but they also may obscure the driver's

view of the road.

- Invest in a roof rack or cargo box. Only place light items on the roof of the car so you can free up interior space. Secure roof items tightly, as they will be caught by the updraft while driving and you do not want to send them airborne and onto the roadway. Also, if you do use the roof for storage, be aware of how much taller the items will make your vehicle so you know if you

can safely drive beneath underpasses.

- Make sure passengers can be seated safely. Packing a car doesn't always mean being able to fit suitcases and belongings. It also means ensuring passengers can ride safely. Do not seat more passengers than can be restrained by the seat belts in the car. If there is not enough room, it is safer in the long run to take two cars.



Pack a vehicle safely and make sure it is maintained before heading out on your first road trip of the season.

Pull over safely

There are different times in a driver's life when he or she may have to pull over on the side of the road. Whether a flat tire has derailed the trip, the driver or a passenger is experiencing motion sickness or you find the car isn't performing correctly and it warrants a look under the hood, pulling over on the shoulder may be necessary.

It can be difficult to pull over smoothly and safely on a busy highway, especially when you are in a stressful situation, such as a mechanical emergency. But it is in your best interest to remain calm and follow a few procedures. First, slow down and put on your right-turn signal to indicate you will need to move into the right lane. Some people prefer to put their four-way-flashers on after they have successfully cleared the lanes and are ready to navigate onto the shoulder. Try to select a spot where you are not on a bend or where there

is poor visibility or your vehicle cannot be seen by other drivers on the highway. You do not want to be injured while exiting or attempting to work on the pulled-over vehicle. Drivers should keep an emergency roadside assistance preparedness kit containing flares, emergency triangles or cones, a flashlight, batteries, a poncho, booster cables, duct tape, a utility knife, cord, a blanket, and first aid supplies in the car as a precaution. Each item serves its own unique purpose.

The Canadian Automobile Association recommends staying inside the vehicle, especially on a busy road. Tow trucks and police vehicles typically cruise busy stretches of road and help may arrive in a matter of minutes. Those who have a roadside assistance plan membership can use a cell phone to make a call for help. It is best to wait in the car until a tow truck or police arrive.



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Toot'n Totum donates \$10,000 to launch local Oklahoma relief fund

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Convenience store chain Toot'n Totum announced Tuesday it has opened a local Oklahoma relief fund with a \$10,000 company donation and are providing surrounding area residents the opportunity to support the fund with monetary donations at any of their 71 stores.

Donations can be made at all Toot'n Totum stores

in Amarillo, Borger, Dalhart, Dumas, Pampa (Express Lane) and Stratford until May 31. Funds received at these stores will directly benefit the victims of the Oklahoma tornadoes through the United Way of Central Oklahoma's disaster relief fund. Fund dollars will be specifically dedicated to United Way Partner Agencies working on the tornado relief efforts not only for immedi-

ate recovery needs, but intermediate, and long-term needs as well.

As soon as the tremendous damage and devastation was apparent, Toot'n Totum executives felt a strong sense of urgency and responsibility to help. Greg Mitchell, President and CEO of Toot'n Totum, said, "Living in the Panhandle, we all realize that this could have easily been our area. It is the

responsibility of each of us to help our neighbors in times of need, and even though Oklahoma is a neighbor on a larger scale, the need doesn't change and our willingness to help shouldn't either. So many people in our area have a connection to Oklahoma, whether through family, friends, or school, and the devastation of this tragedy hits home for many on a very personal level."

With disaster and tragedy striking so close to home, Toot'n Totum is calling on the thousands of guests who enter their stores each day to reach into their pockets and help in any way they can. From the pennies leftover from a purchase to \$1.00 and beyond, all donations are welcome, and will be accompanied by a register receipt.

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PampaSports

Lemke throws no-hitter

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Ethan Lemke tossed a no-hitter as Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency took sole possession of first place with a 6-1 win over Glo-Valve Service Monday at Optimist Park.

Lemke struck out 11 and walked four. Evan Boyd, Kameron Parks and Jace Ware pitched for Glo-Valve.

Ware opened the game by reaching second base on an error. He stole third and gave Glo-Valve a brief one-run lead on a wild pitch.

From there on it was all DFB. In the second inning Anthony Ontiveros singled and stole second. Tucker Bridwell was safe on an error. Ace Holley sent a double over the left fielder's head scoring both runners. He went to third on the throw to the plate and scored on an infield out by Jeremiah Avila.

Lemke singled in the third, stole two

bases and made it 4-1 on a throwing error. In the fifth inning, DFB scored two insurance runs when Avila and Isaias Cortez reached base on errors and executed a double steal. Avila scampered home on a single by Oscar Silva. Cortez tallied on a throwing error.

The defensive play of the game for DFB was a double play from Lemke to Avila at first to Ontiveros at third to Klyer Brotherton at catcher and back to Ontiveros. Ware threw to Jakob Wilson to catch a runner trying to steal third for Glo-Valve's outstanding defensive play.

DFB improved to 6-2-1 to claim first place in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League. Glo-Valve is in second at 5-3-1. Thursday's games pit Glo-Valve against Rotary Club at 5:45 p.m. while DFB visits Cabot Corporation at 7:45 p.m.

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The Amarillo Venom will send portions of their ticket sales to the Red Cross.

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AMARILLO — The Amarillo Venom are proud to announce that proceeds of each ticket sold on May 22nd will go to the American Red Cross in relief of the Moore, Okla. Tornadoes.

We will offer our Venom fans \$10 tickets with a \$1 from each ticket going to the American Red Cross.

"The tornado outbreak in Oklahoma on Monday was tragic and changed the lives of not only citizens of Oklahoma but across the United States," Amarillo Venom owner Stephanie Tucker said. "Hopefully with the money we can raise from the ticket sales we can help restore some of what the families in Oklahoma lost."

The next Amarillo Venom home game is Saturday, June 1 against the Laredo

Rattlesnakes. The Amarillo Venom will be honoring area first responders and military personnel both active and retired for "Superhero Night."

The first 500 fans through the doors will get a free backpack brought to you by KVII, Dobbs Pumps, Fat Boy Outdoors, Propay, and Glass Doctor.

If you would like to donate any funds to the Amarillo Venom's campaign "SHOWING MOORE LOVE from the Amarillo Venom" you can also visit the website — www.crowdrise.com/amarillovenom.

Each member of the Lone Star Football League feel compassionate in the relief efforts for Moore, Oklahoma tornadoes. Visit the league website at Texaslsfl.com to see all the ways the LSFL are helping in the efforts.

For more information, the Amarillo Venom fans can visit Govenom.com or "Like" the Amarillo Venom Facebook page, or contact the Amarillo Venom office at 806-350-7277.

The Amarillo Venom is a proud member of the Lone Star Football League.

Kevin Durant makes \$1M tornado pledge

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Oklahoma City isn't just a place where Thunder star Kevin Durant lives these days. It's home.

So as he watched the horrifying images Monday as a tornado ripped through suburban Moore, the emotions came bubbling to the surface and so did the need to help.

Durant pledged \$1 million for tornado relief through his foundation on Tuesday, eager to help a devastated area begin to rebuild.

"As the day went on and I saw the footage and the casualties and the houses being blown away, it was tough to see," said Durant, who was in Minneapolis to watch longtime friend Monica Wright play a pre-season game for the Minnesota Lynx. "I call Oklahoma City my home. I go through Moore all the time. It's unfortunate. We're going to come together as a city like we always do and we're going to bounce back."

Durant has been in Oklahoma City for five years now, ever since the Seattle SuperSonics moved there in 2008.

He's become a fixture in the community, in addition to establishing himself as one of the very best players in the NBA. He said he was hoping to return home Wednesday to try and lift the spirits of an area reeling from the deaths of some two dozen people, including children.

"Just to get to the hospital, see some kids," Durant said. "Something. Just something to give some hope. Playing for the Thunder, we mean so much to the state. So many people support us and I just want to go back and support those people."

The American Red Cross said the gift from Durant's foundation is meant to

match other donations and be an incentive for more people to give. The Thunder also announced a \$1 million donation, as did the NBA and players' union.

"Our hearts go out to all those affected by the devastation that has occurred within our community this week," Thunder chairman Clay Bennett said in a statement issued by the team. "We are focusing Thunder resources to help where we can in the relief efforts and to support the organizations that are on the ground assisting those affected by this week's storms.

Even with so much loss, the strength and resiliency of this community have once again been on display, and we will continue to work together as our community and state recover from this disaster."

When Durant initially heard reports of a tornado near Oklahoma City, he didn't pay them much mind. A veteran of the area now, he knows twisters can be a regular occurrence this time of year. It quickly became apparent that this one was different, and Durant could barely watch it all unfold.

"It hit so close to home," he said. "It was tough to see."

And it made the Thunder's early exit from the playoffs sting that much more. With Russell Westbrook out because of a knee injury, the Thunder were beaten by the Memphis Grizzlies in the Western Conference semifinals, a disappointing finish for a team that advanced to the NBA Finals a year ago.

"I wish I could've done a better job for my team to stay in the playoffs because of course basketball and sporting events bring everyone together," Durant said. "It takes your mind off it for a few hours."

The Thunder boast one of the most loyal and passionate fan bases in the league. Durant averaged 30.8 points, 9.0 rebounds and 6.3 assists in the playoffs, but the rest of his teammates struggled to step up and fill Westbrook's void.

"There's some part of me wishing I could've played better for my team to stay in the playoffs," Durant said. "Hopefully they get back on their feet. It's so tough. Praying for the families. I'm feeling for them."

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The PAMPA NEWS 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.

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.

'Burnin' the Bricks' car show slated for June 8

The High Plains Cruisers Car Club will be hold its 10th annual car show, cruise and special entertainment in downtown Pampa on Saturday, June 8. The Burn Out Contest, sponsored by Gray County

Crime Stoppers, is again being held at Recreation Park, starting at 1 p.m. Awards are at 4:30 p.m.

Car show registration will be held at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard St., starting at 8 a.m. on the day of the show. For registration, entry fee and time information, call 806-662-9892.

Car show judging will be done from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

The PAMPA NEWS Area Support Groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number

for each group.

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, and at 2 p.m., Fridays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics**

Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Diabetics Support** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria. For more info, contact Cynthia Ackley at 806-663-5504.

■ **Cancer Support** meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each

month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 806-359-4673. Ext. 235.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on

1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

■ **Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St.

For more information, call Lindsey Been at 665-9700 or 324-3230.

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meets every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler St. We all know someone who is in need of some spiritual Bible studies that will enrich their life and make a difference in their outlook on life. Invite anyone that you know, no matter their age, to attend. Through this time, God can change lives. For more information, contact Darlene Lewis at 806-440-4489.

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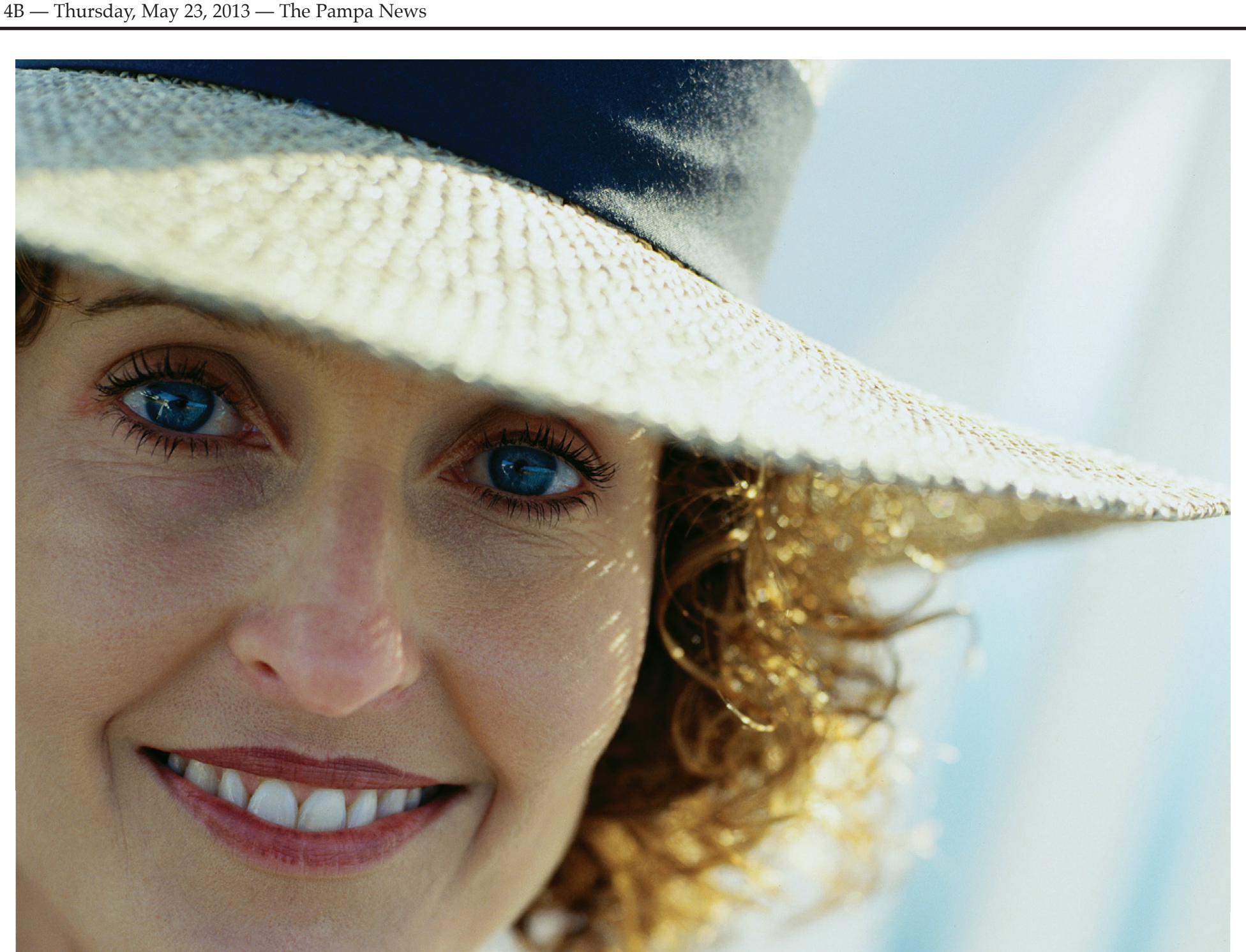
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