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Hands-on education



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Harvard graduate student and Israeli national Shimon Levy, center, is spending the rest of his summer break as a ranch hand on the Chisum Ranch north of Pampa. At right is ranch owner Warren Chisum and at left is Chisum's grandson, Blake, who is supervising Levy.

Harvard grad student from Israel trading classroom for cattle ranch.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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 Harvard graduate student Shimon Levy could have chosen just about anywhere in the world to spend his summer — Africa, Asia, South America, you name it.
 His father is a diplomat with the Israeli government and Levy himself is a reserve officer in the Israeli navy. So by the young age of 28, has traveled to more countries than most people have done in their lifetimes.
 Levy is an Israeli citizen who grew up in Ganei Tikva, which is about 15 or 20 minutes from the capital, Tel Aviv. In English the name of Levy's home town means, "gardens of hope."
 Combining a master's degree in public policy with an MBA, Levy

said he plans to get into politics and diplomacy after he finishes his education. To round out his education, he believes it's important to get a "bigger" perspective on life — and you can't get much bigger than Texas.
 "A friend of mine at Harvard who is from Dallas told me you really haven't seen American until you've seen Texas," Levy said.
 Levy had visited relatives in Miami, Fla., when he was 18, and did some camping in a few other states while on that three-month visit, but had never been to the Lone Star State.
 His friend, Jennie Gibson, had a contact at the Statehouse who had served with former State Rep. Warren Chisum. Chisum lives in Pampa and operates a cattle ranch north of

town.
 After a two-week stint back in Israel serving with the navy, Levy wanted to spend the remainder of his vacation of Chisum's ranch, where he could learn first hand what rural life in America is like. However, it was up to Chisum to give him the thumbs up.
 "He (Chisum) looked at my resume and saw my background had nothing to do with ranching, but he called me and said, 'Hello, I'm Warren Chisum. My door is open to you.'"
 For the past two weeks, Levy has been living the life of a ranch hand — doing everything from weed whacking, to fencing, to digging watering holes, to moving cattle.
 "I've also worked on the truck,
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Commissioners discuss Heliport landscaping

By **LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**
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The Gray County Commissioner's Court on Monday approved the authorization of the county treasurer to obtain unclaimed property from the State Comptroller's Office.
 The court also voted to allow both the District Attorney's Office and Commissioner Gary Willoughby's requests to replace employees.
 The topic of the day, which was discussed for more than an hour, was the possibility of additional landscaping at the Heliport. Willoughby, who is also the president of Pampa EMS, wants the building to be one the county can be proud of, but some of the others did not feel as passionately about the topic. Willoughby proposed to replace the cracked concrete and plant more grass.
 This order of business has been tabled until the next meeting, and all commissioners went out to the Heliport after adjournment at the court house to assess the area. The court did however approve the amendment to the lease with the Med-Trans Corp. regarding the Heliport.
 The court also voted to have one of the air conditioning units in the court house fixed, which is necessary especially when temperatures climb to over 100 degrees.
 The commissioners voted in favor of the renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Indigent Healthcare Solutions as well as recognizing three county employees for continuing their education.
 At the end of the meeting, Willoughby brought up switching out the flagpole at the airport from a 42-foot pole down to a 30-foot pole and put in a concrete base to make maintenance easier. It was decided to leave it as is for now and just monitor the rope.
 Judge Richard Peet was absent from the meeting.
 The next Gray County Commissioner's Court will be held on July 15.

Senators request extension on lesser prairie chicken decision

SUBMITTED

DALLAS — U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz of Texas are among six senators who sent a letter to the Director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Daniel Ashe requesting a 60-day extension of the comment solicitation period and a six-month extension of any final decisions on the proposal by FWS to list the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species. The other senators are Jim Inhofe and Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, and Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran of Kansas. All six senators are Republicans.
 The FWS is set to make a decision on Sept. 30.
 "The outcome of this listing proposal is vitally important to many sectors in the local economies of our states, including agriculture; oil and gas development; ranching; transportation; and wind energy," wrote Cornyn, who authored the letter.
 "Listing the lesser prairie chicken under the Endangered Species Act would neg-

OIL TRUCK OVERTURNS

Photo by John Lee
 A truck overturned Monday at State Highway 273 and Loop 171 near Pampa. The truck contained crude oil and took an hour and a half to clean up. The Pampa Fire Department, Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, Gray County Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety responded to the scene.



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PAMPA FORECAST

Today Wednesday Thursday



High 83 High 83 High 86
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Today: Mostly sunny with high of 83 degrees, low of 56 degrees. 10 percent chance of rain. Sunrise at 6:32 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a 10 percent chance of rain. Sunset at 9:03 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 83 degrees and a low of 57 degrees. 20 percent chance of rain. Sunrise at 6:33 a.m.

Wednesday night: Low of 57 with a 20 percent chance of rain, sunset at 9:03 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 86 degrees and a low of 60 degrees. 20 percent chance of rain. Winds out of the south-southeast at 15 m.p.h.

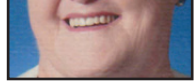
Thursday night: Low of 60 degrees, with a chance of rain at 20 percent. Sunset at 9:03 p.m.

Obituaries

Leona Jones Allen

Leona Jones Allen, 78, died Friday, June 28, 2013 in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 1, 2013, at First Christian Church in Pampa, with the Rev. Barry Loving, First Christian Church of Amarillo and Rev. Jeff Knighton, First Christian Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors in Pampa.



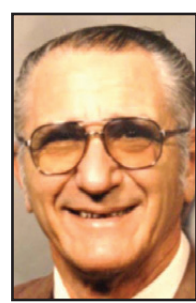
Leona Jones Allen

Mrs. Allen was born March 12, 1935 in Camargo, Okla. She married Norman L. Allen on December 23, 1953 in Clayton, N.M. He preceded her in death on August 25, 1999. Leona was a resident of Pampa since 1955 moving to Amarillo in 2004. She worked as a church secretary for St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Zion Lutheran Church and First Christian Church over a 15 year period in Pampa. Leona was a former member of the First Christian Church in Pampa and a current member of First Christian Church in Amarillo. She loved and was a member of the Red Hat Society.

Survivors include a son, Terry Allen of Amarillo, a daughter, Pamela Wilson of Wichita Falls, two sisters, Billie Moran of Vici, Oklahoma and Darlene Kygar of Beaver, Okla., three brothers, F. Keith Jones of Woodward, Okla., Harold Jones of Ulysses, Kansas and Bobby Pete Jones of Cleo Springs, Oklahoma, eight grandchildren, Chris Allen of Azle, Trevor Allen of Ft. Worth, Chad Wilson and Curtis Wilson both of Wichita Falls, Brittany Stewart of Canyon, Lisa McIntire, Michael Coon both of Amarillo and Cory Coon of Austin, 10 great grandchildren.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Wyatt Fenno and wife Thu of Lubbock; three precious grandchildren, Taylor Fenno of Simi Valley, CA, Timothy Fenno of Lubbock, and Tiana Fenno of Denton; two sisters, Ruth Tucker and Betty Roark, both of Albuquerque, NM; a brother-in-law, Frank Wall of Amarillo; and a sister-in-law, Paula Wall Lowrie of Clarendon. C. E. is also survived by a number of relatives from the Fenno, Sweigart, and Wall families.



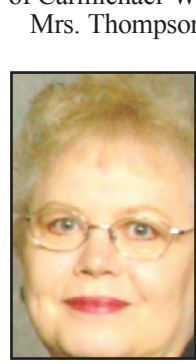
C.E. Fenno

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Joy Thompson

Joy Thompson, 71, died June 27, 2013 in Blanchard, Okla.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Joy Thompson

Mrs. Thompson was born October 10, 1941 in Gorman, Texas. She graduated from De Leon High School in De Leon in 1959, and moved to Pampa in 1961. She married Joe Thompson on July 27, 1962 in Pampa. She was an avid bowler and participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Charlene Terrill.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Thompson of the home, a daughter, Denise Childress and husband Curtis of Blanchard, Okla., a son, Scott Thompson and wife Becky of Chatsworth, California, four grandchildren, Colby Childress and wife Hilary of Norman, Oklahoma, Grace Thompson, Tessa Thompson and Griffen Thompson, all of Chatsworth, California, a sister, Pat Hayes and husband Jim of Canton; and a great-granddaughter, Bryar Childress of Norman, Okla.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065, or a charity of your choice.

Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

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Levy

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bringing my knowledge from being a captain on a ship," he said.

Levy also has been practicing roping for an hour or two a day, and said he's starting to get good at it.

"All I did in Boston was study and now I get to work with my hands," he said. "I'm very grateful to be here and do all that I can do."

Levy said there are cattle farms in the northern part of his homeland, but none of them compare in size to a Texas ranch.

"The Chisum ranch is as big as all the ranches in Israel put together," he said. "Israel is the size of New Jersey and Texas is 21 times the size of Israel."

Driving back from town a few days ago when a thunderstorm hit, Levy said he was amazed on how big the sky looked when the lightning flashed.

Along with the ranching experience, Levy said he has been learning about Christianity from the Chisums while they have been learning about Judaism from him.

On Sunday, he attended Bible school at First Baptist Church with the elder Chisum.

He has also said grace for a meal with the Chisums, he said.

While not on the range, Levy likes to spend time with Chisum's son Jeff and his wife, Leigh.

"We have talked a lot about Judaism and U.S./Israeli relations," he said.

Last Friday, Leigh surprised Levy with a "shabbat dinner," the meal on the eve of the sabbath.



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Shimon Levy with the American flag Warren Chisum bought for him. Levy is staying in an apartment on Chisum's ranch north of Pampa.

"She cooked an entire shabbat dinner with Israeli recipes she got from the Internet," he said.

In Jewish families, Levy said, the shabbat dinner is a big deal.

"It doesn't matter where you are. For the shabbat dinner you will be back at your mother's house," he said, adding that all family feuds or squabbles are set aside during the meal and you always show respect for the person who prepared it.

He said that foreigners traveling in America who only see big cities like

New York, Washington and Los Angeles lack the perspective on America that he's had the opportunity to witness.

"To come here and see people working from sun up to sun down is just so amazing," he said. "Everyone is so warm and friendly here and Warren is treating me just like I was his grandson."

And what does Warren have to say about Levy?

"If there's any one who can settle what's going on in the Middle East, it's Shimon," he quipped.

Chicken

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actively impact these sectors for many years to come. With this in mind, and knowing that conservation efforts are ongoing and that the science evaluating the status of the species is still developing, it is imperative to provide sufficient time to evaluate the true health of the species rather than simply hold fast to arbitrary court-mandated deadlines that do not account for ongoing

species recovery developments," Coryn wrote.

The letter acknowledges that the wild life agencies in five states home to the lesser prairie chicken, including Texas, are working hard to finalize and submit a conservation plan by mid-March, the same time as the comment period is scheduled to end. The 60-day extension would allow state agencies time to incorporate comments to the service's proposal as well as allow the states to complete this spring's aerial population survey, which is conducted in the month of April.

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Prairie Plains Perspective

A few things that chap my arse

This essay is dedicated to events and such across this once great country that, simply put, chap my arse.



DENNIS PALMITIER

I'm not even going the disclaimer route this time around, opting rather, to walk right out on that proverbial narrow and brittle branch American society has created for itself. So gird your loins folks, particularly those of you awash in the haughty indignation of today's political correctness over what people say and think.

My first arse chapping is over this media inspired brouhaha involving southern style chef Paula Deen and her use of the "n" word. Quite frankly, I'm tired of the nonsense that, here in America, free speech can cause one person a nightmare while another doing the same gets away with it because of his or her skin color. I'm also a tad concerned with how all this negative press thrown Ms. Deen's direction came about

over events in her life that occurred 30-plus years ago. From a legal deposition at that! What really chaps my arse is when I compare Deen's so-called racism with that of the KKK and the late Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, who for history's sake, holds the distinction as the senate's longest serving senator. Prior to his career in politics, Sen. Byrd was a member of the KKK. Did that fact cause his expulsion from the Senate? For all you bearers of the double standard, no.

Arse chapping No. 2
 Where's a fly swatter when you need one? Here I am typing away and there's a pesky bumblebee circling overhead. Hard to concentrate with that incessant drone! No, you cannot lead a bumblebee to an open door. That's part parcel why the fly swatter was invented, and insecticides. Seems someone up on the Left Coast in the state of Oregon needed some fruit trees sprayed for insects and the resulting fog killed 50,000 bumblebees. I don't know how that count came about,

must have taken the person or persons doing the dead bumblebee counting an eternity? I mean, they all look alike, but the report did read, 50,000 dead bumblebees? Then again, I'm writing about Oregon. This past Saturday was an arse chapping memorial for those dead bumblebees, for some touchy feely Oregon folks did just that. Where did I put that aloe vera lotion?

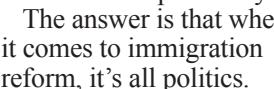
Arse chapping No. 3
 There are two main entrances and exits to downtown Pampa from our north side of town, Duncan Street and Somerville off Hobart Street/State Highway 70. The two used to be beautiful streets to drive, however, neglect of homes and landscaping of late have made the two into eyesores. Our insightful city fathers a couple of years back attempted to alleviate some of that unsightliness by passing an ordinance making it unlawful for one to park his or her vehicle in the front yard. The two Pampa streets are literally front-

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Political stops and starts

This was a week of major political moves in Washington.

The most obviously political was the Senate's passage of "landmark" immigration reform. It is landmark, no question of that. But no one gives it any chance of becoming law, which raises the question of why its passage really matters, except politically.



SUSAN ESTRICH

The answer is that when it comes to immigration reform, it's all politics. The Senate is passing major immigration reform because the Republicans got hammered among Hispanic voters in the last election, and the Republicans can't afford to turn their backs on demographics. The House won't pass it, because not all Republicans see things that way, which is why the Republican Party is in trouble. Or civil war. So what happens is that Republicans in the Senate who (think they) are trying to save the party end up calling even greater attention to the fact that theirs is a party that needs saving. Who said politics was easy?

The best politics this week were around the corner, at the Supreme Court. If you take the court's two gay marriage cases and put them together, you have a simple rule: Leave it to the states. If a state wants to recognize same-sex marriages, the federal government will respect it. If a state doesn't want to defend its law, we're not going to save it.

Now, speaking as a law professor, I can tell you that neither of these cases purported to decide how the gay marriage issue should be resolved in this country, much less what the result should be. The ruling in the DOMA case didn't require the kind of elevated scrutiny applied in cases of race or gender. The states having decided, federalism as well as equality concerns allowed the court to strike down DOMA without reaching a decision on the constitutionality of conflicting

state laws. And the 5-4 split on the standing issue in the Prop 8 case was, ideologically speaking, a mish-mosh.

But if you put the two together, it is in many ways the perfect Washington compromise on an issue as to which there really is, on the merits, not much of a middle: You tend to be for gay marriage or against it. The old days when people would play word games by saying, well, they were for civil union but not civil marriage? Those folks are all for gay marriage these days. For or against.

But the Supreme Court created the perfect middle ground. You want gay marriage? Vote for it. You don't want it? Vote against it, or pass a constitutional amendment that you're willing to defend.

No more acts of Congress. Congress is out of the gay marriage business. As for the states, there will be challenges. And some appeals court somewhere may hold, one of these days, that a ban on same-sex marriage is itself unconstitutional. Then the court may face the issue.

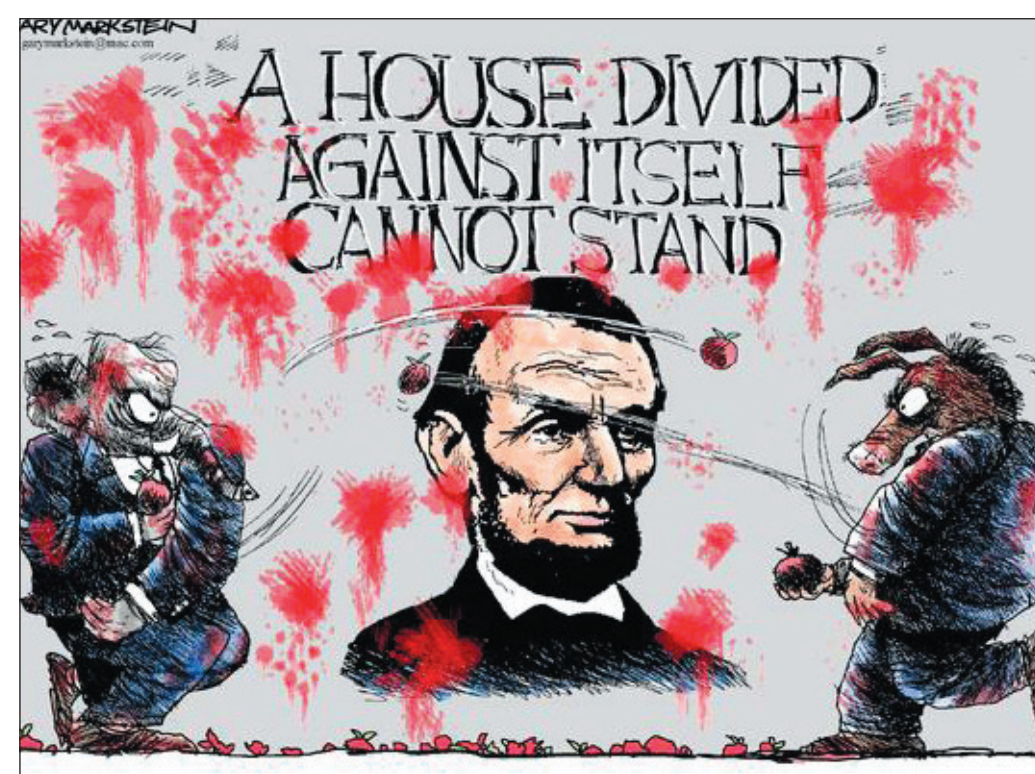
But between now and then, the action is out of the courts and out of Washington; states will reach different conclusions; I'll have an answer when cynics ask why politics matter, because they will; and the Supreme Court justices can have much calmer vacations.

In the short run, of course, many proponents of gay marriage are disappointed that the court did not reach the merits of the California case, which would not have been the same as the merits in a state that never granted and then revoked the right to marry in any event.

But civil rights litigation often proceeds best in steps, which is what the late Thurgood Marshall so brilliantly understood. And this was a big one.

If by the time the court sees the issue again there are 40 states that recognize gay marriage, it will be that much easier to take the final step.

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Why the Waw-Uh never will end

The Waw-uh, as some in my neck of the woods probably still call the Late Unpleasantness of 1861 to 1865 may be over officially but depend on the federal government to keep the action going for as long as possible.

The U. S. Supreme Court's decision last week to kick a college affirmative action case back to the lower courts for more intensive review reminds us of the interminableness of the issue known roughly as what's-your-race-where-do-you-want-to-go-to-college.

Neither the white student, Abigail Fisher, who filed the suit originally, nor the University of Texas, which rejected her application, finds repose in the court's 7 to 1 judgment that the same legal ground long trodden down over needs some more treading.

Can a university not just accept but actually prefer students of a particular race, is the question at hand. What's the right racial ratio for a student body? How do we get there?

Note: Not the right

ratio of the motivated to the plodding; the serious to the party-going; the middle class to the lower class to the upper class; or other such peripherally important stuff. We have to get the racial ratio right, whatever "right" means, or draw the unwanted attention of the federal courts, and a federal bureaucracy charged with the mission of wiping out the legacy of slavery, whatever wiping out a legacy means.

The University of Texas, which denied Abigail Fisher admission while opting to let in less qualified candidates, is a non-federal enterprise, to be sure. But the whole world, it sometimes seems, operates to some degree under federal jurisdiction: in the present instance, judicial interpretations of the 14th Amendment and the civil rights laws laying on local people — the sort who operate state universities — the obligation to achieve racial "balance." Balance, as contrasted with opportunity or guarantees of impartiality.

The flag-wavingest, rebel-yellingest ex-Confederate you'd want to see, assuming you wanted to see one, would have to acknowledge in the year of grace 2013 the distinct justice and civic virtue

of cutting away old legal barriers to individual achievement irrespective of race. The irony of the piece is the failure of the federal government to acknowledge that the job's ultimate success rests with individual Americans figuring out for themselves how best to proceed henceforth.

So hung up, when it comes to racial policy, is the federal government on distrust of others that the government can't seem to conceive of anyone's doing the right thing without compulsion.

As with racial ratios, so with voting policy. The other big civil rights case on the Supreme Court's docket this year — to be decided, possibly, before these words see print — concerns Congress' insistence on overseeing elections in the Southern states, on the theory that you can't trust these reformed Confederates. Any more maybe than you can trust South Chicago, but that's, um, another story.

Nearly half a century after passage of the first Voting Rights Act, the federal government continues to make and enforce highly specific rules regarding polling places and ballot make-up — pretty trivial stuff against Jim Crow tactics like literacy tests

and the all-white primary. Southern voting officials, marking this astounding progress, would appreciate the freedom, and the trust, to carry on unmolested from the present point.

The government, on the other hand, wants to keep the Waw-uh going just for the sake, it would seem, of keeping it going. Dig down a bit, of course, and you strike the real reason, hard.

Declaring the war finally over, and leaving the management of local affairs largely to local people, would mean renouncing a central purpose of modern federal policy. To wit, signaling blacks and whites and everyone else that the local yokels can't ever earn their government's trust or indulgence, never mind how they behave.

The bigness of big government isn't accidental. It stems from big government's unwillingness ever — ever! — to lay aside a power or policy, once taken up.

This is singularly bad news to impart. Worse, it's not even news any more.

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

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

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

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

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first

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

There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

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

County Commission meetings

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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.

Editor's note: Email submissions to thowsare@thepam-

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.

Palmitier

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yard parking lots! I've had a red arse since the ordinance was passed because the law isn't enforced. Perhaps I should qualify that remark by stating the ordinance is enforced if a neighbor of the one doing the illegal front yard parking calls City Hall and lodges a complaint. Enough said. Besides, a sitz bath is looking more and more the thing for me to partake in.

There are many more events and such going on around this great globe that

are chapping my arse with which I could pen more, however, for the lack of aloe vera and Epsom salts, enough is enough. There is one more point I wish to pen about my words in regard to Paula Deen and racism. Some of you might have swirling about in your heads the question, "What does that white boy know about racism?"

Well, I'll tell you. I know more about racism that you can ever imagine, for I was married to a Jewish woman, the mother of my two great sons. I was a gentile member of the Tribe, and let me tell you what I experienced from friends, acquaintances and

fellow workers who knew not my wife's religion and ancestry.

Every one of us should look back in our lives at what we were saying and thinking 30 plus years ago versus the same today before we walk with chapped arses on the pathway of hypocrisy.

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There are actually several theories on why insects are attracted to light. There is no single scientific explanation for this behavior, however.

One popular theory is that insects use the light as a navigational aid. An insect flying north, for example, could judge its direction by keeping a natural source of light, such as the sun or moon, on its right side. This method works well as long as the source of light remains constant and at a distance. If an insect encounters a round incandescent porch light, however, it becomes confused by the light source. A moth will continue to circle a light because it instinctively wants to keep the light on a certain side of its body while navigating.

The difference between insects attracted to light and those that are not is a phenomenon known as phototaxis. Certain insects, such as cockroaches or earthworms, have negative phototaxis, meaning they are repelled by exposure to light. Moths, flies, and many other flying insects have positive phototaxis, meaning they are naturally attracted to it.



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What to do with a flag unsuitable for flying

By JOHN MICHAELSON
Texas News Service

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AUSTIN — As Texans prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, the “Stars and Stripes” will fly across the state - but for some of those flags, it may be time for a replacement.

Perry Jefferies, manager, TexVet initiative, said if your flag is tattered, torn, faded or frayed, you should take it to a local veterans group for the proper disposal.

“Because it’s not convenient for a lot of people, generally you can take it to a local VFW and they work with Boy Scout troops to dispose of flags properly,” he said.

Under the U.S. Flag Code, the flags are disposed of in a ceremony through burning.

For flags that are dirty or have small tears, washing is appropriate, and it is also acceptable to make minor repairs.

Jefferies said for himself and other veterans who deployed to fight for our country, he knows how important the flag is as a symbol for our nation.

“When you look at the flag, you don’t just see the freedoms that we defend every day, but you also see your comrades that may have sacrificed all for that flag,” Jefferies explained. “And I see a positive national spirit that is one we want to encourage, that says ‘There’s a positive day ahead for the country.’”

More information is available at <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Flag-Education/>.

Obama: Spying on allies is common

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama brushed aside sharp European criticism on Monday, suggesting that all nations spy on each other as the French and Germans expressed outrage over alleged U.S. eavesdropping on European Union diplomats. American analyst-turned-leaker Edward Snowden, believed to still be at Moscow’s international airport, applied for political asylum to remain in Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, in a statement he acknowledged sounded odd, told reporters in Moscow that Snowden would have to stop leaking U.S. secrets if he wanted asylum in Russia — and he added that Snowden seemed unwilling to stop publishing leaks of classified material.

At the same time, Putin said that he had no plans to turn over Snowden to the United States.

Obama, in an African news conference with Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete, said the U.S. would provide allies with information about new reports that the National Security Agency had bugged EU offices in Washington, New York and Brussels.

But he also suggested such activity by governments would hardly be unusual.

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Two from McLean arrested for burglary by GCSO

- Mickey Quinlan Lee, 58, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for theft of property.
- Devin Joseph Zipp, 22, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of a dangerous drug.
- Joe Anthony Solis, 22, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for minor in possession, criminal mischief greater than \$50 and less than \$500.
- Serena Hiser, 29, McLean, was arrested Friday by GCSO for burglary.
- William David Hiser, 29, McLean, was arrested Friday by GCSO for burglary.
- Benito Lopez, 34, Pam-

pa was arrested Friday by GCSO for failure to appear, bond surrender — public intoxication.

- Katherine Hockaday, 25, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for theft of property and two animal at large offenses.
- Manuel Amador Villarreal Jr., 33, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for failure to appear, failure to maintain car insurance.
- Justin Dale Smith, 27, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for capias profine — public intoxication.
- Eddie Scott Graham, 25, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for driving while license invalid, driving without headlights when required.
- Alton Glenn Cook, 30, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for posses-

sion of a controlled substance.

- Robert Joseph Mercado, 19, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of no driver's licence, two counts of failure to appear, failure to maintain car insurance.
- Antonio Alfaro, 48, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for violation of probation — possession of marijuana.
- Wayne Woodward, 49, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for his second driving while intoxicated offense, driving while license invalid with previous conviction.
- Leroy Murphy, 37, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for public intoxication.

Three NY lawsuits against ex-Elmo actor Kevin Clash

NEW YORK (AP) — Three lawsuits brought by men who said former Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash sexually abused them when they were underage were tossed out by a judge who said in a decision published Monday that the men waited too long to sue.

U.S. District Judge John G. Koeltl said the claims must be barred because they came more than six years after the men reasonably should have realized that the physical and emotional injuries they're suing over were caused by alleged encounters with Clash. The judge also noted that each man had been over the age of 18 for more than three years before the lawsuits were filed.

Clash was the man behind Elmo, the popular furry red monster, for 28 years.

Attorneys for the men promised an appeal while Clash said through his lawyer that he hoped the ruling would help him recover personally and professionally.

One other lawsuit is pending in Pennsylvania. Clash resigned from "Sesame Street" in November after college student Cecil Singleton sued him for more than \$5 million, accusing Clash of having sex with him when he was 15.

At the time, Clash said he was leaving his job because "personal matters have diverted attention away from the important work 'Sesame Street' is doing."

Singleton's lawsuit was among those thrown out Monday. Koeltl also rejected lawsuits brought by Kevin Kiadli, who claimed

that Clash initiated contact with him on a gay chat line in 2004 when he was 16, and a third person, a Florida resident, who remained anonymous in his lawsuit as he claimed that Clash befriended him in late 1995 or early 1996 when he was 16 or 17.

The Associated Press generally doesn't identify people alleging sex crimes, but both Singleton and Kiadli have widely publicized their accusations, including giving several interviews and, in Singleton's case, a news conference.

Sex with a person under age 17 is a felony in New York if the perpetrator is 21 or older.

Koeltl said Singleton's claim expired in 2009, Kiadli's claim became time-barred at some point between 2008 and 2010 and the case brought anonymously would have expired between 2000 and 2002.

Adam D. Horowitz, an attorney for the men who brought the lawsuits, noted that the case was dismissed only on statute of limitations grounds.

"It should not be viewed as a vindication for Kevin Clash or a determination that he is innocent," Horowitz said.

He added that lawyers were "still hearing from more of his alleged victims."

Jeff Herman, another lawyer for the plaintiffs, said in a statement: "This is the first battle. We plan to appeal the decision and continue the fight to be a voice for victims."

Herman called the statute of limitations "an arbitrary timeline that

silences victims" and demonstrates "the need for a window in New York to allow victims to have their day in court."

Beaver blamed for New Mexico Internet outage

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — Officials have finally identified the culprit behind a 20-hour Internet and cell-phone outage last week in northern New Mexico — an eager beaver.

David Gonzales told The Associated Press on Friday that a hungry beaver chewed through the fiber line last week. He says the biting evidence was discovered by contractors who worked to repair the

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Pampa Player's Association puts on overnight tournament

By JOHN LEE
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Softball players, amateur and seasoned alike, have an opportunity to play their game without playing in the sweltering triple-digit temperatures that the region has seen in the last week. The Pampa Player's association in conjunction with the Pampa Recreation Department is putting on a softball

tournament that will take place Friday night starting at 9 p.m. and ending Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

"Teams will play three games guaranteed," said Autumn Schaub, director of the Pampa Recreation Department. "They could play more games with winning, and it is played with basic softball rules. It is great because, since it is an overnight tournament, the weather is nice and cool, not scorching

hot like what you would get with a day tournament." Schaub also said they will be selling

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Dickey wins again, Blue Jays beat slumping Tigers

TORONTO (AP)—R.A. Dickey won again, Jose Reyes and Mark DeRosa homered and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the slumping Detroit Tigers 8-3 on Monday for their seventh straight home win. The Blue Jays delighted a sellout crowd of 45,766 on Canada Day with their 11th victory in 13 games at Rogers Centre.

four starts. The knuckleballer allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings, striking out four and walking one. Reyes hit a leadoff shot in the third against Tigers rookie Jose Alvarez (1-2). For Reyes, it was his third homer of the year and second in two days. DeRosa added a three-run drive in the fourth off reliever Luke Putkonen. Prince Fielder and Omar Infante hit solo homers for the Tigers. Detroit lost

for the sixth time in seven games. Infante went 4 for 4 with a two-out homer in the ninth. Tigers star Miguel Cabrera, who came in with an AL-leading .373 batting average, went 0 for 4 with two strikeouts. Toronto reliever Steve Delabar struck out the side in the eighth and Aaron Loup finished in the ninth. Toronto opened the scoring in the second when Munenori Kawasaki hit an

RBI single. Catcher Josh Thole tried to score from second on the hit, running through third base coach Luis Rivera's stop sign, but was thrown out at the plate by left fielder Andy Dirks. The Blue Jays chased Alvarez with a four-run third. After Reyes homered, Rajai Davis doubled and stole third on a throw back to the pitcher. Walks to Jose Bautista and Colby Rasmus loaded the bases for J.P. Aren-

cia, who hit a two-run single. Bautista slid home safely after Dirks' throw hit his helmet and bounced away, sending Rasmus to

third. Maicer Izturis followed with a sacrifice fly. Fielder hit his 14th homer in the fourth and Infante added an RBI double.

2 Texas A&M football players arrested after fight

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Two Texas A&M football players have been charged with misdemeanor assault and criminal mischief after a fight at an apartment complex. College Station police say 21-year-old Deshazor Everett and 20-year-old Floyd Raven were charged after the April 7 fight. Both surrendered at the Brazos County Jail on Monday. Police say two people reported being attacked at

the apartment complex by a group that included Everett and Raven. Police say they both had visible injuries from the attack, and a car was damaged. Bond was set at \$5,000 for Everett, and Raven was free on \$4,000 bond. Everett, a junior cornerback, had a late-game interception to seal the Aggies' 29-24 upset win at top-ranked Alabama in November. Raven is a senior safety.

All-night

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t-shirts, softballs and the concession stand will be open for the players and spectators to enjoy. Although the deadline to register has passed, the deadline to pay is just before a team's first game. Schaub's advice to the players is to keep fresh for their games. "Get rest when you can," Schaub said. "Just

have fun, it is a big tournament that people love." The winners of the tournament will receive plaques for first, second and third places of their divisions. First and second place will also receive championship t-shirts. The tournament is being held at Recreation Park starting on July 5. For more information on the tournament, readers can contact Autumn Schaub at 806-669-1044 or e-mail her at pamparecreation@gmail.com.

Angels win 6th straight, 3-1 over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — In this era of rebuilding, the Houston Astros are giving young players a chance to prove themselves. On Sunday that plan didn't go so well. Josh Hamilton doubled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and scored on shortstop Jake Elmore's overthrow, helping the Los Angeles Angels beat the Houston Astros 3-1 and extend their winning streak to six. Howie Kendrick singled off Jose Cisneros (2-1) leading off the eighth and Albert Pujols struck out. Hamilton then doubled off the wall in left-center. Barnes, the center fielder, threw to Elmore at shortstop, and Elmore badly overthrow the plate for his third error in two games.

obviously, that's not good when it's a tied ballgame." C.J. Wilson won his fourth straight start and Mark Trumbo hit his 18th homer for the Angels, who swept three-game series at Detroit and Houston for their first undefeated trip of at least six games since 2002. Wilson (8-5) allowed an unearned run, three hits and three walks, and he struck out 10 for his third double-digit strikeout game this season. Ernesto Frieri pitched a one-hit ninth for his 21st save in 23 chances.



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The Astros lead the majors with 67 errors. "Two of the most important fundamentals in baseball are throwing and catching," Houston manager Bo Porter said. "If you give teams extra men on base, odds are, at some point those guys are going to score. We have to do a better job of protecting the baseball." Elmore, a 26-year-old rookie, was recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City on Tuesday. He hopes to put this bad stretch behind him. "Over the past couple of years in Triple-A, I've never had an issue with throwing the ball," Elmore said. "Accuracy has always been a big part of my game. In the first couple of games here, I've had some errant throws, and

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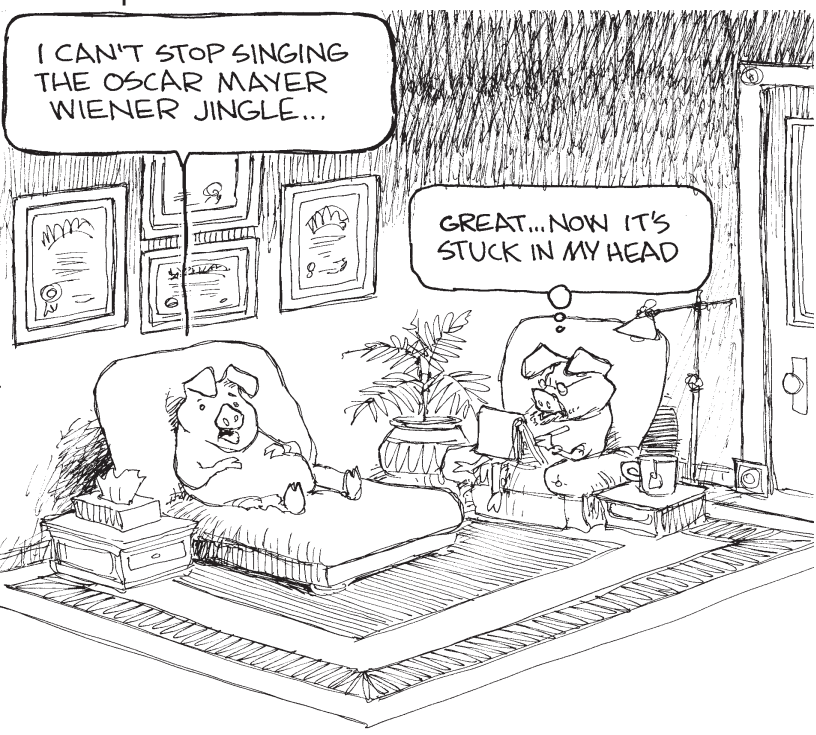
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 3, 2013:

This year communication becomes more important than ever. Many times, you will experience misunderstandings, and you will want to clarify them. Your awareness of your words and how they will be taken helps you gain understanding. If you are single, you could meet several interesting people. Choose your sweetie with care. If you are attached, the two of you learn to speak with more depth and awareness of how the other will hear the words. Consider taking a communication workshop together. PISCES is full of surprises.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Keep reaching out to a respected friend. You like to bounce ideas off this person, especially since you often gain insight and direction during your conversations. You could find that an unexpected event has you moving in a new direction. Tonight: Pay bills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You know much more than you are prepared to reveal; however, a conversation could open you up to various possibilities. You'll gain insight when someone tosses a wild idea in your direction. You do not need to say much about your perception -- just observe. Tonight: Be wild.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your instincts will be right on, but you still might decide to stay mum for a little while. As an observer, you learn a lot more than you realize. Stay open, and enjoy the interactions around you. Deal with a financial issue. You know what to do. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

A conversation with a friend will support your decision to head in a certain direction. You might not always agree with this person, but in the long run, this seems like the best way to go. You finally can clear the air, and you'll feel better as a result. Tonight: Follow your friends!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Someone needs you. You give 100 percent of yourself in almost any project. How much you choose to share could vary with the moment. You don't need to spill the beans just yet. Reveal more than you have, and see how the other person responds. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Kick back, and take advantage of the moment to see the whole picture. You might not feel comfortable with everything that you are seeing, but you need to sit on your feelings for now. Time will have an interesting effect on your perception. Tonight: Where there is great music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Listen to what someone shares. During the conversation, or afterward when reflecting on it, you might see how a misunderstanding could have occurred. Though you might not be in the mood to open up about what you see, a sense of relaxation will take over. Tonight: Visit a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Others seem more willing to explain where they are coming from. Do not react immediately to what someone says, but be willing to think over his or her words. You'll be able to visualize how you might have misread the situation. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Prioritize, and you'll be able to take care of far more than you thought possible. A younger person has a lot to share. Listen, and you might like what you hear. A loved one surprises you with his or her actions. Be thankful to have this person in your life. Tonight: Make it early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your imagination will kick in during a discussion. Know that you're able to light up someone's life just by relaxing more. Your ingenuity can be a source of fun and pleasure. There is no reason not to reveal your more creative side. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Stay close to your home or workplace. Though you usually enjoy an adventure or two, you might need a little more calmness right now. You could hear news that initially surprises you. Later, when you realize the implications, all you can do is smile. Tonight: Invite a friend over.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You are likely to say exactly what you mean, but know that someone might surprise you with what he or she hears. Armed with that information, you will know what to do. If you are not on the same page as someone, it might be difficult to prevent squabbles. Tonight: Your treat.

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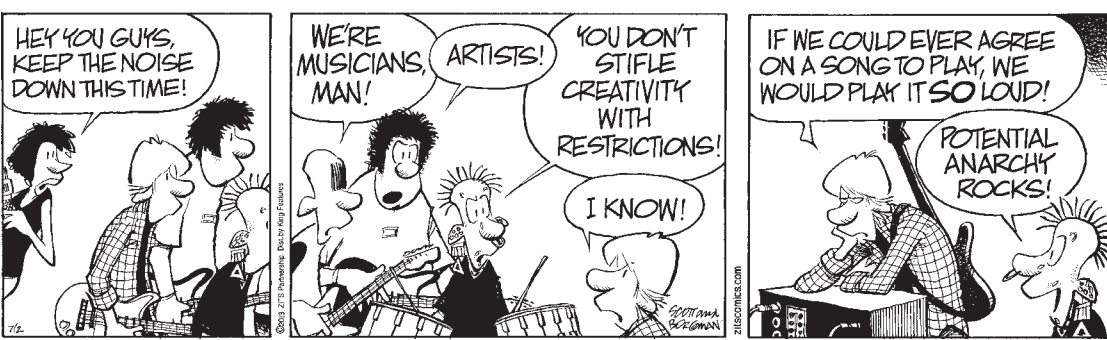
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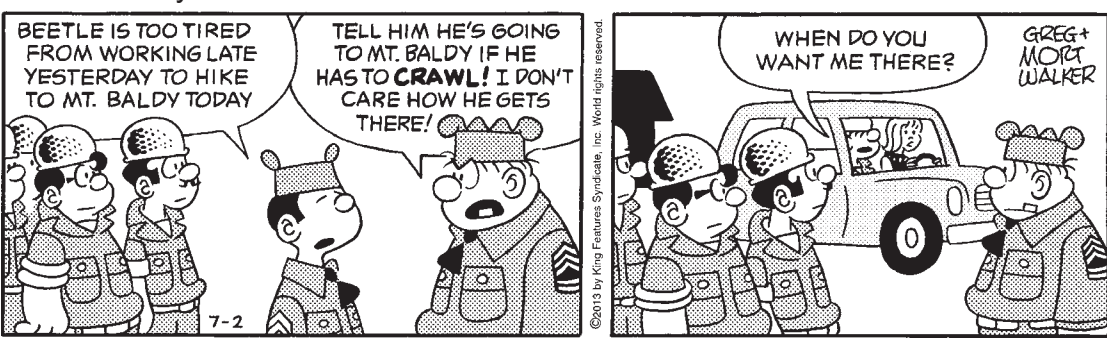
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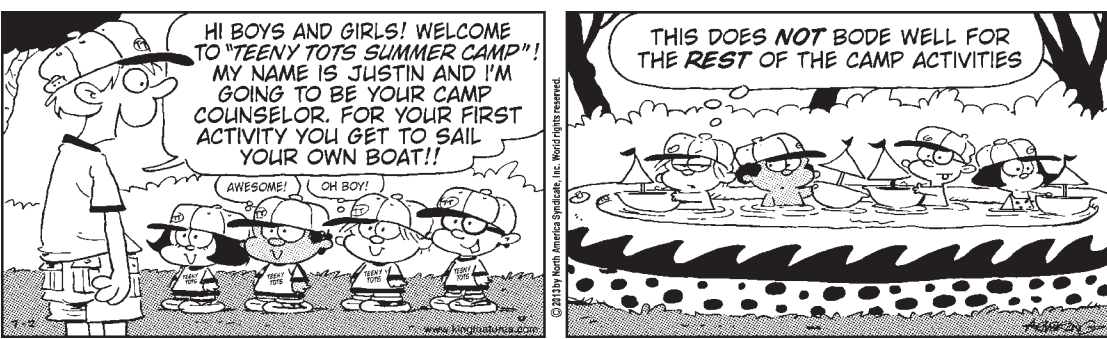
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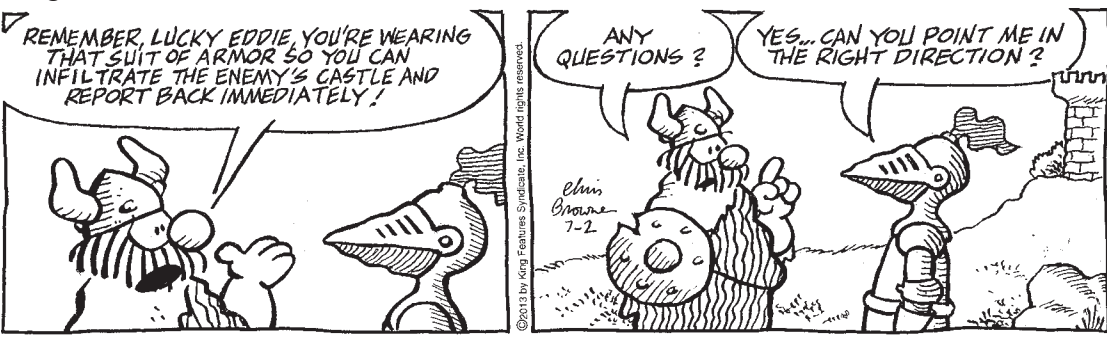
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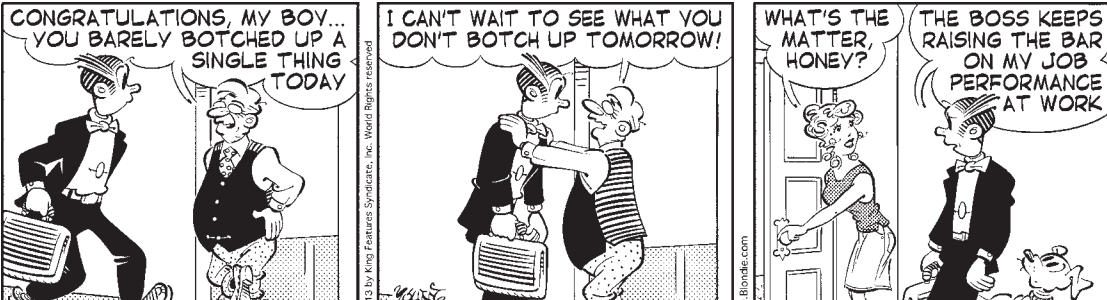
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'll bet you've gotten a ton of mail about "Mike in Missouri" (March 15), who was worried about his wife's declining sex drive. While your point about hormone levels is a good one, it could be something simpler than that.

I am a wife who would love to have sex more often, but I'm TIRED! I work full-time and do most of the household chores. I also do most of the cooking.

When my husband heads up to the bedroom at 10 o'clock and gives me that "come hither look," I'm not in the mood for sex. I'm thinking about the two loads of laundry and the sink full of dishes that still need to be done. Or I'm trying to remember whether I signed that permission slip for our daughter and making a mental note about picking up my prescriptions on the way to a client meeting in the morning.

is Mike's wife perhaps on birth control pills? Those can decrease a woman's sex drive. I took a particular pill for a year before realizing how much it killed my desire. My doctor changed the prescription. Although there's a big difference, I'm still too tired to do much about it most days.

However, my husband has figured out I have more energy in the mornings, so his timing is better on those "come hither looks." Now if I could only get him to help out more with the chores ... — G. IN DAYTON, OHIO

DEAR G.: Thank you for sharing. And you're right — readers wasted no time flooding my office with comments on this topic:

DEAR ABBY: After conversations with women of all ages, I have concluded that more often than not, it is the husband who has caused the wife's sex

drive to diminish, not hormones or other physical problems.

Ask Mike how he treats his wife on a daily basis; whether he has habits or hygiene that are off-putting; whether he indulges in pornography; whether he has taken care of his health and appearance. After 17 years, is he a good lover?

Many women are as dissatisfied with their sex lives as their complaining husbands are. Anyone who wants to have a satisfying sex partner needs to BE one. — OVER 50 AND STILL INTERESTED

DEAR ABBY: A woman's sex drive is a complex issue that in my experience has nothing to do with her hormone levels. A decline can occur at any age even though she has no obvious medical issues. The most common causes are stress, unresolved and deeply buried sexual issues, concern about body image, empty nest syndrome, distraction with family problems, worry over work or finances, and the side effects of medications such as antidepressants. — SAN DIEGO GYNECOLOGIST

DEAR ABBY: When sex was mind-blowing for me was when I felt the most loved by my husband. The way he treats me has changed over the years, and lately I'm so turned off that I can no longer physically respond to him. Often, a woman loses interest in sex because her partner makes her feel like he has lost interest in HER.

At the beginning of a relationship, both people do special things for each other to show their affection. These are the things women need. To continue feeling loved, each woman has different emotional needs that can stay the same or evolve as life's circumstances change.

The bottom line is, if men want their wives to want them physically, they need to learn what their wives want emotionally — and then do a lot of it. Pay attention to her, communicate, make her a priority. I'm amazed that so many men don't understand how enormous the payoff would be if they made the effort to make their wives feel they are still special. — OUTTA HERE SOON

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-1 CRYPTOQUOTE
G P N M V I Z V M G G J N M P V
A Z O C N W P J T M N C D S B Z V
K M V H M V I Z S D J S B
— G J H T M I E P D V C
Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE ONLY WAY YOU MAY CORRECT THE BAD THINGS IN YOUR PAST IS TO ADD BETTER THINGS TO YOUR FUTURE.
— SHILOH MORRISON

BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the following six-letter sets can be rearranged to spell out a common word that either starts with **CO** or **GR** or ends with **NE** or **TY**.

A I N T V Y

G I L R S Y

D E I I N O

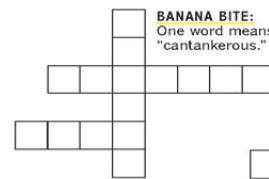
A B C L O T

Yesterday's Answer: THANKFUL, OUTSMART, TRUNCATE, BEHEMOTH

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

Y Y E O U N R R
Y E E O L T S



BANANA BITE: One word means "cantankerous."

BANANA BITE: One word means "hesitant."

Yesterday's Answer: VANITY, GRISLY, IODINE, COBALT

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

3	7	2	5	4	1	9	6	8
8	1	6	9	7	3	2	5	4
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9	5	8	6	1	2	3	4	7
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Level: Beginner

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Folded food
 - 5 Model sticker
 - 10 School on the Thames
 - 11 Clears
 - 13 Face feature
 - 14 Skillet
 - 15 Canadian province
 - 17 One — million
 - 18 Firefighter, at times
 - 19 — room (play area)
 - 20 TV's Danson
 - 21 Music holder
 - 22 Merchandise
 - 25 Some change
 - 26 Finished
 - 27 Member of the force
 - 28 Back muscle, for short
 - 29 Out of work
 - 33 Clock numeral
 - 34 Canadian province
 - 35 Weather-influencing current
- DOWN**
- 37 Hammer or hacksaw
 - 38 Varnish coat
 - 39 Writer Ferber
 - 40 Shoulder muscles, for short
 - 41 Title paper

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bunches
 - 5 "Cosmos" author
 - 10 Eight-tracks, e.g.
 - 12 Dwarf planet
 - 13 Road flattener
 - 15 Poet's contraction
 - 16 Not at home
 - 17 Golf goal
 - 18 Texas team
 - 20 Lucy's co-star
 - 21 One of the senses
 - 22 March time
 - 23 Beach-combing site
 - 25 Increase
 - 28 Thesaurus creator
 - 31 Ambulance workers, for short
 - 32 Sure to fail
 - 34 In the past
 - 35 Ready to go
 - 36 Lyricist Gershwin
 - 37 Coat applier
 - 40 Game show host
- DOWN**
- 41 Sleep disturber
 - 42 Plant anew
 - 43 Big snakes
 - 1 Sailing
 - 2 Current fashion
 - 3 Willing to consider
 - 4 Brewed beverage
 - 5 Location
 - 6 Maximum amount
 - 7 Swallowed
 - 8 Relaxed
 - 9 Action star Chuck
 - 11 Kiss

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Yesterday's answer

- 14 It may be shipped overnight
- 19 Tricks
- 20 Painter Rivera
- 24 Cheer for
- 25 Farm machine
- 26 "Count me in!"
- 27 Un-emotional bunch
- 29 Designer Pucci
- 30 Nobel-winner Mother
- 33 Challenges
- 35 Hearty dish
- 38 "The Matrix" hero
- 39 High hit

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Arizona fires kill 19 firefighters

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — Trapped by a wildfire that exploded tenfold in a matter of hours, a crack team of firefighting “Hotshots” broke out their portable emergency shelters and rushed to climb into the foil-lined, heat-resistant bags before the flames swept over them.

By the time the blaze had passed, 19 men lay dead in the nation’s biggest loss of firefighters in a wildfire in 80 years.

The tragedy Sunday evening all but wiped out the 20-member Granite Mountain Hotshots, a unit based at Prescott, authorities said Monday as the last of the bodies were retrieved from the mountain in the town of Yarnell. Only one member survived, and that was because he was moving the unit’s truck at the time.

The deaths plunged the two small towns into mourning as the wildfire continued to threaten one of them, Yarnell. Arizona’s governor called it “as dark a day as I can remember” and ordered flags flown at half-staff. In a heartbreaking sight, a line of white vans carried the bodies to Phoenix for autopsies.

“I know that it is unbearable for many of you, but it also is unbearable for me. I know the pain that everyone is trying to overcome and deal with today,” said Gov. Jan Brewer, her voice catching several times as she addressed reporters and residents at Prescott High School in the town of 40,000.

The lightning-sparked fire — which spread to 13 square miles by Monday morning — destroyed about 50 homes and threatened 250 others in and around Yarnell, a town of 700 people in the mountains about 85 miles northwest of Phoenix, the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Department said.

About 200 more firefighters joined the battle Monday, bringing the total to 400. Among them were several other Hotshot teams, elite groups of firefighters sent in from around the country to

battle the nation’s fiercest wildfires.

Residents huddled in shelters and restaurants, watching their homes burn on TV as flames lit up the night sky in the forest above the town.

It was unclear exactly how the firefighters became trapped, and state officials were investigating.

Brewer said the blaze “exploded into a firestorm” that overran the crew.

Brian Klimowski, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Flagstaff, said there was a sudden increase and shift in wind around the time of the tragedy.

The blaze grew from 200 acres to about 2,000 in a matter of hours.

Southwest incident team leader Clay Templin said the crew and its commanders were following safety protocols, and it appears the fire’s erratic nature simply overwhelmed them.

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