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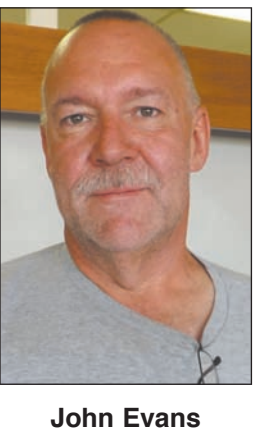
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## Local firefighter assists with tornado rescue

**By TIMOTHY P. HOSWARE**  
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John Evans, a firefighter with the Pampa Fire Department, saw first hand the devastation from the Monday's EF5 tornado in Moore, Okla.

Evans said he felt like it was his duty as a Christian to help out with

search and rescue efforts in the days after the colossal storm that left 24 dead, including nine children.

After getting off his shift at 7 a.m., Tuesday at PFD, Evans packed up his truck and hit the road around 11 a.m. for the 200-mile drive to Moore.

"As a Christian it is my duty to

go out and help out," he said. "If something like that were to happen here I know the favor would be returned."

Though many of the highways were either closed or clogged getting into Moore and Oklahoma City, Evans said he got through because of his credentials. Along with that, he used to live in the

Sooner State and knows some of the back ways into Oklahoma City and its suburbs.

"Basically they were letting anyone in who was a firefighter, EMT, or search and rescue," he said. "Anybody who was certified could go in."

Evans said he worked on a search

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## Food to your front door



### ■ Fiesta Foods provides delivery service to customers.

**By TIMOTHY P. HOSWARE**  
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Ever since her car died over winter, Aleen Webb has had a tough time getting out of the house to buy groceries and other things she needs, like prescriptions.

But Webb doesn't have to worry anymore about how she's going to shop for food, because the groceries are delivered to her front door every week by Fiesta Foods. Keyes Pharmacy brings her prescriptions and a volunteer organization called Gray Cares helps her out from time to time.

"If it wasn't for them I'd be done for," she said.

Thursday morning, Benny D. and Mariene Wyant, who work part time for Fiesta Foods, brought a half dozen bags of groceries to Webb's doorstep.

Webb and the Wyants have become friends through the weekly deliveries. Greeting them at the door along with Webb was her dog, Peppy.

The Wyant's said they have been making deliveries for about 11 years, and enjoy the work.

"We like to help the elderly," Benny said. "We like to help people who can't get out."

When the couple started, the store was called Fred's. Mariene said their daughter-in-law worked at Fred's and began the **DELIVERIES** cont. on page 3



Above, Aleen Webb, center, has her groceries delivered every week from Fiesta Foods by Benny D. and Mariene Wyant. Right, Fiesta Foods store manager Isaac Silver, left, with the Wyants.

## Home front is her store front

### ■ Pampa woman opens a retail store, consignment shop in her living room on Foster Avenue.

**By ZACHARY GREEN**  
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Silvia Dowd opened Silvia's Scrubs and More in her home on Foster Avenue three months ago.

Dowd said that decision to open the store in her home came for a couple of reasons.

"One reason is my loss of hearing has caused me to not be able to get a job outside of the home,"

she said. "I only have about 10 percent left. They say I will be completely deaf in one or two years. I have taken six months of lip reading classes that will help me in my store should that happen."

"Another reason is to help care for 84-year-old mother, Elsie Gossett. "She cannot get out of the house and I don't want to leave her at the house by herself while I am off working somewhere."

Dowd's consignment shop is in what was formally her living room of her stucco house at 624 E. Foster Ave. She rents out booths in her store to vendors for \$20 a month. "I thought that was a fair price since I am new and in a hard place to find."

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Photo by Zachary Green  
 Silvia Dowd stands in front of one of the booths in her consignment shop in her house on 624 E. Foster Ave.

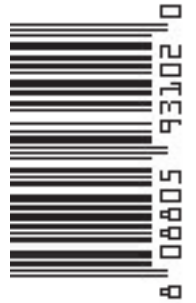
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## PAMPA FORECAST

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**Tonight:** Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 60. Chance of rain 30 percent. Winds south southeast at 20 mph. Sunset at 8:49 p.m.

**Saturday:** Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 81. Chance of rain 40 percent. Winds south at 23 mph. Sunrise at 6:32 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 60. Chance of rain 10 percent. Winds south at 18 mph. Sunset at 8:49 p.m.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 89. No chance of rain. Winds south at 21 mph. Sunrise at 6:32 a.m.

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# Obama defends drone strikes but says no cure-all

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Thursday defended America's controversial drone attacks as legal, effective and a necessary linchpin in an evolving U.S. counterterrorism policy. But he acknowledged the targeted strikes are no "cure-all" and said he is haunted by the civilians unintentionally killed.



**Barack Obama**

The president also announced a renewed push to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba, including lifting a moratorium on prisoner transfers to Yemen. However, shutting the prison will still require help from Republicans reluctant to back Obama's call to move some detainees to U.S. prisons and try them in civilian courts.

Obama framed his address as an attempt to redefine the nature and scope of terror threats facing the U.S., noting the weakening of al-Qaida and the impending end of the U.S.

war in Afghanistan. "Neither I, nor any president, can promise the total defeat of terror," Obama said in remarks at the National Defense University. "What we can do — what we must do — is dismantle networks that pose a direct danger, and make it less likely for new groups to gain a foothold, all while maintaining the freedoms and ideals that we defend."

Since taking office, Obama's counterterrorism strategy has increasingly relied on the use of strikes by unmanned spy drones, particularly in Pakistan and Yemen. The highly secretive program has faced criticism from congressional lawmakers who have questioned its scope and legality.

The president, in his most expansive public discussion on drones, defended their targeted killings as both effective and legal. He acknowledged the civilian deaths that sometimes result — a consequence that has angered many of the countries where the U.S. seeks to combat extremism — and said he grapples with that trade-off.

"For me, and those in my chain of command,

these deaths will haunt us as long as we live," he said. Before any strike, he said, "there must be near-certainty that no civilians will be killed or injured — the highest standard we can set."

Ahead of the address, Obama signed new "presidential policy guidelines" aimed at illustrating more clearly to Congress and the public the standards the U.S. applies before carrying out drone attacks. Officials said the guidelines include not using strikes when the targeted people can be captured, either by the U.S. or a foreign government, relying on drones only when the target poses an "imminent" threat and establishing a preference for giving the military control of the drone program.

However, the CIA is still expected to maintain control of the drone program in Yemen, as well as in Pakistan's tribal areas, given the concern that al-Qaida may return in greater numbers as U.S. troops draw down in Afghanistan. The military and the CIA currently work side by side in Yemen, with the CIA flying its drones over the northern region out of

a covert base in Saudi Arabia, and the military flying its unmanned aerial vehicles from Djibouti.

In Pakistan alone, up to 3,336 people have been killed by the unmanned aircraft since 2003, according to the New America Foundation which maintains a database of the strikes.

Obama's advisers said the new guidelines will effectively limit the number of drone strikes in terror zones and pointed to a future decline of attacks against extremists in Afghanistan as the war there winds down next year. But strikes elsewhere will continue. The guidelines will also apply to strikes against both foreigners and U.S. citizens abroad.

On the eve of the president's speech, the administration revealed for the first time that a fourth American citizen had been killed in secretive drone strikes abroad. The killings of three other Americans in counterterror operations since 2009 were widely known before a letter from Attorney General Eric Holder to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy acknowledged the four deaths.

## Teen arrested in death of his 2 brothers in Utah

WEST POINT, Utah (AP) — A teenager was arrested Thursday in the deaths of his two younger brothers, ages 4 and 10, at the family home in a Utah subdivision of new homes and tidy lawns, police said.

Davis County Sheriff Todd Richardson said authorities believe the boys died from knife wounds. It appears the 15-year-old boy acted alone, he said.

"As result of the emerging details, the 15-year-old juvenile has officially been taken into custody," Richardson said. Formal charges

have yet to be filed.

The Associated Press is withholding the name of the boy because of his age.

It was the second time in a month that an older brother has been arrested in the death of a sibling. Prosecutors have filed murder charges against a 12-year-old boy accused in the stabbing death of his 8-year-old sister on April 27 at their home in Central California.

In Utah, Richardson said the 15-year-old Utah boy had run away about a year ago before police found him. Neighbors said he was only gone a few hours.

His parents had six children, four of whom were adopted, said family friend and neighbor Lindsey Caballero, adding the parents were sweet, kind and loving.

The 15-year-old was the oldest and a biological son of the couple. The victims were both adopted, Cabal-

lero said.

Their bodies were found Wednesday night at the home in West Point, about 30 miles north of Salt Lake City. Police said the boys had been left with their older brother while their mother took her other children to a dance recital.

Richardson didn't take questions at the news conference and offered only scant details. He said the mother found her 4-year-old dead on the floor and called 911.

She thought both her 10-year-old and 15-year-old were missing, but police discovered the body of the 10-year-old while searching the house.

Police found the 15-year-old shortly before midnight in Layton — about five miles away. He was taken to a hospital for evaluation. Police declined to comment on his mental status.

The homicide case has

been taxing on his deputies, Richardson said.

"You see a lot of things, but it's hard to walk in there," said Richardson, pointing to the house

The boys' father is active duty military and has been deployed in another state for some time. The suspect was an avid runner like his father, neighbors said.

The family lives in an adobe ranch-style house with a basketball hoop in the driveway.

Detectives were inside the garage Thursday taking video.

Neighbors had set up a makeshift memorial at the foot of the mailbox with colored balloons, monkey stuffed animals and flowers.

"I'm still in shock," neighbor Karin Jackson said. "This is a wonderful neighborhood and the kids are usually outside playing."

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## Council members abstain from vote on abstaining

YPSILANTI, Mich. (AP) — Three members of a Michigan city council have abstained from voting on a measure that would have prevented them from abstaining on future votes.

AnnArbor.com reports that Ypsilanti City Council member Pete Murdock proposed a resolution Tuesday that would have required council members to only vote "yes" or "no" on each issue unless they had a professional or professional conflict.

Mayor Paul Schreiber

and council members Susan Moeller and Brian Robb abstained from the vote to show their disapproval of the resolution.

The resolution failed, with Murdock and another City Council member voting "yes" while two other council members voted "no."

### Hounded for calling Manila 'gates of hell'

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Dan Brown's description of Manila as

"the gates of hell" in the American novelist's latest book has not gone down well with officials in the Philippine capital.

The book "Inferno," which is being sold in the Philippines, includes a character who is visiting the city and taken aback by poverty, crime and the sex trade.

The chairman of metropolitan Manila, Francis Tolentino, wrote an open letter to Brown on Thursday.

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# Shop

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Dowd said she only charges for the booth spaces, with 100 percent of the vendors' profits going back to them.

The items she sell include jewelry, diaper bags, diaper cakes, books, signs, flower arrangements, photographs, paintings, cell phone holders, wallets and purses.

Owning a retail business seems to run in Dowd's family.

Dowd's niece, Christi Stribling, has a business called "Forever Yours" in Miami. She rents out a booth to sell signs and flower arrangements.

Dowd's sister, Barbara Lanier, has a shop called "Granny's Corner," also in Miami. She rents out a booth to sell diaper bags, cell phone holders, purses and wallets.

Gwen Reid sells pictures and paintings at the store from her business called "Gwen Reid Photography" that is located in White Deer.

"The longer I am open, the more vendors that I will get to come in," Dowd said. "Anyone can contact me if they are interested in booth

space. I never know when one vendor will leave or not."

Kristee McClenan is another possible vendor that might bring some items to Dowd's store next week. McClenan is a college student who sells items on the side from her home business called "Kreations by Kristee." Some of the items she makes are paper flowers and other home decor items. Dowd said an interesting thing McClenan does is create pots out of old benches.

"This store is the only income I have currently. People have trouble finding it," Dowd said. "It is located three blocks on the right past the Allsup's at the intersection of Starkweather and Foster."

"The house is big enough for us to live in and have the store. It is perfect," Dowd added. "It's well worth the effort to find me."

"My biggest goal is to keep things affordable for everyone. There are lots of good bargains and my prices won't go up unless my supply does."

The store is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday through Tuesday. For more information, visit Dowd's Facebook page "Silvia's Scrubs & More." You also can reach Dowd at 806-202-8936.



Photos by Zachary Green

Pictured are some of the items featured in Dowd's store. At left are photographs and at right are some diaper cakes. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday through Tuesday.

## Budget deal leaves about \$8B in rainy day fund

By AMAN BATHEJA  
The Texas Tribune

As another legislative session draws to a close, Texas' savings account is poised to remain more flush than Democrats and many Republicans in the Legislature had preferred at the beginning of the session.

After debating the issue for months, lawmakers moved forward with a budget deal Wednesday evening that includes tapping the Rainy Day Fund for \$3.9 billion. That should leave the fund with about \$8 billion under current projections.

That's about \$1 billion more than what Gov. Rick Perry has said the fund needs.

"The money's there and it's meant to be spent on things that we need to restore or replace or invest in," state Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, said. "There's no reason for us not to be using it."

The money in the fund, officially called the Economic Stabilization Fund, comes almost entirely from taxes paid on oil and gas production.

Every session, lawmakers view the amount in the fund based on how much the comptroller projects will be in it at the end of the next biennium. This session, that number was \$11.8 billion.

Earlier in the session, budget leaders spoke

about spending as much as \$7 billion from the fund, mostly focused on infrastructure spending. In April, the Senate unanimously passed a measure that would have asked voters to approve \$5.7 billion from the fund, mostly for road and water infrastructure projects, with \$800 million for public education. The plan was dead on arrival in the House.

The supplemental spending bill the Texas Senate approved Wednesday includes tapping the Rainy Day Fund for \$2 billion for water infrastructure projects and \$185 million to cover costs related to wildfires in 2011. The bill, House Bill 1025, also takes \$1.75 billion from the fund to undo an accounting gimmick lawmakers approved last session in which lawmakers delayed a payment to public schools by one month so it would be pushed into the next budget cycle.

When asked by another senator on Wednesday how much the deal would leave in the fund, Senate Finance Chairman Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, said, "I believe when we come back we'll have about \$8 billion in the Rainy Day Fund under current projects. I think it could be higher. Those numbers may be low."

Indeed, the comptroller's projection of the fund's balance is rarely on target. Comptroller Susan

Combs has said it's difficult to accurately predict oil and gas activity two years out, making estimates of the fund's future balance tricky.

Perry has said he believes the fund needs to maintain a balance that equals 7.5 percent of a portion of the state budget called general revenue, which typically makes up about half of the full budget. That's how much Perry and his staff has said the state needs in savings to maintain its strong credit ratings that allow it to borrow money cheaply. Ratings agencies have said they have no specific savings threshold for states.

Dick Lavine, a budget analyst with the liberal Center for Public Policy Priorities, noted that the state has had good credit ratings for years even though the Rainy Day Fund only recently grew large enough that it could satisfy Perry's metric, thanks to an oil and gas drilling boom.

"We spent it down to near zero several times, and our bond rating stayed unchanged," Lavine said.

Under Perry's metric, lawmakers could spend \$4.9 billion from the fund, leaving a \$6.9 billion balance.

While the budget deal comes in \$1 billion smaller than Perry wanted and even farther off from what budget leaders in both the House and Senate have

previously discussed some conservative lawmakers and groups believe the \$3.9 billion lawmakers are planning to spend is still too much.

"There is simply no excuse for lawmakers to tap the state's savings account for water infrastructure projects when there is ample general revenue funds in the budget to pay for the state's needs," said Talmadge Hefflin, a former legislator and budget analyst with the conservative Texas Public Policy Foundation. "The Legislature is simply failing to prioritize."

Others argue that the state is being stingy and could hamper economic growth if it allows critical infrastructure needs to lag.

In an email to supporters Tuesday, Williams suggested that he has not given up on finding more funding for the Texas Department of Transportation in the session's final days. The agency has said it is billions of dollars short in being able to meet the transportation needs of the fast-growing state.

"I am still trying to reach agreement with the House in the coming days to put more money in the budget for transportation," Williams said. "As it stands now, we would run out of money for new highway construction after [fiscal year 2015] — and we can't allow that to happen."

# Evans

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and rescue crew all day and all night Tuesday, then all day on Wednesday.

He said crews searched through the rubble to find people, dead or alive, one block at a time.

When they were finished searching a block, they would paint a big "X" somewhere that can be easily seen and then moved on to the next block. According to established procedures, Evans said, rescue personnel will paint a big "X" on the outside of a house or building after they finish searching it.

"But you can't paint an 'X' on a house or building that no longer exists," he said. His crew searched four blocks and didn't find any bodies. "All the ladies here at

church were praying nobody would be found dead and it worked," said Evans, who attends Calvary Baptist Church.

Evans said he did meet rescue personnel who discovered bodies of children at the elementary school that was leveled.

"I talked to a couple of them down there who had found some deceased children in the school, and you could tell it was traumatic to them," he said.

Evans said in his 10 years as a firefighter, the Moore tornado was the worst storm or event he's ever seen.

Asked how he deals with coming upon victims killed in a fire or car crash, Evans said it's all in God's hands.

"God put me here to be an EMT," he said. "I do my job but I can't change His decision. That's how I survive in fires and wrecks. He called them and I can't change that."

# Deliveries

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delivery service, and she and Benny took over when the daughter-in-law got a job at another business.

There are fees for deliveries, but they are affordable. Store manager Isaac Silva said the fee is \$5 for the first \$50 worth of groceries, and \$7.50 for any delivery more than \$50. The Wyants are paid per delivery.

Silva said the store used to do between six to eight

delivers at a time, but now it's more like one or two.

Typically, Silva said, a customer will call in an order at around 8 a.m. on delivery days and then the Wyants come over to the store to pick up the groceries in their SUV.

Silva said he gets calls asking if the store does deliveries, and at least one church in town, Pampa Church of the Nazarene, advertises the service in its weekly bulletins.

For more information, call Fiesta Foods at 806-665-5451.

## Hurricane forecast: Another busy Atlantic season

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Get ready for another busy hurricane season, maybe unusually wild, federal forecasters say.

Their prediction Thursday calls for 13 to 20 named Atlantic storms, 7 to 11 that strengthen into hurricanes and 3 to 6 that become major hurricanes.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said there is a 70 percent chance that this year will be more active than an average hurricane season.

If you live in hurricane prone areas along the Atlantic Ocean or Gulf of Mexico coasts, "This is your warning," acting NOAA administrator Kathryn Sullivan said.

A normal year has 12 named storms, 6 hurricanes and 3 major storms with winds over 110 mph.

Last year was the third-busiest on record with 19 named storms. Ten became

hurricanes and were two major storms. That included Sandy, which caused \$50 billion in damage even though it lost hurricane status when it made landfall in New Jersey.

All the factors that go into hurricane forecasts are pointing to an active season, or extremely active one, said lead forecaster Gerry Bell of the Climate Prediction Center.

Those factors include: warmer than average ocean waters that provide fuel for storms, a multi-decade pattern of increased hurricane activity, the lack of an El Nino warming of the central Pacific Ocean, and an active pattern of storm systems coming off west Africa.

The Atlantic hurricane season goes through about 25 to 40 year cycles of high activity and low activity. The high activity period started around 1995, Sullivan said.

The forecasts don't include where storms might land, if any place. Despite the formation of more hurricanes recently, the last time a major hurricane made landfall in the United States was Wilma in 2005. That seven-year stretch is the longest on record.

The six-month season starts June 1. Forecasters name tropical storms when their top winds reach 39 mph; hurricanes have maximum winds of at least 74 mph.

This year's names: Andrea, Barry, Chantal, Dorian, Erin, Fernand, Gabrielle, Humberto, Ingrid, Jerry, Karen, Lorenzo, Melissa, Nestor, Olga, Pablo, Rebekah, Sebastien, Tanya, Van and Wendy.

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## Obama is stingy with his pardons

Last week, Attorney General Eric Holder gave Washington a preview of how the last few months of the Obama administration are going to look, and they're going to be ugly. Holder knows ugly. He was, after all, deputy attorney general when President Bill Clinton issued his infamous 140 out-of-the-door pardons to such unworthies as Marc Rich, who fled to Switzerland after federal prosecutors issued a 51-count indictment against him in 1983 for tax evasion, racketeering and illegal trading with Iran. Even though Rich was a fugitive from federal prosecution, Holder issued a "neutral, leaning towards favorable," opinion on the pardon; Rich's attorney also used to be Clinton's attorney.

Perhaps, having been pilloried for helping Clinton pardon a well-heeled fugitive and a group of unrepentant Puerto Rican terrorists, Holder decided that the second time around, as attorney general, he would advise the president that the best way not to abuse the pardon power is to barely use the pardon power.

Since 2009, President Barack Obama has issued a mere 39 pardons for offenders who have served their sentences and one lonely commutation. Obama has the stingiest pardon record of any modern president.

During a House Judiciary Committee hearing last week, Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn., brought up the pardon power when he urged Holder to champion a presidential pardon for former Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman, who was sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison after he was found guilty of bribery. (As Cohen noted, 113 former state attorneys general from both parties urged the Supreme Court to review Siegelman's conviction.)

Holder responded that his office could not consider clemency while Siegelman has a pending appeal. Cohen then asked about an inspector general report that found that

Pardon Attorney Ronald Rodgers had withheld information that could have led to the release of a first-time nonviolent drug offender sentenced to life without parole in 1993.

Holder answered that "corrective measures have been put in place so that kind of mistake would not happen in the future."

Cohen surmised, "It seems to me a corrective measure would be to replace Rodgers." No lie. Usually, attorneys general don't like subordinates withholding vital information from a president.

Federal mandatory minimum sentences have resulted in draconian penalties for anonymous black men -- such as Clarence Aaron, who may have lost his bid for a commutation because of Rodgers' omissions and will die in prison for a first-time nonviolent drug conviction unless he wins a commutation. As a candidate, Obama was highly critical of mandatory minimums, but as president, with the power to commute unjust sentences, his universal response has been to show no mercy.

No political upside. "Hardly anyone's getting clemency," "Pardon Power" blogger P.S. Ruckman observed. Inmates seeking a sentence commutation stand "a better chance of getting hit by lightning."

In his memoirs, "Decision Points," former President George W. Bush wrote that he had felt the pressure to pardon so keenly that on Inauguration Day, he gave Obama one piece of advice: "Announce a pardon policy early on, and stick to it."

Did Obama listen? Unless he decides to use his pardon power wisely and soon, there are only two ways this can end.

1) Obama feels the pressure as he is about to exit and grants clemency in order to please his cronies -- with maybe (or maybe not) a few politically unconnected inmates like Aaron thrown into the mix so that not all the pardons and commutations look like inside jobs.

2) Obama sees no political upside in using his unfettered pardon power to redress sentencing injustices. So he doesn't. Holder got burned, and Obama won't touch that stove.

## Ask Carrie

### Can a preschooler learn the value of money?

Dear Carrie, My 4-year old loves to bring the money she gets from her grandparents to the store to buy treats.



**CARRIE SCHWAB**

I don't have the heart to tell her when she doesn't have enough, so I usually make up the difference. But I'd like her to begin to learn the value of money. Is she too young to understand? And when should I start giving her an allowance? --A Reader

Dear Reader, I've always believed that children can learn meaningful lessons about money at a very early age. In fact, by about age 3, they're listening and learning from us whether we're aware of it or not. When we take our kids to the grocery store, to the bank or clothes shopping, even if we don't include them in the transactions, they're picking up signals and attitudes about money and how we handle it. Why not turn these passive experiences into active learning opportunities?

Your 4-year old is already aware that money has value; it can be used to buy something special. So now would be a perfect time to help her understand that there are limits to what money

can buy, and also that she may have to make a choice. There are some fun ways to do this.

**Start with a simple piggy bank**  
 At 4, your daughter is probably a proficient counter, so help her learn more about the value of money by first putting any coins she gets into a piggy bank. Periodically take the coins out so she can count them. At the same time, you can help her identify what they are, and what each is worth, i.e., 10 pennies make a dime, 5 nickels make a quarter.

Once she's accumulated enough to buy something -- even a dollar or two -- explain to her that different things cost different amounts of money. Then, when you go to the store together, you can look at price tags and discuss what that means. Let her select an item that she can afford, pay for it, get a receipt and keep any change to put back in the piggy bank. She'll probably be proud of her successful transaction.

To keep this lesson going, you can do some comparison shopping and let her handle small purchases whenever appropriate

**Introduce a fun way to save for something special**  
 Saving is another money lesson kids can learn at a young age. I'd start now

to help your daughter understand that she may have to wait to buy the things she wants. For instance, the next time she has her heart set on something, talk with her about how much it costs and tell her she can save her money until she has enough to buy it.

You might have her decorate a special jar for that particular savings goal. As she gets money from her grandparents, have her put it in the savings jar. Think how excited she'll be when she finally goes with you to make the purchase with the money she's saved.

**Enjoy every milestone**  
 I applaud you for starting your daughter's financial education early. As she gets older, you can help her through other money milestones like making a first big purchase, buying a car and saving for college. These real-life experiences will give you the chance to teach her important financial lessons and give your daughter the chance to take pride in her accomplishments. Most importantly, you'll be setting her on a solid path to financial independence. To me, that's the real value.

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## Gang of Eight Betrays Americans

The Gang of Eight immigration bill can be summed up as amnesty now, border closing never. The Department of Homeland Security is not required to build a fence (which was ordered by the Secure Fence Act signed by President George W. Bush). DHS is required only to submit a plan.



**PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY**

If the DHS Secretary decides she has not reached 90 percent of border security, a "trigger" kicks in: the creation of a Southern Border Security Commission empowered (horrors!) to make recommendations. After six months of pondering its mission, the Commission automatically self-liquidates, so there will never be border security.

The Gang of Eight bill will give legal residence to 11 million illegal aliens, which is the actual goal for which they undertook their journey and broke U.S. law. Their new U.S. legality will be concealed under the pompous bureaucratic title, Registered Provisional Immigrant (RPI) status.

This amnesty will cost the U.S. taxpayers \$6.3 trillion over the lifetimes of the amnestied persons, mostly outside the 10-year window used for CBO calculations. This horrendous sum, which includes all forms of public benefits less the taxes they pay, was copiously

documented by the Heritage Foundation.

The Gang of Eight authorizes the issuance of 33 million lifetime work permits (for 11 million amnesties plus accelerated chain migration) over the next 10 years. This enormous influx of job seekers will flood our labor markets and communities, thus continuing the high unemployment of Americans, driving down the wages of those who do have jobs and eliminating their hope of ever rising to the middle class and achieving the American dream.

Every amnestied person will become eligible for Obamacare upon receiving a green card, and within five years will be able to cash in on our 79 means-tested welfare benefits. The timetable for these generous benefits will almost certainly be advanced because of Senator Chuck Schumer's demands, Obama's executive orders or lawsuits brought before judges who believe in a "living" Constitution.

The promises made about E-Verify have a loophole for existing employees and even for those who steal American identities to get a job. Members of the Gang of Eight even included special provisions (earmarks) to import cheap labor to work in their own state's industries.

The Gang of Eight's so-called requirement that those amnestied will have to pay back taxes is a sham. They will be asked to pay only any taxes already computed and assessed by the Internal

Revenue Service and, since the many years the illegals worked off the books never came to the attention of the IRS, those years will not be counted.

There are so many loopholes and exemptions to the so-called requirement that amnestied aliens speak English that it's a total farce.

All 11 million amnestied immigrants are supposed to have a background check, but the mere recital of such a requirement sounds like a joke. Our FBI and CIA missed so many obvious clues that the Boston Marathon bomber Tamarlan was a potential terrorist that government background checks on 11 million persons should provoke an "are you kidding?" laugh.

IRS bureaucrats testified in the congressional hearing that the IRS was so overwhelmed by the copious paperwork involved in a few hundred Tea Party applications that the IRS had to perform "triage." So how can the IRS cope with 11 million applications for RPI status from people whose paperwork is mostly forged or stolen?

Any government program managed by the liberals always includes a "follow the money" segment. The Gang of Eight's claim to promote "immigrant integration" is a ruse to give taxpayers' money to leftwing and Islamist activist groups such as CASA, La Raza, MALDEF and CAIR.

The Gang of Eight bill defines these groups as "nonprofit organizations in-

cluding those with legal advocacy experience working with immigrant countries." They are actually Alinsky-style community organizers that focus on recruiting and politicizing immigrants.

Current U.S. law provides for the yearly admission of more than one million persons, more than any nation in the world, and the Gang of Eight's bill will double that number. Because of our government's failure to enforce so many existing laws, such as using a biometric entry-and-exit system to track visitors, we should have a pause in legal immigration until current laws are obeyed.

One big fraud in the current admission of legal immigrants is illustrated by the entry of the Boston bomber's family as refugees. Remember, they were given welfare benefits worth \$100,000.

The Gang of Eight bill will reduce Republicans and conservatives to a permanent minority status. For the last century, immigrants who came in big waves voted at least 2-to-1 Democratic, in recent years it was 3-to-1, and there is zero evidence that the amnestied persons believe in Republican principles such as limited government and balanced budgets.

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# Man shot by FBI had ties to Boston bombing suspect

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A Chechen immigrant shot to death in Florida after an altercation with an FBI agent implicated himself in a triple slaying that officials believe may have been connected to Boston Marathon bombing suspect Tamerlan Tsarnaev, authorities said.

Ibragim Todashev's Chechen roots and mixed martial arts background mirror that of Tsarnaev, the 26-year-old Boston bombing suspect killed in a shootout with police days after the April 15 terrorist attack. The two also had lived in the Boston area.

Todashev, a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter, was fatally shot early Wednesday at his Orlando home during a meeting with the agent and two Massachusetts state troopers, authorities said. The agent was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

Three law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said initially that Todashev had lunged at the FBI agent with a knife. However, two of those officials said later in the day it was no longer clear what had happened. The third official had not received any new information.

The FBI gave no details on why it was interested in Todashev except to say that he was being questioned as part of the Boston investigation. However, two officials briefed on the investigation said he had implicated himself as having been in-

involved in the 2011 triple-slaying in a Boston suburb that authorities believe may have been connected to Tamerlan Tsarnaev. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release details of the investigation.

Todashev resided in nearby Watertown, Mass., last year, public records show. His father, Abdul-Baki Todashev, said Todashev was in college when about five or six years ago when he got an opportunity to go to the United States to study English. He said he later agreed to his son's request to remain in the U.S. "because it seemed like the safest country."

Several of Todashev's former roommates who were questioned by the FBI said he knew Tamerlan Tsarnaev, an aspiring boxer, from mixed martial arts fighting in Boston and that the FBI was asking about him.

Muslin Chapkhanov, a former roommate, said Todashev "was living in Boston and I think he trained with" Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

Tsarnaev's younger brother, Dzhokhar, survived the shootout with police and is now charged with carrying out the attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260 in downtown Boston. He is also charged in the slaying of an MIT police officer days later.

Todashev's father said his son gave up martial arts because of an injury and later held a number of jobs, including as a driv-

er at a retirement home, before moving to Florida within the past year. Todashev had lived on and off with other Chechens in the Orlando suburb of Kissimmee and had moved to Orlando more recently, friends said.

His father said his son had planned to come to Chechnya this week to visit his extended family, but was asked by the FBI to delay his trip.

Investigators have been trying to establish the scope of the plot. In addition, authorities in Massachusetts said they would investigate whether Tamerlan Tsarnaev had any connection to the unsolved 2011 deaths in the Boston suburb of Waltham, where three men were found in an apartment, their throats slit and marijuana sprinkled over their bodies.

One of the victims was a boxer and a friend of Tsarnaev's.

While he was being interviewed, Todashev made statements implicating himself in the 2011 Waltham slayings, two officials briefed on the investigation said.

Neither official knew whether Todashev had also implicated Tamerlan Tsarnaev in the killings.

The two, a federal law enforcement official and a Massachusetts state official, spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release details of the investigation.

Neither official was sure of the extent of Todashev's sup-

posed involvement.

Former roommate Khusein Taramov said the FBI was asking questions about a conversation Todashev had with the older bombing suspect a month before the Boston Marathon attack.

The ex-roommate said Todashev shared the substance of his previous conversations with investigators with him and that he was completely forthcoming. That's why he was surprised that Wednesday's interview ended the way it did.

"He told them everything," Taramov said. "He told everything he knew. ... I don't know why that (the shooting) happened. It's crazy."

But Taramov also said Todashev was afraid before Wednesday's interview.

"That's what he asked me before he pretty much died," Taramov said. "He asked me, 'If something happens can you go out and tell all the truth, what exactly happened.'"

Like Todashev, the Tsarnaev brothers have roots in the turbulent Russian regions of Dagestan and Chechnya, which have become recruiting grounds for Islamic extremists.

Investigators have said the brothers carried out the Boston bombing in retaliation for the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

An FBI team was dispatched from Washington to review the shooting, standard procedure in such cases.

Police records suggest Todashev had a hot temper. He was arrested this month on a charge of aggravated battery after getting into a fight over a parking spot with a father and son at an Orlando shopping mall. The son was hospitalized with a split lip and several teeth knocked out, according to a sheriff's report. Todashev claimed self-defense.

"By his own admission Todashev was recently a former mixed martial arts fighter," the arresting deputy said in his report. "This skill puts his fighting ability way above that of normal person."

Todashev was released on \$3,500 bail after his May 4 arrest. His attorney, Alain Rivas, didn't respond to a call for comment Wednesday.

Todashev was also arrested by Boston police in 2010 after a road rage encounter. Witnesses told police that he argued with two other drivers and cut them off with his vehicle.

According to a police report, he yelled, "You say something about my mother, I will kill you."

Todashev's said he was worried that with his son was dead, the FBI could now pin any crime on him.

"Out of fear of the lawlessness in Chechnya, I sent him to the U.S., because it seemed like the safest country at the time," he said. "Now I'm thinking about how to bring home his body. As it turns out, I sent him to his death."

## USDA Advisory Committee on minority farmers seeks nominations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently published a Notice of Solicitation for Nominations for its Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers for two-year membership terms in the Federal Register dated April 30.

"Members of the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers play a critical role in helping USDA ensure modern and equitable service for all of our customers — a keystone of the Obama Administration's commitment to civil rights," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "I highly encourage the nomination of folks who

are interested in serving their community by helping USDA continue our record accomplishments on behalf of all Americans."

This Committee advises the Secretary of Agriculture on matters broadly affecting socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and considers strategies, policies, and programs that enhance Department goals for assisting minority farming and ranching operations. The Committee considers goals and objectives necessary to implement its recommendations, as well as methodologies that maximize participation of minority farmers in USDA

programs.

The USDA is soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals from the ranching and farming industry, related State governments, Tribal agricultural agencies, academic institutions, commercial banking entities, trade associations and related nonprofit enterprises. An organization may nominate individuals from within or outside its membership; alternatively, an individual may nominate herself or himself. Nomination forms are available on the Web at: [www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf](http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf). Nomination packages must include the nomination

form along with a cover letter and resume or biographical description documenting the nominee's background and experience.

The deadline for submitting nominations is May 31.

Nomination packages mailed should be addressed to: Kenya Nicholas, Designated Federal Official, USDA-OAO, 1400 Independence Ave., Room 520-A, Washington, DC 20250-0170.

Nomination packages may also be faxed to the attention of Mrs. Kenya Nicholas using fax number (202) 720-7704. Any inquiries may be sent via email to: [ACMF@osec.usda.gov](mailto:ACMF@osec.usda.gov).

## Pakistan arrested American who was killed by drone

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — An American citizen killed in a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan in 2011 was arrested by Pakistani authorities three years earlier but escaped after being released on bail, officials said Thursday.

The Obama administration revealed Wednesday that Jude Kenan Mohammad died in a U.S. drone strike in Pakistan's tribal region, making him the fourth American citizen killed by unmanned aircraft in Pakistan and Yemen. The confirmation came as President Barack Obama is expected to deliver a speech in Washington on Thursday that will focus in large part on the administration's expanded use of drones to kill hundreds of people in those two countries and other places where terrorists have taken refuge.

U.S. officials didn't provide details, but Pakistani security officials said Mohammad was killed in late 2011 in Pakistan's South Waziristan tribal area.

Mohammad was part of an eight-member group based in North Carolina accused of planning terrorist attacks.

He was indicted by federal authorities in 2009 as part of an alleged plot to attack the U.S. Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia. The other seven members were arrested, but authorities said Mohammad fled the U.S. to join Islamic militants in Pakistan's tribal region.

Pakistani intelligence officials arrested Mohammad on Oct. 15, 2008, after he tried to enter Mohmand, a tribal area considered a

sanctuary for al-Qaida and Taliban militants, without the permission required for foreigners to travel to the tribal region.

Mohammad, who was 20 years old at the time, was carrying a laptop, a dagger, Islamic books and DVDs, a map of Pakistan and an American passport, the security officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Mohammad's family said at the time that he was abroad visiting his Pakistani father, Taj Mohammad. The father owned a gas station in the northwest city of Peshawar, according to the son's police report from when he was arrested. U.S. consular officials in Pakistan visited the American and provided him with consular assistance.

Mohammad appeared in court in the town of Shabqadar in northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Oct. 17, 2008, wearing the long tunic and baggy trousers common among Pakistani men. Police said they were interrogating the American to determine why he had come to the area, but gave no indication at the time that they suspected he had links with militants.

Police officials said Thursday that Mohammad was not cooperative during their interrogations and claimed he was being mistreated.

Mohammad was eventually booked on charges of weapons possession and traveling without proper documents, but was released on bail. He failed to

show up for a court hearing on Sept. 5, 2009, bolstering suspicions that he was on the run.

It's unclear what Mohammad did in the time between when he was arrested in Pakistan and killed in a U.S. drone strike.

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# Damaged wheat crop can be sold for forage

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Baling or ensiling freeze-damaged wheat to take advantage of drought-induced higher forage prices might be the best option for some producers, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Producers would need to determine how much forage they have in the field, said Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist in College Station, and compare the economics of harvesting for grain to harvesting for hay.

"When it turns dry, people get desperate, and that hay can be worth quite a bit," Redmon said. "Back in 2011 during the drought, the last round-bales of hay into Abilene were priced at \$180 a bale. If the bales weighed 1,000 pounds, that's \$360 a ton. I would use current market prices to start figuring the crop's potential as hay."

Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Lubbock, said there is no substitute for getting out and assessing a field to see how much damage is there and knowing what potential it has.

"Yes, for many fields we know now or will soon know that they may not be worth carrying to grain," Trostle said. "And how much grain is 'worth it' if we have to keep irrigating: 15 or 20 or 25 or 30 bushels per acre?"

A producer will have to determine how much forage tonnage they can expect to get from their damaged wheat crop, and there's not simple method to do that, the experts said.

"I don't have a simple means to gauge the approximate tonnage of a wheat field or other small-grain forage field," Trostle said. "You eye it and estimate, though it

is an educated estimate."

Redmon said if it was a pasture, forage would be estimated by taking a 12-inch quadrant and cut, dry and weigh the forage in that quadrant to extrapolate pounds per acre. But with a drilled crop, generally grown on 7- to 8-inch rows, that measurement has to be tweaked a little.

"Estimating forage for crops planted in rows requires adjustments for row spacing to arrive at a reasonable estimate," he said.

Then the producer has to compare the tonnage of hay possible from an acre to the possible wheat grain yield. Grazing freeze-damaged wheat, which is most likely a bearded variety, at this point is not a likely option, except for wheat in the northern Panhandle. The emergence of bearded heads greatly reduces the feed-usability of the forage due to the awns.

"How much hay could we get off an acre — maybe a ton, which might be worth \$125 up to \$180 a ton, depending on how the rest of the year goes," Redmon said. "Versus, if they harvest 10 bushels of wheat, they would get \$7 per bushel — so the hay harvest looks good."

Some of the questions to be considered, Trostle said, are:

What are hay prices? Who pays for haying?

What are silage prices? If silage price includes a percent crude protein criterion, will the price be discounted heavily if percent crude protein is not met?

Also, Trostle notes a hidden "cost" of forage production — one that wheat grain growers may not have factored in their consideration — is the amount of nutrients moved off the field in the forage. Depending on the wheat growth stage, it could cost \$30 to \$50 to replace the nitro-

gen and other nutrients leaving the field in a ton of dry wheat hay.

"Right now haying yield-damaged wheat appears to be the best option," said Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo. "The drought has resulted in very good prices for wheat hay. Currently, these prices are running from \$145-\$175 per ton."

"New crop wheat offers are about \$7.15 per bushel, which is historically a good price, but by the time you adjust for harvest expenses for both hay and grain options, it appears that you will have to harvest approximately 20 bushels of wheat to get the equivalent net returns from harvesting a ton of wheat hay," Amosson said.

"In addition, you have the added risk of hail damage from waiting to harvest it for grain that you wouldn't have from baling it now," he said. "Of course, every situation is different, so producers need to use a sharp pencil in determining which option works best for them."

Additionally, Trostle said if the wheat is irrigated, "then you are still irrigating potentially a few inches, so continuing to grain doesn't stop the expenses on the crop the way haying would."

Redmon said the more mature wheat that has started heading out may not be as high quality as the younger wheat, but it will still make hay that can be more valuable this year than others due to the continuing drought.

"Once it starts to flower, wheat moves the nutrients from the leaves to the grain and out of the leaves."

So around here, where grain is already developing, the crude protein on the hay would be around 8-10 percent," Redmon said. "But if it hasn't headed out, it would be closer to 12-14 percent."

"That could be a valuable hay crop," he said. "They can either store it or sell it to someone and make money on it."

Redmon said making hay now might be insurance of sorts against the forecast for prolonged drought.

The current hay situation is starting off a little behind, due to dry, cool weather.

"Our warm-season grasses are two to three weeks behind. So the hay situation now doesn't look good, but if we get rain, it will improve," he said. "East Texas and Northeast Texas are considered abnormally dry now and that's where they could cut some good hay. Central Texas is dry; we are under extreme drought. The Coastal Bend region, where they cut a lot of hay, is in severe to extreme drought."

"Right now there is not a whole lot of hay to be cut, although there will be some cut," Redmon said. "If they can make hay, they better make some, because it may be the only cutting they get unless conditions change."

As of last week, 92 percent of the state was under drought, he said.

The forecast shows that Northeast Texas is supposed to improve, but in the western three-quarters of the state, the drought is supposed to intensify, "so they could sell hay all over the place."

Redmon said wheat hay won't go to dairy or horse markets, but in the market aimed at stocker cattle and beef cows, "the freight alone would make it a better buy than bringing in something from Nebraska or wherever, like they had to in the past few years. There's a ready market for that."

For further information on assessing wheat freeze injury as well as continuing crop updates, call Brandon McGinty at 806-669-8033 or, access [Wheatfreezeinjury.tamu.edu](http://Wheatfreezeinjury.tamu.edu).

# Xcel Energy and NCAR power up renewable energy forecasts

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MINNEAPOLIS — Xcel Energy announced recently an expanded agreement with the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) for sophisticated renewable energy forecasting. The agreement with the Boulder, Colo.-based center extends an existing relationship that has saved Xcel Energy's 3.4 million electricity customers in eight states millions of dollars.

In the next two years, NCAR scientists and engineers will develop custom forecasting systems to enable Xcel Energy control centers in Minneapolis, Denver, Golden, Colo., and Amarillo, Texas, to anticipate sudden changes in wind, shut down turbines ahead of potentially damaging icing events and even predict the amount of energy

generated by private solar panels.

"Xcel Energy has been the nation's largest utility provider of wind energy for the last nine years, and as our renewable energy portfolio continues to grow, accurate forecasts become increasingly important," said Ben Fowke, chairman, president and CEO of Xcel Energy.

The new project represents the latest venture by NCAR into renewable energy, which includes a three-year, nationwide project to create 36-hour forecasts of incoming energy from the sun for solar energy power plants.

The systems will help Xcel Energy provide reliable power to its customers and reduce costs while moving to greater use of wind and solar. They come at a time when Xcel Energy is increasing its use of renewable energy in its

territories served by Public Service Co. of Colorado, Northern States Power Co.-Minnesota, NSP-Wisconsin and Southwestern Public Service Co.

"By creating more detailed and accurate forecasts of wind and sun, we can produce a major return on investment for utilities," said Thomas Bogdan, president of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, which manages NCAR on behalf of the National Science Foundation. "This type of cutting-edge research helps make renewable energy more cost competitive."

To help utilities anticipate wind energy more reliably, NCAR began designing a wind energy prediction system for Xcel Energy in 2009 that saved the utility's customers more than \$6 million in 2010 alone. The spe-

cialized system relies on a suite of tools, including highly detailed observations of atmospheric conditions, an ensemble of powerful computer models, and artificial intelligence techniques to issue high-resolution forecasts for wind farm sites.

NCAR's new agreement with Xcel Energy focuses on the following areas:

- Forecasting major changes in wind energy over a few hours due to a passing front or another atmospheric event.
- Forecasting ice and extreme temperatures to predict the impacts of freezing rain on wind turbines, which cannot operate when coated in ice.
- Generating solar forecasts using a combination of computer models and specialized cloud observing tools to help Xcel Energy better anticipate when customers are get-

ting power from their own panels.

Some of these new systems will provide "probabilistic forecasts," estimating the chances that a particular weather event will occur.

This means that utility managers will be able to make decisions based on whether there is an 80 percent chance of certain

weather events at a wind farm the next day or a 20 percent chance.

Ultimately, Xcel Energy will control the systems for ongoing operations.

NCAR researchers plan to publish the results of these systems in peer-reviewed journals, enabling other utilities and forecast providers to learn about the technologies.

# Indictment: 84-year-old N.M. woman trafficking drugs

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — An 84-year-old Albuquerque woman on an oxygen tank has been indicted for drug trafficking.

KRQE-TV reports that Lillie Smith was recently indicted by a Bernalillo County Grand Jury for trafficking, conspiracy to commit trafficking, tampering with evi-

dence and possession.

Court documents show the charges stem from a warrant served at Smith's apartment back in 2011. Deputies suspected that the woman's son, Nathan Jones, was running a small drug operation out of her Albuquerque apartment.

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Of-

fice Sgt. Aaron Williamson says deputies found cocaine and marijuana on her and she tried to stash them during the investigation.

Court records show that Smith was arrested and has been released. Her son was also arrested.

It was not known if Smith or her son had attorneys.



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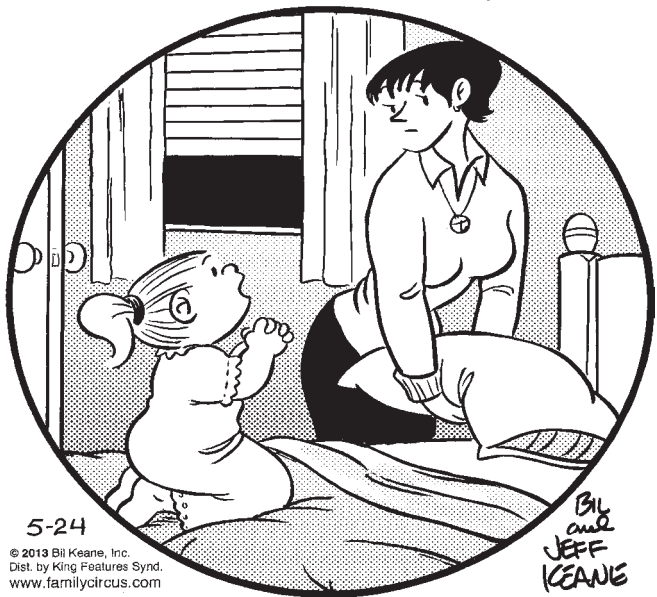
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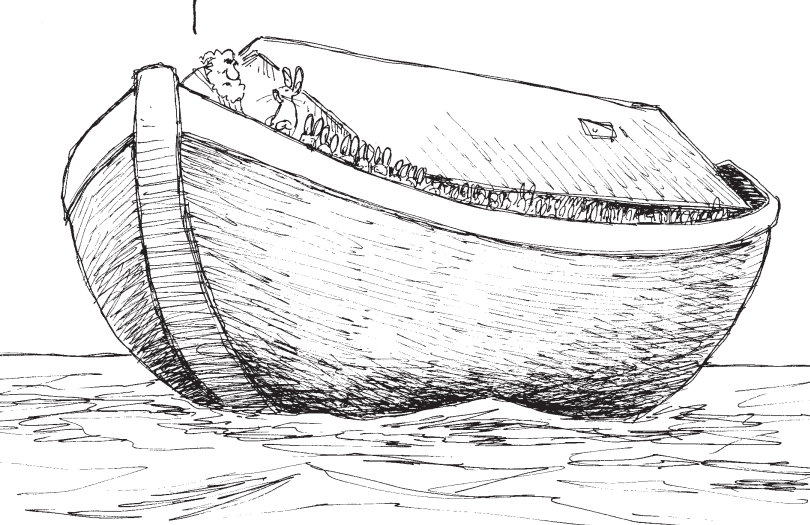
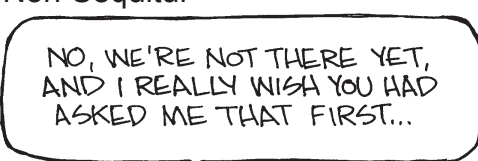
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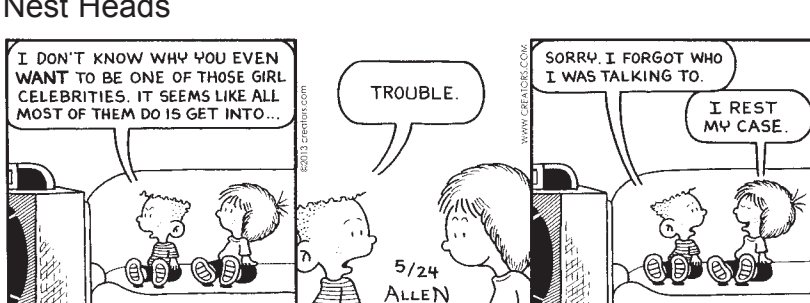
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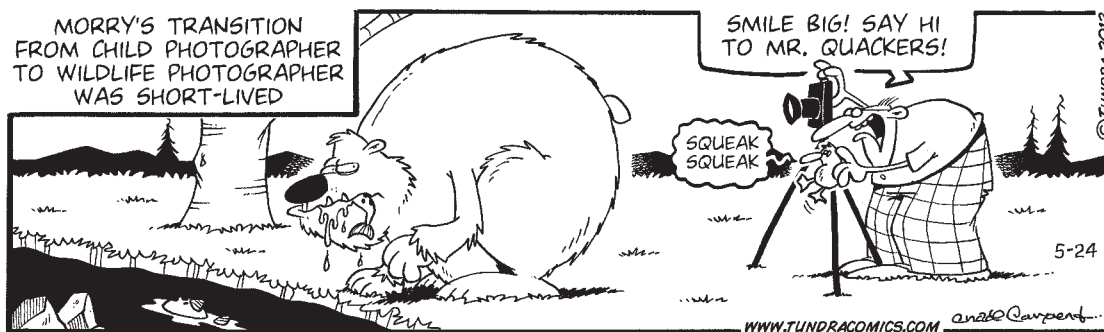
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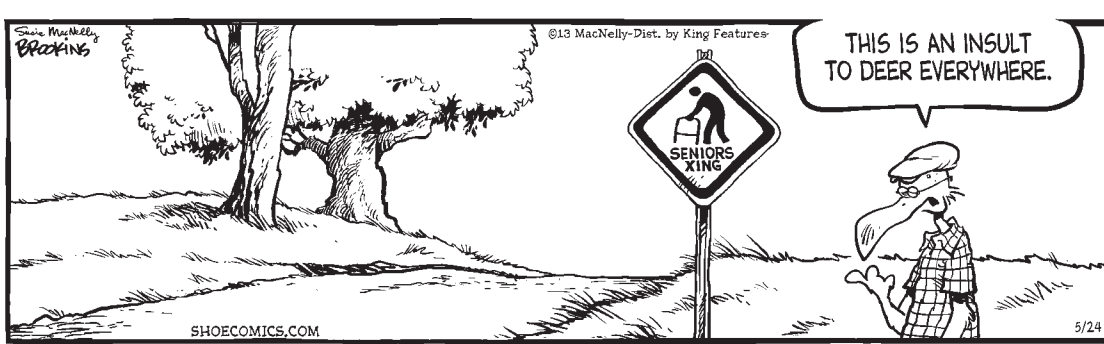
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, May 25, 2013  
 This year you display more black-and-white thinking than in previous years. You also tend to weigh problems from opposing views. You seem to go back and forth from being emotional to intellectual. Where has the levelheaded Gemini gone? You are exploring new ideas and broadening your horizon. If you are single, you might attract someone who really likes one side of your personality. As you switch from that side to the other, this person might not be as loving. If you are attached, your transformation could throw your sweetie for a loop. Be more open, and enhance the mutuality between you. **SAGITTARIUS** understands you better than you do.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 ★★★★★ Try to get away from it all. A break could be just what the doctor ordered. You know how volatile the last few days have been. Go for a drive to the country, and enjoy the scenery along the way. Visit with an out-of-town friend if you can. Tonight: Finally, you can relax.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ Rethink a decision made in haste. You even might wonder why you made that choice in the first place. Confusion and pressure often force others' involvement. An unexpected change could feel uncomfortable. Find out what's going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Where the fun is.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Go along with a change of pace. You'll want to open up to new possibilities after recent events and join friends who are more easygoing than you typically are. You also might decide to let go of stress that could be affecting your well-being. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ You will be weighing the pros and cons of getting involved with a certain project. You could realize that you would rather just take some time off. Be a couch potato, if that makes you happy. You might be bored soon enough, but you also will be well rested. Tonight: Indulge yourself.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You'll re-energize through some flirtation and fun. You know what you need. Find a fun friend and start the process. You might be confused about a situation; release it for now. Over-indulging is OK as long as you know when

enough is enough. Tonight: Lead the party!  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You might not realize how tired and/or stressed out you are until you slow down. Decide to do nothing and stay close to home. Whether you take a nap, watch some TV or read a book makes no difference, as long as you are able to relax. Tonight: Happily at home.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You could be overtired and withdrawn by recent events. You will want to catch up on neighborhood news and meet a pal for dinner. Don't be surprised if, at some point during the day, you nod off. Tonight: Stop acting like Superman or Superwoman — you're only human.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to see what happens if you put up your feet and relax. Before you know it, you could nod off. You have a desire to escape. Some of you might decide to join a friend or two and party. Some of you will go way overboard. Tonight: Be your wild self.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You feel full of energy and ready to deal with whatever comes your way. Socialize to your heart's content. Someone might be unclear about your intentions. Listen to news with a grain of salt. Everything can change before you know it. Tonight: Honor spontaneity!  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ You might want to move right past a personal issue. Understand that you can't keep pushing like that. Sometimes you need some time away from thinking about an issue. Give yourself some space. When someone shares a secret, keep it a secret. Tonight: Not to be found.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ You are the sign that is associated with friendship, and that is exactly why you need to surround yourself with friends. As a group, you will reinforce what is good about one another. Don't hesitate to share your grievances with a trusted friend. Tonight: Where the action is.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Think through a decision involving an older friend or loved one. Spend some time with this person, and perhaps get some feedback on what actions you are considering taking. Listen to his or her thoughts carefully, and your opinion could change. Tonight: A must-appearance.

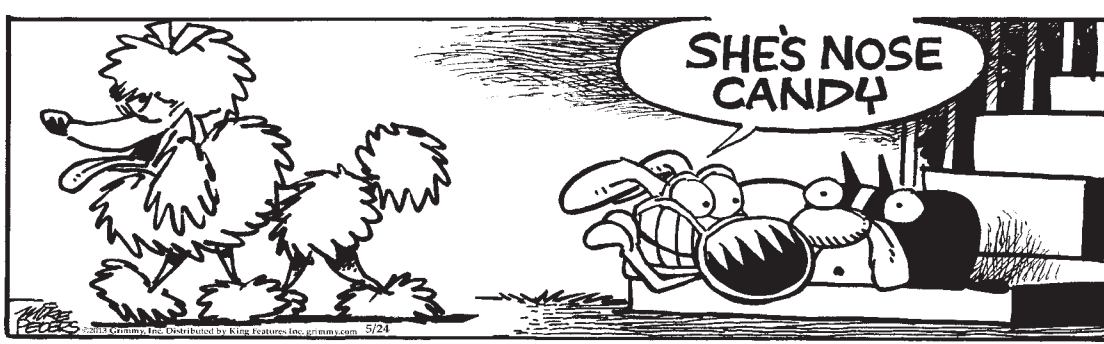
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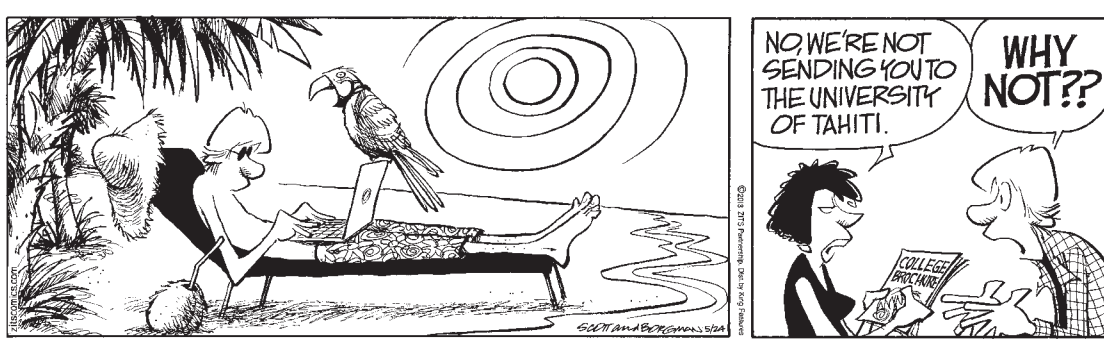
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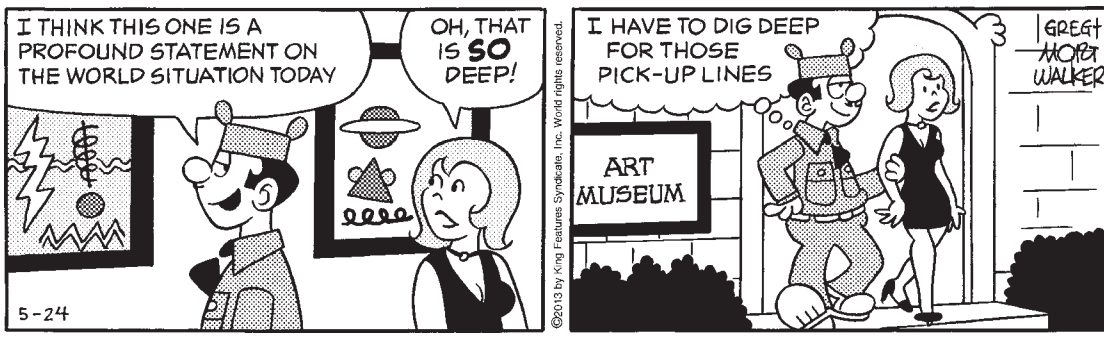
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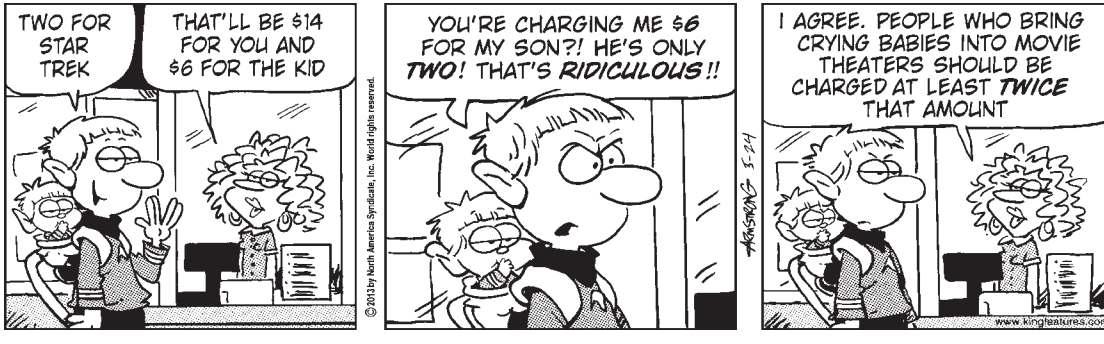
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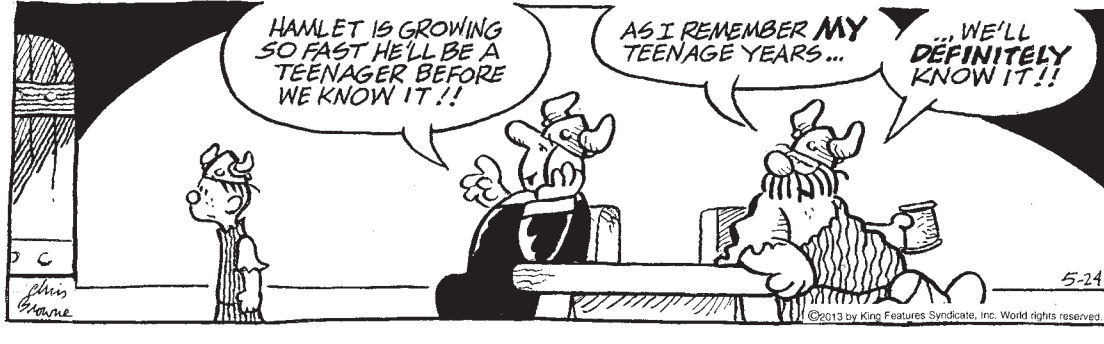
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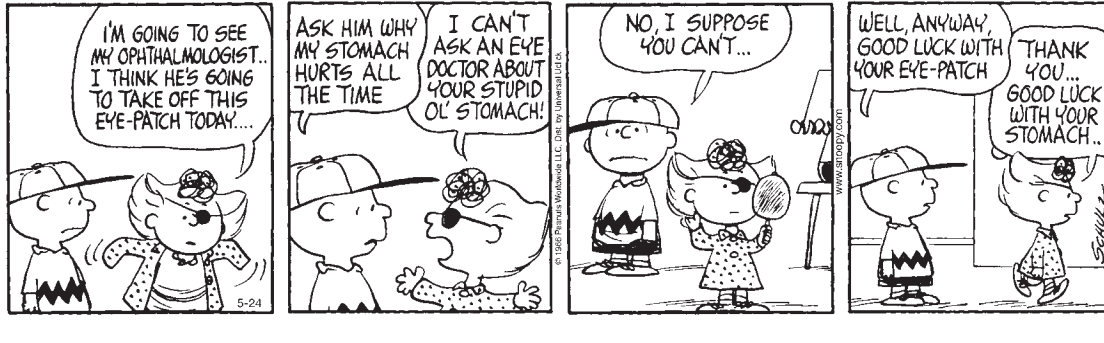
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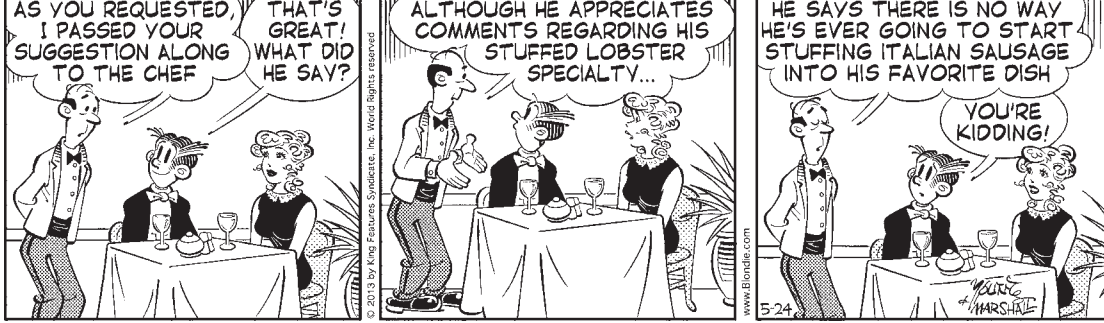
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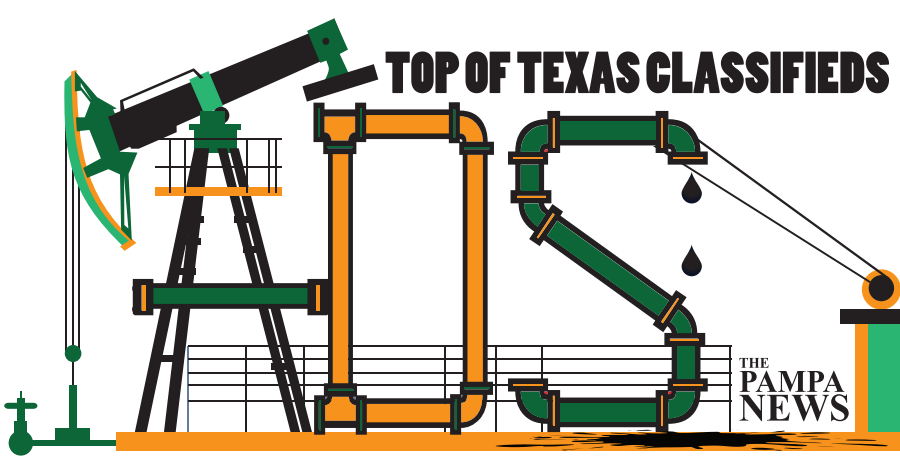
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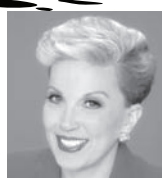
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**DEAR ABBY:** One of my co-workers takes company research presentation books into the restroom with him multiple times a day and spends upwards of half an hour in there with them. The unsanitary implications of this drive me batty. I am not germophobic, but taking shared materials into the bathroom while you're doing your business is just too much for me. It's not like he's taking in a newspaper that can be tossed out; these are research materials that we must all share!

My co-worker told me I need to "get over it," that this is a "me" issue. Am I crazy or is taking shared workplace materials into the bathroom gross and inappropriate? — WAITING FOR E. COLI TO KILL ME

**DEAR WAITING:** You are asking the wrong person this question. You should be asking the head of human resources or your boss. I'm no germophobe either, but I agree that what your co-worker is doing is extremely inappropriate. You should not have to sanitize your hands after touching anything your co-worker might have touched, but that's what I'm suggesting you do.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# PampaSports

## Pampa Harvester end of season baseball banquet

By ZACHARY GREEN  
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The Pampa Harvester baseball team celebrated their season on Wednesday night at Pampa High School. Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes started things off by thanking his wife for the support she has given him this season. Also he thanked his parents, grandparents and in-laws for always supporting him at games and bringing his children to the games. He thanked his assistant coaches, Braydon Barker and Bret Bethke. Not to be left out were the statisticians, trainers, booster club, radio, scoreboard and PA announcer.

The seniors got up next to thank Charla Shults for putting the slideshow together and Greg Easley for creating the walk out songs. They also thanked all of the same people Snelgrooes thanked shortly before them.

Tyler Powell had some special things to say about Snelgrooes. "We have made memories and shared experiences like charging the field after the district championship," Powell said. "This has been by far my favorite year of baseball under him. He has a passion for the game I have never seen in a coach."

Powell also wanted to thank the underclassmen for making it a fun year. He ended his talk by thanking the team as a whole for fighting together and playing like brothers.

Ty Hooper got up to represent the junior varsity team and talk about Bethke. "He is a great motivational guy. Thanks for everything coach." Snelgrooes got up to tell everyone the JV is right in the middle of all the varsity practices. "Anytime there is bad weather it always seems to fall on you guys," Snelgrooes said. "You guys did a great job and set the base for next year's team."

Snelgrooes said the varsity has been through a lot as a team. He went over the team stats. Batting average was .303. On base percentage was .410. Slugging percentage was .421. The team had 103 walks, 22 hit-by-pitches and 123 RBIs. The team also had seven home runs, nine triples and 40 doubles.

"This is the most unselfish group of young men. They knew when a steal, hit-

and-run or bunt was coming," Snelgrooes said. "It was the first district championship in seven years. When you lose by one or two runs in the playoffs you are doing something right."

Snelgrooes added that the seniors were a special group to him. "This was my first senior group as a baseball head coach."

The coach then talked about each individual senior. First up was Chris Howard. "He is a fierce competitor. He does what he can to get on base. I have never seen a guy dive for so many balls like he did in Oklahoma."

In district Howard had a .250 average, and he had 13 hits and 14 runs overall during the season.

Riley Douglas was next up. "He is a model for a team player. Never complained or said a word no matter what position he was playing. I will miss his leadership, he is a total team guy and a class act."

Douglas had seven singles, six walks and six RBIs this season.

Snelgrooes recognized Taylor Woods next. "I have never met a guy who wanted to bunt more than Taylor did. He is a selfless and fierce competitor."

Woods had 15 runs and 17 singles this season.

Tyler Powell was the next to be recognized by the coach. "He did a great job for us. He wore many hats." Powell had 20 hits and 16 runs this year.

Jordan Lemons was the district MVP and he was up next. "Jordan had one of the best years I have ever seen a high school player have. He was an overall leader for us. He did a great job for us."

Lemons hit .625 in district. Overall he had four home runs, 25 RBIs, 15 runs and 39 hits.

James Thompson was last but not least to be recognized. "He was a three-year starter for me at shortstop. Only had 10 strikeouts all season. Cade (Engle), you are going to have big shoes to fill."

Thompson hit .3875 on the year with 31 hits, 23 runs and walked 13 times.

Snelgrooes also recognized the two players that weren't seniors that made the All-District first or second teams. "Brody (Gaines) and Ethan (Hunt) did a great job for us. Brody was on JV and we brought



Photo by Charla Shults

The 2013 award winners. From left, Tyler Powell, Jordan Lemons, Chris Howard and James Thompson.

him up. He grew up in front of us. He was a great pitcher for us. Ethan did a great job for us this year. He was very selfless."

All of the seniors were presented with a home plate plaque with a team photo. Next were the awards. Snelgrooes said these are special awards because they were voted on by peers. "Many of these categories were very close and some had ties, which says a lot about the team effort everyone gave this year."

The Silver Slugger Award is given to the hottest hitter and that award went to Lemons. The Dirtbag Award was given to whoever did what they could to help the team. That award was a tie between Howard and Thompson. The Fighting Heart Award was given to the player that does whatever he can to help his team. This was given to Powell. The final award was the Team MVP Award. That award was given to Lemons.

Snelgrooes said he has been continuing the tradition coach Wilson started by having each player sign a baseball and then passing those balls out at the banquet. "Keep it where it means something to you. You can look back at this ball later on in life and remember the memories," Snelgrooes said.

The Diamond Dolls were recognized by the team as well as the statisticians, trainers and administration for everything they have done and the support they have shown the team.

The Harvesters went 13-13 overall and 6-2 in district.

They were district champions and lost two close games in the playoffs to Sweetwater.

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