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Man injured by falling awning at Allsup's store



Photo by John Lee

This photo shows the section of awning that fell off Allsup's on U.S. Highway 60 on Monday.

Victim seeking the two men who helped him until ambulance arrived.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Monday was mostly a typical day for Carry Daniels. In the late afternoon he stopped in at the Allsup's convenience store on U.S. Highway 60 to buy gas and a couple of lottery tickets. Though it had stopped snowing several hours earlier, the winds were still quite gusty. The next thing that happened was anything but typical. As he was walking out of the store, a portion of the awning broke lose from the roof, hit him on the head and

knocked him unconscious. "I didn't remember anything until I came to," he said. "I had just finished purchasing gas and had walked out of the store. As I understand, the front of the awning fell." Daniels was transported by Pampa EMS to White Deer, where he was picked up by a Lifestar helicopter and flown to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He was still in the hospital Wednesday when contacted by The Pampa News, where along with the injury to his head he said he was feeling a tingling sensation in his fingers and toes. What Daniels remembers most of all about the incident is the two men who helped him after he got hit. All that Daniels recalls about them is that they were both African-American, possibly between the ages of 45 to 50. **ALLSUPS** cont. on page 2

Comedian Gabriel Iglesias coming to Amarillo

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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In 1987, Gabriel Iglesias saw an Eddie Murphy stand-up comedy routine live, and it made him realize that he wanted to pursue comedy. Iglesias knew he liked to be in front of a lot of people and has always enjoyed attention and making people laugh, so it was pretty much a no-brainer for him.



Gabriel Iglesias

Now, 17 years later, a lot has changed. With a slew of stand-up comedy films and a few acting roles under his belt, Iglesias has evolved into the comedian he has long dreamed of becoming.

When asked how he went about transitioning from doing stand-up to acting in movies, the star said that he doesn't feel like he has fully transitioned.

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Trash collection on holiday schedule for Easter weekend



SUBMITTED

Pampa city government offices will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday. The Lovett Memorial Library is closed due to remodeling and plans to be open to the public on Monday, April 21. Hidden Hill Golf Course will be open and observing regular hours. Garbage collection will be suspended Friday and will resume on Monday, April 21. Essential commercial routes will be collected on Saturday. The City of Pampa Landfill and recycling drop off area will be closed from Friday until Monday. All public safety services, including police, fire and emergency response, will operate on normal schedule — 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For emergencies call 806-669-5700. The City of Pampa wishes you and yours a safe and happy Easter weekend.

INSPIRED BY SCIENCE



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

A science fair was held Wednesday by eighth-grade advanced placements students at Pampa Junior High School. Above, Heather Eddleman grew bean plants in both natural sunlight and fluorescent light. Not surprisingly, she learned that the plants do much better in natural light. Right, Jarett Ward tested the efficiency of various types of blades for wind energy.



UNDEFEATED AND DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!



Photo by Charla Shults

Front row from left, Britney Gonzalez, Jacie Studebaker, Shann Regalado, Cameron Schaub, Ally Roberson and Kassie Jerome. Middle row, Coach Stephanie Cameron, Kaylee Arnzen, Tory Robles, Cheyanne Lockhart, Kylie Kreider, and manager Corby Snapp. Back row, Coach Matt Embry, Bailey Dixon, Jessie Dixon, Bailey Wichert, Alexa O'Brien, Mattie Eldridge, Jazmyn Hair and Coach Bobbi Gill. The Lady Harvesters solidified their perfect 8-0 run through District 1-3A with a 7-1 win at Dalhart on Tuesday.

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Allsup's

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"There were two black men who stayed with me until the ambulance came," he said. "They were very helpful and very nice and talked to me and told me to hold my head still. You don't find people like that everyday who go out of their way to help other people."

Daniels said he now would like to go out of his way to find them.

"I want to thank them and do something nice for them and their families," he said.

Daniels said the two men also had taken pictures of

the accident scene, and his attorney from Lubbock would like to get copies of the photos.

Daniels said he is not one who believes in filing lawsuits, but he is disappointed that Allsup's has let so many of its older stores deteriorate while building new "super centers."

The store where he got hit, No. 81 at 1025 W. Wilks Ave., is one of those smaller, older stores.

"If this would have happened to a kid or an older person it would have killed them," he said. "I would hate to see somebody else get hurt. They need to fix up their old stores. They are not taking care of their older stores that have made them money."

Daniels said he is quite familiar with Allsup's because for years his mother worked nights at the store in White Deer.

A friend of Daniels who contacted the newspaper Tuesday said Daniels will have thousands of dollars in medical bills, along with the cost of the helicopter ride, which will run into the thousands.

Daniels is asking the two men who helped to call him at 806-662-3280, call his father Jerry at 806-662-6798, or call his attorney, Ted Liggett, at 855-955-4878 or 806-787-6014.

Phone messages left with Allsup's corporate headquarters in Clovis, N.M. were not returned by press time.

Fluffy

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"With comedy, the crowd gives instant feedback, so I know that I'm being funny. Whereas in a movie, I have to depend on the director to tell me whether or not I'm doing it right," the comedian commonly known as "Fluffy" said.

He added that one of the good things about doing movies is that when he messes up, he can do the line over and over whereas in comedy there is just one take and the way things come out is just the way it's going to be.

Iglesias is on tour now and will be stopping in Amarillo next week for his "Unity Through Laughter" comedy tour. He has been busy over the course of the last year, and he has no plans of slowing down quite yet. His latest project, "Haunted House 2," hits theaters this Friday.

In the movie, he plays Miguel, the next door neighbor of the main character, Malcolm, played by Marlon

Wayans.

"A lot of crazy stuff happens in this movie," Iglesias said. "It's rated R, but it's a hard R. I always tell people it should probably be rated NC-17."

Iglesias helps Wayans' character get the spirits out of his house in "Haunted House 2," and the two of them try everything from using a chicken as a blood sacrifice to resorting to the aid of a leaf blower to get rid of the spirits.

Along with that movie, Iglesias has a new comedy flick called "The Fluffy Movie," which will be in theaters in July, and he recently signed on to return to be in "Magic Mike 2," which is expected to hit theaters next summer.

With all of this going on, it's no surprise that Iglesias feels that he has broken out of being categorized as a Southwestern region comedian. He has now earned national recognition. "Now I get approached by film companies, and I definitely feel like I've switched over to the national level."

When asked what people can expect from his com-

edy show coming to Amarillo, Iglesias described the show as "next level comedy."

"Expect a minimum of a three-hour show. I'm bringing other comedians with me, too," he said, adding that his shows are like a cross between WWE and The Food Network.

On a more serious note, Iglesias addressed the fact that he was diagnosed with Type-II diabetes a few years ago. "It was excessive at that point and I needed to drop weight. It woke me up."

Since his diagnosis, Iglesias is down 105 pounds, which he says is better but still has a ways to go. "I've made mistakes, and I'm trying to fix them," he said. Though it's hard to stay on track while traveling so much, Iglesias has remained healthy.

For tickets to see Iglesias in Amarillo on Thursday, April 24, visit ticketmaster.com or stubhub.com. Iglesias is on Twitter, @fluffyguy. For more information on the comedian, type the word "fluffy" into Google and his name pops right up.

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Photo by Tony Clendellen

A close look at piece of awning Carry Daniels said fell from the building, hit him in the head and knocked him unconscious.

Pampa Fire Department call log — April 11-16

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

April 11

- At 3:55 p.m., to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in the 1500 block of North Hobart.
- At 5:41 p.m., to a structure fire in the 2400 block of Rosewood.

April 12

- At 6:42 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2000 block of Mary Ellen.
- At 10:38 a.m., to a public service call in the 1600 block of North Banks.

- At 11:42 a.m., to a medical call in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

- At 6:44 p.m., to a medical call in the 800 block of Scott.

- At 7:06 p.m., to a medical call in the 1800 block of Lynn.

- At 10:45 p.m., to a medical call in the 700 block of Bradley.

April 13

- At 10:30 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1100 block of West Crawford.

- At 6:29 p.m., to a medical call in the 600 block of Red Deer.

April 14

- At 10:43 a.m., to a person in distress in the 1000

block of East Murphy.

- At 11:44 a.m., to a motor vehicle accident no injuries in the 400 block of North Russell.

- At 12:12 p.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

- At 1:56 p.m., to a medical call in the 1020 block of West Wilks.

April 15

- At 9:03 a.m., to a medical call in the 2200 block of Beech.

- At 12:46 p.m., to a medical call in the 400 block of Christy.

April 16

- At 1:08 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of South Wells.

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Once-conjoined twins leave Texas hospital

DALLAS (AP) — Conjoined twins separated last summer were released Wednesday from the Dallas hospital that's been their home since birth.

The 9-month-old boys born joined at the abdomen were separated at Medical City Children's Hospital last August, about a month after their birth.

Owen and Emmett Ezell, who shared a liver and intestines when born, are

expected to spend the next three to four weeks in a local inpatient rehabilitation center before being able to go home.

Their mother, Jenni Ezell, said the boys were doing "really well." She said they're sitting up on their own, trying to coo over the trachea tubes that help them breathe and are "very interactive, very social little boys."

"They flirt with all of the girls that come in, flash smiles and wave," she said at a news conference held at the hospital before they left.

The boys are no longer being fed intravenously but continue to be fed through tubes in their abdomens. At the rehabilitation facility, the boys' parents will learn how to manage those tubes until the twins can eat on their own.

Jenni Ezell and her husband, Dave, said that while they're excited that the boys have improved enough to be discharged from the hospital, it will be emotional to leave the staff there.

"We're so grateful to you

guys, and I don't even think that covers it," Dave Ezell said as some of the staff members standing behind them at the news conference wiped away tears.

Dr. Clair Schwendeman, a neonatologist, said that after their separation there wasn't enough skin to cover a portion of their stomachs, so the skin has had to grow in. He said they might need operations to get the muscle to come across the stomach since it's just skin right now.

He said that while the boys are still "a little bit fragile," he's optimistic about their future.

"They're showing signs that they've developed nicely, despite their long hospitalization," said Schwendeman. "They're doing things that are rather appropriate: Owen was pulling on Emmett's ear, and they're playing back and forth."

The boys weighed a combined 11 pounds, 15 ounces at birth. Jenni Ezell says that Owen now weighs more than 18 pounds while Emmett weighs more than 20 pounds.

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High 54 Low 37	High 74 Low 51	High 74 Low 51

Today: Showers with a high of 54. Chance of rain: 60 percent. Winds northeast at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:09 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 37. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds southeast at 11 mph. Sunset at 8:18 p.m.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 74. Winds south at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:07 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly cloudy with a low of 51. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunset at 8:19 p.m.

Saturday: Scattered thunderstorms and wind with a high of 74. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds south at 21 mph. Sunrise at 7:06 a.m.

Saturday night: Showers with a low of 51. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds south-southwest at 16 mph. Sunset at 8:20 p.m.

Obituaries

Richard Wayne Barnett

Richard Wayne Barnett, a Perry resident, passed away on Monday, April 14, 2014 in the V.A. Medical Center in Oklahoma City at the age of 60 years.



Richard Barnett

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Palmer Marler Funeral Home in Perry, Okla. Richard's family will be greeting family and friends at a celebration of his life from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2014 in the Holiday Inn Express' Dining Hall, Perry, Okla. Richard will be buried in the Ft. Gibson National Cemetery, Ft. Gibson, Okla. in a private family burial.

The son of the late Earnest Richard Barnett and Carolyn Belle (Acey) Barnett, Richard was born on April 29, 1953 in Seattle. While growing up, Richard's family moved frequently, leading him to Texas, Kentucky, Idaho and eventually Oklahoma. He graduated from Morrison High School in 1971. Following high school, Richard entered into the United States Marine Corps where he served until May of 1974.

Richard was united in marriage to Andrea Sue Center on Dec. 24, 1990 in Lefors. Richard worked various jobs in construction, from welding, building cabinets and even concrete work. He will be remembered as a man that was a jack-of-all-trades. Richard loved riding motorcycles with the Vietnam Veterans while raising money to help sick and underprivileged children. He also loved playing golf with his friends.

Survivors include his wife Andrea Center-Barnett of Sallisaw, Okla.; five brothers and sisters, Thersa Williams and her husband Paul of Red Rock, Okla., David Barnett and his wife Carolyn of Ponca City, Okla., Kenneth Barnett and his wife Linda of Perry, Okla., Cynthia Bohnstedt of Perry, Okla., and Paul Barnett and his wife Suzy of South Fork, Colo.; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by one brother-in-law, Dennis Bohnstedt.

Condolences and an online guestbook are available at www.pmcfh.com.

Rob Smith, Krystal Hodge and her husband Cody, Zach Smith, Reid Smith, Dane Wierman and Cole Wierman; three great-great-grandchildren, Kyah Hodge, Caleb Hodge, and Marlie Smith and many nieces and nephews who were precious to him as well.

Please visit www.hassfuneralhome.com to view the online obituary and sign the guest book.

Nancy Ruth Harl Thomas

Nancy Ruth Harl Thomas, 80, died April 15, 2014 in Pampa.



Nancy Thomas

Memorial graveside services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Thomas was born April 3, 1934 in Springfield, Mo. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1972. She married Charley A. Thomas on July 31, 1953 in Fort Supply, Okla. He preceded her in death in 2007. Nancy was a Methodist. She loved to sew and quilt, and she enjoyed traveling to the mountains with Charley. Nancy was preceded in death by three half-brothers; and a grandson, Jason Vaughn.

Survivors include a son, Charley Frank Thomas and wife Cathy of Pampa; a daughter: Pamela Thomas of Amarillo; a grandson, Justin Thomas and wife Casey of Pampa; four granddaughters, Elizabeth Thomas, Hilary Thomas, Amber Vaughn, and Emily Bustos, all of Amarillo, several great-grandchildren; and her brother-in-law, Hal Thomas of Woodward, Okla.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 415 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Amarillo, Texas 79101.

The family invites anyone who wishes to sign the guest register book to come by the funeral home at their convenience.

The family wants to offer a special thanks to Interim Hospice and Jordan Douglas for their loving care.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whately.com.

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John D. Atchley

John D. Atchley, 100, died Monday, April 14, 2014 in Amarillo.



John D. Atchley

Funeral Services will held at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Clayton, N.M. Burial will follow in the Clayton Memorial Cemetery in Clayton, N.M. by Hass Funeral Directors of Clayton.

John Darrell Atchley was born on Feb. 20, 1914 to William Atchley and Etha B. (Thomas) Atchley in Sofia, N.M. The family homesteaded there raising a family of seven. John graduated from Grenville High School in 1932 as valedictorian of his class. He farmed and ranched in the 40's and drove the school bus.

John enjoyed playing the saxophone and he played at dances and on family get togethers. He was president of the Malpi Angus Association in Union County and he became a supervisor in the ASC Department in the county and later worked for the State Agricultural Office. He later moved to Portales where he owned and operated an insurance agency. John was a member of the First Methodist Church in Portales, and attended the First Christian Church in Tulia with his daughter and son-in-law for the past five years. John also was a Mason. He will be remembered for his fun-loving spirit and his hospitality. He was a good businessman and a wonderful family man. He was known for his generosity to those in need. During his 100 years, through all the major events, all the technological inventions, and the wars, John stood fast in his love of God, family and friends. He will be sorely missed by all who loved him. In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his wife, Willie Mae Atchley, a son, Darrel Atchley and a grandson, Bartlett Atchley.

Survivors include one daughter, Karel Smith and her husband Jerry of Amarillo; one sister, Genevieve Dillon of Albuquerque; one brother, Gene Atchley of Clayton, N.M.; three precious grandchildren, Dr. Rick Smith and his wife Dwinna, Dr. William Smith and Dr. Sara Wierman and her husband Troy; six great-grandchildren,

Edwin C. McAnear

Edwin C. McAnear, 78, of White Deer, died April 15, 2014 in White Deer.



Edwin C. McAnear

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 18, 2014, at First Baptist Church in White Deer, with Bro. Alan Wilson, pastor, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. McAnear was born May 16, 1935 in Palo Pinto County. He married Anna Richardson on February 14, 1975 in Pasadena. He lived in various towns in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana before settling in White Deer. Edwin and his wife opened CEC Sales which they owned and operated for several years before retiring in 1997. After retiring, he worked as a carpenter, building custom cabinets. He was a very active member of First Baptist Church in White Deer where he participated in Sunday school and helped with remodeling projects. Edwin enjoyed working with his hands, building many different things. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Letha McAnear, one brother and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Anna C. McAnear of the home; two sons, Brent McAnear of Dallas, and Stephen Dalrymple and wife Terri of Sugarland; four daughters, Linda Kelley and husband Dick of Crystal Beach, Pam Earles of Borger, Sharon Woods and husband Bruce of Baytown, and Roxanne Roberts of Dallas; a brother, Kenneth McAnear and wife Ann of Kentucky; a sister, Frances McAnear of Wichita Falls; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231, or the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A, Lubbock, Texas 79424

The body will lie in state at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home until noon on Friday, April 18, 2014.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whately.com.

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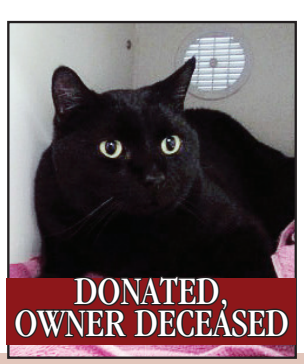
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Tales from the Final Frontier

■ 'Game of Thrones' fans get the death they were waiting for.

SPOILER ALERT: *If you are not caught up to Episode 2 of Season 4, "The Lion and the Rose," do not read, there are spoilers.*



JOHN LEE



Joffery Baratheon

show. Moments after, however, the little brat ate some pie and drank some wine, was poisoned and dropped dead in front of his biological parents, Cersei and Jaime Lannister. Tyrion obviously was the first blamed, with probable cause. He was, of course, the brunt of Joffery's antics alongside his bride Sansa. Surely other suspects are to come. It's no secret what kind of monster Joffery was and how many people in Westeros would rather see him on a spike instead of prancing around like he is a contributor to the War of the Five Kings. While viewers may think the actor who plays Joffery, Jack Gleeson, could be like his Westeros counter-part, many of the cast and crew loved having him on set and say he is a totally different person, so much that they forgot why they were killing him. "It's been the best time working with Jack. He is one of the most talented actors on the show — he's the nicest person in real life and he's become a really close friend," Sophie Turner, who plays Sansa, told Entertainment Weekly. "He's the easiest guy to work with and it's gonna be so sad to see him go. He's not like one of those method actors that goes into a dark place to get it because if he was one of those guys, he'd be horrible to work with. Everyone who meets him is always totally surprised because he's like the funniest person and him and Peter [Dinklage] (who plays

Tyrion) are like a double act — it's so weird! You can't meet anyone nicer on the cast — everyone wants to hang out with Jack." But "Game of Thrones" director Alex Graves said this is not the biggest death to come this season. Graves told Deadline.com, "Episode 10 of the season is, you know, as (executive producers) David (Benioff) and Dan (B. Weiss) will tell you, it's the first true finale they've ever done and it's really the episode to end all episodes. It's the largest episode they've ever made." While book-readers and those who have read spoilers are sitting and grinning with a smug look on their face to those who love the thrill of "what happens next," fans of the show can only speculate what he means. This season, according to the timeline, should finish right around the time "Storm of Swords," the third and most action-packed novel in A Song of Ice and Fire, ends. It will be interesting what they do with season five, which has already been confirmed as happening, because "A Feast for Crows" and "A Dance with Dragons" take place at the same time. George RR Martin split the novels up to where "A Feast for Crows" takes place chronologically at the same time of "A Dance With Dragons" because the story line was just that huge. So who was behind the death of Joffery Baratheon, and what do you think will happen by end the season? Shoot me an e-mail or send me a tweet.

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Earth daze

"The heavens reek, the waters below are foul ... we are in a crisis of survival." That's how Walter Cronkite and CBS hyped the first Earth Day, back in 1970. Somehow we've survived since then, and most of life got better, although I never hear that from the worrywarts. Of course, some things got better because of government: We passed environmental rules that got most of the filth out of the air and sewage out of lakes and rivers. Great — but now we're told that we're in big trouble because greenhouse gases cause global warming. I mean, climate change. "Crop yields are down, deaths from heat are up," says the Los Angeles Times. The "Worst Is Yet to Come," warns The New York Times. This hype is not new. Alarmists always fool the gullible media. They once fooled me. A few years back, we were going to be killed by global cooling, overpopulation, pesticide residues, West Nile virus, bird flu, Y2K, cellphone radiation, mad cow disease, etc. Now it's global warming. Reporters don't make these scares up. The recent hype about global warming comes from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Most of its members are serious scientists. But reporters don't realize that those scientists, like bird flu specialists, have every incentive to hype the risk. If their computer models (which so far have been wrong) predict disaster, they get attention and money. If they say, "I'm not sure," they get nothing. Also, the IPCC is not just a panel of scientists. It's an intergovernmental panel. It's a bureaucracy controlled by the sort of people who once ran for student council and are "exhilarated by the prospect of putting the thumb of the federal government on the scale."

industrialization brings warming, we've got more important problems. On my TV show this week, statistician Bjorn Lomborg points out that "air pollution kills 4.3 million people each year ... We need to get a sense of priority." That deadly air pollution happens because, to keep warm, poor people burn dung in their huts. Yet, time and again, environmentalists oppose the energy production most likely to make the world cleaner and safer. Instead, they persuade politicians to spend billions of your dollars on symbolism like "renewable" energy. "The amazing number that most people haven't heard is, if you take all the solar panels and all the wind turbines in the world," says Lomborg, "they have (eliminated) less CO2 than what U.S. fracking (cracking rocks below ground to extract oil and natural gas) managed to do." That progress occurred despite opposition from environmentalists — and even bans in places like my stupid state, New York, where activists worry fracking will cause earthquakes or poison the water. Do environmentalists even care about measuring costs instead of just assuming benefits? We spend \$7 billion to subsidize electric cars. Even if America reached the president's absurd 2015 goal of "a million electric cars on the road" (we won't get close), how much would it delay warming of the Earth? "One hour," says Lomborg. "This is a symbolic act." Symbolic. Environmentalism is now more religion than science. It even comes with built-in doomsday stories to warn people about what will happen if they disobey — a bit like the movie "Noah" that's in theaters now. While environmentalists lament that our time is running out, environmental indicators get better, technological improvements reduce carbon dioxide, water gets cleaner for millions, and human life expectancy goes up. This Earth Day, instead of attacking those who sell fossil fuels, I will applaud them for overcoming constant environmental hysteria — while providing affordable energy that will allow us to fight poverty, which is the real threat to the people of the world.

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If hypocrisy were a felony

To be fair, most Republicans have never hidden their distaste for campaign-finance laws that place limits on how much someone can give to a political candidate or campaign, or how much the candidate or the campaign can spend. The reform most consistently championed by Republicans and conservative editorial pages has instead been support for complete and timely disclosure of all campaign contributions and spending. And the GOP made a pretty good case in favor of transparency. The 1996 party platform called for "true reform" to be defined as "requiring full and immediate disclosure of all contributions." Invoking that year's nominee, the 2000 platform spoke of "Governor (George W.) Bush's agenda for more honest and open politics" that would "require full and timely disclosure on the Internet of all campaign contributions and the public



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can immediately know who is giving how much to whom." The editorial page of The Wall Street Journal has long advocated a trade-off of "disclosing political contributions as part of a larger deregulation that allowed any American to give as much as he wants to any candidate." Proving he is no Johnny-come-lately to the reform cause, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., wrote in a home-state paper in 1997, "Public disclosure of campaign contributions and spending should be expedited so voters can judge for themselves what is appropriate." That's it: the voters. The ordinary citizens who are now sentenced by Supreme Court decisions to watch helplessly (fewer than a half of 1 percent of the nation's adults make political contributions of \$200 or more) as anonymous oligarchs and unidentified corporations reach into their deep pockets and seek to buy more national elections. Our fundamental American sense of fair play demands that voters be able to "immediately know who is giving how much

to whom." In making their decisions, voters need to know who is bankrolling the candidates for Congress as well as who is underwriting the TV commercials attacking their home-state senators. In 2012, the President Barack Obama-affiliated Priorities USA Action, with no requirement to reveal its donors, raised and spent \$65 million — all of it in attack ads against Mitt Romney. Shed no tears for Mitt. The Romney-affiliated Restore Our Future collected \$142 million (from Lord knows whom, but no American civilians) and spent approximately 85 percent of it attacking the opposition. Freer and fuller access to information might have helped avoid the Wall Street financial crisis. It would certainly have put the chill on insider trading and it can only help Americans make more-informed decisions about to whom and to what the candidate who seeks their precious votes could beholden. But wait, conservative support for full disclosure has disappeared. Just last week, The Wall Street Journal went looking and miraculously found

"another reason to rethink our views on campaign-finance disclosure laws." Comparing the call — which The Journal had long endorsed — to make public the contributions of billionaires, such as those of the Koch brothers and George Soros, to "how Southern racists tried to subpoena NAACP membership lists for intimidation purposes in the Jim Crow era" qualifies as a new high, or low, in the rewriting of history. The new, unimproved Republican position on campaign-finance disclosure is, "Never heard of it." Gone without a trace from the party platform. Bluntly put, it's the 1 percent's country, and whoever in the 1 percent wants to write a check to, anonymously, destroy an unfriendly incumbent or elect an accommodating challenger, it's nobody's business except the purchaser and the purchased. If hypocrisy were a felony, on the issue of campaign-finance disclosure alone, the GOP would be doing hard time.

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Pampa woman arrested on drug charges

STAFF REPORT

• Angeline Cee Bohannon, 44, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for

possession of a controlled substance. • Eddie Delarose, 31, Taylor, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for possession of a prohibited sub-

stance in a correctional facility — alcohol, drugs, phone or tobacco. • Terry Wayne Rapstine, 50, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa

Police Department for no valid driver's license, failure to maintain car insurance, theft — less than \$50, two charges of failure to appear.

Lawyers ask high court to stop Texas execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether claims of mental impairment should keep a convicted killer from execution Wednesday evening for the slayings of three members of a Corpus Christi family. Attorneys for Jose Villegas filed a last-day appeal asking the high court to stop his lethal injection, saying testing in February showed he had an IQ of 59. They said it was "a score clearly indicating" mental impairment that could make him ineligible for the death penalty.

to reject Villegas' appeal as improper and wouldn't consider the merits of the arguments.

Villegas' lawyers argued to the Supreme Court that the Texas court "has candidly disavowed the established diagnostic criteria" and is deliberately using unscientific standards to narrow the number of prisoners who can cite mental impairment as a reason to keep them from execution.

The Texas Attorney General's office disputed the IQ finding, saying previous examinations of Villegas showed no mental impairment and the number cited in his appeal was based on testing after he received an execution date and motivation to not do well on the test. State attorneys also argued his lawyers had 10 years to raise impairment claims but didn't do so until days before his scheduled punishment.

The 11th-hour appeal was "nothing more than a calculated (albeit meritless) attempt to postpone his execution," Assistant Attorney General Jefferson Clendenin wrote to the justices in response to the appeal.

Villegas was convicted of fatally stabbing Erida Salazar, 23, her 3-year-old son, Jacob, and Salazar's mother, Alma Perez, 51, in January 2001. Their bodies were discovered by Salazar's father when he returned home after being

excused from jury duty. Each had been stabbed at least 19 times.

Villegas, a former cook, dishwasher and laborer, was free on bond for a sexual assault charge and was supposed to go on trial the day of the killings for an incident in which a woman said he punched her in the face.

Police spotted Villegas driving Salazar's stolen car and he led them on a chase that ended with him on foot and urging officers to shoot him. When arresting him, police found three bags of cocaine in his baseball cap. "What's frustrating to me and the family is 12 years have gone by and he's still not been executed yet," said Mark Skurka, the Nueces County district attorney who prosecuted the case in 2002.

Following his conviction for capital murder, Villegas was convicted of two counts of indecency with a child related to the daughter of the woman he was accused of punching in the face prior to the slayings. Relatives have said Salazar's mother had urged her daughter to break up with Villegas when she learned of the sex charges against him.

Villegas also had convictions for making terroristic threats to kill women, burglary and possessing inhalants.

Defense attorneys at his murder trial focused on try-

ing to keep him from going to death row.

"It was the main issue in the case," trial lawyer Grant Jones recalled.

Attorneys argued the slayings were not intentional and Villegas was mentally ill. A defense psychiatrist testified Villegas experienced "intermittent explosive disorder," a condition that led to uncontrollable rages.

Villegas would be the third Texas inmate executed with a new stock of pentobarbital from a provider corrections officials have refused to identify, citing the possibility of threats of violence against the supplier. The Supreme Court has upheld that stance.

Judge again rejects deal in NFL concussion cases

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal judge in Philadelphia has again declined to approve deals for some of the retired players suing the NFL over concussions.

U.S. District Judge Anita Brody's preliminary ruling Wednesday affects a batch of lawsuits involving lead plaintiff Kevin Turner, a former Philadelphia Eagle now battling Lou Gehrig's disease.

Brody had issued a similar ruling in January in the

lead case in the matter, which could ultimately cover up to 20,000 retired players.

The judge has asked lawyers for more details to support claims the proposed \$765 million fund would last for 65 years. Young players with severe brain injuries would get up to \$5 million under the deal, though most players would get far less.

Brody is expected to conduct hearings in the case later this year.

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From the Press Box

There is no such thing as a perfect playoff system, just parity.

To ensure that readers get the latest and freshest news possible about the Texas Rangers, From the Press Box has been moved to Thursdays. I hope you, as a reader, enjoy my column a day earlier.

As the NBA season wraps up, NBA fans and pundits are expressing their disappointment for the NBA playoff system.

With their win over the Phoenix Suns, the Memphis Grizzlies solidified the No. 8 seed in the Western Conference.

The Phoenix Suns, despite their 47-34 record, missed the playoffs, while over in the Eastern Conference, the Atlanta Hawks make the playoffs even though they are seven games below .500 with a losing record.

On top of that, the Suns had a better record than the No. 3 seed Toronto Raptors (48-33), No. 4 Chicago Bulls (48-33), No. 5 Brooklyn Nets (44-37), No.

6 Washington Wizards (43-38) and the No. 7 Charlotte Bobcats (42-39).

While it seems like such an unfair circumstance, that is how the format is. But it isn't the fault of the No. 3-8 seeds' fault that the system can be taken as flawed. After all, they just played the schedule they were given. But that is a weak argument. The fact of the matter is, one team with a losing record made the playoffs while a team with a winning record didn't.

But this kind of thing happens in sports all of the time. Look at the Arizona Cardinals in the NFL last year. They finished with an 10-6 record, but missed the playoffs because they play in the same division, the NFC West, with the Seattle Seahawks (13-3) and the

San Francisco 49ers (12-4). This is fair, except that the Green Bay Packers made the playoffs because they won their division with an 8-7-1 record. The AFC's second wild card team was the San Diego Chargers with a 9-7 record.

The new college football playoff system will have the Top-4 teams, who will be in the playoffs, selected by a committee. So is it fair that the inevitable No. 4 will be selected over No. 5?

This 13-person committee can probably expect to be raided by a mob of angry fans and alumni wielding pitchforks and torches if they select, for hypothetical sake, Boise St. University over University of Texas.

So this is three flawed playoff systems and should

illustrate the subhead of the column, there is no such thing as a perfect playoff system.

Ask many coaches and I am sure they will tell you the only remedy for not making the playoffs via a technicality is to go undefeated or win as many as you can. In fact the first goal of an NFL coach, at least what they tell the media, is to win their division. If you win your division then you can go after the top seed.

Of course the NFL is unique in that the No. 1 seed guarantees a home game throughout the playoffs, whereas in NBA and MLB it just means that the tie-breaking Game 7 is played at your stadium. There has been talk that at the end of the NFL season

they could reseed the entire conference, but that takes away from winning the division. Also, there isn't a sport, except maybe college football, that should expand their playoffs. I only say college football should because four teams is very small and next year is the first year they will have playoffs. I can imagine they would expand the playoff field once they see how successful it is.

There is no perfect playoff system, and that is fine with me because having one that is based on format, rather than "fairness," shows structure while sports try to create parity.

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O'Brien strikes out 14 as Lady Harvesters finish perfect district run

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Lady Harvesters' (25-6, 8-0 District) softball team finished their perfect district run on Tuesday as senior Alex O'Brien retired 14 hitters in the 7-1 victory over Dalhart. The Lady Harvesters' bats were more alive this time around than the previous time they played Dalhart when they

were the victims of a no-hitter. Leading off for the Lady Harvesters was sophomore Brittney Gonzalez, who hit a triple to left field. With two outs, senior Bailey Dixon was at bat and avoided a wild pitch which allowed Gonzalez to score, giving the Lady Harvesters the 1-0 lead.

With the 1-0 lead,

O'Brien went to work, striking out eight over the next four Dalhart half-innings. In the top of the fifth, the reinforcements from the offense came to play for the Lady Harvesters, starting with sophomore Cameron Schaub and Gonzalez reaching bases on errors.

After Schaub and Gonzalez worked the bases, senior Bailey Wichert sacrificed, allowing Schaub to score. Sophomore Ally Roberson came in to run bases for O'Brien who hit a single. Gonzalez scored on a wild pitch during B. Dixon's at bat extending the lead to 3-0. Roberson then scored on a passed ball giving the Lady Harvesters a 4-0 lead.

In the top of the sixth, sophomore Kassie Jerome singled, followed by junior Kylie Kreider reaching base on an error and Schaub being walked. With the bases loaded, Gonzalez singled to center field,

bringing home Jerome and Kreider and extending the lead to 6-0.

After the Lady Wolves scored on an error in the bottom of the sixth, Jerome hit a home run to left field in the top of the seventh, giving the Lady Harvesters the 7-1 lead. Three strikeouts later in the bottom of the seventh, the Lady Harvesters' perfect run through district was finished.

Brittney Gonzalez was 2/4 with two runs scored and two RBIs, Bailey Wichert had an RBI, Alexa O'Brien was 1/3 with a walk and Kassie Jerome was 2/2 with two runs scored and an RBI. Kylie Kreider, Cameron Schaub and Ally Roberson all had a run scored.

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Ryan Powell pitches no-hitter as Harvesters blow past the Dalhart Golden Wolves

■ With another Dalhart win, Pampa has play-in game with Golden Wolves to determine who goes to the playoffs.

BY JOHN LEE
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Facing a 1-5 record and a go big or go home game in Dalhart, the Pampa Harvesters looked like the team that won the District 1-3A title last season as they recorded 11 hits and no errors while senior Ryan Powell pitched a no-hitter as they defeated Dalhart 11-0 and advanced to 2-5 in district play with a potential play-in game versus Dalhart yet to be determined. "I told them yesterday 'Guys I would be doing you an injustice if I didn't tell you what this game meant. If you win this the worst that can happen is a play-in game with these guys (Dalhart),'"

head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said. "We hate to go that way but we extended our season one more game, which is all you can ask for. Just a great effort. I was so proud of Ryan (Powell) coming out and pitching a no-hitter. 'Ethan (Hunt) hits a home run. Just a total team win, very proud of these guys. We're not done, we are going to take this and enjoy it for a little bit, it's been a long time since we did one of these.'"

Powell pitched all six innings and had eight strikeouts. The Golden Wolves only reached base three times, one was a walk and the other two were hit by pitch. Powell scored two runs in the contest as he was walked twice.

"It was pretty tough and I have never been in that position before, but I knew my guys were behind me anytime the ball was hit," Powell said. "I knew they had my back and I just threw the ball down the middle and tried to hit some corners and hoped they wouldn't touch it, which they didn't. It was pretty impressive on a defensive part."

The bats came alive in the top of the second inning

when senior Ethan Hunt hit a single to center field. Sophomore Adam Zuniga hit a single to third base on a bunt, which allowed Hunt to advance to second, but an error by Dalhart's first basemen allowed for Hunt to score and Zuniga to make it all the way to third. Sophomore Colton Thompson hit a single to left field, which brought home Zuniga and gave the Harvesters the 2-0 lead.

Thompson worked the bases as junior Ty Hooper reached third base on an error by the third baseman. A sacrifice by sophomore Nathan Ferguson and junior Braden Keown being hit by a pitch loaded the bases for sophomore Brendon Woelfle. Thompson scored on a wild pitch and Woelfle sacrificed, bringing home Hooper for the 4-0 lead.

The Harvesters scored another run in the top of the third after Hunt singled to left field with Powell on third base, extending the lead to 5-0.

"It came in perfect timing, we knew if we didn't win this game we were out. Coach put us in a position yesterday, he told us if we didn't make this game we were out of the playoffs," Powell said. "We knew we had to come out and do something different, our bats came alive today and we just hit the ball."

Another block of scoring happened in the top of the fourth, when Woelfle hit a single to center field. After Woelfle scored on a wild pitch, sophomore Cade Engle hit a double to center field, followed by Powell getting walked.

With two on base the stage was set for Hunt. On a 3-1 count, Hunt hit a home run to left field, his second in two games.

"I had a 3-1 count and coach always tells us a mid-



Photo by John Lee
Ryan Powell (6 IP, 1 BB, 8 K) pitches at Dalhart.

dle-in fast ball on a 3-1 count. I saw the middle-in fast ball and my eyes just got real big and I ripped it," Hunt said.

"I saw it off the fence hit a truck, I was jogging to first base and I saw the fence and started sprinting a little bit and I didn't want to get yelled at so I started taking off a little bit. But it was such a good feeling to look up and see that left fielder just look up and watch it go."

The three run homer made it 9-0 Pampa. In the top of the sixth, Hunt singled to left field, followed by a double to left field by Thompson and senior Brandon Stokes, who was running for Hunt, advanced to third. On a 1-1 count, Hooper hit a double to left field, which brought home Thompson and Stokes and gave the Harvesters the potential run-ruling 11-0 lead. An out by Powell and a double play by Woelfle and Hunt in the bottom of the sixth ended the game.

"That's a huge deal and a huge blessing from God for us to be able to run-rule Dalhart and get the first (run-rule) of the year and for Ryan to throw the no-hitter," Hooper said. "He pitched a great game. We played great defense and hit the ball well. I just want to do my part and help the team."

Brendon Woelfle was 2/2 with an RBI, a walk and a run scored, Cade Engle was

1/3 with a walk and a run scored and Ethan Hunt was 4/4 with four RBIs and two runs scored. Adam Zuniga was 1/3 with a run scored and a walk, Colton Thompson was 2/3 with a two runs scored and an RBI and Ty Hooper was 1/4 with a run scored and two RBIs.

The Harvesters return to action today at Harvester Field for Senior Day versus Woodward, Okla.

"It's going to be interesting, it's going to be a lot of fun but it's also going to be heartbreaking knowing it's my last game on Pampa High School's baseball field," Powell said. "Me, Ethan and Brandon Stokes, it's tough, I played all four years with these guys, it's going to be tough saying good bye to them."

The Harvesters' varsity takes the field at 5 p.m.

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Pampa soccer teams remember their seasons

BY JOHN LEE
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The Pampa Harvesters' and Lady Harvesters' soccer teams took an evening to remember their season Monday night. The event took place at Briarwood Church and was catered by Desperado's Catering.

The event started with Harvesters' head coach Byron May addressing the audience and introducing his varsity players of the future. He told the room filled with players, coaches, parents and special guests that the team will be heading into uncharted territory of

4A soccer. Reflecting on a tough season, he said that the schools they played this year included all of the Amarillo schools that are much bigger than Pampa. Amarillo High recently lost in the state tournament just within the past week.

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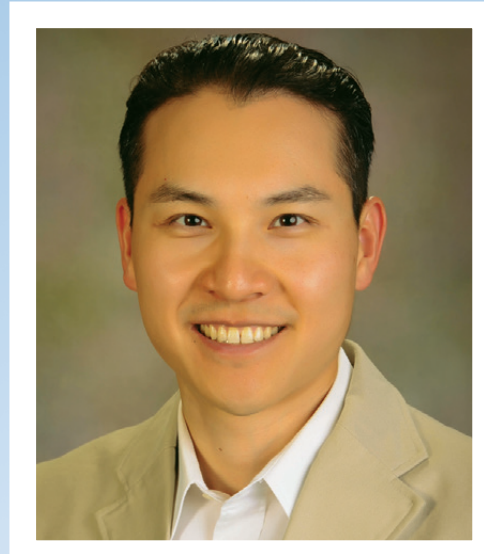
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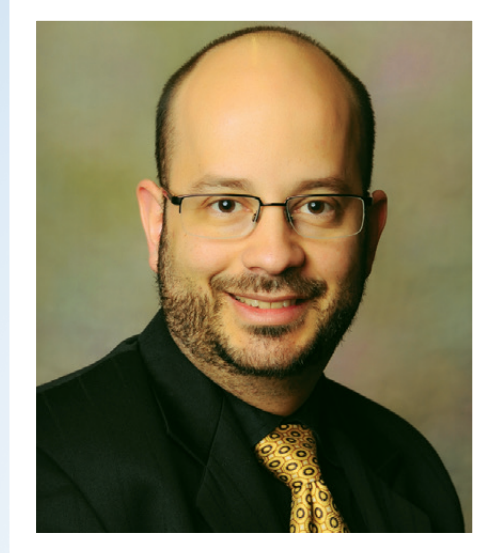
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It was then the turn of the Lady Harvesters' coaches to take the stage. Head coach Hugo Aguillon introduced his players, and spoke about how much improvement he saw out of his team. This was Aguillon's first year as the head coach for the Lady Harvesters.

The coaches capped off the evening by awarding those outstanding players. The Harvesters were first, with Ersi Vukatana winning 2nd team All-District defender. Justice Murray won honorable mention for All District Forward. Nestor Dorado won the Senior Leadership Award. In Academic All-District, Francisco Salazar, Bryan Calderon and Michael Mechelay were recognized.

For the Lady Harvesters in Academic All-District, Laura Zubia, Karoley Villareal, Allison Noble, Taylor Ramming, Jasmin Gonzalez, Lauren Littlefield, Madison Young, Cecilia Vasquez, Taylor Bolton, Bennett Cambern, Jaycee Devoll, Kristin Robison, Alexis Arreola, Jade

Smiles, Vanessa Ramirez and Ariel Cambern were selected.

Awarded for their Love of the Game because they never missed a game or practice, were Nique Johnson, Ariel Cambern, Taylor Ramming, Karen Duarte, Olga Garcia and Laura Zubia.

The Harvester Athlete Award, which was given to those who play multiple sports, recipients were Nique Johnson, Madison Young, Ariel Cambern, Jasmin Gonzalez, Lauren Littlefield, Taylor Ramming, Indy Sullivan, Kristin Robison, Dea Vukatana, Jaycee Devoll, Allison Noble and Karoley Villareal.

Karoley Villareal received the All-Tournament Abilene Medal. Karen Duarte won the Leadership Award. Bennett Cambern won the Fighting Harvester award and Best Defensive Player award. Allison Noble, in her first season playing soccer, won the Most Improved Player award. The Best Offensive Player award went to Bracie Harris. The Golden Boot, or MVP, went to Olga Garcia. The Lady Harvester award went to Madison Young.

The Pampa News would like to congratulate the soccer teams on great seasons.



Photos courtesy of Butch Noble
Top, the future varsity players of the Pampa Harvesters are introduced to the audience. Above, the seniors are introduced one last time. Below, the junior varsity Lady Harvesters receive their recognition.



Astros call up prized prospect George Springer

HOUSTON (AP) — Prized prospect George Springer will join the Houston Astros from Triple-A Oklahoma City on Wednesday.

The 24-year-old outfielder had 37 homers and 108 RBIs with 45 stolen bases combined in Double-A and Triple-A last year. He was off to a strong start in Triple-A this season, too, hitting .353 with three homers and nine RBIs.

Springer told The Associated Press he received the news after Oklahoma City's win over Colorado Springs on Tuesday night, when he

hit a grand slam. "It's just an indescribable feeling," Springer told the AP. "I'm speechless right now."

The Astros officially announced the move Wednesday and sent outfielder Robbie Grossman to Oklahoma City to make room for Springer on the roster. Grossman was hitting just .125 in 14 games this season. The team also reinstated starter Scott Feldman, who will start on Thursday, from the bereavement list and designated right-handed pitcher Lucas Harrell for assignment.

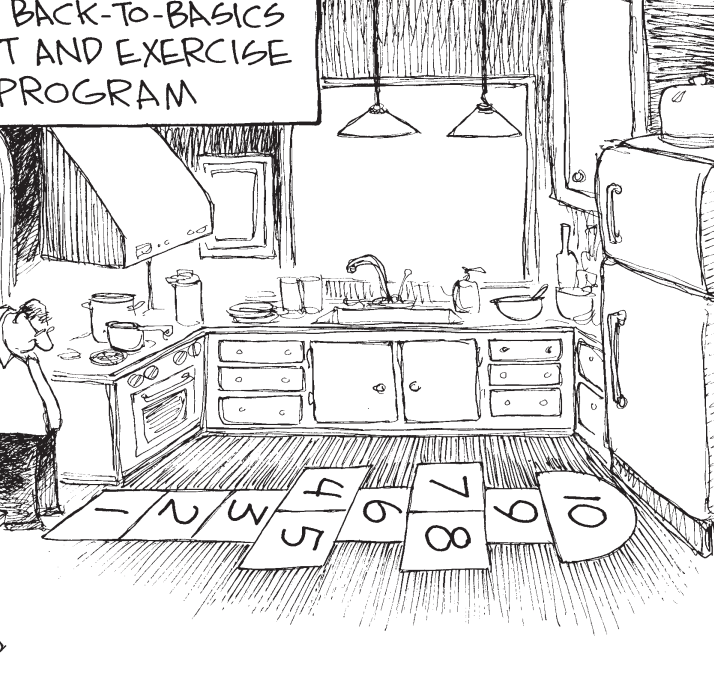
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 18, 2014:
 This year you will be more energized than you have been in a long time. You have a sense of direction that allows you to detach more from the daily ups and downs. Optimism surrounds you. Your creativity peaks after spring. Use your natural gifts well. If you are single, you really enjoy your summer and the period that follows. You most likely will meet someone who could be very important to your life. Don't push -- simply enjoy the bond. If you are attached, the two of you will want to plan several getaways together. You will re-energize the relationship and give it additional strength. **ARIES** might be very different, but he or she has a similar intensity.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ Confusion will filter into your day, and you might be inclined to take off early. You need time to recharge your batteries. A situation could become uncomfortable, even if good news surrounds it. Know that your thoughts could change. Tonight: A loved one is energized.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You will be delighted by a friend's reaction to a thoughtful gift. This person seems to be at a loss for words. Communicate precisely with others in general. If meeting someone, confirm the time, place and day! Tonight: Schedule some one-on-one time with a special person.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You get what you want without having to charm anyone. You might not know what to do next, as you are so used to presenting your case. Maintain a sense of humor, especially when dealing with a boss. Tonight: Anything could happen. You don't need to wish upon a star.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Listen to news more openly than you have in the past. Your judgment will prevent you from hearing every detail. Make time to schedule a haircut or a massage. You need to indulge yourself, as you have experienced a lot of pressure as of late. Tonight: Relax.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Tap into your imagination when making plans. A friend or loved one could be thrilled by the possibilities that you conjure up. You have an instinctive side to you. Listen to your

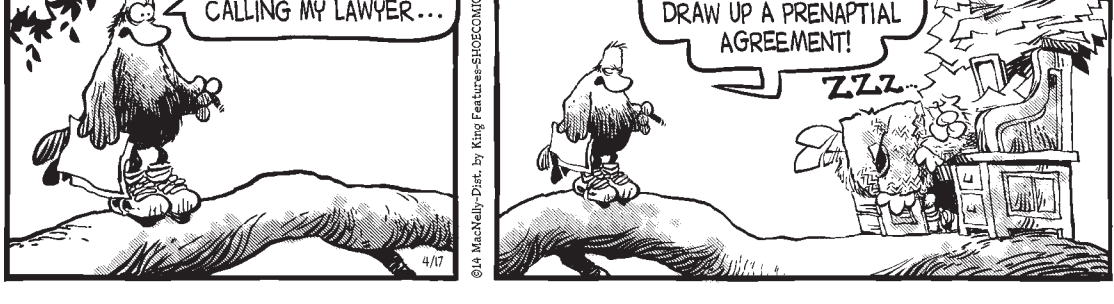
inner voice more often. A call from a special person could delight you. Tonight: On the prowl.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ If you feel as if you need more time, ask for it. A partner or friend might not understand how much you have on your plate. You could witness some unexpected behavior. This person might be trying to evoke a certain reaction from you. Tonight: Head home early.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You will be unusually assertive, and you'll get excellent results. Ask for what you want. A boss will smile as he or she watches you in action. Be careful with someone at work. This person might seem easygoing, but that likely won't be the case. Tonight: At your favorite haunt.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You could be pushed to commit to spending more than you want. Make a call to a trusted friend and share what is happening. You need honest feedback, and this person will give you that. A new friend would like more of your time. Tonight: Be reasonable when making plans.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ The planets are rooting you on. An element of the unexpected plays a role in what goes on with a loved one, new friend or child. Allow this person to feel more confident. Make a purchase for your home and comfort. Tonight: You are the ringmaster!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ You might not be ready to explain a plan that you have been working on for a while. You could feel as if you want to continue without hearing any input from others. You might not get the anticipated reaction. A boss will be demanding. Tonight: With a favorite person.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You might not believe how easily plans will fall into place. Be grateful, especially since you have a lot to do. Don't hesitate to ask for some help, if need be. Use caution with spending and funds. An item could cost much more than you think it does. Tonight: TGIF!
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You will need to organize an event or project at the last minute. There might be a snafu that could take more time than you would like to give. Know that you likely won't have a choice. Others might be noticing your inner glow. Tonight: Plan on running late.

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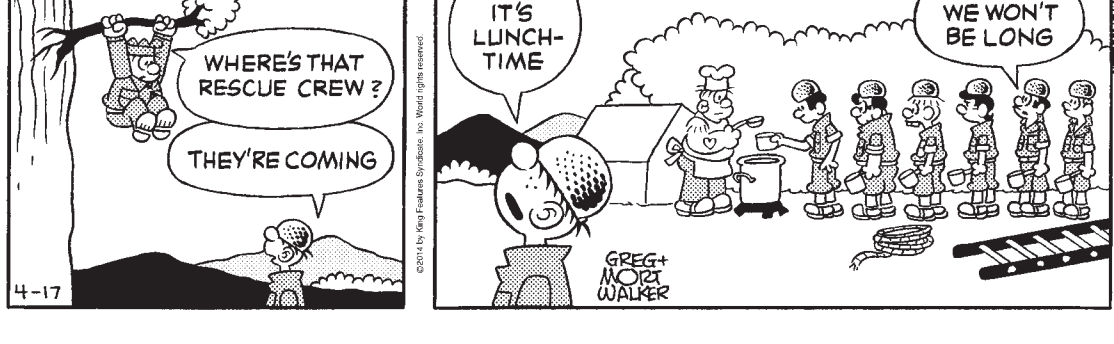
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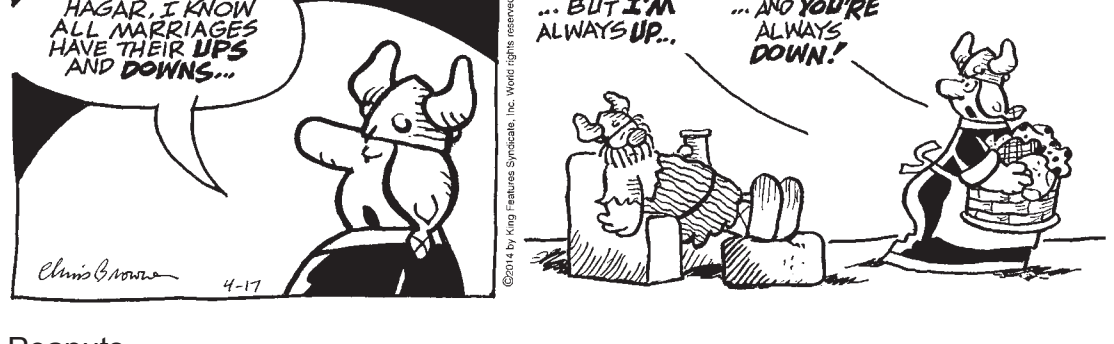
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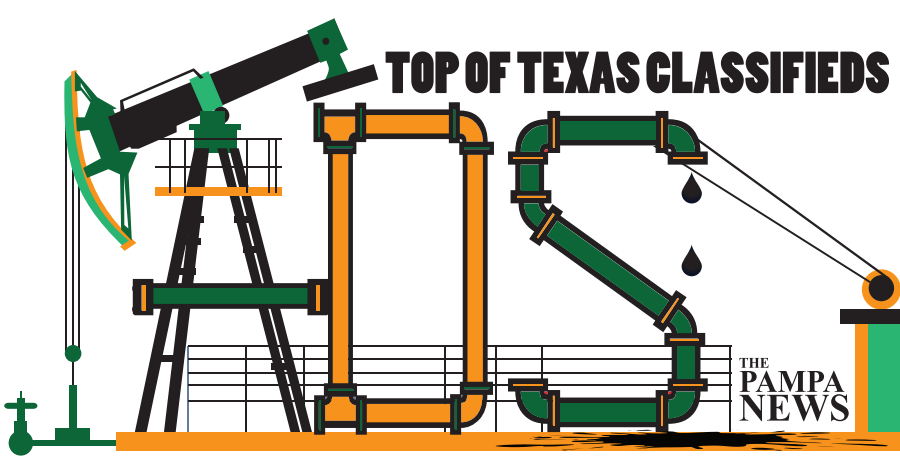


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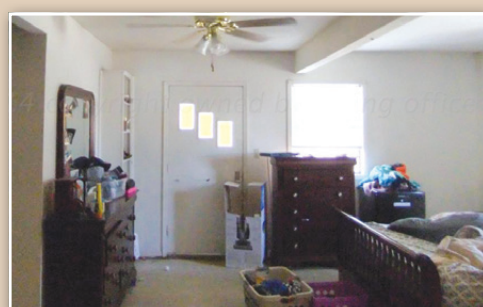
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Appeals court upholds Snowden email firm contempt

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court on Wednesday upheld a contempt of court citation against an email service provider used by National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Dallas-based Lavabit Inc. and its owner, Ladar Levinson, were barred from raising key issues on appeal that they did not pursue in the district court.

U.S. District Judge Claude M. Hilton sanctioned Levinson for initially refusing to give federal authori-

ties the technical assistance they needed to track the encrypted email of a target of a criminal investigation. The appeals court's opinion did not name the target.

Levinson also did not mention Snowden or any particular investigation when he closed his company last August. In a cryptic message, he said only that he would rather go out of business than "become complicit in crimes against the American people." Snowden, an NSA contractor who smuggled huge numbers of classified documents out of the spy agency's computers and gave

them to journalists to expose what he has described as massive government intrusions against people across the world, had used an encrypted email account from Lavabit.

In June 2013, the government obtained a court order for the encryption keys that would allow investigators to track the target's email traffic but not allow access to content. Levinson refused to comply, and Hilton found him in contempt and imposed a \$5,000 daily fine in early August. Two days later, Levinson provided the keys.

"By that time, six weeks

of data regarding the target

had been lost," Judge Steve Agee wrote in the appeals court's unanimous ruling.

Levinson appealed the contempt finding. However, Agee wrote that the ruling must stand because Levinson never challenged the court order in the lower court.

Levinson's attorney, Ian James Samuel, said he was disappointed with the ruling but emphasized that it centered on procedural issues and not the merits of the case.

"The court did not say the government's actions in this case were legal," Samuel

said.

The American Civil Liberties Union had filed a friend-of-the-court brief supporting Lavabit.

"On the merits, we believe it's clear that there are limits on the government's power to coerce innocent service providers into its surveillance activities," ACLU attorney Brian Hauss said in a written statement.

The U.S. attorney's office did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

Samuel said his client was placed at a disadvantage when he was "hauled into court 1,000 miles away"

and had to fend for himself until late in the process, when he finally obtained counsel after the court had already rejected his objections to helping authorities crack the private email account.

Levinson could appeal the panel's ruling to the full appeals court or to the U.S. Supreme Court. Samuel said no decision has been made.

Snowden has been charged with espionage and other counts and could face up to 30 years in prison if convicted. He is in Russia, where he was granted asylum for a year.

Why high oil prices are actually good for airlines

NEW YORK (AP) — Airline executives frequently complain about fuel costs. But the truth is higher prices actually have been good for business.

In the past six years, airlines have overhauled the way they operate to adjust to this new reality. They've shown more discipline by offering fewer seats, which ensures airfares are high enough to cover costs. Unprofitable routes have been eliminated. And every expense has been scrutinized.

These changes, along with high oil prices, have created an insurmountable roadblock to startup airlines that hope to undercut established carriers.

"Traditionally, it was too easy to start an airline and too difficult to kill one off," says Jamie Baker, an airline analyst with JPMorgan Chase.

No more.

A decade ago, airlines were paying just \$1.42 a gallon for fuel, when adjusted for inflation. Last year, they paid an average of \$3.03 a gallon, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Fuel now accounts for more than a third of airlines' expenses, overtaking salaries, wages and benefits as the single biggest line item. U.S. carriers burned through 16 billion gallons of jet fuel last year at cost of \$48.4 billion. That's up nearly \$23 billion from 10 years ago — when the airlines consumed 2 billion more gallons of fuel.

So why is this good?

High oil prices forced the major airlines to do business differently. They grounded older, gas-guzzling jets. Then they charged extra for checking baggage and raised

other fees. More passengers were packed into planes and mergers helped push airfares higher. The average cost of a roundtrip domestic ticket — including baggage and reservation change fees — grew to \$378.62 from \$351.48 in the last five years, when adjusted for inflation.

All of that has them on pace for a fifth consecutive year of profits.

A big reason for the streak: The majors aren't facing the myriad of fly-by-night startups that disrupted their business in the past.

Low-cost carriers like PeopleExpress and ValueJet used to be able to enter markets, charge a lot less to fly and push the established carriers out.

Now — since fuel is such a great expense — that doesn't happen anymore, said Scott

Kirby, president of American Airlines, at a recent aviation symposium in Phoenix.

"It's an equalizer," Kirby said.

Skybus Airlines launched in May 2007 promising to sell at least 10 seats on each of its flights for \$10. By the following April, a spike in fuel prices proved fatal and the airline shut down operations overnight.

Without that competition, legacy carriers have avoided fare wars and kept ticket prices high.

"This represents the longest post-deregulation stretch that nobody has started a new airline in the United States," Baker says.

Virgin America was the last major new U.S. carrier. But since it started flying in August 2007, the San Francisco-based airline has lost hun-

dreds of millions of dollars. It didn't post its first annual profit until last year and that was only after it stopped its rapid expansion.

Jeff Knittel, president of transportation and international finance at CIT, which leases planes to airlines, says the high fuel costs has created a financial discipline among carriers that has made them look closely at every expense — in the air and on the ground.

As part of their quest to reduce fuel consumption, airlines have replaced drink carts with new, lighter ones. Planes now taxi with only one engine running. And wingtips have been redesigned to reduce drag.

"It has forced efficiency throughout the entire organization," Knittel says. High oil prices have also

caused lenders to take a closer look at business models. In the past, they just considered the collateral — the airplane — that they were lending against.

"It makes the merits of the airlines matter more than they have in the past," says Hunter Key, an airline analyst with Wolfe Research.

Airlines are only expanding to cities where they know they can make money, limiting competition and keeping everybody's flights profitable. Instead of fighting to become the largest airline in a city, airlines are now making rational decisions based on profitability.

"The only universal disciplinarian across the entire global airline industry is high oil prices," Key says. "It makes even the bad actors make hard choices."



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 34-year-old wife and mother of four. I'm concerned about my husband. He is 44 and drinks at home every evening after work.

I don't mind him having a few cans of beer, but he drinks between six and 12 a day. He refuses to see a doctor for checkups or when he is sick. I am worried about his health. The drinking could have an impact, and I would like him to have a physical exam to put my mind at ease.

I tell my husband I want him to take care of himself to live longer for our children's sake (our youngest is 4). At times, we argue about it, and I'm tired of fighting over his drinking. His response is, "At least I do it at home and not at the bar."

I think he is being selfish and thinking only of himself. He talks about "pride." How can I get him to cut down on his drinking or see a doctor as needed? — WORRIED WIFE IN GUAM

DEAR WIFE: Your husband is an alcoholic. He may not want to see a doctor because he knows what the doctor will tell him. It is important that you understand that you cannot control another person's behavior, and the only person who can "get" your husband to stop drinking or cut down is him.

For your own emotional well-being, I'm advising you to contact Al-Anon. Al-Anon is a fellowship of family members and friends of alcoholics, and it was created to help people just like you. Visit AlAnonFamilyGroups.org, call 888-4AL-ANON or email wso@al-anon.org. You may also want to contact your department of mental health services for guidance. I can't guarantee that it will help with your husband's illness — because alcoholism is one

— but it will help you to cope.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 13 and in middle school. We have a program called an iPad Pilot Program in which students are given an iPad for a year to use in daily classroom activities. I'm a responsible honor student, yet somehow some scratches appeared on it one day.

My parents are really tight with money. I'm afraid if I tell them, I'll get in trouble. I have some video games I don't play anymore that I can sell to fix the scratches, but if I do, my parents will find out. I guess I don't want them to be upset or think I'm irresponsible. Please tell me what to do. — IN A BIND

DEAR IN A BIND: Some wear and tear on items that are issued to students is to be expected. Stop stalling and tell your parents what happened. They are going to find out eventually, and it is better that they hear it from you.

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved into a lovely home located not far from a funeral home. From time to time,

funeral processions pass by my house.

Is there a way for an outsider to quietly pay respects without making the people in the procession uncomfortable? I feel bad ignoring them and just going about my business. I don't wear hats, or I'd remove it. I'm also not Catholic, so the sign of the cross doesn't seem appropriate. Any ideas? — RESPECTFUL IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR RESPECTFUL: While no gesture is required, if you happen to be outside when a funeral procession passes by, pause from what you're doing and place your right hand over your heart to acknowledge the mourners' grief. I'm sure your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Why suffer from allergies?

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Total Care Health, PA of Pampa offers allergy testing and immunotherapy services in addition to its already extensive services offered to patients at 701 N. Price Rd Pampa, TX. The new allergy services include scratch testing and custom-formulated immunotherapy, an FDA approved method for desensitizing allergies over time that has been proven to effectively alleviate allergy symptoms for life.

"We want the best possible care and treatment for our patients, says Loree Adams, FNP-BC. "This new service can significantly increase our patients' quality of life by reducing or eliminating allergy symptoms and discomfort."

Patients who suffer from seasonal allergies can be tested at Total Care Health, PA for the 48 most geographically specific mold and airborne allergens in the area. The medications, called allergy immunotherapy, are then custom-formulated based on the allergy test results and help desensitize patients to many of the pollens, molds and other triggers that cause symptoms. This desensitiza-

tion therapy can allow patients to be around those allergens without having an allergic reaction such as sneezing, coughing, runny nose, itchy and watery eyes, congestion, sleepiness, headache and nausea.

Allergen immunotherapy is a form of treatment aimed at decreasing an individual's sensitivity to substances called allergens. It involves introducing increasing amounts of allergens to a patient over several months. Immunotherapy is administered in the comfort of the patients' home, instead of some common allergy therapies that require an appointment at the physician's office, saving patients' time and money.

Unlike allergy medicines, which act only to "cover up" allergic symptoms or prevent them temporarily, allergy immunotherapy can fix the underlying problem of allergies. This occurs because the body treats the injection much like a vaccine, resulting in the production of infection-fighting antibodies against pollen, dust, mold or pet dander. The body then stops producing allergic antibodies against

triggers, and therefore won't have an allergic response when exposed to the allergens. These changes can last for many years even after stopping allergy immunotherapy. Recent studies show that allergy immunotherapy can also prevent people from developing new allergies, and reduce the risk of developing asthma in children with nasal allergies.

"The testing is not painful. A tiny comb gently scratches or abrades the skin surface. After the test is performed, it takes about 15 minutes to develop. A positive test will appear as a raised, red bump on the skin, similar to a mosquito bite," says Loree Adams, FNP-BC.

"Skin testing is the oldest and most reliable form of allergy testing. Used for more than 100 years, skin testing continues to be the "gold standard" for diagnosing allergic disease," Nurse Practitioner Adams says.

Adults and children over the age of two can be tested for allergies. This is especially helpful for patients who suffer with asthma, allergic pneumonia, conjunctivitis (pink eye), undiagnosed

cough, dermatitis (skin irritation), insect allergy, rhinitis, sinusitis, urticaria (hives) and angioedema (similar to hives, but beneath the skin).

After a course of allergy immunotherapy, 80 to 90 percent of patients have less allergy symptoms, and in many cases their allergies have completely resolved.

"At Total Care Health, PA, we understand that every patient is different. Each responds differently to different allergens. That's why we custom-formulate every single dosage of our allergy medications specifically for the individual patient," says Allergy Technician Linda Keller, LVN. "Unlike over-the-counter and prescription medications that ease your symptoms, but may have significant side effects, we identify, and then treat the cause of your disease with custom medications."

For more information, or to make an appointment for allergy testing, please call Total Care Health, PA at (806) 688-CARE (2273).

Allergy Testing and Immunotherapy Patient FAQs

How is the allergy test performed, and is it painful?

The testing is not painful. A tiny comb gently scratches or abrades the skin surface. After the test is performed, it takes about 15 minutes to develop. A positive test will appear as a raised, red bump on the skin, similar to a mosquito bite.

How long does the allergy testing take?

The testing takes approximately 30 minutes- 15 minutes to administer and 15 minutes to register the results- so you don't have to wait long to learn the cause of your allergies.

Who can be tested?

Adults and children over the age of 2 years can be tested for allergies. This is especially helpful for patients who suffer with asthma, allergic pneumonia, conjunctivitis (pink eye), undiagnosed cough, dermatitis (skin irritation), insect allergy, rhinitis, sinusitis, urticaria (hives) and angioedema (similar to hives, but beneath the skin).

Which allergens will be tested for?

You will be tested for the 50 most geographically specific mold and airborne allergens in your area. We will test for products from dust mites, proteins from pet hair and dander, molds, trees, grass and weed pollens. The test does not detect food allergies.

What is immunotherapy?

Allergen immunotherapy is a form of treatment aimed at decreasing your sensitivity to substances called allergens. It involves introducing increasing amounts of an allergen to a patient over several months.

How long will I have to be on immunotherapy?

The course of immunotherapy varies by individual. The initial course of immunotherapy is one year, but full allergen immunity can take anywhere between two and five years.

How soon will I see results from immunotherapy?

Relief from allergies varies by individual, but the vast majority of patients see results within the first few months of immunotherapy.

What if I am currently taking antihistamines?

In order to achieve the most accurate test results, you should discontinue any antihistamines, over-the-counter or prescription drugs, for at least three days prior to allergy testing.

What are the benefits of allergy testing and im-

munotheapy?

One in five people suffer from symptomatic allergies. These symptoms can vary greatly from minor discomfort to severe disability. The cost of allergies can be significant when factoring in lost productivity and days off from work. Combined with expensive drugs that serve only to mask the symptoms, the average cost to patients can be upwards of \$2,000 per year. And, at your physician's discretion, immunotherapy can be performed in the comfort and convenience of your own home, eliminating the need for costly and inconvenient visits to your phy-

sician's office.

Is immunotherapy effective in eliminating allergies?

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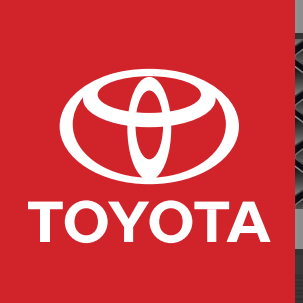
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 ★ STOCK #T3158
SPECIAL PRICE: \$33,677
MSRP \$35,996 - \$2,319 CULBERSON STOWERS DEALER DISCOUNT. T.T.&L EXTRA PLUS \$50 DEALER FEE.



NEW 2013 Toyota Prius C Two
 ★ 1.5 L ENGINE
 ★ VARIABLE TRANSMISSION
 ★ STOCK #T3121
SPECIAL PRICE: \$21,163
MSRP \$22,522 - \$500 TOYOTA CUSTOMER CASH - \$859 CULBERSON STOWERS DEALER DISCOUNT. T.T.&L EXTRA PLUS \$50 DEALER FEE.



NEW 2013 Toyota Highlander SE
 ★ 3.5 L ENGINE
 ★ AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
 ★ STOCK #T3141
SPECIAL PRICE: \$32,578
MSRP \$36,233 - \$1,500 TOYOTA CUSTOMER CASH - \$2,155 CULBERSON STOWERS DEALER DISCOUNT. T.T.&L EXTRA PLUS \$50 DEALER FEE.



NEW 2013 Toyota Camry XLE
 ★ 2.5 L ENGINE
 ★ AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
 ★ STOCK #T3075
SPECIAL PRICE: \$24,363
MSRP \$26,851 - \$2,488 CULBERSON STOWERS DEALER DISCOUNT. T.T.&L EXTRA PLUS \$50 DEALER FEE.



NEW 2013 Toyota Camry LE
 ★ 2.5 L ENGINE
 ★ AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
 ★ STOCK #T3086
SPECIAL PRICE: \$22,828
MSRP \$25,116 - \$2,288 CULBERSON STOWERS DEALER DISCOUNT. T.T.&L EXTRA PLUS \$50 DEALER FEE.



NEW 2013 Toyota Yaris LE
 ★ 1.5 L ENGINE
 ★ AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
 ★ STOCK #T3049
SPECIAL PRICE: \$17,329
T.T.&L EXTRA PLUS \$50 DEALER FEE.



NEW 2013 Toyota Prius C Two
 ★ 1.5 L ENGINE
 ★ VARIABLE TRANSMISSION
 ★ STOCK #T3145
SPECIAL PRICE: \$20,627
MSRP \$21,837 - \$500 TOYOTA CUSTOMER CASH - \$710 CULBERSON STOWERS DEALER DISCOUNT. T.T.&L EXTRA PLUS \$50 DEALER FEE.



NEW 2013 Toyota Highlander SE
 ★ 3.5 L ENGINE
 ★ AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
 ★ STOCK #T3119
SPECIAL PRICE: \$33,088
MSRP \$36,797 - \$1,500 TOYOTA CUSTOMER CASH - \$2,209 CULBERSON STOWERS DEALER DISCOUNT. T.T.&L EXTRA PLUS \$50 DEALER FEE.



NEW 2013 Toyota Highlander
 ★ 2.7 L ENGINE
 ★ AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
 ★ STOCK #T3156
SPECIAL PRICE: \$28,889
MSRP \$32,362 - \$1,500 TOYOTA CUSTOMER CASH - \$197 CULBERSON STOWERS DEALER DISCOUNT. T.T.&L EXTRA PLUS \$50 DEALER FEE.

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