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Commissioner wants input on county budget

■ Citizens can comment during budget hearings this week.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Gary Willoughby

During the last two or three meetings, the Gray County Court of Commissioners have been hashing out the proposed 2013-14 budget, with total expenditures at \$8,717,142 and total revenues at \$7,569,328.

Though expenditures exceed revenues by about \$1.2 million, Auditor Elaine Morris said revenues are estimated conserva-

tively and every possible line item that can be anticipated is included in the expenditures side.

Nonetheless, Commissioner Gary Willoughby said the commission has attempted to cut about \$500,000 in expenditures during those budget

talks but has only managed to cut about \$4,000.

At Willoughby's request, Morris submitted a list of all the non-statutory items to The Pampa News. These are services the county is not required by law to provide to Gray County taxpayers, and it is important to understand the Commissioners' Court has not taken any action or indicated intent to reduce funding for these items.

However, the list, which totals \$1,416,065, is being presented here to county residents to help them understand how their tax dollars are being allocated.

Willoughby said input from readers can help the commissioners make decisions as they finalize the budget. The new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Following are the nonstatutory public programs and services:

- Pampa Bull Barn: \$12,500. Willoughby said this is the big pavilion at the rodeo grounds.

It is used by the rodeo association, Bible camps and 4-H free of charge. The county itself will use it occasionally for safety meetings. The pavilion does produce a small amount of revenue in the amount of \$1,125.

"The bull barn is an asset to the county," Willoughby said. "We maintain it at about \$10,000 or \$12,000 a year."

- McLean Ag Barn: \$3,500. This is a smaller pavilion in McLean used for similar purposes as the one in Pampa.

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NOT A GOOD WAY TO START THE DAY



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

The Pampa Fire Department responded to a car that caught on fire at 5:08 a.m. Monday at U.S. Highway 60 and McMullough Road. Nebiyn Alazar of Amarillo was commuting to work at the Jordan Prison Unit when the 1999 Camry he was driving caught fire in the engine compartment. The fire was fully engaged when firefighters arrived, but they were able to extinguish the blaze within several minutes. Alazar was not injured but the car was likely totaled. At far left is John Evans with the PFD and at far right is Kasey Presson, also with PFD. The man talking on the smart phone is most likely a deputy with the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Pampa woman dies in crash with towed vehicle

STAFF REPORT

A Pampa woman was killed late Friday afternoon in a vehicle collision on State Highway 152 in Hutchison County, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Erica Rene Allen, 36, was traveling east on S.H. 152 in a 2004 Saturn Ion when a 1999 Kenworth truck driven by Bradley Mansel Scales of Borger was making a turn off S.H. 152 into a private lane.

Scales was towing a 2002 Cadillac CTS, according to DPS report. As he was turning, the towing unit and the Cadillac were across both lanes of traffic.

Allen steered right to avoid a collision, but stuck the towing unit close to the midpoint of its undercarriage.

Allen was pronounced dead at the scene. The report did not indicate whether Scales was injured.

The collision occurred around 5 p.m. a quarter mile east of mile marker 338, the report stated. The posted speed limit on the highway is 75 mph.

Allen was wearing a seatbelt and her next of kin has been notified.

She worked as a director of cosmetology at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

Despite additional dollars, doctor shortage hard to fix

BY BECCA AARONSON
 The Texas Tribune

Texas lawmakers invested millions of additional dollars in the 2013 legislative session to address a looming physician shortage. Voters and university regents have rubber-stamped plans to open two new medical schools, in Austin and the Rio Grande Valley. But those moves have not placated the medical community, which remains concerned that Texas has no long-term solution to produce enough physicians, particularly in primary care, to support the surging population.

"Nobody wants to see this pendulum swing, where there's money for this biennium and no money the next biennium," said Dr. David Wright, chairman of the Texas Medical Association. **DOCTORS** cont. on page 3

ONE MORE YEAR TO GO!

Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik
 Yesterday was the first day of school and already the senior who drives this car is counting down to graduation — or just taking pride in finally being at the highest grade level.



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Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 65. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:17 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 92. Winds south-southwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:13 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 67. Winds south-southwest at 10 mph. Sunset at 8:16 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 92. Winds south-southwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:14 a.m.

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Obituaries

Nadine Lillian Haste

Nadine Lillian Haste, 79, died Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013 in Amarillo.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013 at Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with Rev. Larry Capranica, Pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Flomot Cemetery in Flomot under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.



Nadine Haste

Nadine was born September 11, 1933 in Ada, Okla. to Floyd and Lillie Alma Clark Stone. She married Henry Haste on Sept. 15, 1950 in Turkey. She had been a resident of Plainview before moving to Donley County in 1966. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and a dedicated wife to Henry for 62 years. She was a homemaker and a charter member of the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on Nov. 17, 2012; a granddaughter, Dana Pollet; three brothers, Don, Marion, and Joe Stone; two sisters, Estelle Holman and Helen Height.

Survivors include two sons, Ronnie Mathew Haste and wife Jeannie of Elkhart, Kan., and Barry Haste and wife Tammy of Weatherford, Okla.; two daughters, Ava Haste of Austin, and Pat Allen and husband Steve of Amarillo; a brother, Clyde Stone of Plainview; a sister, Lucille Pickering of Pampa; six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Donley County Senior Citizens at 115 E. 4th St. Clarendon, TX 79226.

Sign the online guest register at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

Virginia Laycock

Virginia Laycock, 78, died Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, 2013, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Virginia Laycock

Mrs. Laycock was born March 16, 1935 in Tulare, California. She married Clyde Laycock on May 1, 1953 in Clovis, New Mexico. Virginia was a member of Highland Baptist Church. She was employed by Anthony's, J. C. Penney, and Jo Ann's Fabrics. She was a member of the Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Virginia enjoyed quilting and fishing, and she was an avid sports fan, especially for the Texas Rangers and Dallas Cowboys. Above all, she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde Laycock, of the home; three sons, Randy Laycock and wife Lea of Lubbock, Dennis Laycock and wife Kim of Pampa, and Tommy Laycock and companion Cassandra Penney of Thorndale; a daughter, Sherri Hooten and husband Stan of Amarillo; a brother, Jim White of Bullhead City, Ariz.; four sisters, Pat Odom of Graham, Nancy Brietkoph of Ingram, Marsha Barrett of White Deer, and Lisa Simons of Lubbock; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Owen and Mayme White, by a brother, David White, and by a sister, Jane Tibbs.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

For the record

Pampa man arrested for driving while intoxicated

- Gustavo Abraham Grados, 20, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for driving while intoxicated.
- Jesus Maria Velasquez, 43, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for criminal trespassing, theft of property.
- Juan Murano, 19, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for capias pro fine — failure to appear.
- Martha Rena Nichols, 29, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for capias pro fine — failure to maintain car insurance, failure to appear.
- Oaty Don Scott, 37, Clovis, NM, was arrested Saturday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for burglary of a building, two charges of theft of a firearm, fraudulent use or possession of identifying

information, two charges of insufficient bond — forgery of a financial instrument, bond surrender — credit card abuse, bond surrender — forgery of a financial instrument.

• Danny Tilman Boyd, 54, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Lefors City Marshal for driving while intoxicated.

• Alfredo Aviles Benitez, 19, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for possession of marijuana, capias pro fine — no valid driver's license.

• Marcos G. Fraire, 18, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for capias pro fine — no valid driver's license.

• Ryan Holt, 20, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for violation of city ordinance — possession of synthetic narcotics.


Grand Rapids police catch a pig, post him online

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — To serve and protect is a common police motto. In western Michigan, it extends even to pigs. Grand Rapids police say they rescued a 6-month-old pig named Ramone on Thursday. The pet got away from his home in the city's Eastown neighborhood and approached Officer Jeremy Huffman.


Huffman put the porker in the back seat of a squad car. Grand Rapids police posted a picture on its Facebook page, where it's received more than 1,000 "likes" and more than 100 comments. Please hold the jokes. The department says it's heard them all.

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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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- Heliport: \$2,000. This is the helicopter port behind Pampa Regional Medical Center used by LifeStar. Pampa EMS also is housed in the building.
- DPS/Highway Patrol expense: 48,221. The Department of Public Safety has an office in Gray County for highway patrol troopers. The county pays for a full-time secretary to handle the troopers' paperwork so they can dedicate more time to patrolling.
- "We have been funding this for about 20 years," Willoughby said.
- Perry Lefors Airport: \$127,643. This is the county-owned airport where a new, state-of-the-art terminal was dedicated.
- Though the airport is listed as an expense, it virtually pays for itself through land leases for the privately owned hangers.
- Perry Lefors Capital Project: 450,708. This is a one-time expense to repave the airport runway. The Texas Department of Transportation is providing additional funding.
- McLean Airport: \$13,200. Willoughby said this is an expense he finds particularly puzzling because he's not aware of more than two or three people who use the airport. He said if it were closed it would probably impact a couple of hunting leases, but then

there is another county airport near Pampa. No fuel is sold at the McLean airport.

- Veterans Service Office: \$22,343. The full-time veterans service officer is retiring in November and being replaced with a part-time employee with no benefits, Willoughby said. The office is currently on the first floor of the county courthouse, but Willoughby said he is open to the VFW housing it at its location.
- Extension Service: \$127,423. This is the agricultural extension office on Frederic Avenue near the fairgrounds.
- The county helps fund a salary and the office assists ranchers, farmers and individuals.
- White Deer Land Museum: \$136,607. The county funds a full-time and part-time salary along with other expenses. "We have a fine museum," Willoughby said. "We are charged with the responsibility of keeping records and artifacts for the people. We do have a foundation with about \$30,000, but we used to get more money from other foundations."
- Soil Conservation Supplement: \$8,000. This is additional money given to the extension office.
- Civil Defense/Tornado Warnings: \$1,000. This is the warning system in the event of a tornado or other disaster.
- Wildlife Services/Animal Damage Control: \$32,400. This is unrelated to the city's animal control at the Pampa Animal Shelter.

Willoughby said the county pays money to the state for an employee to trap and/or kill beavers, wild hogs and other nuisance animals on large ranches and other private properties. "We are the only county in the 26 Panhandle counties that does this," he said.

- Pampa Family Services/MHMR: \$6,000. This funds the Pampa Sheltered Workshop for disabled citizens.
- Pampa EMS: \$100,200. Willoughby is the president of the organization's board and said as a commissioner he abstains from all votes regarding the EMS service matters.
- He said the city supplements the county's funds with \$100,000. Willoughby said last year \$930,000 was written off in uncollected fees.
- "You do a run for \$1,000 and in many cases Medicare only gives you \$400 and the patient can't afford to pay anything," he said.
- Lefors Ambulance: \$17,500. This is for a volunteer EMS service that does runs between Lefors and McLean.
- High Plains Food Bank: \$800.
- Pampa Fire Contract: \$120,000. This is a contract with the Pampa Fire Department to provide fire suppression outside city limits in areas such as Keller Estates, the state prison, the former Celanese plant that is now owned and being developed by the Pampa Economic Development Corp. and the industrial area on Price Road.

- Lefors Volunteer Fire Contract: \$35,000.
- McLean Volunteer Fire Contract: \$35,000.
- Groom Volunteer Fire Contract: \$4,000. The Groom VFD is in Carson County, but their volunteers often come into Gray County to assist with fire suppression.
- Mobeetie Volunteer Fire Contract: \$750. Assists in Gray County with fire suppression.
- Skellytown Volunteer Fire Contract: \$600. Assists in Gray County with fire suppression.
- White Deer Volunteer Fire Contract: \$3,600. Assists in Gray County with fire suppression.
- Hoover Volunteer Fire Contract: \$35,000. A volunteer fire department based in Gray County.
- Sweetwater Volunteer Fire Contract: \$800. Assists in Gray County with fire suppression.
- Panhandle Comm Service: \$4,000. Provides transit and other services to needy county residents.
- Pampa Senior Citizens Center: \$1,000. This amount is half as much as the other senior centers in the county because the Pampa center has funding of its own.
- Southside Senior Citizens Center: \$2,000
- McLean Senior Citizens: \$2,000
- Lefors Senior Citizens Center: \$2,000
- Pampa Meals on Wheels: \$1,500. Provides hot meals five days a week to elderly citizens.
- Lovett Memorial Li-

brary: \$5,000.

- McLean Library: \$3,000.
- Tralee Crisis Center: \$1,000. The crisis center provides services to victims of family violence, sexual assault and other crimes.
- Lefors Marshal Supplement: \$2,500. Helps fund the salary for City of Lefors' one law enforcement officer.
- McLean Motor Vehicle Office: \$47,270. Willoughby said this is an expense that needs a second look. If the McLean office was closed, residents there could drive to Pampa where many of them already shop.
- If the McLean office closed, then maybe the Pampa office could stay open for longer hours at an extra cost of \$5,000, he suggested.
- Willoughby pointed out that nothing on this list is on the chopping block for this year.
- "We are not advocating cutting any of these out this year or next," he said. "We are looking to put together a comprehensive plan for the next five years. People wonder why we have a hard time buying new motor graders."
- He said Pampa and Gray County are growing with the oil and gas, but the county is still catching up from the revenue it lost when the Celanese plant closed.
- And often times an expense is a good thing, even if the immediate benefit is not apparent.
- For instance, Willoughby said he spent \$62,000 last year maintaining the county road for the prison, which is

in his precinct. And while the county gets no money back from the state for maintaining the road, most of the prison workers live in Pampa where they own houses and shop at local stores.

What Willoughby wants residents to do is look over this list and give input to the commission on what they want to keep and what they want to cut.

Public hearings for citizens to give input will be held today and Friday at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St.

Comments also can be made by contacting the commissioner for your precinct.

They are: Joe Wheeley, Precinct 1; Gary Willoughby, Precinct 2; Neil Fulton, Precinct 3; and Jeff Haley, Precinct 4.

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Association's education committee. "There has to be a better, more stabilized funding mechanism for all of this."

Texas taxpayers already spend \$168,000 educating each of the state's medical students. For graduated medical students, the state will pay \$32.8 million to finance nearly 6,500 medical residency positions in 2014-15.

But beginning in 2014, there will be more graduating medical students in Texas than first-year residency slots available in the state, according to a 2012 report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

"If they are forced to do their residency training outside of Texas because we don't have enough slots, they take that investment with them," said state Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound. Nelson filed legislation in the last session to offset that trend by devoting \$16 million to expand residency opportunities for graduating medical students at Texas facilities.

The majority of that financing — \$12.4 million — will be used to create new first-year residency positions in Texas or fill exist-

ing slots that are empty for financial reasons. Nelson's legislation also sets aside \$1.9 million in planning grants to help hospitals that do not have accredited residency programs evaluate what it would take to establish them. There is another \$2.1 million in incentives for medical schools to encourage students to go into primary care.

"The message is out to any residency program out there that if you want to grow, you can grow," said Stacey Silverman, interim assistant commissioner of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, which is charged with distributing the grants. "It's not a finish line by any standard, but it is an excellent first step, and it gets Texas on the road to solving the physician shortage."

The nation as a whole is facing a physician shortage. The Association of American Medical Colleges estimates that the United States will have a shortfall of 90,000 physicians within the next decade. The need will be particularly acute in Texas, which in 2010 had

165 physicians per 100,000 people, compared with the national average of 220.

The number of Texas primary care physicians — whose services prevent patients from developing more costly and harmful conditions — is particularly low. Texas does not have enough primary care doctors in 126 of its 254 counties, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, which sets a threshold of one for every 3,000 residents. The majority of those counties are rural.

The state's new grants will mostly benefit hospitals looking to start residency programs from scratch, said Dr. Thomas Blackwell, associate dean of graduate medical education at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He said the financing was not enough to encourage most teaching hospitals, including his own, to expand their programs.

"It's not enough, because remember, it only pays for the first year," he said. "So who is going to pay for the other years?"

Residency programs last three to eight years, depending on the specialty. The state's first-year residency grants will provide up to \$65,000 per trainee, covering each first-year resident's salary. But factoring in other costs, like supervisors' salaries and the expense of extra tests and procedures ordered by doctors-in-training, each position costs about \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year, Blackwell said.

"You don't do graduate medical education to make money. Our members are mission-driven," said Maureen Milligan, president and chief executive of Teaching Hospitals of Texas. Although teaching hospitals come with prestige, advanced medical technol-

ogy and, in some cases, better health outcomes for patients, Milligan said most residency programs operated at a financial loss for the hospital.

"The challenge is going to be how do you identify new hospitals or other providers that would be willing to get into" graduate medical education, she said.

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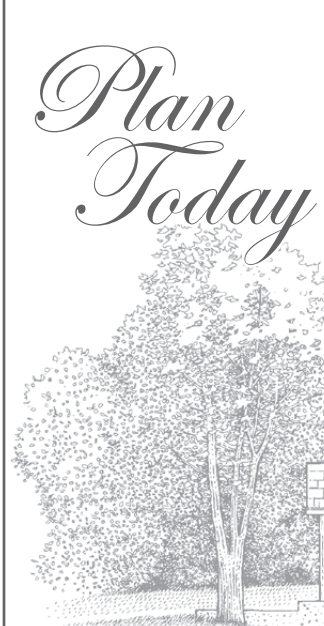
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Prairie Plains Perspective

Getting wacky over weeds

My allergies the past couple of months have gone just plain berserk! The resulting deterioration of my quality of life forced me this past week to step alongside the likes of



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Barry Bonds, A-Rod, and all other "juicing" athletes. Hardly an athlete, but the problem is I work outdoors in the tree business, and I have put off juicing for so long, hoping against all hope the allergens floating about the Panhandle would abate, that my respiratory function would once again return to normal. But alas, that was not to be the case, for ever since those welcoming rains resulting in rampant tree, weed and grass pollination, I have been with an itchy, scratchy, and ticklish throat.

I have experienced successive bouts of uncontrollable sneezing out my wazoo, I've awakened to matted shut eye lids, I've blown my nose to such an extent that I started emitting brain matter, and don't get me on the countless

dollars spent purchasing over the counter allergy relief that hasn't worked. Juicing, therefore, became my only option, and I'm pleased to tell you courtesy the fine folks out at the Wellness Center, the double whammy dose of steroids shot into my left butt check have done the trick, for my immune system received the boost it needed to fight this allergy onslaught and even better, continue with the outdoors arborist thing.

One of the benefits of long term drought and no rain is that one doesn't have to worry about microscopic pollen floating about searching for a nares to enter and initiate misery, but since the Panhandle received such beneficial rainfall this past July and early August, flora took the hint and decided to do some healthy pollinating that it hasn't been able to do for the past seven years.

A pollinating vengeance to say the least, for driving about Pampa weeds have taken over to such an extent they are enjoying unmoled growth, which brings me to wonder a few things about uncaring homeowners, business folk, and in particular, our city government.

It's that unused/unread

and added to at City Commission's every whim tome of city ordinances I'm wondering about. Wondering, specifically, why weed control ordinances are not being enforced.

It doesn't take more than a few blocks of driving in any direction for one to take note of the myriad of Pampa homes and businesses that have not had a mower or weed whacker taken to their lawns and property.

I'm not talking simple weedage here, I'm talking lawns and properties with weeds and overgrowth that matches my 6-foot 5-inch height! Yep, we've some impressive weeds growing all over, around, and inside Pampa, folks!

What I see is weed control not being, well, controlled! In fact, even city parks and rights of way are showing unkempt weeds as well. Squelching a sneeze, I have to ask what's up with the evident lack of city mowers working and why aren't homeowners and businesses being notified and told to whack down their weeds? Ack!

OK, allergies are one thing, and you're thinking that's what doctors and medicine are for, but it isn't just the allergies that I and a host of other citizens have

been fighting due to this over abundance of weedage.

Now, mosquitoes have begun the onslaught, and nothing makes a mosquito happier, besides a blood source of course, than dewy and dense overgrowth to hang around in awaiting that unsuspecting blood source. Have you seen the size of these mosquitoes?

Juicing with steroids comes to mind with the size of some of these "birds." If all the rampant weed growth is not managed, a fire hazard is created (as I recall the spring 2006 prairie wildfires that were fueled with dead brown flora) that endangers life and property. And, with all this weedage overgrowth marring the visual landscape of our fair burg, Pampa just looks downright third world! Come on homeowners, business owners, city government, get with a plan of action and do something about all these weeds!

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Dead souls of a cultural revolution

Last Friday, Christopher Lane, a 22-year-old Australian here on a baseball scholarship, was shot and killed while jogging in Duncan, Okla., where he



PATRICK BUCHANAN

He died where he

fell. Police have three suspects, two black and one white. The latter said they were bored and decided to shoot Lane for "the fun of it."

As Lane was white and the shooter black, racism has surfaced as a motive. Thursday came reports that killing a white man may have been an initiation rite for the black teens in joining some offshoot of the Crips or Bloods.

What happened in Oklahoma and the reaction, or lack of reaction to it, tells us much about America in 2013, not much of it good.

Teenagers who can shoot and kill a man out of summertime boredom of moral barbarians, dead souls.

But who created these monsters? Where did they come from? Surely one explanation lies in the fact that the old conscience-forming and character-forming institutions — home, church, school, and a moral and healthy culture fortifying basic truths — have collapsed. And the community hardest hit is Black America.

If we go back to the end of World War II, 90 percent of black families consisted of a mother and father and children raised and disciplined by their parents. The churches to which these families went on Sundays were stronger. Black schools may have been largely segregated, but they were also the transmission belts of patriotism and traditional values rooted in biblical truths and a Christian faith.

Though such schools graduated hardworking, law-abiding and productive citizens, today they would be closed as unconstitutional.

Indeed, all of those character- and conscience-forming institutions of yesterday are

in an advanced state of decline today.

Seventy-three percent of black kids are born to single moms. Black kids who make it to 12th grade may often be found reading at seventh-, eighth- or ninth-grade levels. In some cities the black dropout rate can hit as high as 50 percent.

Drugs are readily available. And among black males ages 18 to 29, in urban areas, often a third are in prison or jail, or on probation or parole, or walking around with a criminal record.

Where do the kids get their ideas of right and wrong, good and evil? In homes where the father is absent and the TV is always on. From radios tuned in to rap and hip-hop. From films where Hollywood values prevail and the shooting never stops. From street gangs that sometimes form the only families these kids have ever known.

Still, crime has fallen since 1990, we are told.

And so it has. But that is only because the baby boomers, the largest population cohort in our history, passed out of the high-crime age group a quarter of a century ago, and because the jail and prison population in America has tripled.

What kind of leadership do we see today in Black America?

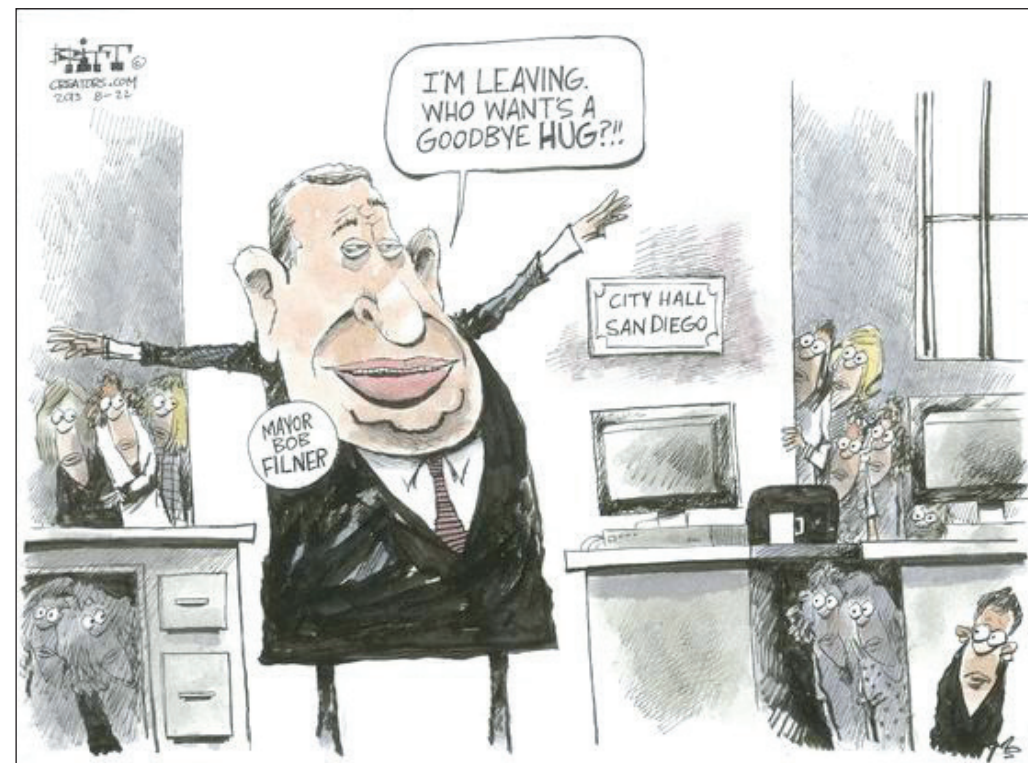
What can be said for an NAACP that was lately demanding a Justice Department investigation of a rodeo clown running around a bull ring in rural Missouri in an Obama mask, but cannot find its voice to address a black-on-white atrocity in Middle America?

When Trayvon Martin was shot to death in a murky incident in Sanford, Fla., Jesse Jackson rushed there to declare: "Blacks are under attack. ... Killing us is big business." Trayvon was "shot down in cold blood by a vigilante ... murdered and martyred."

After Chris Lane's cold-blooded murder, Jesse tweeted: This sort of thing is to be "frowned upon."

If I had a son, said President Obama, he

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MLK 50 years later: still an economic radical

If you've bothered to read, listen or watch a lot of the media coverage around the 50th anniversary of the



ROLAND MARTIN

March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech, you will be impressed with the laudatory and uplifting coverage.

Inspirational. Forward thinking. Moving. Historic. Monumental. All of these words and many more have been used to describe King that day, as well as the 250,000 people who gathered on the National Mall and the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for the epic event.

But let's dispense with the revisionist examination and call King and those gathered that day exactly what they were: radical revolutionaries.

See, if we're going to hail those band of Americans who fought in the U.S. Revolution as patriots,

freedom fighters, and revolutionaries, then we need to do the same for the black Americans who demanded that this country own up to its stated ideals.

Printing words in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution is one thing, but living up to and honoring those words was something else. And far too many Americans, from small towns to the nation's capital, refused to abide by those revolutionaries who said, "All men are created equal."

Yet here we stand today, basking in the glow of the March on Washington, and we are still stuck on a superficial conversation about that day and King's speech: "Is the Dream dead?"

No, what should be declared dead is the empty-headed, weak and impotent discussion about a part of King's speech that Americans love to embrace. It's easy to spend lots of time talking about the dream, instead of the nightmare he talked about in the rest of the speech.

Let's be clear: King was not a quiet, timid, pushover. He was force to be reck-

oned with who understood that black America could not be truly free from the tyranny of Jim Crow, white racism and bigotry unless that extended to economic freedom.

In the aftermath of slavery, black folks were no longer held in bondage by chains. But releasing freed slaves into America with no land, no money and no jobs was essentially the same. And all too often, slaves were forced to be sharecroppers, working off massive debt to former slaveholders.

The period of Reconstruction offered a tremendous amount of hope and change, but that was destroyed with the Great Compromise of 1877, which led to Rutherford Hayes being named president and the removal of federal troops from several southern states, ushering in a murderous regime that targeted blacks.

And for almost 100 years, this economic system continued to denigrate and degrade black Americans, forcing them to work in a system that held them back with invisible shackles. Douglas Blackmon won

the Pulitzer Prize in 2009 for his book on this period: "Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II."

King understood that. And it didn't take him long on Aug. 28, 1963, to make that plain.

"But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination," King said. "One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize a shameful condition."

Anyone studying the full speech knows that King touched on several themes, but his resounding focus on freedom dealt with the almighty dollar and the opportunities that continued to be closed to black

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Americans. So if we are going to spend precious time looking back and going forward, it better be about what he was focused on: shedding the invisible shackles to ensure that black folks would have the opportunity to grow and prosper in America just as whites have.

In the five years between this speech and his death, King kept coming back to what was the fundamental unfairness in America: the income inequality between whites and Blacks. His opposition to the Vietnam War was a moral one, but he also made it clear that spending billions on the military industrial complex didn't aid the poor.

"I knew that America would never invest the necessary funds or energies in rehabilitation of its poor so long as adventures like Vietnam continued to draw men and skills and money like some demonic, destructive suction tube. So I was increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such," King said on April 4, 1968, in his famous "Beyond Vietnam" speech at Riverside Church in New York City.

When King was killed in Memphis, he was fighting for better benefits for sanitation workers. No, not for them to have a job. But for them to grow and prosper on that job.

He and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference were also planning the Poor Peoples Campaign, which sought to build tents and shacks on the National Mall to house protesters. King wanted America's political leaders to see the poor and what they looked like.

The continuing theme here is economic, economic, and economic. King wasn't being flowery and nice and non-confrontational. He was preaching a radical economic message because he knew that true freedom meant not living in economic turmoil.

If we are to honor his legacy, and those of the hundreds of thousands who fought the good fight, we better focus on what America is all about: the almighty dollar.

Can I get a witness?

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would have looked like Trayvon; 35 years ago, I could have been Trayvon. Can the president not find his voice to speak to the parents of Chris Lane? Since Lyndon Johnson took office, 50 years ago, we have spent trillions on his programs for health care, housing, education, food stamps, welfare and civil rights. Are we living in that Great Society we were promised?

In that same decade, we were told that the social, cultural and moral revolution bursting forth on the campuses would rid us of the repressive old-time morality and Old Time Religion, and lead to a more equal, just, humane and better America, a beacon to mankind.

Yet, are not the killers of Chris Lane who shot him for the fun of it the "do-your-own-thing!" children of that cultural revolution?

The death of Trayvon was said to be reflective of the real America, a country where black folks live in constant fear of white vigilantes and white racist cops. What nonsense.

In the real America, interracial violence is overwhelming black-on-white. Even if the media will not report it, everybody knows it.

And journalists will not dig into the numbers that prove it, for the truth would undermine their ideology and contradict the narrative that governs and gives meaning to their lives.

For liberals, America is always "Mississippi Burning." It just has to be that way.

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

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

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them

to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

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

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

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

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9

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

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session 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.

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Crews battle huge wildfire raging in Yosemite area

TUOLUMNE CITY, Calif. (AP) — Crews working to contain one of California's largest-ever wildfires gained some ground Monday against the flames threatening San Francisco's water supply, several towns near Yosemite National Park and historic giant sequoias.

Containment of the Rim Fire more than doubled to 15 percent, although it was within a mile of the park's Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, the source of San Francisco's famously pure drinking water, officials said Monday.

"Obviously, it's the water supply of the city of San Francisco, so we're paying a lot of attention to that," said Glen Stratton, an operations section chief on the fire.

San Francisco water authorities were scrambling to fill area reservoirs with water from Hetch Hetchy before ash taints supplies, said Harlan Kelly Jr., general manager of the city's Public Utilities Commission. The city is able to

move water more quickly out of Hetch Hetchy because of a recent multibillion-dollar improvement to the piping system.

Ash from the 234-square-mile fire has been falling on the reservoir, but so far hasn't sunk far enough into the lake to reach intake pumps, Kelly said. Water quality remained good on Monday.

San Francisco gets 85 percent of its water from Hetch Hetchy as well as power for municipal buildings, the international airport and San Francisco General Hospital. The threat to the city's utilities prompted Gov. Jerry Brown to declare a state of emergency for San Francisco.

Kelly said the city has a six-month supply of water on hand. If ash eventually causes turbidity, it will have to filter supplies, although he was unsure how much that would cost.

The agency also was checking 12 miles of hydroelectric transmission lines that supply city facilities with power. An emergency

declaration has allowed the city to spend \$600,000 for power on the open market.

The fire also posed a threat to giant sequoias in Yosemite National Park. Crews were using sprinklers and lighting fires to clear brush, though the fire remained several miles from the massive trees, Stratton said.

Another part of the fire that is also burning into the park was not of major concern because it was running into rocks that are not heavily forested, Stratton said.

The governor planned to visit a fire base camp on Monday to meet with state and federal emergency officials. Brown spoke Sunday to President Barack Obama, who reiterated his commitment to providing needed federal resources, according to the White House.

While it has closed some backcountry hiking, the fire has not threatened Yosemite Valley, where such sights as the Half Dome and El Capitan rock formations and Bridalveil and Yosemite falls draw throngs of tourists.

Most of the park remained open to visitors. Park spokesman Scott Gediman said Monday morning he was not aware of any additional threats to the park overnight.

The U.S. Forest Service said about 4,500 structures were threatened by the fire. At least 23 structures have been destroyed, though officials have not determined whether they were homes or rural outbuildings.

Additional personnel brought in to help raised

the total number of firefighters to more than 3,600 on Monday, said state fire spokesman Daniel Berlant. "Our containment doubled overnight, but there's still a lot of work to be done," Berlant said.

That work included constructing contingency lines near communities north of the blaze, he said.

Firefighters were aided by movement of the blaze into less forested areas, higher humidity and cooler temperatures caused at least in part by the shadow cast by the large plume of smoke,

national forest and fire officials said. But winds were expected to pick up again and reach as high as 25 mph, Berlant said.

The fire, which began Aug. 17, has moved up to 13th on the list of the state's largest wildfires since 1932, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The agency doesn't list earlier fires because those records are less reliable.

The largest fire of the modern era burned 427 square miles of San Diego County in 2003.

Son, 19, sought after father, mom, slain in Texas

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities in South Texas are seeking a 19-year-old man suspected in the fatal shooting of his parents allegedly after an argument.

The Bexar (bayr) County Sheriff's Office says the bodies of Fidel and Eva Meza (MAY'-zuh) were located Monday morning when deputies responded

to an emergency call. Both were dead at their San Antonio-area home.

Sheriff's spokesman Paul Berry identified the suspect as Bryant Meza. Berry had no immediately information on whether a warrant was issued.

Investigators say Bryant Meza should be considered armed and dangerous.

Sgt. Raymond Pollard says the suspect allegedly had a confrontation with his father before the gunfire.

Pollard says other relatives were at the home but couldn't stop the son from fleeing on foot.

Dogs were being used to search some nearby woods.

Ailing whale 'Bella' dies at SeaWorld San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 4-year-old beluga whale named "Bella" has died at SeaWorld San Antonio.

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the female whale died Sunday after a brief illness.

No cause of death was immediately released.

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Museums retrace March on Washington 50 years later

WASHINGTON (AP) — Numerous exhibits and programs in the nation's capital will allow visitors to retrace the historic steps of the 1963 March on Washington 50 years later.

Several museums and cultural organizations have organized artifacts and art exhibits for visitors to learn about the march, the nation's conflict over civil rights and the tumult leading up to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

At the Newseum, curators focused on the unique role of students in helping to lead the civil rights movement in the early 1960s. The museum about journalism and the First Amendment features a section of the original Woolworth's lunch counter from Greensboro, N.C., where four black college students launched a sit-in after being denied service because of their race.

A short video documentary highlights some of the key players and moments of the era. "Unlike the Smithsonian or elsewhere, we are looking at history through the lens of the First Amendment," said Newseum video producer Frank Bond. That

led curators beyond the role of journalists to also look at student leaders who fought for civil rights. "The free press, yes, covered their exploits," Bond said. "But it was speech and assembly that they took upon themselves as constitutional rights to fight what they felt was an unjust system, which was the Jim Crow system of segregation."

At the time, John Lewis, now a Georgia congressman, told his fellow students they needed to be loud and visible to change the country. "You've got to get out there and push and organize and agitate and stand up and make some noise," he said, leading curators to the focus for the exhibit.

The Newseum also is launching a three-year changing exhibit called "Civil Rights at 50," which will be updated each year with key milestones in the civil rights movement. The year 1963 opened with Alabama Gov. George Wallace declaring "segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever." And that summer, he stood in a doorway to try to block two black students from attending class.

PISD AND THE PAMPA UNITED WAY



Submitted photo

Dr. David Young, left, superintendent of Pampa ISD; Jana Gregory, Pampa United Way executive administrator; and Janet Watts, executive director of CASA discuss United Way and the agencies and how they help teachers as well as children and students of our community.

Gregory talked about United Way and the impact it has on our community before introducing Watts of CASA. Watts informed the group of how teachers and staff of PISD have an influence on her programs at CASA which she said gets funding from the Pampa United Way.

PISD got an early start for the upcoming Campaign by asking staff, teachers and the community to give generously to the Pampa United Way to help CASA and the other 17 agencies the United Way supports.

Young challenged Pampa ISD to reach a \$17,500 goal that was set for 2013. Dr. Young has some fun challenges planned for the campaign.

Brad Morse, 2013 campaign chairman, was not pictured.

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HARVESTER GREEN AND GOLD TOURNAMENT



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The Pampa Green and Gold tournament was held this weekend as an opportunity for the Harvester tennis team to warm up for the regular season. Harvesters were asked to pair up with a member of the community as a form of team tennis. Above, Lane Terry is practicing with Diamond Marrufo (not pictured). Below, teams were divided into two groups, green and gold. Tennis coach Sarah Corse said there were two brackets, the Gold and the Green. The winners of the Gold bracket were Ashton Robison and Matt Rains, who beat Lane Terry and Garrett Coutts in the finals 8-5. Also in the Gold, the winners of consultations were Cason Troxell and Kyle Sanford. They beat Kaycee Sellers and Hayley Kuhn 8-6. The Green bracket was won by Jaycee Devoll and Paul Wayburn who beat Allison Daniels and Eugene Polasek 8-6. In the consultation side of that bracket Cheyene Williams and Brittany Stark won, beating Madison Bolch and Nick 9-7. The overall week was won by the green team. Corse also said she is looking forward to starting the season Thursday in Hereford.



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Saints rally for 31-23 preseason win over Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Andre Johnson was in midseason form, and the rest of Houston's young receiving group looked pretty good, too. Johnson had 131 yards receiving before halftime in his first extended work of the pre-season Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

But New Orleans' backups scored two touchdowns in the second half to help the Saints to a 31-23 victory.

Johnson didn't play in the preseason opener and had less than a quarter of work last week.

On Sunday, he grabbed seven of the eight passes thrown to him, highlighted by a 39-yard reception.

"When we sit down

and game plan I try to figure out ways to get Andre the ball," coach Gary Kubiak said. "It's a compliment to the other guys that Andre's able to get the ball so much."

Thursday's Games

Lions 40, Patriots 9
Panthers 34, Ravens 27

Friday's Games

Seahawks 17, Packers 10
Bears 34, Raiders 26

Saturday's Games

Redskins 30, Bills 7
Colts 27, Browns 6
Jets 24, Giants 21, OT
Chiefs 26, Steelers 20, OT
Eagles 31, Jaguars 24
Buccaneers 17, Dolphins 16
Broncos 27, Rams 26
Cowboys 24, Bengals 18
Titans 27, Falcons 16
Chargers 24, Cardinals 7

Sunday's Games

49ers 34, Vikings 14

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From left, Coach Larrazolo, Santos Ramon and Francisco Garcia.

Local boxers attend tournament

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With Culligan Water donating a facility for the Pampa boxing club, Pampa boxing teams are now able to prepare for tournaments. Members recently attended a tournament in Las Vegas, N.M. on Aug. 17 with only two fighters set to fight.

Francisco Garcia was bout No. 17 on the card and his opponent was Christian Archardo, of Albuquerque, N.M. The fight started out as a tough outing for both fighters as each one gave their best shots. In the end, Archardo was a step ahead of Garcia giving Garcia his first defeat. Garcia said he learned a lot from the experience and is ready to hit the gym and correct his mistakes. Next up was Santos Ra-

mon out of Pampa, in his first bout. His opponent was Jayden Jacome, of New Mexico.

As the first bell rang both fighters were determined to make it a fight, matching each other toe-to-toe, step-for-step. But as the fight came to the end, Santos showed he had more heart and wanted it more and with that, won his first fight and brought home a trophy, one to add to the Pampa Boxing Club.

Coach Larrazolo said he is very proud of his team.

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Sunday: Garza struggles as Texas loses 5-2 to Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Matt Garza felt he was just a little off. It was enough to make for another shaky outing.

Garza gave up two home runs, and the Texas Rangers lost 5-2 to the surging Chicago White Sox on Sunday.

"I had my slider again and it was down. I just paid for the two balls I left up," he said.

Jordan Danks became the first major leaguer in nearly six decades to back his brother with a homer, connecting after he replaced the injured Avisail Garcia, and the White Sox won for the eighth time in nine games.

John Danks (4-10) out-pitched Garza (3-2), allowing two runs over six innings for his second straight win, and the White Sox took two of three from the AL West leaders. Josh Phegley went deep after hitting the winning single in the ninth inning the previous night.

Garza allowed five runs — four earned — and seven hits over seven innings. He has allowed at least four runs in five straight starts, but manager Ron Washington figures better days are ahead.

"He's a tremendous pitcher," Washington said. "He'll get comfortable and start winning us some ball-

games."

Actually, the Rangers have been winning with him. They're 5-2 in his seven starts. But after two impressive outings against the New York Yankees and Los Angeles Angels following a trade from the Chicago Cubs, Garza hasn't exactly delivered as expected.

On Sunday? "I just felt a little out of sync, like I was trying to do too much," he said. "You get ahead of yourself and sometimes you've just got to take a step back to put the whole thing in."

The White Sox continued their roll. Otherwise it's been a miserable season, and seeing the promising Garcia slowly walking off the field prompted a few groans throughout the stadium.

Other scores

Indians 3, Twins 1
Tigers 11, Mets 3
Orioles 10, Athletics 3
Yankees 3, Rays 2, (11 innings)
Blue Jays 2, Astros 1
Royals 6, Nationals 4
Angels 7, Mariners 1
Red Sox 8, Dodgers 1
Rockies 4, Marlins 3
Brewers 3, Reds 1
Phillies 9, Diamondbacks 5
Braves 5, Cardinals 2
Giants 4, Pirates 0
Padres 3, Cubs 2, (15 innings)

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Here are my likes and gripes from this weekend in sports:

Likes:

- **Terrelle Pryor sighting** — The former Ohio St. talent who got into trouble for selling merchandise while in college played very well in this weekend's preseason game against Chicago. Look beyond the fact he was breaking NCAA regulations and got his coach Jim Tressel fired because of the merchandise selling, and he is a raw talent who has been a project for the number of Oakland coaches who have come through. Pryor was 6/9 for 93 yards and a touchdown.

He also ran for 37 yards and a touchdown as well. With the popularity of the read-option offense on the rise, Oakland may have their QB for the future, finally.

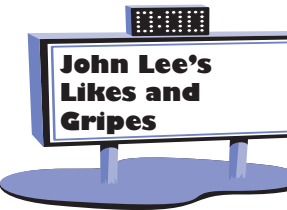
- **Colt McCoy a backup** — Let's stay in the Bay area, shall we? Colt McCoy is going to have a promising career holding a clipboard for Colin Kaepernick. I always loved the philosophy of having a backup with a similar build and skill set as your starter. McCoy went 11/15 for 109 yards and a lone pick. But he showed poise in the pocket and great scrambling ability.
- **College football returns this week** — Does this

need an explanation? Look for former Pampa News Sports Editor Zach Green's and my picks weekly as we try to see who can guess the most correct games among the AP's Top 25.

Gripes:

- **Jimmie Johnson** — Jimmie Johnson had a poor outing at Bristol this weekend, I would really like to see him enter the Chase for the Sprint Cup Championship having solid finishes, not limping in.

- **Coach Carthel** — I know I referred to this in my column in the weekend edition. But the more that comes out about this the more it seems that Carthel was fired from



West Texas A&M for petty issues as the relationship between him and athletic director Michael McBroom was becoming "strenuous." I hope the football program there remains one of the best in the country.

Kurt Busch to join Stewart-Haas in 2014

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Stewart-Haas Racing has called a Tuesday news conference amid reports Kurt Busch is joining the team.

Busch told both Fox Sports and ESPN on Monday he signed a multi-year deal to join SHR.

The 2004 NASCAR champion did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press.

Busch recently received an offer from SHR co-owner Gene Haas to leave Furniture Row Racing and join a team that will expand next season to

four cars.

He'll be teammates with co-owner Tony Stewart, Danica Patrick and Kevin Harvick, who is replacing Ryan Newman in the lineup.

Stewart said last month

that Newman was being let go because SHR did not have the capability to expand to four cars.

Haas is funding Busch's ride out of his own pocket.

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Jets say Sanchez day-to-day with shoulder injury

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Sanchez's banged-up right shoulder will keep him out of the New York Jets' preseason finale.

Whether he's also out of the team's quarterback competition remains to be seen.

The Jets announced Sunday that Sanchez is "day-to-day" with an injured shoulder that will sideline him for the team's preseason finale against Philadelphia on Thursday night. Sanchez, competing with rookie Geno Smith for the starting job, was unlikely to play in that game anyway.

The team did not announce the nature or severity of Sanchez's injury, suffered in the Jets' 24-21 overtime victory over the Giants on Saturday night. Sanchez had an X-ray after the game on the shoulder, which apparently revealed no fractures, and an MRI exam Sunday to determine if there's any damage. The Jets' announcement indi-

cated that Sanchez likely does not have a season-ending injury.

Still, there's a chance Sanchez might not be ready in time for the regular-season opener against Tampa Bay on Sept. 8.

Sanchez, who appeared in good shape to beat out Smith for the starting job, left with 5:40 left in the fourth quarter when he took a hard hit in the shoulder from Marvin Austin after he completed a 23-yard pass to Mohamed Massaquoi.

Sanchez stayed on the turf, writhing in pain for a few moments as the team's trainers ran out to check on him. When he eventually got up, the quarterback flexed his right arm and hand as he headed to the sideline. He took one practice throw on the sideline and appeared to shake his head "No." Trainers wrapped his shoulder in ice before taking him to the locker room.

Coach Rex Ryan has tak-



Mark Sanchez

en a lot of heat from media and fans for bringing in Sanchez that late in the game behind an offensive line made up of backups. While it was similar to the line he played with in the third quarter of last week's win over Jacksonville, it seemed somewhat curious why Sanchez — who many assumed had moved ahead in the competition — would be put in at that point.

"I understand being second-guessed when an injury happens," Ryan said. "Certainly I understand that. But that's football."

Smith struggled in his first NFL start, throwing three interceptions and stepping out of the back of the end zone for a safety while playing into the fourth quarter. Ryan and

Smith said after the game that the plan all along was to have Sanchez play after Smith.

"I would not have put Mark in there if it wasn't important," Ryan said.

Ryan also turned testy — turning his body sideways to the media at one point — while refusing to definitively answer whether Smith could still win the quarterback competition despite his poor performance.

"I can say anything I want," he said. "That's the beauty of this country. I can answer it 100 (times). I can stand backwards and answer the question. I'm going sideways. We'll make the announcement when I think it's the appropriate time."

Sanchez finished 5 of 6 for 72 yards and a lost fumble, but had likely moved ahead of Smith in the competition.

Now, if Sanchez must miss a few weeks, Smith could be the Week 1 start-

er. The only other quarterbacks on the roster are the inexperienced Greg McElroy and Matt Simms.

"As long as Rex and the committee are evaluating us, I think I have a shot,"

Smith said after the game. "As I've stated, I don't think one game, one practice, one day will tell you the type of quarterback I am. I think it takes a ton of evaluation to get this thing done."

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Okla. St.'s Gundy planning on 2 QBs for opener

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy still hasn't chosen a starting quarterback for the 13th-ranked Cowboys' season opener on Aug. 31 against Mississippi State.

Instead, he has announced that both senior Clint Chelf and sophomore J.W. Walsh will each see action at the neutral-site game in Houston.

Gundy has repeatedly declined to specify which one will be the primary signal-caller, now notes that both Chelf and Walsh each deserve shots to seize the job. Both played significant roles last season, helping the 8-5 Cowboys produce the nation's third-ranked offense, including the sixth-best passing attack.

Chelf started the final five games and was chosen Most Valuable Player of the Heart of Dallas Bowl, while Walsh was voted the Big 12's Freshman of the Year by the conference's coaches.

"We're going to play both guys," Gundy said. "That hasn't changed since the spring. Both quarterbacks have improved. I don't really know any other way to say it, than what I've been saying the last five months. Both guys have

been doing a good job, we're glad we have them and they'll both get a chance to play."

Gundy would not say who would get more snaps.

"It would be hard for me to predict reps, but I don't think either one of them will be a backup for the

first game," Gundy said. "We have two quarterbacks with relatively the same amount of experience, so we're obligated to give both the opportunity to play in the game. We feel that they can each provide something for the team to give us the chance to be successful this year."

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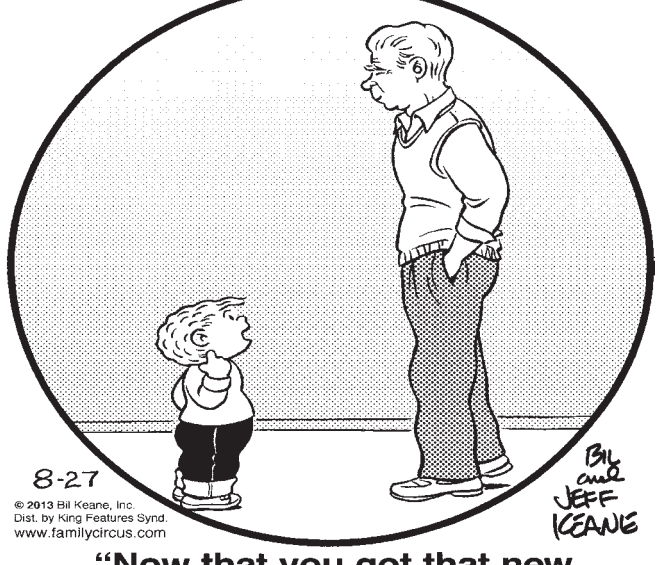
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Mixed messages will come through despite your best efforts to be as clear as possible. You'll be holding something back, and it could result in conflict between you and a friend. You might decide to spill the beans; choose your words with care. Tonight: Relax with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ It would be a mistake to become too materialistic. You easily could have a misunderstanding about your finances. Recognize that the argument has more to do with your actions than with your feelings. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a special dessert.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could hit a few obstacles today. The first one might be the result of a misunderstanding. You'll want to clear up the problem; it might not have as much to do with the words exchanged as it does with an assumption the other party makes. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Know when to pull back, as it can make a great deal of difference. Understand what is happening within yourself first, and you likely will decide to say much less than you originally intended as a result. Don't expect a reaction to be forthcoming. Tonight: Not to be found.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Listen to your instincts with an associate. There could be an innate misunderstanding that could be difficult to sort out. Start accepting your differences and work from that premise. Exciting news will head your way. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You enjoy yourself, no matter what you do. You will come to an understanding with a boss. Evaluate a decision with care that could take you in a new direction and jolt a partner. Once his or her initial reaction has passed, you can have a discussion. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your mind might not be present in the moment, which is one of the reasons a disagreement could start. Make it a point to share more of what is on your mind, and listen to others' feedback. You can't always be right about everything. Tonight: Think about a long weekend away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A partner will have a lot to share, and he or she wants your attention. You are likely to hear more if you don't focus too much on the importance of what's being said. The end result will be much better for everyone involved. Tonight: Just a quiet dinner for two.

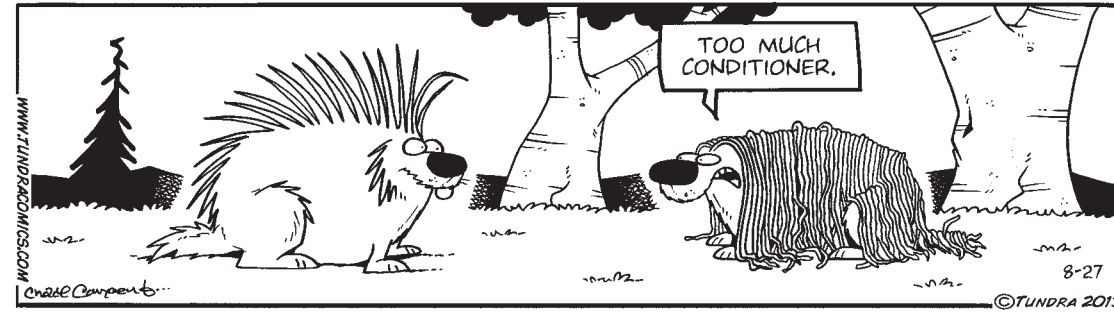
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Let others make the first move, as their proposals carry more weight. You might need to weigh the pros and cons of a situation carefully. Others could feel insecure when questioned. Be gracious in how you handle their qualms. Tonight: Sort through the many different invitations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Focus on getting your must-do responsibilities done. Honor someone's misgivings by noting how this person might have misinterpreted what has occurred. A call from someone at a distance involving a personal matter could encourage a schedule change. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Everyone else's mind might be on more practical matters. A flirtation could be overwhelming. It will seem nearly impossible to finish your to-do list. Be willing to enjoy your personal life more, whether it is with a child or a new flirtation. Tonight: You know what to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Be careful with a family member. This person could be off-kilter, which you might have noticed. Avoid an unnecessary argument, but do what you must to help keep this person focused. You could pull the wild card financially. Tonight: Be discriminating when taking a risk.

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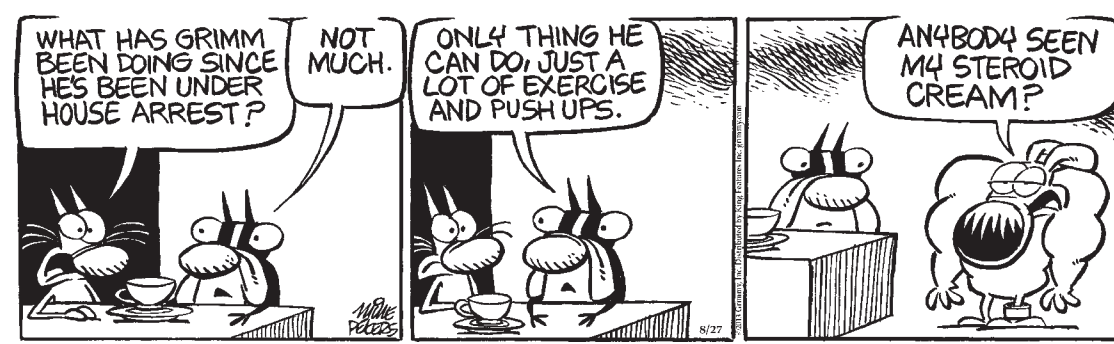
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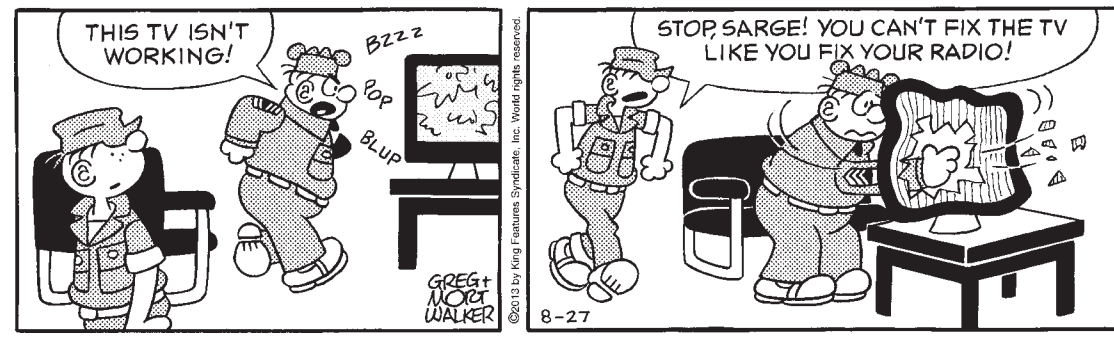
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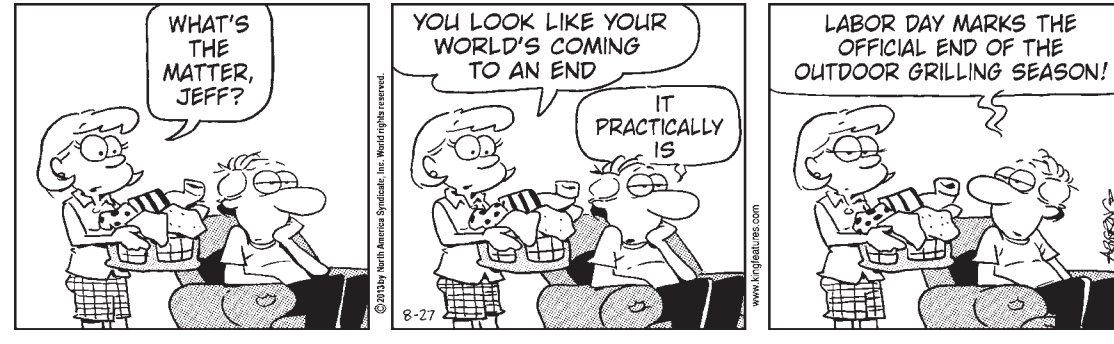


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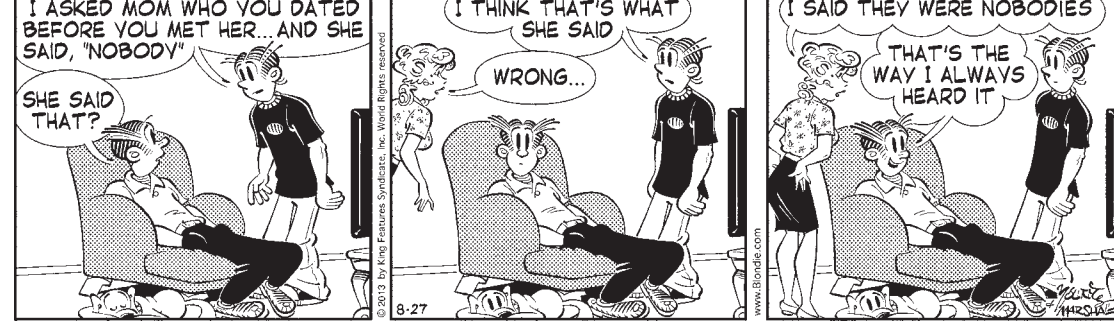
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Western leaders mull military response in Syria

PARIS (AP) — Western leaders are deliberating whether to stage a military response to the alleged chemical weapons attack in Syria. France and Germany, who refused to support the 2003 Iraq invasion, suggested Monday they may take part. Russia says any such intervention would violate international law.

France

President Francois Hollande says time is running out for the Syrian regime and airstrikes are a possibility.

"Everything will come into play this week," he told Le Parisien newspaper.

"There are several options on the table, ranging from strengthening international sanctions to airstrikes to arming the rebels.

Hollande spoke with President Barack Obama on Sunday and told him France, like Britain, would support him in a targeted military intervention, according to the paper.

"It's still too early to say categorically what will happen," he was quoted as saying. "The U.N. experts are going to investigate on site. We also have to allow time for the diplomatic process. But not too much. We can't go without a reaction when confronted with chemical weapons."

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said "all the options are open. The only option that I can't imagine would be to do nothing."

Germany

Germany suggested for the first time it may support the use of force if a chemical weapons attack is confirmed.

"The suspected large-scale use of poison gas breaks a taboo even in

this Syrian conflict that has been so full of cruelty," Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman, Steffen Seibert, said Monday. "It's a serious breach of the international Chemical Weapons Convention, which categorically bans the use of these weapons. It must be punished, it cannot remain without consequences."

Germany has "very clear evidence that this was a chemical weapons attack," Seibert said. He declined to speculate on what kind of response might now be needed in Syria, but repeatedly refused to rule out the use of force.

Russia

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Western nations calling for military action against Syria have no proof the regime is behind the alleged attack.

Lavrov says the countries calling for action have assumed the role of "both investigators and the U.N. Security Council" in probing the incident.

"They cannot produce evidence, but keep on saying that the 'red line' has been crossed and they cannot wait any longer," he said at a Moscow news conference.

Lavrov likened the situation in Syria to the run-up before the 2003 Iraq invasion. He warned against military intervention in Syria, saying "the use of force without a sanction of the U.N. Security Council is a crude violation of international law."

Britain

Foreign Secretary William Hague said disagreements among the five

U.N. Security Council members have prevented any action over Syria from being taken for too long and "complete unity" wasn't necessary to launch a response.

"We cannot in the 21st century allow the idea that chemical weapons can be used with impunity," he said.

The British government is prepared to recall lawmakers to Parliament ahead of schedule so that they can debate any action over Syria, although it would "reserve the ability to take action very swiftly if needed," a spokesman for Prime Minister David Cameron said.

Turkey

Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said his country would take part in an international coalition against Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime if the U.N. failed to come up with sanctions to punish Syria for the alleged use of chemical weapons.

Turkey was once a close Syrian ally, but turned into one of Assad's harshest critics and is a key supporter of Syrian rebels. Turkey has repeatedly struck back at Syrian territory in response to shelling, mortar rounds or fire from across the border since shells from Syria struck a Turkish village in October, killing five people.

United Nations

Speaking to reporters in the South Korean capital of Seoul, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said "if proven, any use of chemical weapons by anyone under any circumstances is a serious violation of international law

and an outrageous crime. We cannot allow impunity in what appears to be a grave crime against humanity."

European Union

EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said a decision about military intervention in Syria hasn't been made yet and the support of the U.N. Security Council for any such action remains "extremely important."

Ashton told reporters in Estonia's capital, Tallinn, the world "needs to find a political solution" for Syria's bloodshed. She said it is difficult for the 28-member EU to reach a joint conclusion, but the bloc is considering "various options."

Ashton said she has stressed the need to end the violence in "recent conversations with China and Russia." She also said it is important that U.N. weapons inspectors are allowed to examine the evidence of a possible chemical weapons attack "as quickly as possible to reach a conclusion."

Israel

President Shimon Peres has called on the U.N. to appoint the Arab League to set up a temporary government in Syria to stop the bloodshed.

Peres' comments marked the highest-profile Israeli call for international intervention in neighboring Syria. Israel has been careful to stay on the sidelines of Syria's civil war, which has killed more than 100,000. But international demands have been growing for action amid the chemical weapons attack allegations.

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Gunfire kills 1, wounds 1 at Buffalo-area party

LACKAWANNA, N.Y. (AP) — Authorities are looking for the gunman who opened fire at a block party in a Buffalo-area neighborhood, leaving one man dead and another critically injured.

Police in the city of Lackawanna, just south of Buffalo, tell local media outlets the shooting happened just after midnight Saturday during a late-night party that started after a basketball tournament wrapped up at a nearby playground.

Officials say the two men hit by the gunfire were among a crowd of about 200 people at the party. They say 30-year-old Richard Abrams died at the scene and 44-year-old Damon Turner is being

treated at a Buffalo hospital.

The shooting was at the Baker Homes, a housing project run by the Lacka-

wanna Municipal Housing Authority.

Police say they don't yet have a motive for the attack.



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Internal probe: No fraud at BP claims center in AL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The head of security for the administrator of BP's multibillion-dollar settlement with Gulf Coast residents and businesses says an internal probe of alleged misconduct by an employee of a Mobile, Ala., claims center hasn't turned up any evidence of fraud.

BP said it received a tip in July that someone who worked at the Mobile office helped people submit fraudulent claims in exchange for some of the settlement money.

But David Welker, a former FBI supervisor who now works for court-supervised claims administrator Patrick Juneau, said in a letter dated Aug. 22 that

his investigation found no evidence of fraud in any of the claims handled by the employee.

BP cited the employee's alleged misconduct in its Aug. 5 request for a federal judge to temporarily suspend all settlement payments. U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier rejected a similar request by BP in July, but he hasn't ruled yet on the company's renewed bid to suspend payments.

In a court filing Sunday, two of the plaintiffs' attorneys who brokered the settlement with BP said the company hasn't presented any evidence that any claim was improperly calculated or paid.

"There is not even an ar-

gument, much less an evidentiary showing, to support the injunction of the entire Settlement Program," wrote the lawyers, Stephen Herman and James Roy.

In his letter to a BP official, Welker said the Mobile employee accused of misconduct has helped 124 people. All of those claims were placed on hold.

The employee's mother filed a claim, but she denied any wrongdoing and withdrew it, Welker said.

"We have found no evidence to support the allegation of fraud pertaining to any of these claims," Welker wrote. "In fact, we have learned that (the employee) referred 32 of these claimants for fraud review by

the (settlement program), leading to the detection of a significant multi-claimant scheme."

In July, Juneau suspended the Mobile employee and another accused of accessing claims data for that person. Welker said a subsequent examination of the employees' computers and emails revealed no evidence of fraud.

BP also has said it recently discovered that two lawyers who have served as "appeals panelists" for the settlement program apparently had conflicts of interest. The lawyers, who have ruled on appeals of disputed settlement awards, were partners at law firms that have represented claimants

and filed claims of their own to be compensated.

Herman and Roy, the plaintiffs' attorneys, said the appeals panelists are supervised by the court, not Juneau.

"The notion that the Claims Administrator had an obligation or failed to

'police' the Appeals Panelists is absurd," they wrote.

On July 2, Barbier appointed former FBI Director Louis Freeh to conduct an independent investigation of the settlement program, including possible misconduct by a lawyer who worked on Juneau's staff.

SS processing same-sex marriage claims

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The Social Security Administration recently announced that it will begin processing claims for spousal benefits involving gay and lesbian couples who were married in states that recognize same-sex marriage.

As I've pointed out several times in past columns, SSA has always followed state laws when it comes to recognizing the legality of a marriage. In other words, if your state says you are married, then Social Security will say you are married, too.

- be at least 62 years old;
- be legally married, and the marriage must have been in effect for at least one year;
- be married to someone who is entitled to Social Security retirement or disability benefits; and
- not be eligible for higher benefits on your own Social Security record.

Until recently, something called the "Defense of Marriage Act" prevented federal agencies from recognizing same-sex unions as valid marriages and thus kept the government from paying any benefits normally due to these legally married couples. But about a month ago, the Supreme Court struck down those provisions of DOMA. And recently, the Commissioner of Social Security issued a statement indicating that SSA was now processing claims for same-sex spousal benefits. Commissioner Carolyn Colvin encouraged same-sex couples that were married in states that recognize their union to file spousal claims as soon as possible in order to protect their legal rights to benefits. But she asked for their patience as she pointed out that it could take months to develop the necessary policy and processing instructions.

It's that last requirement that has traditionally kept many people (usually women) from collecting spousal benefits on a husband's account. And it will also keep many same-sex spouses from qualifying for similar benefits. In other words, just as many women have worked and earned their own Social Security retirement benefit, thus precluding their eligibility for dependent wife's benefits from a husband, so too will most same-sex spouses be prevented from getting spousal benefits because they will likely get higher benefits on their own account.

Essentially, the same spousal benefits payable to heterosexual couples will be available to same-sex couples. I will briefly outline the eligibility requirements. In a nutshell, the rules say that in order to collect benefits as a spouse on your husband or wife's Social Security record, you must:

Here is a quick example of that. Bob is 67 and has been getting \$2,100 per month in retirement benefits since he filed for Social Security at age 66. His wife, Eve, who has worked off and on during her life, is turning 62 and will be applying for her Social Security benefits at that age. She is due a reduced retirement rate of \$800 on her own account. Eve is technically due one third of Bob's rate in spousal benefits. (Note: she is not due half of Bob's rate, as many people assume a spouse gets, because she is taking reduced benefits at age 62.) One-third of Bob's \$2,100 Social

benefit is about \$690. Eve's own \$800 rate exceeds that, so she isn't due any spousal benefits.

In other words, she doesn't meet that last eligibility requirement listed above that says she must "not be eligible for higher benefits on [her] own Social Security account. And if you simply change "Eve" to "Steve," the same rules would apply to a same-sex couple.

On the other hand, same-sex couples will be able to make use of the same loopholes in spousal benefits available to heterosexual couples. Those loopholes have been discussed many times in this column, including, for example, the restricted application policy that allows a 66-year-old potential retiree to forgo retirement benefits until age 70, and in the meantime, collect husband's or wife's benefits from a spouse's Social Security account. (You can find an explanation of these loopholes if you search my past columns at www.creators.com.)

Presumably, same-sex couples that are divorced will also be eligible for the same benefits available to all other divorced couples. Other than the fact that the marriage must have

lasted at least 10 years and the person potentially due divorced spousal benefits must be currently unmarried, the eligibility rules for divorced spouses are the same as the rules for married spouses as outlined above — with one important exception. A divorced spouse can get benefits from an ex even if the ex is not yet getting benefits himself or herself. But the ex must be at least age 62.

Finally, Social Security survivor's benefits will also be available to same-sex couples. Let's go back to my Bob and Eve example above. Bob was getting \$2,100 per month, and his wife, Eve, was getting her own \$800 benefit — and that amount prevented her from getting a wife's benefit on Bob's account. But when Bob dies, and assuming she is at least age 66 when that happens, Eve would start getting \$1,300 in widow's benefits to supplement her \$800 retirement rate, meaning Eve's total benefits will be \$2,100 per month. Once again, change "Eve" to "Steve" and he will be eligible for the same widow or widower's benefit.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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Crews battle huge wildfire raging in Yosemite area

TUOLUMNE CITY, Calif. (AP) — Crews working to contain one of California's largest-ever wildfires gained some ground Monday against the flames threatening San Francisco's water supply, several towns near Yosemite National Park and historic giant sequoias.

Containment of the Rim Fire more than doubled to 15 percent, although it was within a mile of the park's Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, the source of San Francisco's famously pure drinking water, officials said Monday.

"Obviously, it's the water supply of the city of San Francisco, so we're paying a lot of attention to that," said Glen Stratton, an operations section chief on the fire.

San Francisco water au-

thorities were scrambling to fill area reservoirs with water from Hetch Hetchy before ash taints supplies, said Harlan Kelly Jr., general manager of the city's Public Utilities Commission. The city is able to move water more quickly out of Hetch Hetchy because of a recent multibillion-dollar improvement to the piping system.

Ash from the 234-square-mile fire has been falling on the reservoir, but so far hasn't sunk far enough into the lake to reach intake pumps, Kelly said. Water quality remained good on Monday.

San Francisco gets 85 percent of its water from Hetch Hetchy as well as power for municipal buildings, the international airport and San Francisco General Hospital. The threat to the city's

utilities prompted Gov. Jerry Brown to declare a state of emergency for San Francisco.

Kelly said the city has a six-month supply of water on hand. If ash eventually causes turbidity, it will have to filter supplies, although he was unsure how much that would cost.

The agency also was checking 12 miles of hydroelectric transmission lines that supply city facilities with power. An emergency declaration has allowed the city to spend \$600,000 for power on the open market.

The fire also posed a threat to giant sequoias in Yosemite National Park. Crews were using sprinklers and lighting fires to clear brush, though the fire remained several miles from the massive trees,

Stratton said.

Another part of the fire that is also burning into the park was not of major concern because it was running into rocks that are not heavily forested, Stratton said.

The governor planned to visit a fire base camp on Monday to meet with state and federal emergency officials. Brown spoke Sunday to President Barack Obama, who reiterated his commitment to providing needed federal resources, according to the White House.

While it has closed some backcountry hiking, the fire has not threatened Yosemite Valley, where such sights as the Half Dome and El Capitan rock formations and Bridalveil and Yosemite falls draw throngs of tourists. Most

of the park remained open to visitors. Park spokesman Scott Gediman said Monday morning he was not aware of any additional threats to the park overnight.

The U.S. Forest Service said about 4,500 structures were threatened by the fire. At least 23 structures have been destroyed, though officials have not determined whether they were homes or rural outbuildings.

Additional personnel brought in to help raised the total number of firefighters to more than 3,600 on Monday, said state fire spokesman Daniel Berlant.

"Our containment doubled overnight, but there's still a lot of work to be done," Berlant said.

That work included constructing contingency lines near communities north of

the blaze, he said.

Firefighters were aided by movement of the blaze into less forested areas, higher humidity and cooler temperatures caused at least in part by the shadow cast by the large plume of smoke, national forest and fire officials said. But winds were expected to pick up again and reach as high as 25 mph, Berlant said.

The fire, which began Aug. 17, has moved up to 13th on the list of the state's largest wildfires since 1932, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The agency doesn't list earlier fires because those records are less reliable. The largest fire of the modern era burned 427 square miles of San Diego County in 2003.

Miley Cyrus, Justin Timberlake own the MTV VMAs

NEW YORK (AP) — It may not be a good thing for her, but Miley Cyrus had the most memorable moment at the MTV Video Music Awards.

The provocative pop singer was the hot topic at Sunday night's show: Cyrus eclipsed Lady Gaga's opening performance of her new single, Katy Perry's closing rendition of her latest hit and Kanye West's artsy set. The 20-year-old even grabbed more attention than Justin Timberlake's performance with his 'N Sync band mates.

Cyrus twerked and gyrated, stripped and swayed. She sang, too.

She had a helper at the VMAs: Robin Thicke. After performing her edgy hit, "We Can't Stop,"

she stripped off her outfit to reveal a nude bikini. She sang the first verse of Thicke's "Blurred Lines," then grinded on the R&B singer and made suggestive moves with a foam hand. The wild child also slapped a girl's butt onstage.

It was an eye-popping performance, much like the party she's having in her music video for "We Can't Stop," one of the most popular on YouTube.

Within hours, the Buzzfeed site was posting the "15 Weirdest and Craziest Moments" from Cyrus' performance, which was aired live from the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"Amazing. I thought it was awesome," fellow former child star Selena

Gomez said backstage of Cyrus' performance. "I love Robin Thicke, too, so I like that they collab'd."

Artist to watch winner Austin Mahone also seemed to enjoy the performance: "I thought it was pretty creative. I thought it was pretty cool."

Brooke Shields, who played Cyrus' mom in a few episodes of "Hannah Montana" on the Disney Channel, took note of that on the "Today" show Monday: "I was Hannah Montana's mom! Where did I go wrong?"

On MSNBC's "Morning Joe," co-host Mika Brzezinski said the performance was "disgusting and embarrassing," and that people involved should be ashamed.

Twitter said early Monday that Cyrus was mentioned 4.5 million times on the social network site, ahead of Timberlake's 2.9 million mentions. Cyrus

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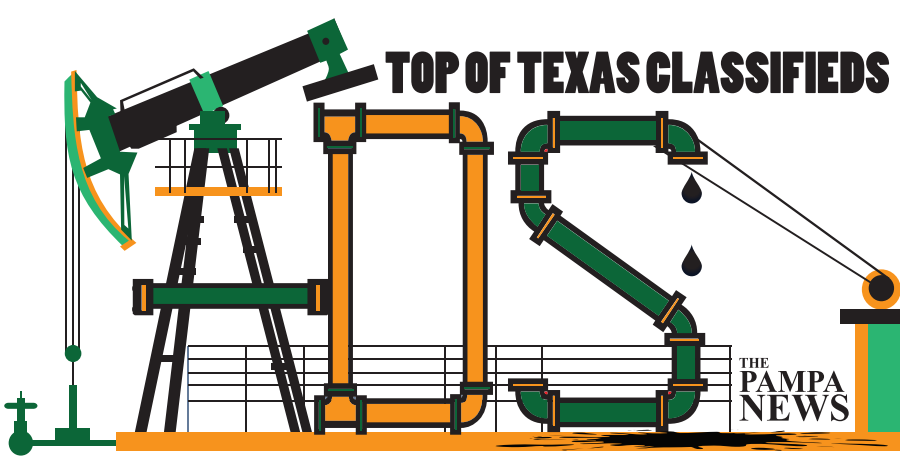
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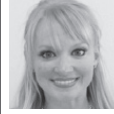
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