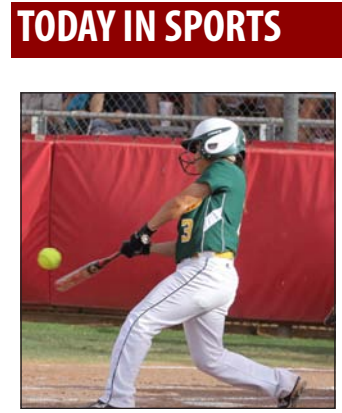


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Pampa ISD school board to meet tonight

STAFF REPORT

The Board of Trustees of Pampa Independent School District will hold a regular meeting at 5:45 this evening at the Pampa ISD Central Office, 1233 N. Hobart St.

The school board will go into executive session at that time before opening to the public at 6:30 p.m. when they spotlight the excellence within the district.

The school board will consider approving the following agenda items:

- Bids for band instruments.
- The sale of delinquent tax property.
- Monthly financial reports.
- Action to approve quarterly investment and financial reports.

Following these items, the school board will discuss

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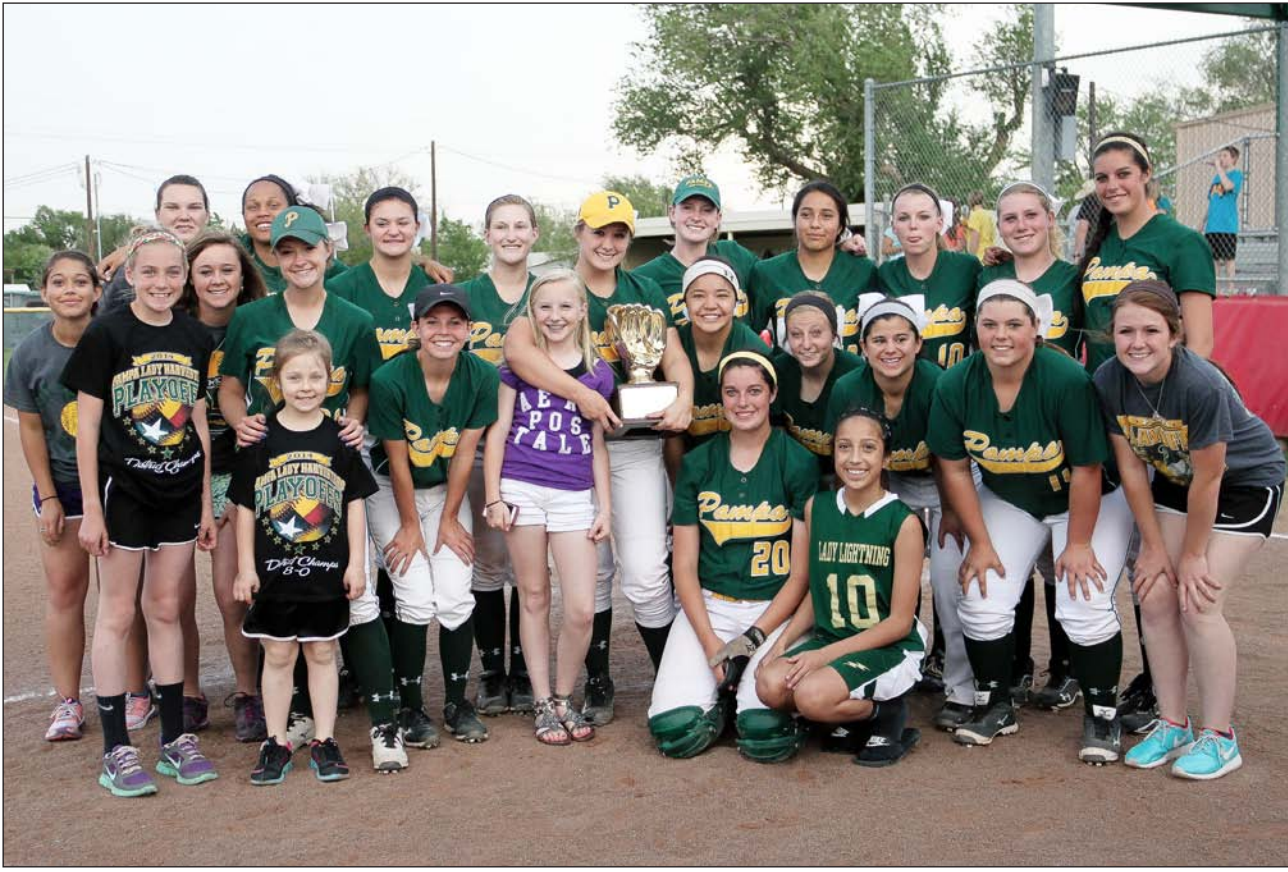


Photo by Charla Shults

The Pampa Lady Harvesters swept the Seminole Maidens Friday and Saturday to win the bi-district championship. After game two, Pampa ISD superintendent presented the Lady Harvesters their bi-district trophy. The Lady Harvesters will take part in the area round this upcoming Friday at 5 p.m. at Lubbock-Monterey. Game two will be Saturday at noon with game three, if necessary, to follow.

Pampa Summer Homecoming to hold craft show

STAFF REPORT

Pampa Summer Homecoming will hold a craft show and flea market from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at the National Guard Armory at Recreation Park/Rodeo Grounds on Highway 60. The event will be held indoors and those in attendance should supply their own tables and chairs as none will be provided.

Booth Spaces are \$35.00. Booths are 10 feet by 10 feet and will be first come-first served per reservation first and then on site for the spaces left on the day of the show.

“So far we’re expecting to have about 40 booths to

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SATURDAY NIGHT’S HOUSE FIRE

Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

On Saturday night, the Pampa Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the 400 block of West Browning. The structure was a complete loss. It was a two-story building with a garage on the first story and an apartment on the second story. Structure was completely dissolved when responders were on the scene. There was a van burning, too, but the owner of the property managed to drive it to safety. There was no one inside the apartment portion of the structure when the fire started, but there was a man working in the garage who got out when it started. There were five dogs lost in the fire. The cause was accidental in nature. In addition, there was a small amount of heat damage to one of the neighboring houses. Total estimated cost in damage: \$15,500. It took one hour and 15 minutes for the firefighters to bring it under control. For the complete fire call log, turn to page 5A.



AgriLife research leads to improved genetic markers

■ Better genetic markers developed for wheat streak mosaic virus resistance.

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE

AMARILLO – Texas A&M AgriLife Research is developing genetic diagnostic markers to identify wheat streak mosaic virus resistance, providing wheat breeders a new tool in breeding wheat varieties resistant to one of the region’s most prevalent diseases.

The study includes work by AgriLife Research scientists in Amarillo, including Dr. Shuyu Liu, small grains geneticist; Silvano Ocheya, doctoral graduate student in College Station; Dr. Jackie Rudd, wheat breeder; and Dr. Qingwu Xue, crop stress physiologist.

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New law limits standardized tests, but not prep work

By MORGAN SMITH
 The Texas Tribune

When Texas legislators passed a law in 2013 that sharply reduced standardized testing for public high school students, they included a provision aimed at easing the pressure of high-stakes exams for students in lower grades as well.

But a year later, the provision that was written to curb the time educators spent preparing students for standardized tests instead of teaching may not

have had the intended effect.

“The change in law was well intentioned, but there is still constant test prep going on,” said Stacey Amick, a parent of two children in the Lewisville Independent School District near Dallas. “But I can’t fault the teachers or the schools for doing it. I don’t know a way around it for them.”

Passed amid outcry from parents and educators about the focus on standardized testing, House Bill 5 limited the number of benchmark exams — tests that gauge student progress

ahead of standardized tests — that districts can administer in third through 12th grades.

But the law restricts the practice only at the district level, leaving a loophole for individual campuses to require more in an effort to familiarize students with test-taking strategies and to boost their performance. That means that even as districts comply with the law and keep the number of full-length benchmark exams at two, campuses may continue to focus on

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discuss and take possible action on these items:

- Pampa Junior High Art/Physics Class and trip for the 2014-2015 year.
- Consideration of the passage of an order authorizing the issuance and sale of Pampa Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, appointing a price officer and delegating to the pricing officer the authority to approve on behalf of the District the selection of bonds to be refunded, the sale of the bonds, the terms of the bonds, and the offering documents for the bonds;

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- Action related to Pampa ISD summer maintenance/construction projects including: McNeely Field House and bleachers in McNeely Field House, foyer at McNeely Field House, Lamar Elementary, lighting at Harvester Sta-

dium, air conditioning at elementary campuses and tankless water heaters.

- Action regarding a RFQ for an architect for ongoing and recurring projects.
- Action to approve purchase of student technology devices.
- Action to approve Community Engagement evaluation for HB5, revisions to policy EIC(LOCAL): Academic Achievement - Class Ranking and revisions to policy EI(LOCAL): Academic Achievement.
- Action to approve budget amendment No. 3.

The Pampa ISD school board will also review three reports and the employment of professional employees.

AgriLife

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They were joined by Dr. Guorong Zhang, wheat breeder at Kansas State University Agriculture Research Center at Hays, Kan.; and Dr. Guihua Bai, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service Central Small Grain Genotyping Center at Manhattan, Kan.

Wheat streak mosaic virus, which is transmitted by wheat curl mite, is one of the major limiting factors for wheat production in the Southern High Plains, Liu said. The yield loss can be up to 50 percent due to wheat streak mosaic virus in any given epidemic year.

There are several resistance genes to wheat streak mosaic available, but only one gene, labeled Wsm2, is

from a wheat line, he said. The other two are from wheat relative species. Wsm2 has been bred in two wheat cultivars, RonL and Snowmass. This resistance gene is now being used by breeders in Kansas, Colorado and Texas to combine with other traits.

Ocheya, funded by Monsanto Beachell Borlaug Scholarship, is using a wheat population derived from CO960293-2 and TAM 111 to map the drought tolerance genes in TAM 111 and identify tight linked single nucleotide polymorphic or SNP markers, for drought tolerance genes and Wsm2. SNPs are variations within the DNA.

Zhang helped to evaluate the wheat streak mosaic virus infection on the population at growth chamber conditions under 64.5 degrees using virus strain Sidney 81.

The international wheat

community, including the U.S., has developed a chip with 90,000 SNP markers, which can be used to screen wheat lines. Ocheya mapped about 5,000 SNP onto the whole wheat genome. Several tightly linked SNP markers to the Wsm2 gene were found, he said.

These markers were converted into high throughput SNP markers by Bai and his associates. These converted breeder-friendly SNP markers have been used to screen F2 breeding populations inoculated with the virus strain Sidney 81. This confirmed they are much better than any other previously used markers, Zhang said.

"These newly developed diagnostic SNP markers are being applied to marker-assisted selection for Wsm2 in several breeding programs in the High Plains, including Texas," Liu said.

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Craft

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be rented, and there may be some outside as well," Committee member Alecia Cleveland said. She added that there will also be BBQ available for sale and music from 1-5 p.m.

"We are a charity, so the money from this event will go toward the silent auction we have planned at the end of July," Cleveland said. The proceeds from the silent auction later this summer will go to Shepherd's Helping Hands in Pampa.

For more information on the event or to book a booth now and get preferred space please call Alecia at 806-662-8299 or Gayla at 817-909-0392.

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test preparation with shorter practice exams taking place as frequently as twice a week.

A newsletter received by parents at an Austin Independent School District elementary school in March is among various examples of such approaches collected by The Texas Tribune. It informs parents that instead of their weekly spelling test, elementary students would begin a "STAAR boot camp" every Friday to prepare for the state exams known by that acronym. Paul Cruz, the Austin school district's interim superintendent, said the district left it to teachers and campus principals to determine the kinds of "short-cycle quizzes" to give to gauge student progress.

"We do think assessment is valuable so that we can make sure that students are learning and meeting expectations," Cruz said.

"But for us, most important is that we all know and understand that we need to maximize instructional time. Yes, assessing student learning has a place in that, but it is really about how we can make adjustments to a student's learning plan in real time so that they are learning the concepts for that particular grade level."

The new law restricting benchmark exams had not affected district policy, Cruz said, because the district already required only two midyear full-length tests. He said those assessments were intended for the teachers and parents to keep track of their students' academic progress.

"It's not for administering a test to administer a test," he said. "It's making sure there are learning opportunities for students if they are not demonstrating proficiency."

State Rep. Mike Villarreal, a San Antonio Democrat and author of the measure limiting benchmark tests, said his office continued to hear complaints from public school parents about

the heavy emphasis on test preparation over instruction. He said he would propose further legislation during the 2015 session if it became clear that the limits on districtwide exams had resulted in more "mini-benchmark" exams at the campus level.

But even with tighter restrictions on benchmark testing, Amick said she believed that the emphasis on test preparation would continue until state policy changed to require fewer state standardized exams in younger grades because of the pressure they placed on school districts.

"When you are talking about a benchmark, I would think what they had in mind was an official practice test where you pretend you are taking the STAAR," she said. "But what's happening is that the kids are getting all kinds of work sheets and packets all the time. My daughter gets a packet full of problems on it; she brings it back for a grade. That's not a benchmark, but it's still practicing for a test."



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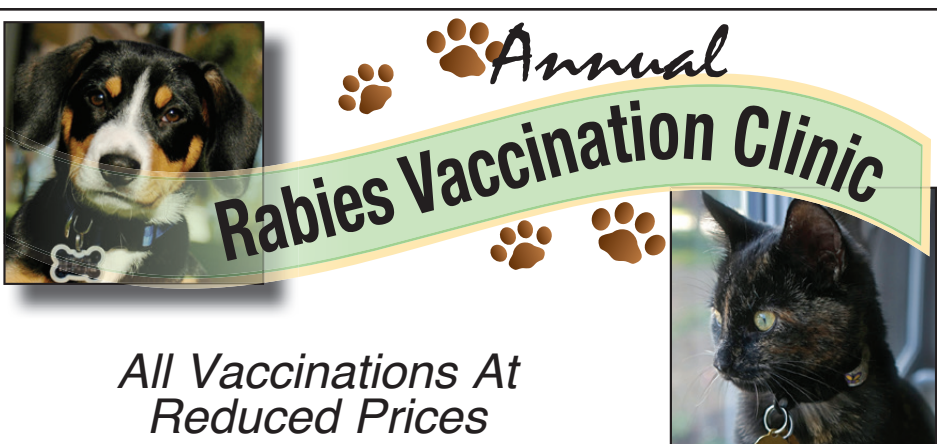
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Today: Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 63. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds north-northwest at 39 mph. Sunrise at 6:54 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear and windy with a low of 37. Winds north at 27 mph. Sunset at 8:28 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 61. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north-northwest at 21 mph. Sunrise at 6:53 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 41. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north-northwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:29 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 64. Winds northwest at 22 mph. Sunrise at 6:52 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 40. Winds west-northwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 8:30 p.m.

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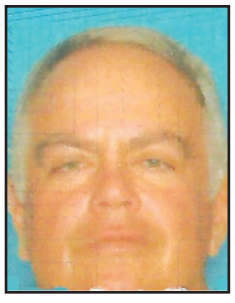
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Obituaries

Timothy Duncan Haigood

Timothy Duncan Haigood, 62, went to join his heavenly Father on April 18, 2014. Tim made an impression on many of his friends. We are all going to miss him very much.



Timothy Duncan Haigood

Tim was born on Sept. 1, 1951 to Alva and Ella (Zook) Haigood. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1969 and attended West Texas State University in the 1970s.

He had a CDL license and was a truck driver and food administrator at the prison. Tim was also a dual member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 AF & AM

and the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge No. 1381 AF & AM. He was a Baptist who enjoyed dreaming, reading, traveling and making new friends.

Tim was preceded in death by his mother Ella (Zook) and his father Alva Haigood.

Survivors include an uncle, Earl Zook of Durango, Colo.; an aunt, Marlene Mohl of Billings, Mont.; Elsie Rein of Russell, Kan. and many cousins and friends.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the Northwest Texas Heart Group staff for helping Tim make his life easier. Thank you for all the prayers, calls and visits. And a special thank you to the two chaplains Jim Fox and Sherman Eastland of Amarillo.

The memorial celebration will be at The Plaza restaurant at 6:30 p.m. on May 1, 2014. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 and the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge No. 1381

For the record

Marble Falls man arrested on alcohol, drug charges

STAFF REPORT

• Jeremy Courtney, 21, Marble Falls, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated with an open container, possession of marijuana — less than two ounces, the purchasing or furnishing of alcohol to a minor.

• Michael Jones, 28, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for NISI — tampering with or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair.

• Nicholas Brookshire,

34, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for capias pro fine — expired driver's license, capias pro fine — failure to appear.

• Bracie Harris, 18, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for three charges of capias pro fine.

• Gabriel Castro, 34, Pampa, was arrested Friday by DPS for driving while intoxicated with an open container.

• Gary Alexander, 32, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for driving while his license is invalid with a previous conviction.

• Jack Percy, 24, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for burglary of a habitation.

• Crystal Luz-Santos, 24, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• Edward Holt, 62, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces, possession of a controlled substance — between one and four grams, driving while intoxicated.

• Cole Young, 25, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for theft of property

— between \$50 and \$500.

• Amy Summers, 41, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by DPS for driving while intoxicated.

• Jose Benitz, 22, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for public intoxication.

• Christopher Jackson, 23, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by DPS for driving while his license is invalid with a previous conviction.

• Tom Williams, 23, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance — less than one gram, violation of a protective order.

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Prairie Plains Perspective

This just in to the news desk

Via Facebook I write a blog titled 'This just in to the news desk!' where I comment on current event topics gleaned from Internet news choices. I search mostly for unusual headlines, those relegated to the back for lack of any news worthiness or the need to just fill space for the particular wire services. Following is a montage, so to speak, of current event headlines, some serious, some funny, that caught my attention and pinged my wry sense of humor. Per the word 'montage' and these following current events, I'll leave it up to your mind to create some worthy pictures.



DENNIS PALMITIER

Headline - Texas teacher allegedly gave boy, 15, lap dance - Happened down Houston way in Aldine, Texas. Evidently, 'allegedly' should be changed to proven, for fellow classmates of the boy filmed such using their cell phones. Yep, with smart phones, everyone can be a news cameraman these days, and in this case, much to the chagrin of Aldine school district officials. The teacher even let the boy slap her buttocks... Aldine, Tx; where 'No Child Left Behind' is a rousing success!

Headline - Union leader takes aim at Obama administration over Keystone delays - Keystone,

as in the Keystone XL Pipeline. Terry O'Sullivan, leader of the Laborer's Union International, is quite peeved at President Obama delaying yet again his decision on whether the pipeline can commence construction. Per the president's lack of a positive decision and bowing to environmentalists' pressure, O'Sullivan had this to say, "The Obama administration needs to grow a set of antlers or take a lesson from Popeye and eat some spinach!" Think O'Sullivan wants that pipeline to be built? Think O'Sullivan wants Obama to man up? Indeed! And, we all know what he really wanted to say to Obama in lieu of "grow a set of antlers"...

Headline - Man sues doctors for mocking him after he was unconscious - Having recorded on his cell phone his pre-colonoscopy procedures, the day of his colonoscopy the man forgets his phone is still on record. Evidently, the man was being quite the wussie over his examination and irritated the doctors over his being such. While under anesthesia during the colonoscopy, his cell phone recorded the anesthesiologist, a woman, saying to the unconscious patient, "And really, after five minutes of talking to you in pre-op, I wanted to punch you in the face and man you up a little bit." Oops. "Big wimp" and "retard" are also heard during the procedure. The man has sued the anesthesiologist

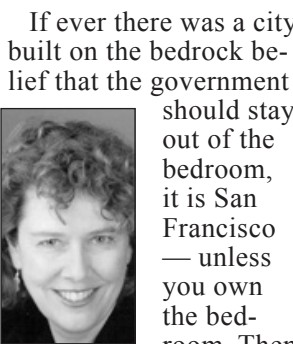
and his gastroenterologist for \$1.35 million. I'm on the doctors' side with this one. The patient should have manned up! Compared to what women go through, we men have it pretty easy. And doctors performing colonoscopies, how many nasty rear ends do they see in a week, month, and year?

Headline - Pentagon: Russia spy ship operating near U.S. - this item was more of an irritant to me, for (my opinion) it shows Fox News' m.o. The Russian ship is indeed operating near the U.S., however, it's doing so in international waters. Remember the terror threat at the recent Winter Olympics? The U.S. had two guided missile destroyers on standby bobbing around in the Black Sea. In USSR days, the Black Sea was Russia's domain. One destroyer ran aground and had to leave for repairs, but the other is still there, and a pleasure cruise (Ukraine crisis) it is not. Tit for tat, Russia and the U.S. have been playing one-up-manship games for years. Um, Fox News, it's not a heinous dereliction of the Obama administration, okay?

Headline - "Deeply sorrowful", Hillary calls Benghazi top regret on her watch - Current event junkie that I am, this one elicited a guffaw from yours truly over Hillary's timing, or lack of. Hillary wasn't deeply sorrowful immediately after that horrific blunder, for she was all talk

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Can't we share the love?



DEBRA SAUNDERS

If ever there was a city built on the bedrock belief that the government should stay out of the bedroom, it is San Francisco — unless you own the bedroom. Then you are not free to do whatever you want with the bedroom, because people who are not owners control what you can do with your own property. Ergo, if you want to rent out a spare bedroom in your flat or, Goddess forbid, a standalone unit to tourists via Airbnb, VRBO or a similar platform, you might run into the long arm of the law. On Wednesday, San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera filed complaints against two landlords for renting to tourists. That's a no-no because "short-term rental scofflaws" cut into the city's "scarce residential housing stock" when they rent to out-of-towners.

The press-savvy Herrera didn't go after a family that decided to rent out junior's basement bedroom while he is in college. Instead, he shrewdly cited "two egregious offenders," landlords who evicted tenants — two of them disabled — under the Ellis Act; then, in violation of the law, they allegedly rented out their property for hundreds of dollars a night.

Herrera was so surgical that even Airbnb lauded the lawsuits with this statement: "If a small number of predatory landlords are abusing platforms like ours to illegally evict tenants in search of a quick buck, we wholeheartedly support efforts to bring those landlords to justice and applaud the City Attorney for his actions."

Does the city have the right to tell homeowners and landlords what they can and cannot do with their property? Alas, yes. Zoning laws restrict certain neighborhoods to residential use. The planning code prevents the rental of residential apartments for periods of less than a month. San Francisco's rent control laws are supposed to protect about 172,000 residential units by capping rent increases and curbing evictions. That system, Herrera contends, is

threatened by owners who want to cash in on the so-called sharing economy by renting to out-of-towners by the night or the week.

One of the landlords Herrera is suing is Darren Lee, who bought a two-unit tenant-occupied Pacific Heights property in 2004 and then evicted the tenants under the Ellis Act. According to the complaint, one tenant, who had lived in the building for more than 10 years, was paying \$1,087 per month for a four-bedroom, three-bathroom apartment in 2006. A family that had rented the other unit for two years paid \$2,200. After the evictions, the Ellis Act capped what Lee could charge for those units at the old rents (plus inflation) until 2011.

Think about that. How do the economics work for the owner of a building in which the maximum rent for a four-bedroom, three-bath apartment in Pacific Heights is \$1,100? Ted Gullickson of the San Francisco Tenants Union answered, "If you have rent control for a long time, you most likely had the same landlord for a long time." If the owner paid off the mortgage, the owner makes a profit.

And what kind of people would buy such a building?

"Speculators are typically the ones who will buy those buildings," Gullickson answered.

Bingo. When regulations interfere with the ability to make a reasonable profit, cautious investors step back, and risk takers jump in. According to the complaint, Lee illegally rented out the apartment for as much as \$595 per night. (Lee did not get back to me, but he told reporter Bob Egelko that the complaint is based on "wrong information." He now has a long-term tenant.)

Board of Supervisors President David Chiu has proposed legalizing short-term rentals for owners who live in their units 75 percent of the time and pay the city's 14 percent hotel tax. His proposal sounds reasonable enough, and if it were to pass, it would allow the city attorney to go after nonresident landlords but not homeowners. Gullickson supports it. He believes that people who rent out space in their own

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Now we know: economic inequality is a malady — and not a cure

It has been a long, long time since Americans accepted the advice of a



JOE CONASON

French intellectual about anything important, let alone the future of democracy and the economy. But the furor over Thomas Piketty's stunning best-seller, "Capital in the 21st Century" — and especially the outraged reaction from the Republican right — suggests that this fresh import from la belle France has struck an exposed nerve.

What Piketty proves, with his massive data set and complex analytical tools, is something that many of us — including Pope Francis — have understood both intuitively and intellectually: namely, that human society, both here and globally, has long been grossly inequitable and is steadily becoming more so, to our moral detriment.

What Piketty strongly suggests is that the structures of capitalism not only regenerate worsening inequality, but now drive us toward a system of economic peonage and political autocracy.

The underlying equation Piketty derives is simple

enough: $r > g$, meaning that the return on capital (property, stock and other forms of ownership) is consistently higher than economic growth. How much higher? Since the early 1800s, financiers and land-owners have enjoyed returns of roughly five percent annually, while economic growth benefiting everyone has lagged, averaging closer to one or two percent. This formula has held fairly steady across time and space. While other respectable economists may dispute his methodology and even his conclusions, they cannot dismiss his conclusions.

As a work of history and social science, "Capital in the 21st Century" outlines a fundamental issue, while offering little in policy. Piketty mildly suggests that nations might someday cooperate in a progressive and global taxation of capital gains, with shared proceeds. There isn't much reason to hope for any such happy solution, but then it isn't up to Piketty to solve the problem.

He has done America and the world a profound service by demolishing an enormous shibboleth that has long stood as an obstacle to almost every attempt at economic reform, from raising the minimum wage to restoring progressive tax-

ation: Only if we coddle the very wealthy — and protect them from taxation and regulation — can we hope to restore growth, employment and prosperity. Only if we meekly accept the revolting displays of power and consumption by the very fortunate few can we expect them to bestow any blessing, however small, on the toiling many.

If you read Piketty — whose translation into English by Arthur Goldhammer makes macroeconomics a literary pleasure — you will quickly realize that we've been told a big lie about this most basic social bargain. The stratospheric accumulation of rewards accruing to the top 0.01 percent of owners, at the expense of society and everyone else, is not only unnecessary to promote growth; in fact, that unfair dispensation retards growth.

Rather than argue honestly with Piketty's findings, right-wing responses have varied from old-fashioned redbaiting, although he is plainly no communist, to juvenile misrepresentation of a book that at least one critic admits she didn't bother to read!

The boneheaded tea party reaction is to accuse him of demanding that sanitation workers earn the same sal-

ary as surgeons — although he explicitly agrees that a degree of inequality is important to encourage innovation, enterprise and industry. But then the wing nuts and trolls attacking him have no interest in debate, let alone knowledge. They hate social science just as much as they hate plain old science.

For the rest of us, Piketty's opus poses an epochal challenge. Confronted with the truth about exacerbating inequality and the costs imposed on democratic society, what are we going to do about it? History provides a few clues if not a blueprint. The highest level of economic equality and social strength in the West arrived during the postwar era — back when unions were strong, taxes restrained the rich, minimum wages were higher, and redistribution was not a dirty word.

It will be the task of the next generation to restore decency and democracy — and save the planet — against the ferocious political resistance of the super-rich. They can now begin by discarding the ideological illusions that Piketty has so neatly dispatched.

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attempting to defend herself and President Obama with whatever you want to call it under her job description as Secretary of State. Oh wait, there's a presidential race coming up in 2016! What difference does it make? She will never get my vote!

Headline - WTAMU coach a good fit: New hire brings positive outlook - West Texas A&M University recently hired a new men's basketball coach. Doh! Why wouldn't the new coach bring anything but a positive outlook? Imagine if you will this scenario: Reporter to new basketball coach, "What's your outlook for next season?"

New coach to reporter, "Oh, I haven't a clue. We might win a few games, there will be injuries, oh wait, you know those other teams are really good, and it's going to be a tough year all around."

Indeed, most headlines these days, be them in newspaper print or on Internet news services can be quite discomfoting to one's attempt at a positive outlook. There is these days humor to be found and read, just may take a little digging, page turning, and mousing around to find it.

Pampa resident Dennis Palmitier is a regular contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. He can be reached at denpalm1949@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmitier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email Editor John Lee at jclee@thepampanews.com.

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homes are less likely to host bachelorette party weekends and other ruffraff.

Will it help maintain the city's stock of affordable housing? To my thinking, building more housing is the answer there.

If you believe in property rights, Chiu's

ordinance offers a beginning. It took the hated tech community, with its freewheeling share economy, to remind City Hall about the simplicity of freedom. When you own something, you ought to be free to choose what to do with it.

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Mass. air reserve base to lose 300 jobs

CHICOPEE, Mass. (AP) — Military budget cuts are resulting in the loss of half the C-5 aircraft at Chicopee's Westover Air Reserve Base and about 300 jobs.

Air Force officials announced Monday that eight of the 439th Airlift Wing's massive military transport aircraft will transfer to Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland beginning next year.

The cuts include the expected loss of 59 full-time

enlisted personnel and 275 drilling reservists, although final numbers have yet to be determined.

Wing commander Brig. Gen. Steven Vautrain said in a statement that "these reductions will incur hardships on our people" but an effort will be made to place as many as possible in other positions within the wing.

The cuts are part of an effort to slash \$487 billion from the nation's defense budget over eight years.

Pampa Fire Department call log — April 23-27

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 23

- At 9:13 a.m., to a lift assist in the 800 block of Deane.
- At 9:16 a.m., to a medical call in the 2800 block of Charles.
- At 11:11 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.
- At 11:30 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of Hidden Hills.
- At 2:02 p.m., two units and six personnel to a fire alarm in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.
- At 2:30 p.m., two units and six personnel to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
- At 4:01 p.m., to a good intent call in the 1200 block of North Wells.
- At 4:06 p.m., to a good intent call at the intersection of Wilks and Brown.
- At 11:22 p.m., to a medical call in the 2200 block of Zimmers.

April 24

- At 6:13 a.m., to a medical call in the 900 block of South Finley.
- At 6:37 a.m., two units and six personnel to a fire alarm in the 2100 block of Russell.
- 8:24 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 100 block of North Nelson.
- At 11:48 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 400 block of East Browning.
- At 2:47 p.m., five units and 10 personnel to a structure fire in the 2000 block of Russell. The fire was confined to the room of origin. A mattress and bed frame burned. Room and content fire.
- At 3:31 p.m., two units

and seven personnel to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Hobart and 18th. There was a hazard removal and no life-threatening injuries.

- At 5:24 p.m., to a medical call in the 2200 block of Aspen.
- At 8:46 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 1000 block of North Hobart.
- At 10:48 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 900 block of Osborne.
- At 11:11 p.m., to a medical call in the 400 block of Hughes.

April 25

- At 2:47 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 800 block of South Banks.
- At 9:25 a.m., two units and three personnel to a carbon monoxide check in the 2100 block of North Dwight.
- At 3:35 p.m., to a medical call in the 2600 block of Cherokee.
- At 9:48 p.m., two units and six personnel to a smoke scare in the 400 block of North Zimmers.
- At 10:58 p.m., to a medical call in the 1100 block of Sirroco.
- At 11:04 p.m., to a motor vehicle accident in the 700 block of Wilks. No hazmat or life-threatening injuries.

April 26

- At 9:26 p.m., six units and 12 personnel to a structure fire in the 400 block of West Browning. The structure was a complete loss. It was a two-story building

with a garage on the first story and an apartment on second story. Structure was completely dissolved when responders were on the scene. Van was burning but they managed to drive it off the property. There was no one inside the apartment when the fire started, but there was a man working in garage but he got out when it started. There were five dogs lost in the fire. The cause was accidental in nature. In addition, there was a small amount of heat damage to one of the

neighboring houses. Total estimated cost in damage: \$15,500. It took one hour and 15 minutes for the firefighters to bring it under control.

• At 11:05 p.m., to a medical assist in the 200 block of North Russell.

April 27

- At 12:24 a.m., to a medical call in the 400 block of North Ballard.
- At 6:37 p.m., to a medical call in the 2200 block of Dwight.
- At 8:06 p.m., to a medical call in the 300 block of RV Drive.

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Tornadoes kill 16 in Arkansas, 1 in Oklahoma

VILONIA, Ark. (AP) — Emergency officials were searching for survivors Monday in the debris left by a powerful tornado that carved an 80-mile path of destruction through suburban Little Rock, killing at least 16 people.

The tornado that slammed into Vilonia, about 10 miles west of the state capital, on Sunday evening grew to about half a mile wide and was among a rash of tornadoes and heavy storms that rumbled across the center and south of the country overnight. The National

Weather Service warned that more tornadoes, damaging winds and very large hail would strike in parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana on Monday.

"We've got a powerful storm system affecting the eastern two-thirds of the United States over the next few days," said Russell Schneider, director of the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla.

Brandon Morris, spokesman for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, said crews

were sifting through the rubble in the hope of uncovering survivors and to assess the full extent of the destruction.

"Right now, the main focus is life safety," Morris said. "We're trying to make sure everyone is accounted for."

Karla Ault, a Vilonia High School volleyball coach, said she sheltered in the school gymnasium as the storm approached. After it passed, her husband told her their home was reduced to the slab on which it had sat.

"I'm just kind of numb. It's just shock that you lost everything. You don't understand everything you have until you realize that all I've got now is just what I have on," Ault said.

A meteorologist with the National Weather Service in North Little Rock said he was virtually certain the storm that hit Vilonia and nearby Mayflower would be rated as the nation's strongest twister to date this year.

"It has the potential to be EF3 or greater," meteorologist Jeff Hood said. EF3 storms have winds greater than 136 mph. "Based on some of the footage we've seen from Mayflower and where it crossed Interstate 40, things were wrecked in a very significant way."

He said officials are also looking at the environmental impact. "Making sure utilities are cut off in the area. We don't want anything to get, any fires to start or anything like that."

Another twister killed a

person in Quapaw, Okla., before crossing into Kansas to the north and destroying more than 100 homes and businesses, and injuring 25 people in the city of Baxter Springs, according to authorities in Kansas. A suspected tornado struck near Plain Dealing in northwest Louisiana.

The overall death toll stood at 17 early Monday.

Sue McBride, a 71-year-old retired sewing machinist in Baxter Springs, said she thought the tornado sirens could spell a false alarm.

But then she saw and heard the twister approaching. She said debris flew all around as she ran into her home. She hunkered on her knees in her hallway with her head down as the tornado shattered her windows, spraying glass all over her.

"I didn't have one scratch on me and I was fine," McBride said from a Red Cross shelter in the city, where the tornado left a trail of shattered homes, twisted metal and hanging power lines.

The Arkansas twister shredded cars, trucks and 18-wheelers stuck along Interstate 40 north of Little Rock. After the storm passed, tractor-trailer rigs tried to navigate through the damage as gawkers captured cellphone photos of the destruction.

State troopers went vehicle-to-vehicle to check on motorists and found — with genuine surprise — that no one was killed.

"About 30 vehicles — large trucks, sedans, pick-

up trucks — were going through there when the funnel cloud passed over," said Bill Sadler, a spokesman for the Arkansas State Police.

Nearby Conway Regional Medical Center said it treated about 100 people injured in the storm.

Among the ruins was a new \$14 million intermediate school that had been set to open this fall.

"There's just really nothing there anymore. We're probably going to have to start all over again," Vilonia Schools Superintendent Frank Mitchell said after surveying what was left of the building.

Late Sunday, emergency workers and volunteers went door-to-door checking for victims and survivors.

"It turned pitch black," said Mark Ausbrooks, who was at his parents' home in Mayflower when the storm arrived. "I ran and got pillows to put over our heads and ... all hell broke loose."

"My parents' home, it's gone completely," he said.

Becky Naylor, 57, of Mayflower, said up to 22 people "packed like sardines" into her storm cellar as the tornado approached.

"People were pulling off the highways and were just running in," said Naylor.

Men held the cellar doors tight to prevent the tornado from ripping them apart.

"It sounded like a constant rolling, roaring sound," she said. "Trees were really bending and the light poles were actually shaking and moving. That's

before we shut the door and we've only shut the door to the storm cellar two times."

The other time was in 2011, during an EF-2 tornado that followed nearly the same path and killed at least four people.

"This storm was much stronger," Vilonia Mayor James Firestone told ABC's "Good Morning America" early Monday. "The devastation was just tremendous."

The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management raised the Arkansas death toll to 16 early Monday — eight adults and two children in Faulkner County, five people in Pulaski County and one in White County.

At a news conference in the Philippines, President Barack Obama sent his condolences and promised the government would help in the recovery.

"Your country will be there to help you recover and rebuild as long as it takes," Obama said.

Storm ratings for Sunday's twisters were not immediately available. Before Sunday, the country had not had a tornado rated EF3 or higher since Nov. 17, a streak of 160 days, the fourth-longest on record. This also would be the latest date for a storm rated EF3 or higher. The previous latest big storm for a year was March 31, 2002.

Sunday was the third anniversary of a 122-tornado day, which struck parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia and killed 316 people.

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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 at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

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 at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members. 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 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa

Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

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Closing arguments set in Apple-Samsung trial

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The high-stakes battle between the world's largest smartphone makers is scheduled to wrap up this week after a monthlong trial that has pulled the curtain back on just how very cutthroat the competition is between Apple and Samsung.

Closing arguments in the patent-infringement case are scheduled to begin Monday, with the two tech giants accusing each other, once again, of ripping off designs and features. At stake: \$2 billion if Samsung loses, a few

hundred million if Apple loses.

Teams of attorneys on both sides have spent the month trying to poke holes in obscure and bureaucratic patent legal claims, while keeping the eight jurors engaged. Drawing the most attention in the courtroom and the media are insider emails and meeting presentations documenting the frustration each company faced as they competed for market share.

Less than a year after Apple unveiled its iPhone in 2007 combining a web

browser, music player and phone in one swipecable device, Samsung officials noted they were quickly losing customers.

"While Traditional OEMs are busy fighting each other in the Feature phone space Apple is busy making the category obsolete," said one confidential briefing presentation. "What makes the iPhone unique is software (applications) and services, beautiful hardware is just a bonus"

But Samsung fought back, using Google's Android sys-

tem, offering less expensive smartphones with larger screens.

"Consumers want what we don't have," said a 2013 Apple presentation a few years later, noting that the low-priced, easy-to-view competition was surging ahead.

Both have studied each other's marketing as well.

In 2009, Samsung designers examined step by step why iPhones were known to be easier to use than Samsung, finding their own offerings weren't friendly and lacked emotion and charm.

When Samsung aired a Super Bowl ad in 2013, Apple marketing head Phil Schiller had praise for the competition.

"It's pretty good and I can't help but think 'these guys are feeling it' (like an athlete who can't miss because they are in a zone) while we struggle to nail a compelling brief on iPhone," he wrote in an email. "That's sad because we have much better products."

Throughout the three years of litigation, Samsung's market share has grown.

One of every three smartphones sold last year was a Samsung, now the market leader. Apple, with a typically higher price, was second, with about 15 percent of the global market.

Although it's impossible to predict what a jury will do, two years ago a federal jury found Samsung was infringing on Apple patents. Samsung was ordered to pay about \$900 million, but it has appealed the judgment and has been allowed to continue selling products using the technology.

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AMARILLO — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Pork Producers Association are joining forces to educate producers in the Texas Panhandle about a threat to the swine industry.

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus or PEDv, as it is known in the industry, is a disease occurring only in pigs and is caused by a coronavirus, according to the Texas Pork Producers Association. It produces acute and severe outbreaks of diarrhea, which rapidly transmits among all ages of pigs.

A seminar titled "What is PEDv and how does it affect you?" will be held at 5:30 p.m. April 29 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo.

"This program should be very useful to our producers in Texas," said Nathan Carr, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Potter County. "As we think about the commercial industry, it is located primarily up in the Texas Panhandle. Also, the show pig projects have quite a few breeders in the Panhandle and South Plains.

"The program should be very useful to all of them as they think about their operations and the health and biosecurity to them," Carr said.

The meal, sponsored by Lindner Feed and Milling Inc., will begin at 5:30 p.m. and immediately be followed by the program, he said.

The program will include the following topics and speakers:

- What is PEDv and how to protect your operation?, Dr. Jodi Sterle, Iowa State University associate professor, Ames, Iowa.

- Dealing with PEDv — past consultations, board studs and their effects from PEDv and outlook, Dr. Dale Hendrickson, owner of Four Star Veterinary Services and Top Cut Genetics Inc., Farmland, Ind.

- FAQ over PEDv as it relates to feed, Ronny Moser, JBS/Lindner United, Sheridan, Ind.

The program will wrap up with a panel discussion and questions and answers. The panel will include: Jeff Thayne, managing director of competitive events for the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo; Jay Winters, Texas swine health commissioner and owner of Wintex Farms at Lubbock; Dr. Jimmy Gleason, West Plains Veterinary Clinic in Levelland; and Dr. Scanlon Daniels, Circle H Vet Clinic in Dalhart.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by April 24 to the AgriLife Extension office in Potter County at 806-373-0713. For more information, contact Carr at the same number or rcarr@ag.tamu.edu.

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Oldest-ever congressman faces biggest challenge

ROCKWALL (AP) — When he was a boy and working in a pharmacy in this town east of Dallas, Ralph Hall once sold cigarettes and Coca-Cola to Bonnie and Clyde, the notorious bank robbers who would later die in a hail of lawmen gunfire.

Now 90 and the oldest-ever member of the U.S. House, Hall is facing a potential political shoot-out of his own — against a Republican primary challenger barely half his age, backed by national conservative groups and well-schooled in digital- and data-heavy modern campaigning.

It's shaping up to be a test of whether old-style, face-to-face campaigning can prevail against the new election engineering and organizational techniques that are coming to dominate American politics. Is Hall's vast political experience still an asset or simply proof he's out of

touch with today's conservatives?

"I'm doing the same thing that I've always done," the 17-term incumbent said amid a "Band of Brothers" happy hour at a Rockwall country club. Most Friday afternoons, Hall, who flew Hellcat fighters during World War II, hops a plane from Washington to Texas, then heads straight to the weekly gathering of U.S. military veterans.

That routine may no longer be enough. Hall's district is safely Republican but he captured just 45 percent of the vote against five challengers in last month's primary, and has been forced into his first runoff since being elected to Congress in 1980. His opponent, 48-year-old former U.S. attorney John Ratcliffe, won 29 percent and has been endorsed by powerful tea-party-aligned organizations, including the Senate Conservatives Fund and the Club for

Growth, who see Ratcliffe as the race's only true conservative.

A former mayor of the town of Heath, Ratcliffe said he knows he's challenging an institution in the district of big-city suburbs and small towns that stretches to the Louisiana and Arkansas borders.

"I'm running against a guy who has an airport, highway and lake named after him," Ratcliffe said, referring to Rockwall's municipal airport, and a nearby expressway and man-made lake project.

Hall, who turns 91 before the May 27 runoff, shrugs off tea party suggestions he's a Washington insider.

"I just tell them, 'Look at my record. I vote with my party when I can. I vote with my district every time,'" said Hall, who described his campaign strategy as "walking through every courthouse and walking the cities in the district."

An avid jogger, Hall moves at a brisk pace as he meets passers-by, stopping frequently to chat or hand out pennies fitted with a special silver band bearing his name. He also mails the coins around the district, and when aides tried to scrap the program for something more-modern, they got an earful from supporters wondering about pennies they were used to receiving.

Known in Congress for promoting NASA and energy production, Hall largely forgoes formal campaign stops, instead attending Republican breakfast gatherings or just encountering voters while out and about. Joe Lurch, 65, says he'll remain a Hall supporter for life after running into him at Wal-Mart.

"I saw him coming up the aisle by himself just as unassuming as he could be," Lynch said. "His car with House plates was in the parking lot. How many

members of Congress do you think actually shop at Wal-Mart?"

Ratcliffe, by contrast, exploits Web-based advertising and has hired an analytics firm for micro-targeting.

"We've tried to use that to better define and identify the voters within this district and folks that would be supportive of me," Ratcliffe said. He said he hasn't made Hall's age an issue but, "I put him in a class of career politician that has gone to Washington, stayed too long, promised too much and become part of the problem."

In 2012, Hall went sky-diving two days before the Republican primary. This time, he made a playful television ad calling his wrinkles political battle scars.

Since the primary, his campaign hired a former Reagan administration media relations director, as well as a veteran of the

Republican National Committee chairman's office.

The congressman recently lent his campaign \$100,000, his first personal loan in recent memory. Ratcliffe, meanwhile, has given his campaign about \$575,000 and said he's ready to spend more. He's also expecting outside groups to spend enough to shape the race.

Hall knows his age is an issue. He even referred to a rumor that his congressional office still uses typewriters (it doesn't.)

But he's not reluctant to describe his brush with Bonnie and Clyde, who Hall remembers from the early 1930s when they "bought two cartons of Old Golds, two Coca-Colas and all the newspapers we had."

"He was a funny looking little guy. She was acceptable looking," Hall said. "I saw them. But I don't think it's that unusual. They were a lot of places."

Google: Driverless cars are mastering city streets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Google says that cars it has programmed to drive themselves have started to master the navigation of city streets and the challenges they bring, from jaywalkers to weaving bicyclists — a critical milestone for any commercially available self-driving car technology.

Despite the progress over the past year, the cars have plenty of learning to do before 2017, when the Silicon Valley tech giant hopes to get the technology to the public.

None of the traditional automakers has been so bullish. Instead, they have rolled out features incrementally, including technology that brakes and accelerates in stop-and-go traffic or keeps cars in their lanes.

"I think the Google technology is great stuff. But I just don't see a quick pathway to the market," said David Alexander, a senior analyst with Navigant Research who specializes in autonomous vehicles.

His projection is that self-driving cars will not be commercial available until 2025.

Google's self-driving cars already can navigate freeways comfortably, albeit with a driver ready to take control. In a new blog post, the project's leader said test cars now can handle thousands of urban situations that would have stumped them a year or two ago.

"We're growing more optimistic that we're heading toward an achievable goal — a vehicle that operates fully without human intervention," project director Chris Urmson wrote. The benefits would include fewer accidents, since in principle machines can drive more safely than people.

Urmson's post was the company's first official update since 2012 on a project that is part of the company's secretive Google X lab.

In initial iterations, human drivers would be expected to take control if the computer fails. The promise is that, eventually, there would be no need for a driver. Passengers could read, daydream, even sleep — or work — while the car drives.

That day is still years away, cautioned Navigant's Alexander.

He noted that Google's retrofitted Lexus RX450H SUVs have a small tower on their roofs that uses lasers to map the surrounding area. Automakers want to hide that technology in a car's existing shape, he said. And even once cars are better than humans at driving, it will still take several years to get the technology from development to large-scale production.

Google has not said how it plans to market the technology. Options include collaborating with major carmakers or giving away the software, as the company did with its Android operating system. While Google has the balance sheet to invest in making cars, that is unlikely.

For now, Google is focused on the predictably common tasks of city driving.

To deal with cyclists, engineers have taught the software to predict likely behavior based on thousands of encounters during the approximately 10,000 miles the cars have driven autonomously on city streets, according to Google spokes-

woman Courtney Hohne. The software plots the car's path accordingly — then reacts if something unexpected happens.

Before recent breakthroughs, Google had contemplated mapping all the world's stop signs. Now the technology can read stop signs, including those held in the hands of school crossing guards, Hohne said.

While the car knows to stop, just when to start again is still a challenge, partly because the cars are programmed to drive defensively. At a four-way stop, Google's cars have been known to wait in place as other cars edge out into the intersection.

The cars still need human help with other problems. Among them, understanding the gestures that drivers give one another to signal it's OK to merge or change lanes, turning right on red and driving in rain or fog (which requires more sophisticated sensors).

To date, Google's cars have gone about 700,000 miles in self-driving mode, the vast majority on freeways, the company said.

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All eyes on Silver, as Sterling fallout continues

The Los Angeles Clippers have Monday off.

Adam Silver likely won't get that same luxury.

Facing the first real crisis of his short tenure as NBA commissioner, Silver is under pressure to swiftly bring some sort of resolution to the scandal surrounding Clippers owner Donald Sterling and the racially charged comments he allegedly made in a recorded conversation, portions of which were released over the weekend by TMZ and Deadspin.

The matter will not go away anytime soon, but the players' association is hoping Silver rules before the Clippers play host to Golden State in a critical Game 5 of their knotted-up Western Conference first-round series on Tuesday night. That means plenty of eyeballs will remain on the commissioner's office Monday, waiting to see if any word is coming.

"This situation is a massive distraction for the league right now," said Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson, the former NBA All-Star who is serving as an adviser to the National Basketball Players Association while the Sterling

matter plays out. "It must be addressed immediately."

Silver's first priority is verifying Sterling's voice is on the recording. From there, Silver's next move remains unclear.

He works for the owners — and so far that group seems to have no sympathy for Sterling's latest controversy.

Among those who have spoken out publicly to condemn the alleged Sterling remarks: Washington's Ted Leonsis, Miami's Micky Arison and perhaps most notably, Charlotte's Michael Jordan, who won six NBA titles as a player.

"I'm obviously disgusted that a fellow team owner could hold such sickening and offensive views," Jordan said in a statement released Sunday. "I'm confident that Adam Silver will make a full investigation and take appropriate action quickly."

Silver started as commissioner Feb. 1, replacing the retired David Stern. Silver met with Kevin Johnson on Sunday and heard five things that the players' union wants from the commissioner, that list includes:

—Sterling doesn't attend

any NBA games for the rest of the playoffs because of the "enormous distraction."

—A full account of past allegations of discrimination by Sterling and why the league never sanctioned him.

—An explanation of the range of penalties the league could bring against Sterling.

—Assurance the NBA and the union will be partners in the investigation.

—A decisive ruling. "He's got to come down hard," Hall of Fame player Magic Johnson, who was referenced on the audio recording, said Sunday on ABC.

The NBA constitution is not public, though it's understood the commissioner's powers are broad when it comes to dealing with matters deemed "prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of basketball." A fine, a suspension, a demand for sensitivity training, all those and more are surely at Silver's disposal.

Meanwhile, more audio may be coming. An employee in the office of attorney Mac E. Nehoray, who represents the woman

allegedly on the tape, said the full recording lasts about an hour. The clips released by TMZ and Deadspin are significantly shorter than that.

The attorney's office also insists that the recording is legitimate and that Sterling is the man on the tape.

Also on Sunday, the NAACP announced on Twitter that "#DonaldSterling will not be receiving a lifetime achievement award from the LA Branch of the NAACP." Sterling had been slated to receive the honor on May 15 as part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the group's Los Angeles chapter.

Some players feel for the magnitude of the task Silver is facing.

"What, he's been three months on the job? And he has to deal with an issue like this," Washington's Garrett Temple said of Silver. "It's unfair to him. ... It's going to be a difficult situation for him to take care of, and he's probably going to act swiftly as he said. And he needs to do so. It's a very tough issue. A lot of different sides. But it's more than basketball."

Sterling agreed to not attend Sunday's game,

though his wife — who has filed suit against the woman alleged to be on the tape — was present.

Late Sunday, Rochelle Sterling released a statement to KABC-TV in Los Angeles.

"Our family is devastated by the racist comments made by my estranged husband. My children and I do not share these despicable views or prejudices. We will not let one man's small mindedness poison the spirit of the fans and accomplishments of the team in the city we love. We are doing everything in our power to stand by and support our Clippers team."

Sterling has been the subject of many past controversies, but this, particularly at playoff time and with his own team a potential title contender, has perhaps generated more outcry than the others combined. Even President Barack Obama addressed the issue Sunday at a news conference in Malaysia.

The next move will be made by Silver.

"This is a defining moment for the league," Kevin Johnson said. "It's a defining moment for the commissioner."

Student to be arraigned in prom day slaying

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A 16-year-old student faces arraignment on murder charges in the stabbing death of a classmate at their high school on the day of the junior prom.

Police haven't released the suspect's name, but people who saw him taken into custody identified him as Chris Plaskon, a friend of the victim, 16-year-old Maren Sanchez.

Plaskon's attorney, Richard Meehan, says his client is being held in a hospital under psychiatric evaluation and will not appear at

his arraignment, scheduled for Monday in New Haven.

Plaskon is charged as a juvenile but Meehan has said he expects him to eventually be charged as an adult.

The stabbing occurred Friday morning at Jonathan Law High School in Milford, hours before the school's prom, and authorities are investigating whether Sanchez was stabbed after turning down the boy's invitation to the dance.

Connecticut's chief medical examiner said Sun-

day that Sanchez died of wounds to her torso and neck.

Milford Alderwoman Greta Stanford said the school would remain closed Monday. A memorial service is scheduled for 7 p.m. on the school's football field. Organizers are seeking donations so the junior class can buy a memorial bench in Sanchez's honor.

Mark Robinson, a technical education teacher who saw the suspect being taken out of the school in handcuffs, said Plaskon is the third of five brothers and

has a good sense of humor. His family has deep roots in the community, Robinson said.

"There's no reason to suspect he would have done this. I think that's what makes it harder," Robinson said.

Classmate Imani Langston, who saw Plaskon being read his rights and taken away in a police car, said Sanchez and the boy were just friends and had never dated.

Sanchez, a member of the National Honor Society who was active in drama

and other school activities, had been focused on prom in the days before her death. She had posted a photograph on Facebook of her blue prom dress and was looking forward to attending with a new boyfriend.

People who know Plaskon said he is an athlete and described him as genial and respectful.

"His family is devastated not only for him, but the youngster who was killed," Meehan said. "It's a terrible situation all the way around."

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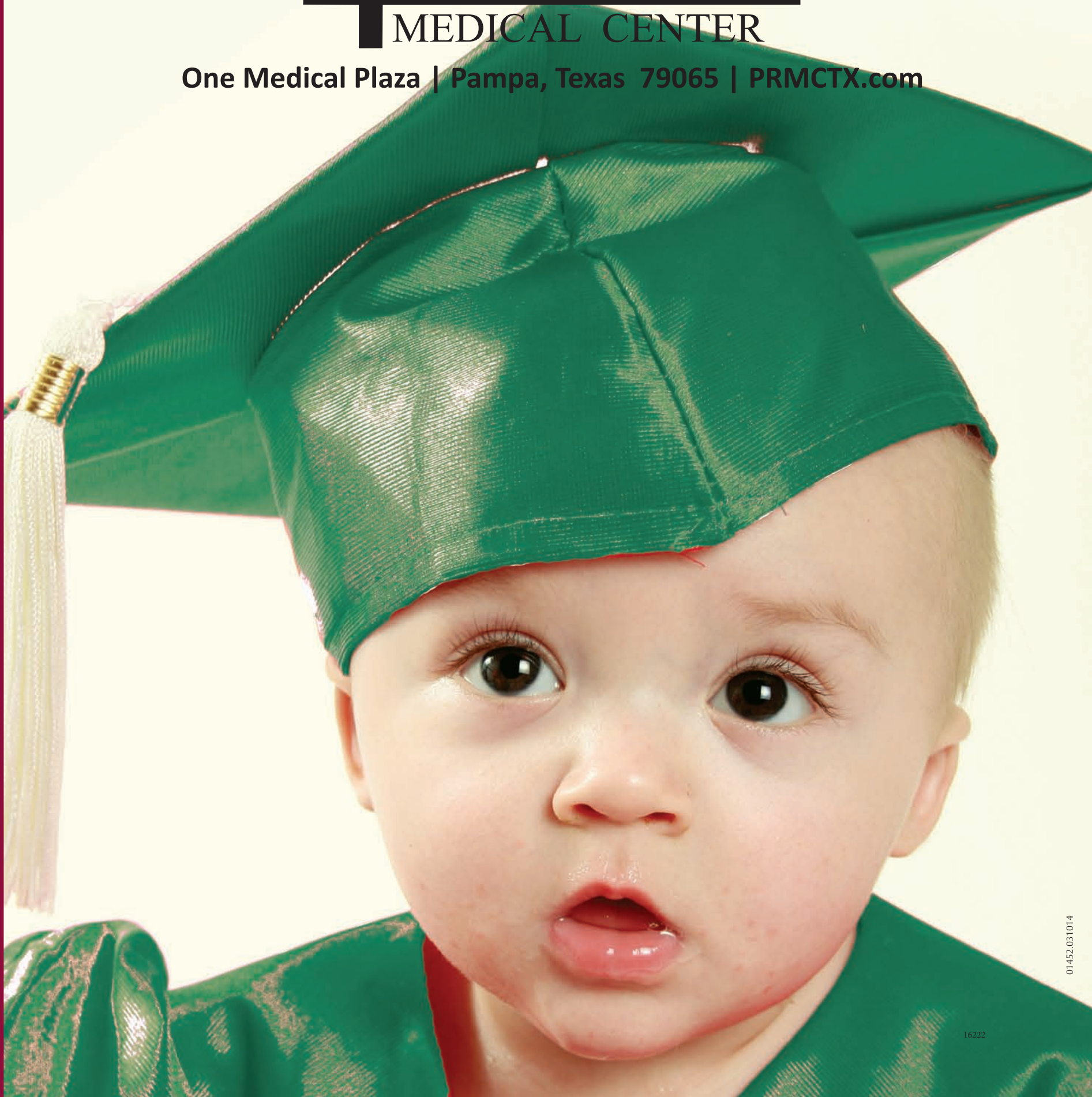
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Advertisers back away from NBA's LA Clippers

NEW YORK (AP) — Advertisers are backing away from the Los Angeles Clippers after racist comments attributed to the NBA team's owner. Used car dealership chain CarMax and airline Virgin America said Monday that they are ending their sponsorships of the Clippers in the wake of comments allegedly made by the team's owner, Donald Sterling.

A third sponsor, Kia Motors America, said it is suspending its advertising and sponsorship activities with the team. A fourth, insurer State Farm, said it "will be taking a pause in our relationship with the organization." The incident highlights the risks that companies face when they make sponsorship deals.

EXTRA INNINGS

■ NBA Playoffs off to wild start.

In most recent years the NBA playoffs have been very predictable. So much so that many of the pundits' finals match-up and champion predictions have been correct.



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It is a different story so far this year in some of the match-ups. The Miami Heat have rolled the Charlotte Bobcats and as of Monday morning they led the series 3-0. The Heat played the Bobcats Monday night and most likely won the series.

The Atlanta Hawks and Indiana Pacers were tied at two games each Monday. Indiana has not woken up from their late season slumber and it could cost them if they don't wake up soon.

Brooklyn and Toronto have provided a series of fireworks and they are also tied up at two games each. Game five is Wednesday.

Perhaps the biggest surprise is the Washington Wizards up 3-1 on the Chicago Bulls. Tonight the Wizards have a shot at sending the Bulls home. The Bulls were a lot of folks' sexy pick to beat the Wizards pretty handily and give the Pacers and Heat a run for their money in the Western Conference. That team now looks to be the Wizards.

Yet another surprise is the Dallas Mavericks up 2-1 over the San Antonio Spurs. The two teams played last night and could easily be 2-2 or 3-1 now. But the Spurs don't lose at home, right? That is what a lot of people think, but the Mavericks beat the Spurs at home and then had a buzzer beater from Vince Carter to knock them off again in Dallas. The last few games of this series should have some great fireworks.

Memphis and Oklahoma City seem to play each other year after year in the playoffs and every year they seem to be so evenly matched. After game one, in which the Thunder dominated, many seemed to think OKC would roll over everyone on the way to the title. Memphis said, "Not so fast my friend," as they won the

next two games. Suddenly OKC found themselves in a 2-1 hole and a must-win game in Memphis on Saturday to avoid falling down 3-1, which they won to salvage the series at 2-2.

Let me tell you the stats of the game for Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook. Durant shot 5-21 from the field and had 15 points. He turned it over five times. Westbrook was 6-24 from the field and had 15 points. He turned it over seven times. Now many who would look at that stat line would say the Thunder lost and it wasn't even close, but that wasn't the case. OKC pulled out a nail biter in overtime 92-89. It was the third straight game of the series that went into overtime after Memphis blew a fourth quarter lead. But this time, OKC also blew a 14-point lead in the fourth quarter.

It is the first postseason series that has seen three straight overtime games since the 2009 series between the Boston Celtics and Chicago Bulls. Boston was a two seed playing the seventh seeded Bulls that year. The Celtics won the series 4-3.

Game five is tonight in Oklahoma City. It is sure to be just as exciting as the last few games have been between these two clubs.

The Golden State Warriors and Los Angeles Clippers are knotted up at two games each after the Warriors surprisingly won game one of the series. It should be a great finish in that one as well.

Finally, the Portland Trail Blazers lead the Houston Rockets 3-1. This is surprising and not surprising at the same time. It is surprising because the Rockets are the favorite and struggling. But it is also not surprising because the Rockets are not solid on the defensive front and the Blazers lead the Western Conference for a good part of the season before falling towards the end like the Pacers did in the Eastern Conference.

If you haven't been watching these playoffs yet it is never too late to start now. We are lined up for some of the greatest basketball in recent history.

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Bayern has to overcome 1-0 deficit against Madrid

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Bayern Munich has a chance to become the first club to win two straight titles since the Champions League formed in the 1992-93 season.

Bayern, however, is the only team to have conceded a goal in the first leg of the semifinals after losing to Real Madrid 1-0. Chelsea held on for a 0-0 draw at Atletico Madrid and will look to clinch its second final in three seasons at home Wednesday.

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Harvesters comeback falls short at Perryton 11-10

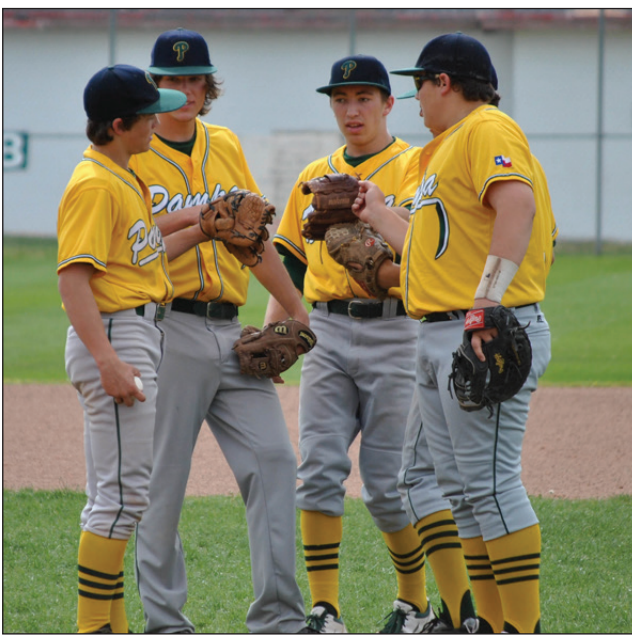


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The Harvesters infielders have a meeting during Friday's game at Perryton.

STAFF REPORT

The Harvesters strung together nine runs in the fifth and sixth innings but ultimately were defeated by a walk off single to fall to Perryton 11-10 on Friday night.

Senior Ryan Powell had four hits in the game with three RBIs. One of the hits came in a six-run inning for the Harvesters, which started with the Harvesters trailing 4-9. Junior Jacob Nelson was hit by a pitch, followed by junior Braden Keown reaching first base on an error. This set up the Harvesters on second and third base. Freshman Brendon Woelfle hit a single to left field, scoring Nelson. Sophomore Cade Engle reached first base on a fielder's choice, which

loaded the first and third bases.

Powell was at bat next, and hit a single to left field scoring Keown and making it 6-9 Perryton. Engle took second, then stole third after a wild pitch, which also moved Powell to second base. Senior Ethan Hunt was walked which would have loaded the bases, except Engle had just scored on a wild pitch, making it 7-9. Sophomore Colton Thompson hit a single to shortstop, which scored Powell and moved Hunt to third, putting runners at the first and third bases and an 8-9 ball game. The Harvesters took the lead 10-9 after junior Ty Hooper hit a double to center field, scoring Hunt, and Thompson advanced to home on the following at bat.

Three of the other four runs came earlier in the game in the top of the fifth with two runners on (Engle, Woelfle) when Powell hit a single to center field, which brought home Woelfle. Hunt reached first base on a fielder's choice with Ryan Powell getting out at second, but this loaded first and third bases for sophomore Adam Zuniga. Zuniga hit a single to center field, which scored Engle to make the score 3-9 and put runners at first and second. Hooper reached base on an error by the short stop on a ground ball, which scored Hunt for the 4-9 score.

The Harvesters had momentum early in the game, when Woelfle was hit by the pitch, followed by Engle getting walked. Powell

bunted the ball, which allowed Woelfle to score.

Brendon Woelfle went 2/4 with a hit and an RBI; Cade Engle had two runs scored; Ryan Powell went 4/5 with a run scored and three RBIs; Ethan Hunt had two runs scored; Adam Zuniga went 1/3 with an RBI; Colton Thompson went 1/3 with a run scored and an RBI; Ty Hooper went 2/4 with an RBI; Jacob Nelson had a run scored and Braden Keown went 1/3.

Despite the loss, the Harvesters advanced to the bi-district round of the playoffs, which will be played at Texas Tech University at 7 p.m. against Shallowater. Game two will be at Lubbock-Cooper on Saturday at 11 a.m. with game three to follow if needed.

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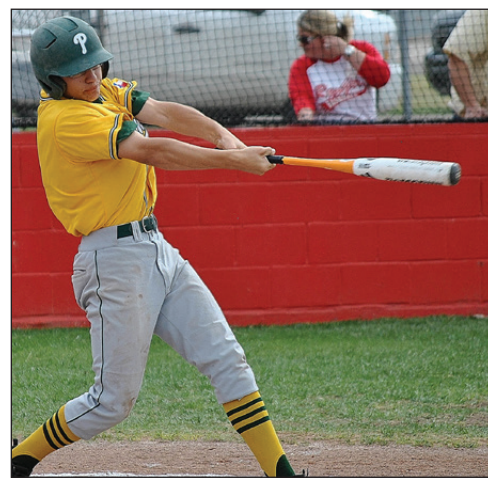
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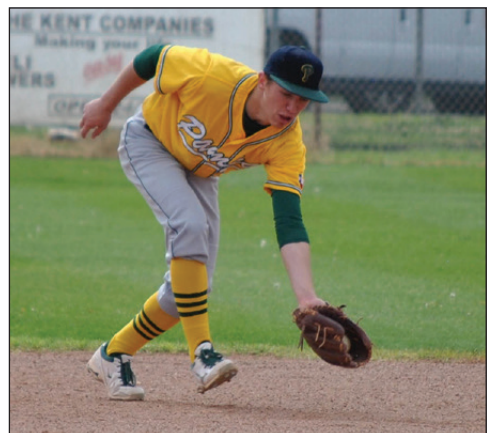
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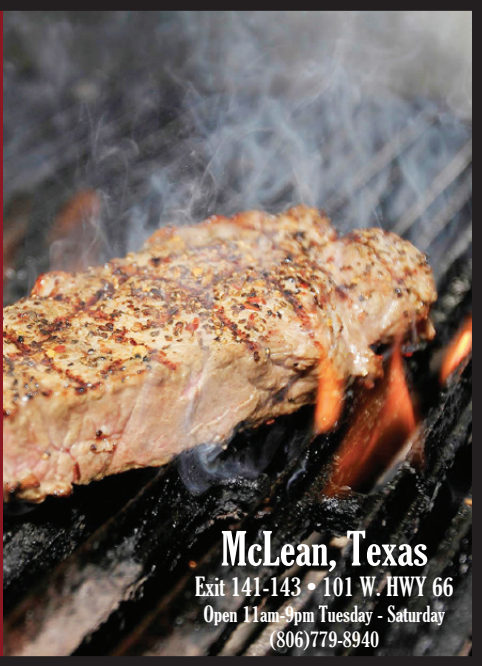
Above left, Jacob Nelson, who scored a run Friday, bats. Above right, Adam Zuniga pitches during Friday's game. Below left, Cade Engle scoops a ball to score an out. Below right, Ty Hooper catches.



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Pampa Lady Harvesters sweeps Seminole 9-4, 10-2 to advance to area round

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LUBBOCK — The Pampa Lady Harvesters' softball team defeated the Maidens of Seminole 9-4 in game one and 10-2 in game two to advance to the area round of the regional playoffs and win the bi-district championship.

"I feel like when Alexa (O'Brien) is on, and she is giving playable balls that we make the plays," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "Today (Saturday) they knew she wasn't 100 percent and they knew they needed to give her run support and they needed to back her up and make the plays. There weren't any plays that were routine error plays, and that's huge, when you know if you just throw strikes and playable balls, your defense will back you up. I felt like today was 100 percent team effort."

Lady Harvesters score nine runs to win Friday

Senior Bailey Wichert homered once and sophomore Brittney Gonzalez had four hits Friday night as the Lady Harvesters defeated the Seminole Maidens 9-4 to take the 1-0 lead in the bi-district round of the regional playoffs.

Already leading 8-4 in the top of the seventh, Wichert hit a home run to center field all but solidifying the lead of 9-4. Gonzalez, however, started the game for the Lady Harvesters on the scoreboard as she singled to left field to get on base and worked the diamond as senior Alexa O'Brien was walked. Gonzalez finally made it home when senior Bailey Dixon reached second base on an error on a pop-up fly ball. The score put the Lady Harvesters on the board and gave them the 1-0 lead.

Keeping their 1-0 lead in the top of the second, sophomore Kassie Jerome hit a ground ball single to center field to get on first base. Sophomore Shiann Regalado hit a line drive single to center field

which scored Jerome as Regalado was able to reach second base on an error by the catcher. During sophomore Cameron Schaub's at bat, Regalado was able to steal home because of an error by the center fielder to extend the lead to 3-0.

In the top of the third, the Lady Harvesters were able to get two runners on base: sophomore Ally Roberson (courtesy running for O'Brien who was walked) and senior Mattie Eldridge (courtesy running for B. Dixon). This set up freshman Kaylee Arnzen who hit a single to left field on a line drive hit, bringing home Roberson. Senior Jessie Dixon reached second base on a fielder's choice, which allowed Eldridge to score. Arnzen made it home on a wild pitch during Schaub's at bat making it a 6-0 ball game.

The seventh and eighth runs came in the top of the sixth, starting when Gonzalez singled to right field. Wichert singled to center field, putting two runners on. O'Brien then sacrificed and Gonzalez took home on an error for the seventh run. Arnzen reached first base on an error by the shortstop setting up the corner bases with runners. Jerome hit a ground ball that was juggled by the shortstop, giving Wichert time to make the game 8-2 (Seminole scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth).

Brittney Gonzalez went 4/5 with two runs scored; Bailey Wichert went 2/5 with two runs scored, a home run and an RBI; Alex O'Brien had an RBI; Kaylee Arnzen went 2/4 with a run scored and an RBI; Kassie Jerome went 1/4 with a run scored; Jessie Dixon had an RBI; Shiann Regalado went 2/4 with a run scored; Cameron Schaub went 1/3; and Mattie Eldridge and Ally Roberson each had a run scored.

Alexa O'Brien pitched seven innings, had 10 hits, four runs, four earned runs, four walks, a home run and eight strikeouts. 90 of her 143 pitches were strikes.

Lady Harvesters finish sweep over Seminole

The Lady Harvesters finished off Seminole Saturday night with a 10-2 victory to win the bi-district championship.

Kaylee Arnzen hit her sixth home run of the season in the bottom of the third which turned a 2-0 ball game into a 4-0 ball game and ultimately shifted the momentum to the Lady Harvesters' bats.

Before Arnzen's two-run homer to left field, Brittney Gonzalez and Bailey Wichert had loaded second and third base. Sophomore Jacie Studebaker had singled to the pitcher on a bunt, scoring Gonzalez and putting Wichert at third base. Bailey Dixon hit a sacrifice fly out, scoring Wichert for the 2-0 score. That set the stage for Arnzen to power the hit to left field.

The game lulled again until the bottom of the fifth when Alexa O'Brien was walked. Ally Roberson was brought in as a courtesy runner for O'Brien. B. Dixon singled to center field, loading the first two bases. Mattie Eldridge was then brought in for B. Dixon. Arnzen singled to left field, which loaded the bases. Jerome singled to the shortstop which brought home Roberson. Unfortunately the Lady Harvesters weren't able to manufacture any more runs from the loaded bases.

After the Maidens strung together two runs in the top of the sixth, Gonzalez led off the bottom of the sixth with a single to right field. Wichert reached first base on an error by the second baseman, followed by a single by O'Brien which scored Gonzalez. After Roberson subbed for O'Brien, B. Dixon singled to center field, loading the bases. Junior Kylie Kreider hit a sacrifice fly out, which brought home Wichert, for the Lady Harvesters' seventh run. Jerome hit a single to left field, which scored Roberson (8-2) and loaded the first two bases. J. Dixon doubled to left field, which loaded the

corner bases as Eldridge was picked off at second. Regalado then singled to center field, which scored Jerome and junior Tori Robles (who was running for J. Dixon) and gave the final score of 10-2.

Brittney Gonzalez went 2/4 with two runs scored; Bailey Wichert went 1/4 with two runs scored; Alexa O'Brien went 1/2 with an RBI and a walk; Jacie Studebaker went 1/1 with a run scored and an RBI; Kaylee Arnzen went 2/3 with a run scored and two RBIs; Kylie Kreider scored an RBI; Kassie Jerome went 2/4 with a run scored and two RBIs; Jessie Dixon went 2/4; Tori Robles had a run scored; Shiann Regalado went 1/4 with two RBIs and Cameron Schaub went 1/4.

Alexa O'Brien pitched seven innings with six hits, two runs, an earned run, a walk and eight strikeouts. 79 of her 121 pitches were strikes.

"She is a competitor, she just bears down and is a competitor," Gill said. "She is going to make them earn it and she is not going to hand it to them. That's a great credit to her and the type of athlete she is. But it is also a great credit to the faith she has in her defense, because she just makes them put a ball in play that they don't want to but they have to because of the count. That's a great place to be as a pitcher."

The Lady Harvesters return to action this weekend in the area round of the playoffs against Greenwood (Midland). The site is at Lubbock-Monterey, but the times are yet to be determined. The first game is Friday at 5 p.m. at Lubbock-Monterey and the second game is Saturday at noon with game three, if necessary, to follow.

"They (Greenwood) knocked us out of the playoffs in 2011. We knocked them out in 2012," Gill said. "They have a new pitcher now, the little sister of the one who pitched before. She is really good and we are going to have to bring our A-game to play."



Photo by Charla Shults
Bailey Wichert hits a home run during Friday's game at Lubbock-Coronado versus Seminole. More photos on page 12 of this section.



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Braves' new-look rotation thriving in first month

ATLANTA (AP) — As they entered the season, the Atlanta Braves were hoping to just hang on through the first month while they waited for Mike Minor and Gavin Floyd to join a depleted rotation.

Instead, manager Fredi Gonzalez faces a different problem for the Braves, who were off on Monday: How does he make room for another arm in a rotation enjoying the majors' best opening month in 100 years?

There's no weak link as the starters' 1.57 ERA easily leads the majors.

The rotation was a big question after Tim Hudson and Paul Maholm departed as free agents. The issue reached crisis stage when Kris Medlen and Brandon Beachy needed season-ending Tommy John surgeries in spring training.

Veterans Ervin Santana and Aaron Harang have joined Julio Teheran and Alex Wood as the staff's new leaders on the first-place Braves.

Minor, who was a projected top starter, is expected to come off the disabled list this week.

Rookie David Hale could lose his spot, but it's no easy decision for Gonzalez. Hale is 1-0 with a 2.31 ERA in four starts and is coming off an outstanding win. Hale allowed only two hits over eight innings in a 4-1 win over the Reds on Saturday night, facing the minimum 21 batters over his last seven innings.

A touch call? "Sure," Gonzalez said. "We're pitching well, we're playing well. You don't want to disrupt that."

The staff has posted numbers through 24 games

unmatched by any modern staff — including the Braves' rotation of the 1990s with 2014 Hall of Fame inductees Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, plus John Smoltz.

According to STATS, the 1.57 ERA through 24 games matches baseball's best start since the 1914 White Sox opened with a 1.36 mark. The 1915 Phillies starters also had a 1.57 ERA through 24 games.

This year, St. Louis is second in the majors with its 2.24 ERA.

At 17-7, the NL East-leading Braves open a series at Miami on Tuesday night. Wood will face Marlins ace Jose Fernandez in a rematch of a memorable duel on April 22 when the two combined for 25 strikeouts and no walks in Miami's 1-0 win.

Low-scoring games are

the rule for the Braves this month. Atlanta completed a three-game sweep of the Reds on Sunday with a 1-0 win in 10 innings, with Teheran matching Johnny Cueto's eight scoreless innings.

The Braves already have played five 1-0 games — including two hard-luck losses by Wood.

"I'd rather have it this way than the other, when you're scoring 14 runs and giving up 13 every night," Gonzalez said. "Our bats will pick up, sooner or later."

"It's fun. Every once in a while, you look at the scoreboard and somebody is beating somebody 8-2 in the ninth and you go, 'I wish I'd get one of those every once in a while,'" he said.

Before this year, the best opening month for a Braves rotation in the modern era

was a 2.37 ERA in 1997, according to STATS.

Harang, who leads the majors with his 0.85 ERA, is the biggest surprise. The 35-year-old journeyman was released by Cleveland in spring training and signed with the Braves.

Teheran, seventh at 1.47, said matching scoreless innings with Cueto helps him believe he deserves to be ranked with baseball's best starters.

"Now I feel like one of those guys," said Teheran, who was 14-8 with a 3.20 ERA in his 2013 breakout season.

Teheran is only 23.

"I know how good he can be," Braves shortstop Andrelton Simmons said. "He's proving to people that he deserves to be the ace for the team."

Wood also is 23. Minor and Hale are 26.

Minor was 13-9 with a 3.21 ERA last year. He had urinary tract surgery on Dec. 31, which pushed back his spring schedule. He then developed the shoulder soreness and was shut down in spring training.

Entering this season, Minor had the fourth-best ERA (2.90) since the 2012 All-Star break, so the Braves have to make room for the left-hander.

Hale could be sent to the minors or to the bullpen. An even tougher decision could come soon when Floyd, recovering from Tommy John surgery early in the 2013 season with the White Sox, also is ready.

Gonzalez just shook his head as he avoided the question.

"One at a time, please," he said.

Blazers learned toughness from late slump

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — After a fast start to the season, the Trail Blazers went through a lull after the All-Star break. Wins became harder to come by, and there was concern Portland might have to fight to even make the playoffs.

The team says that experience is helping Portland now in a hard-fought first-round with the Houston Rockets. The Blazers are up 3-1 as the series heads back to Houston for Game 5 on Wednesday night.

Portland got off to a surprising 24-5 start this season, the best record in the NBA at the time, led by All-Stars LaMarcus Aldridge and Damian Lillard. But they stumbled with a 4-9 late-season downturn capped by a 95-85 loss at Orlando on March 25. The Blazers regrouped with a five-game winning streak going into the postseason.

"We had a couple of team meetings and got the ship back going in the right direction," Lillard said. "I think that because we went through that, it made us closer as a team,

made us tough as a team and prepared us for times like now."

While Portland now has a distinct advantage in the series with Houston, it hasn't been easy. Three of the four playoff games have gone to overtime. Sunday night's 123-120 OT victory by the Blazers was the first win for the home team in the series.

"We're at our best when our backs are against the wall, have something to prove — whatever phrase you want to use," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "We have a determination to us. We know what we have to do, and most times, we do it."

It's Houston now that has its back to the wall.

"We've gotta stay positive right now," Dwight Howard said about being on the brink of elimination. "We can't hang our heads and we can't quit. We're not going to allow negativity to seep into our minds."

Reserve guard Jeremy Lin said: "Not much room for error now. I think everyone has to come out

and play like our season depends on it. Because it does."

Portland returned to the playoffs this season after a two-year drought. The team hasn't advanced to the second round since 2000.

The Blazers won Game 1 in Houston 122-120 in overtime, paced by Aldridge with 46 points. Aldridge had 43 in Portland's 112-105 win in the next game before the series shifted to the Moda Center. James Harden scored 37 points in the Rockets' 121-116 overtime victory on Friday before the Blazers won at home Sunday.

"No one gave us a chance coming into the playoffs so we had that chip on our shoulder," guard Wesley Matthews said. "We just continue to build on that chip."

Only eight NBA teams have rebounded from a 3-1 deficit in a best-of-seven playoff series to advance. The last was the Phoenix Suns, who came back to beat the Los Angeles Lakers in a first-round series in 2006.

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NY lawmaker pleads not guilty to US fraud charges

NEW YORK (AP) — Following a two-year investigation of his campaign financing, U.S. Rep. Michael Grimm was indicted Monday on federal mail, wire and tax fraud charges stemming from a restaurant he operated before entering Congress, a case he says is trumped up.

The Staten Island Republican was arrested Monday morning and pleaded not guilty to a 20-count federal indictment. He was released on \$400,000 bail.

Grimm claims the government framed him. He says investigators couldn't make a campaign finance case against him stick, so they trumped up the fraud accusations.

He said he is the victim of a "political witch hunt."

"I'm going to fight tooth and nail until I am exonerated," he said.

Grimm is charged with engaging in schemes to underreport wages for restaurant workers, including some who were in the

country illegally. He is accused of concealing more than \$1 million in sales and wages.

Authorities said that when he was deposed by an attorney representing former employees in a lawsuit, Grimm lied under oath about his allegedly fraudulent business practices.

Authorities allege the fraud occurred from 2007 to 2010. Grimm, a former FBI agent who spent a decade working for the bureau before leaving in the mid-2000s to pursue private business interests, was elected in 2010 and took office in 2011.

"Rep. Grimm billed himself as a patriot and an American hero," said George Venizelos, head of the FBI's New York office. "... But Rep. Grimm was anything but an upstanding citizen. He cheated, evaded and then lied."

For two years, investigators had been examining his fundraising in the 2010 race and his involvement in

the Manhattan restaurant. A House Ethics Committee announced in November that Grimm was under investigation for possible campaign finance violations.

"From the beginning, the government has pursued a politically driven vendetta against Congressman Grimm and not an independent search for the truth," Grimm's attorney, William McGinley, said in a statement Friday. "Congressman Grimm asserts his innocence of any wrongdoing."

After the House Ethics Committee announced last fall that Grimm was under investigation, the panel said it would defer its inquiry because of a separate Department of Justice investigation.

Grimm, 44, made headlines in January after confronting a New York City cable news station reporter who tried to question him about a long-running FBI investigation into campaign

finance while they were on a balcony in the Capitol.

After reporter Michael Scotto finished his report, Grimm stormed back, leaped into him and said: "Let me be clear to you. If you ever do that to me again, I'll throw you off this (expletive) balcony."

During the 2010 race, Grimm acknowledged receiving \$250,000 to \$300,000 in contributions from followers of an Israeli rabbi, Yoshiyahu Yosef Pinto. Some members of Pinto's congregation subsequently said they made tens of thousands of dollars in illegal contributions, including gifts passed through straw donors.

Grimm has denied knowledge of any improprieties. The Israeli businessman who had served as Grimm's liaison to Pinto's followers, Ofer Biton, pleaded guilty in August to an immigration fraud charge.

Three days after that guilty plea, the FBI filed a sealed criminal complaint

accusing a Houston woman named Diana Durand, who had been romantically involved with Grimm, of using straw donors to make illegal campaign contributions.

On Friday, Durand was indicted in Brooklyn on those charges.

She also was charged with making false statements to the FBI when she said she didn't reimburse straw donors for their contributions to Grimm's campaign.

Grimm once was an investor in an Upper East Side health food restaurant that has been accused in a lawsuit of cheating its

workers and fined by the state for failing to carry workers' compensation. He has said he sold his interest in 2009.

A House member who has been indicted does not lose any rights or privileges under federal law or the chamber's rules, according to a report by the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service.

Rules used by the two major political parties require indicted committee or subcommittee chairmen or members of a party's leadership, to temporarily step aside. Grimm is not a chairman or a member of the leadership.

Discrimination potential seen in 'big data' use

WASHINGTON (AP) — A White House review of how the government and private sector use large sets of data has found that such information could be used to discriminate against Americans on issues such as housing and employment even as it makes their lives easier in many ways.

"Big data" is everywhere. It allows mapping apps to ping cellphones anonymously and determine, in real time, what roads are the most congested. But it also can be used to target economically vulnerable people.

The issue came up during a 90-day review ordered by President Barack Obama, White House counselor John Podesta said in an interview with The Associated Press. Podesta did not discuss all the findings, but said the potential for discrimination is an issue that warrants a closer look.

Federal laws have not kept up with the rapid development of technology in a way that would shield people from discrimination.

The review, expected to be released within the next week, is the Obama administration's first attempt at addressing the vast landscape of challenges, beyond national security and consumer privacy, posed by technological advancements.

President Barack Obama requested the review in January, when he called for changes to some of the National Security Agency's surveillance programs that amass large amounts of data belonging to Americans and foreigners.

The technology that enabled those programs also enables others used in the government and the private sector. The White House separately has reviewed the NSA programs and proposed changes to rein in the massive collection of Americans' phone records and emails.

"It was a moment to step back and say, 'Does this change our basic framework or our look at the way we're dealing with records and privacy,'" Podesta said in the interview.

"With the rapidity of the way technology changes, it's going to be hard to imagine what it's going to look like a generation from now. But at least we can look out over the horizon and say, 'Here are the trends. What do we anticipate the likely policy issues that it raises?'"

Podesta led the review, along with some of Obama's economic and science advisers. The goal, Podesta said, was to assess whether current laws and

policies about privacy are sufficient.

Podesta would not discuss the specific recommendations he will make to Obama. He did mention an unexpected concern that emerged during White House officials' meetings with business leaders and privacy advocates, and merits further examination: how big data could be used to target consumers and lead to discriminatory practices.

Civil rights leaders, for example, raised in discussions with the White House the issue of employers who use data to map where job applicants live and then rate them based on that, particularly in low-paying service jobs.

"While big data is revolutionizing commerce and government for the better, it is also supercharging the potential for discrimination," said Wade Henderson, president and chief executive officer of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights.

Some employers might worry that if an applicant lives far enough away from a job, he or she may not stay in the position for long. As more jobs move out of the city and into the suburbs, this could create a hiring system based on class.

"You're essentially being dinged for a job for really arbitrary characteristics," said Chris Calabrese, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union. "Use of this data has a real impact on peoples' lives."

The civil rights advocates could not offer specific examples of such injustices, but instead talked about how the data could be used in a discriminatory way.

Federal employment laws don't address this nuanced tactic, Calabrese said. Similarly, anti-discrimination laws for housing make it illegal to target customers based on credit reports. But the laws don't address the use of other data points that could group people into clusters based on information gleaned from social media.

For instance, companies sell data amassed from social media sites that clumps people into clusters, such as the "Ethnic Second-City Struggler" category. A bank could target people who posted something on social media about losing a job as a likely candidate for a high-interest loan. The idea is that a person who lost a job may be behind on mortgage payments and might be open to a high-interest loan to help get out of a bind, Calabrese said.

"You are individually targeted for a loan based on inclusion on one of these lists

and get a high interest rate. That is in spite of the fact that if you walked in off the street you might qualify for a lower rate. You never know that you are being targeted individually since you just click on an ad on the side of a website," Calabrese explained. "That is the discrimination."

Jennifer Barrett Glasgow, chief privacy officer for data broker Acxiom, said her company in Little Rock, Ark., screens clients before selling them data to help ensure that the data will be used appropriately and not for discriminatory reasons.

She also said a discriminatory offer can be made without Acxiom data.

"We've got to be careful that we don't go after the data itself," she said.

Glasgow said the "Ethnic Second-City Struggler" category can be very effective for reaching communities in need, such as for advertising a sale or an offer that provides more affordable services. Glasgow said consumers can report what they believe to be unfair practices to the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

"Let's go after the people engaged in bad practices," she said.

The concept of putting people into categories, or "segmenting," for marketing purposes is not new, said Eric Siegel, an expert in predictive analytics, which is the art of determining what to do with

data on behaviors ranging from shopping habits to criminal activity.

Few dispute that there are lots of good reasons to use big data.

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Column: No NASCAR penalty needed for Va. scrap

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Quick quiz: Who won the 1979 Daytona 500?

The answer, of course, is Richard Petty.

But very few people — if any — equate that race with “The King” grabbing the sixth of his seven Daytona 500 victories. That race is instead infamous for the last-lap crash between Donnie Allison and Cale Yarborough as they raced for the lead. The crash sparked a three-man fight after Allison’s brother, Bobby, pulled up to the accident scene.

The brawl in the closing moments of the first race to be broadcast live in its entirety was a monumental moment for NASCAR, and the lasting image as the traditionally Southern sport officially announced its arrival on the national scene.

Fast forward 35 years later to Saturday night at Richmond International Raceway, where tempers flared after the race.

It seemed much ado about nothing when Brad Keselowski stomped down pit road to angrily wag his finger at Matt Kenseth in a scene that was just enough to keep viewers from changing the channel, but not enough to generate any real excitement.

Then things got really interesting. An overhead camera happened to catch Casey Mears confronting Marcos Ambrose in the garage. About? Who knows. The two were racing each other for 18th place and Fox hardly had its cameras tuned to that battle.

But something happened between the two to get Mears upset, and his anger only grew as Ambrose seemed to dismiss him and turn away. So Mears grabbed the Australian, shoved him a bit and Ambrose responded with a right hook to Mears’ eye. It



Marcos Ambrose

was hard enough to draw blood and knock Mears’ hat from atop his head.

NASCAR is reviewing the incident and considering whether to discipline either of the drivers in its Tuesday penalty notices.

If the sanctioning body is smart, it will close the file and move on to Talladega without taking any action against either driver.

Forget for a minute that it was a fight that put NASCAR on the national map, and that hard-scrabble, passionate drivers who aren’t afraid of confrontation are the bedrock of the sport. To this day, it’s those incidents that generate the most conversation. Joey Logano’s late pass of Kenseth, Keselowski and Jeff Gordon to win the race didn’t garner many national headlines on Sunday, but Ambrose’s shot to Mears’ face most certainly did.

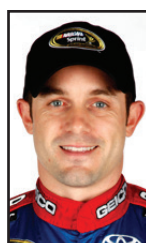
The decision to leave Ambrose and Mears alone isn’t about the attention that a fight draws to the sport.

It’s about short-track racing on a Saturday night and the emotions that come from driving hard on tight tracks and in close quarters. Fans watch Bristol and Martinsville and Richmond fully expecting to be treated to bumping and banging and the post-race confrontations that come from explosive tempers.

The incidents are celebrated and find their way into promotional materials for the tracks and NASCAR itself.

Taking that into account, Mears can’t be punished for confronting Ambrose after the race. Something happened on the track that infuriated him enough to seek out Ambrose.

That conversation happened to take place in the



Casey Mears

garage, NASCAR’s version of the office place, and it happened in a flurry of frenetic, post-race activity. Drivers return their cars to the haulers after the race, and at Richmond, the haulers are lined

up in tight quarters. Crews are working furiously to pack up the car and the equipment, fans are milling about trying to chase down their favorite driver, reporters are rushing to seek out interviews before the parties slip away in the darkness.

In that setting, Ambrose was grabbed and then shoved by a fellow driver. He reacted violently with a punch that might have startled Floyd Mayweather Jr., let alone Mears.

Should Ambrose be punished for defending himself? For reacting in a heated moment? Absolutely not. It wasn’t a sucker punch, it didn’t put any

crew members or fans in danger, and Mears himself seemed to take it in stride.

The morning after he was punched, Mears ran in Jimmie Johnson’s charity race and acknowledged Ambrose “got me pretty good with that shot” in an interview with NASCAR.com.

“Out of all the NASCAR fights or punches or when you see people swinging, usually it’s a lot of fly-swatting. He actually connected so that was pretty good,” Mears said. “Everybody gets mad after those races when everybody is trying so hard. It’s a passionate sport, obviously. It’s tough when you first get out of the car, when you don’t have a good chance to cool off, it escalates pretty quick.”

Indeed, the culture of short-track racing is an expectation of post-race fireworks.

Unless NASCAR wants to remove that element and expectation, it should leave Ambrose and Mears alone.

Wins in 19 of 20 games pushes Miami to top of ACC

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Miami hasn’t appeared in the College World Series since 2008 — an eternity by the program’s standards — and the Hurricanes looked like a long shot for Omaha this year after a 13-12 start.

With wins in 19 of 20 games, including a week-end sweep at Clemson, coach Jim Morris is feeling a lot better about his team’s chances of being among the last eight teams standing in June.

“I wish it was tournament time today, the way we’re playing,” Morris said Monday.

The Atlantic Coast Conference-leading Hurricanes (32-13, 19-5) have

used pitching, defense and timely hitting to crack the top 10 in this week’s major polls.

Miami’s starting rotation of junior left-handers Chris Diaz (7-0), Andrew Suarez (4-2) and Bryan Radziewski (4-2) have combined to allow just 25 earned runs in their last 15 starts. Freshman setup man Cooper Hammond (5-0) has a 2.01 ERA and freshman closer Bryan Garcia is second in the ACC with 13 saves.

The pitchers and defense have combined for a 2.25 ERA and .984 fielding percentage the past 20 games compared with 3.97 and .964 the first 25.

Freshman catcher Zack Collins is batting .408 and

driven in or scored 41 of Miami’s 120 runs the last 20 games. Collins, at .306, and fellow freshman Willie Abreu, at .302, are the team’s top two hitters.

“When we were 13-12, people were wondering what went wrong,” Morris said. “I told people our young guys are going to be good, just wait.”

Miami has played in the NCAA tournament 42 straight years but hasn’t made it past regionals since 2010. The Hurricanes’ five-year CWS drought is their longest since they first made it to Omaha in 1974.

“We’ve been there 23 times, 11 times since I’ve been coaching,” said Morris, who’s in his 21st sea-

son at Miami. “It’s expected for us to be there. If you don’t get there, then your fans aren’t happy, and neither am I.”

As much as Morris loves Omaha, he knows the locals view his team as a villain. That stems mainly from the Miami football team’s frequent bowl meetings with the Nebraska Cornhuskers through the 1980s and ‘90s. Miami and Nebraska, in fact, play football in Lincoln this fall.

“We could be playing against Russia (at the CWS),” Morris said with a laugh, “and they’d still root against us.”

A look around the country:

RED RAIDERS ROLL-

ING: Texas Tech swept Oklahoma for the first time since 2002 and has won 11 of 13. Not bad for the team picked second to last in the Big 12. The Red Raiders (35-13, 11-7 Big 12) outscored the Sooners 37-13 and are two games behind first-place Oklahoma State.

BEAVERS RECORD: Senior left-hander Ben Wetzler became Oregon State’s career leader for wins in a 3-1 victory over Oregon on Friday. Wetzler has 31 wins and broke the record he shared with Ken Noble, who pitched from 1975-78.

RODON’S BAD LUCK: Carlos Rodon’s hard-luck season continued Friday. The North Carolina State

ace (3-7) struck out 10 of the first 11 batters he faced against Georgia Tech, finished with 15 strikeouts and lost 1-0 after pitching a complete game.

STREAKING GATORS: A sweep of Missouri extended Florida’s win streak to eight games and gave the Gators a two-game lead over Alabama and Mississippi in the SEC. Alabama hosts the Gators this weekend.

DONE IN BY DIRTBAGS: Long Beach State, aka the “Dirtbags,” handed Cal Poly its first series loss of the season. The Mustangs, No. 1 in one major poll last week, slipped to second place in the Big West behind UC Irvine.

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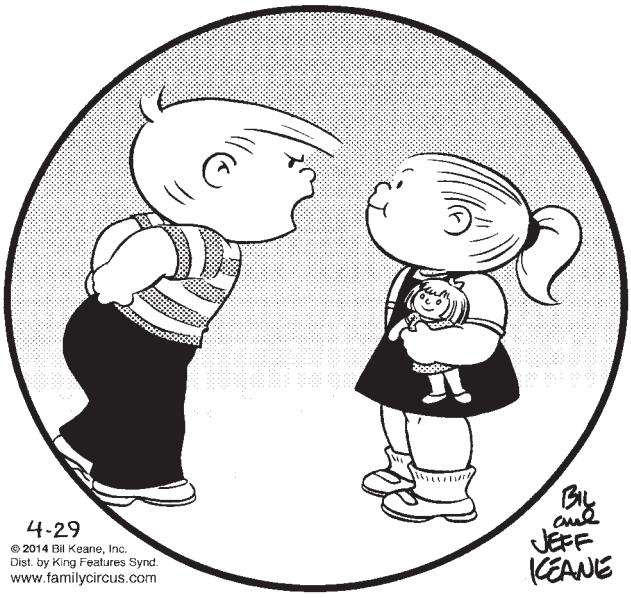
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 30, 2014:
This year you break past restrictions that have held you back for a while. You are unusually creative, and you will come up with ideas and solutions out of the blue. Your immediate circle grows as a result of you being more upbeat than you have been in a long time. New doors will open, and the question will be: Which ones do you walk through? If you are single, you could meet someone quite enticing through a friend or new acquaintance; enjoy this bond. If you are attached, the two of you connect on a deeper level. Enjoy each other. The two of you might see an important mutual goal materialize. GEMINI encourages you to lose your self-discipline.

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)
★★★★ Indulge a little, and decide on an item for the house that might enhance your well-being and perhaps provide a little luxury. You could be challenged by a dominant person. In this case, follow your intuition if you want to land well. Tonight: Get together with your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be too tired to deal with everything that is on your plate. Make it your pleasure, and you will be delighted by someone else's reaction. You might be in the mood to indulge a little, later in the day. Tonight: Go off and compare prices on a special item.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Pressure builds, which might challenge you to head in a new direction; however, the smart move would be to stop and slow down. Talk to an adviser or dear friend before doing anything. You know that this person has good judgment and understands you well. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what is most important to clear out ASAP. News could filter in from someone at a distance that might trigger your imagination. Do not push too much to get a reaction; instead, be more open in a discussion. Tonight: Time for some reflection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by all of your responsibilities. You might worry about how to accomplish these tasks, or you could start eliminating one item or activity after another. Friends are likely to distract you, so postpone social-

izing for now. Tonight: Get together with loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to take a stand. Seek help from others, as you might not have the necessary knowledge to accomplish that task. A loved one could demonstrate his or her caring and understanding. Be the cautious Virgo that we all know. Tonight: Go where there is great music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating will point you in an unseen direction. Understand what must happen if you are to take charge of a problem. You might need to make more changes than you would like. Discuss options with someone in the know. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to someone else. This person will need to have the sense that you have confidence in his or her suggestions. A loved one seems unusually docile. At some time during the day, you might want to buy a token of affection for this person. Tonight: Happy at home.

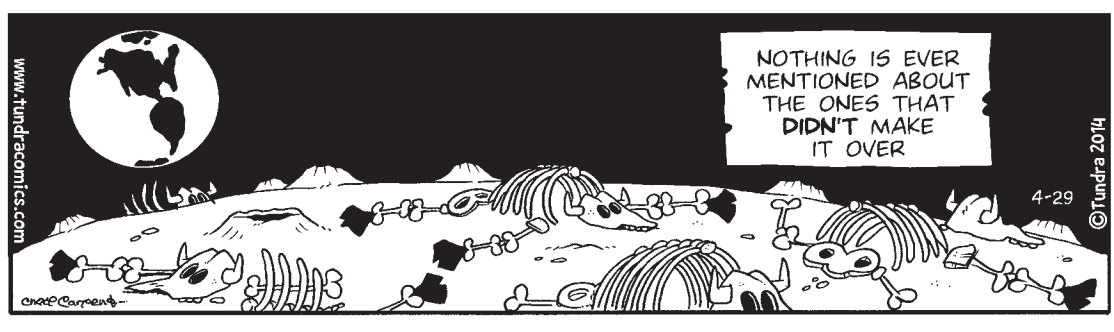
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to understand what is motivating a friend whom you see nearly every day. This person could be making an unusual effort to reach out to you, which might cause you to feel uncomfortable. Be gracious, but remain observant. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your imagination might take over, and you could have a difficult time settling in. Perhaps you need to take some time for yourself. Postpone whatever you can. You will get to it later — probably at a better time. Allow greater access to a loved one. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

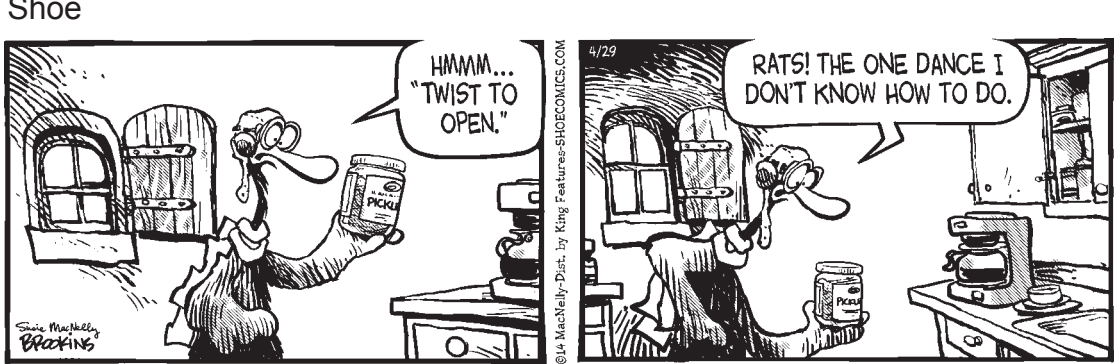
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Stay focused in a discussion with a family member; this person means what he or she says. You must decide if you are ready to put in an extra effort with a home project. Buy a card for a loved one on the way home. Tonight: Let off some steam with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Manage your time, and don't push yourself to the point of getting stressed out. You could be a little tired of having to do as much as you have to. Make it a point to stop and take a walk at lunchtime, or indulge in some other healthy habit! Tonight: Mosey on home.

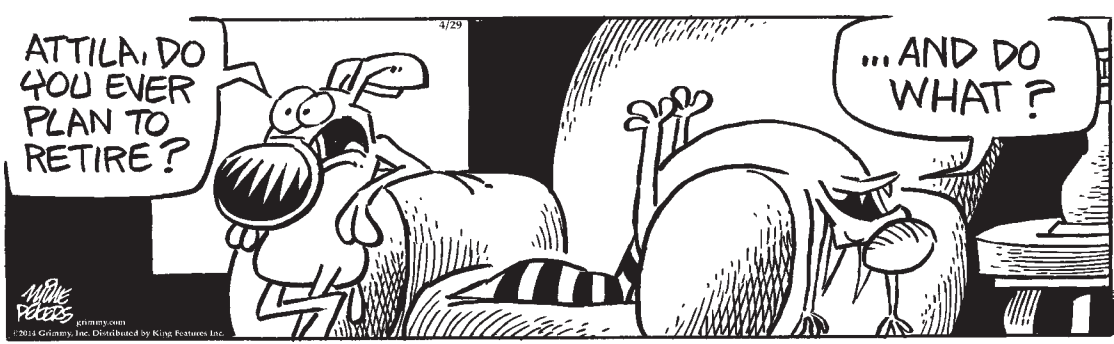
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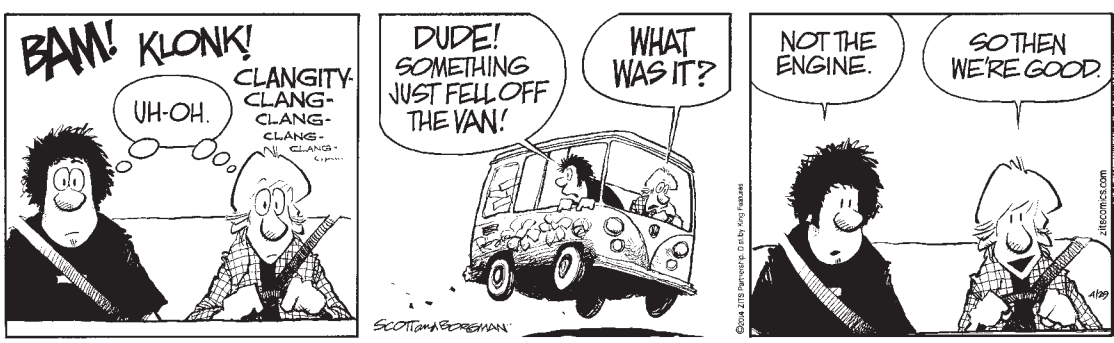
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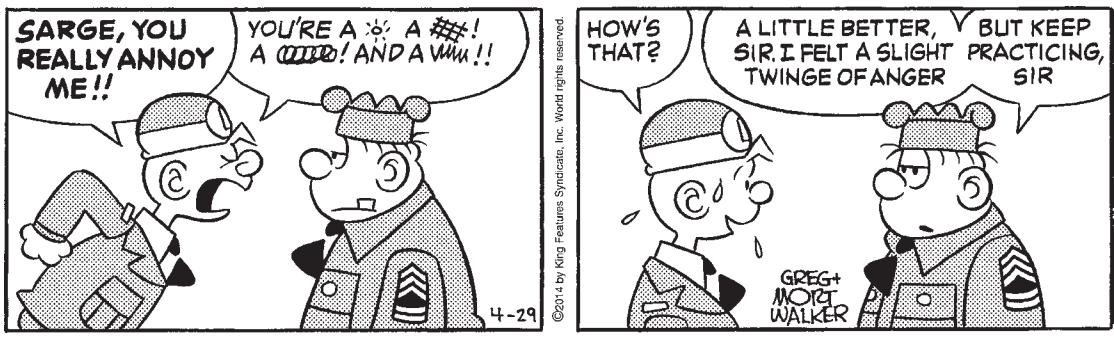
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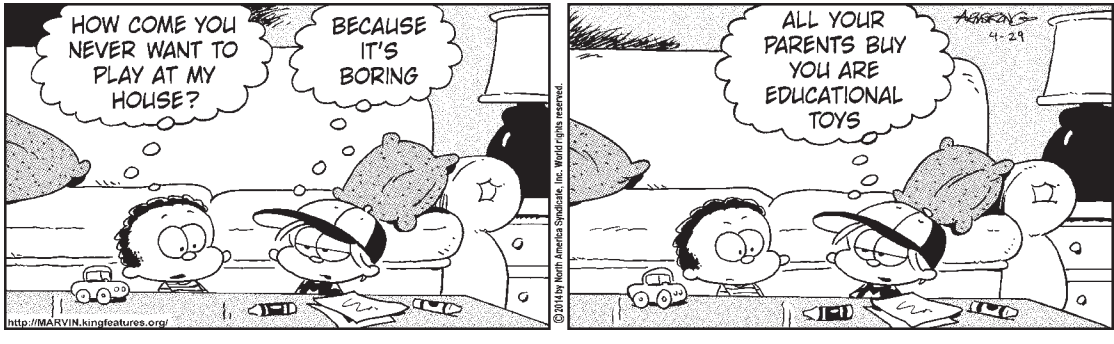
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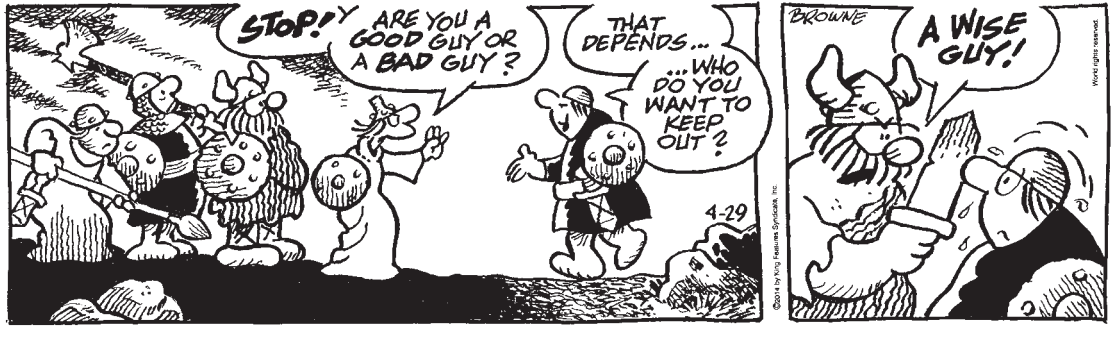
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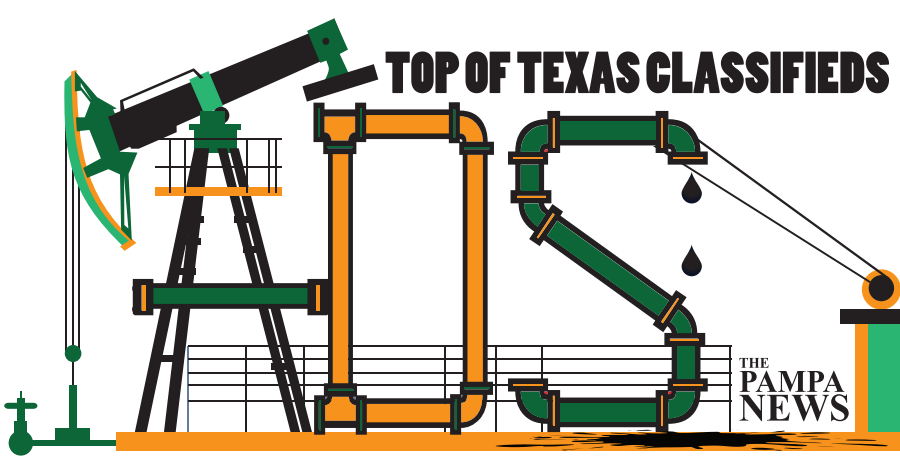


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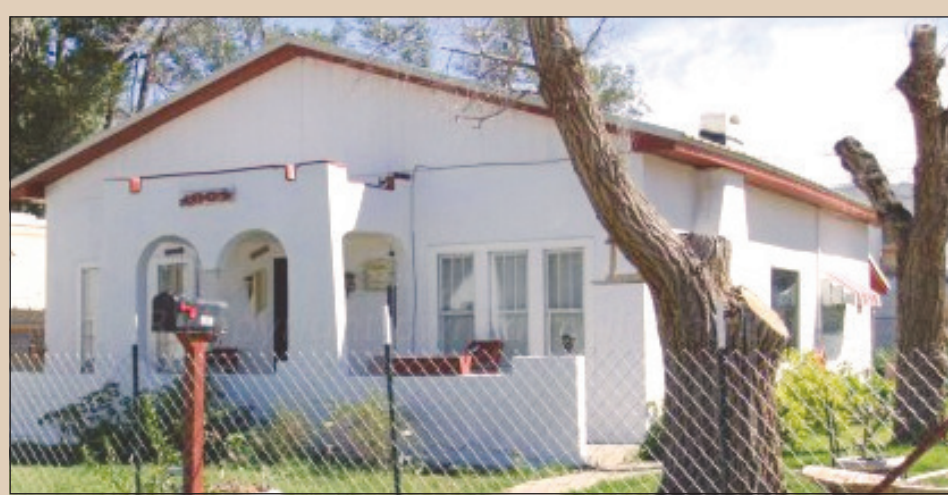
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Di-

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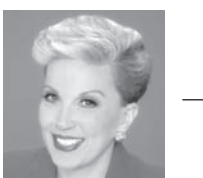
Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for three years and have two beautiful children. Shortly before our first child was born, my in-laws bought a new camera. They bring it along to every visit and constantly take pictures of all of us. Neither my husband nor I likes having our pictures taken. My in-laws have thousands of pictures of all of us already.

The biggest problem is that they don't have a relationship with their grandchildren because of this. They complain that the kids "don't like them." They feel they should therefore visit more often, but in reality, these visits consist of nonstop photo-snapping, and no quality time is spent with either of the children. How do I make this stop without causing problems? — OUT OF FOCUS IN NEW YORK

DEAR OUT OF FOCUS: A diplomatic approach would be to suggest to your in-laws that they "shoot" only for a limited time when they visit — no longer than the first 10 minutes. Explain that you realize the kids are growing and changing quickly, and you understand their desire to record all of it, but the children need a deeper kind of interaction with their grandparents in order to form a positive bond with them. Then suggest some ways they can relate to the little ones after the camera is put away.

If they balk, tell them the reason their grandchildren don't seem to like them is that children need face-to-face and eye contact, and the camera has prevented it from happening. If

they're smart, they'll listen.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 43-year-old woman who has been in a relationship with a man I dated many years ago, "Charles." When we reconnected three years ago, I had a dog, "Frosty." One year into the relationship, Charles asked me to get rid of Frosty because he thinks dogs are unsanitary. I loved Frosty and kept him, but it caused all kinds of problems with my boyfriend.

When Charles and I moved in together three months ago, he insisted I get rid of Frosty and I caved. I miss my little friend so much it hurts. Memories of him are everywhere. I am able to get him back, but is it crazy that I would jeopardize my relationship because I want to keep my dog? — IN THE DOGHOUSE

DEAR IN THE DOGHOUSE: I don't think it's crazy, and I'm sure my animal-loving readers — who number in the millions — would

agree with me. People bond with their pets to such an extent that in the event of a natural disaster, some of them refuse to be separated from their companions.

That Charles would insist you get rid of Frosty shows extreme insensitivity for your feelings, in addition to disregard for your beloved pet in whom you had a significant emotional investment. Could Charles be jealous of the affection you have shown Frosty? Not knowing him, I can't guess. But if you are forced to choose between the two of them, you should seriously consider choosing the dog.

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BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the two-letter groups below may be extended both on the right and the left to form a six-letter word. Drawing from the tiles directly above each group, fill in the blanks to find the words.

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Yesterday's Answer: SHRUNK, FROSTY, TURRET, REVERE

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 Sea dogs

- 1 Pointy
- 6 Almanac fill
- 11 Whetstone user
- 12 Hawaiian greeting
- 13 Try to get a city hall job
- 15 Language suffix
- 16 Pollen collector
- 17 Tolkien baddie
- 18 Tutu of South Africa
- 20 Hot brew
- 21 — Jima
- 22 Neptune's domain
- 23 Whoop it up
- 26 Briefly
- 27 Store sign
- 28 Genetic stuff
- 29 Storage site
- 30 Exhibit
- 34 Play division
- 35 Sturgeon eggs
- 36 Seventh Greek letter
- 37 Seek safety
- 40 Slump
- 41 Sneaker feature
- 42 Some Europeans

DOWN

- 1 Tatter
- 2 Abode
- 3 Queen — lace
- 4 Game caller
- 5 NFL all-star game
- 6 Re-nowned
- 7 In the style of
- 8 Phoenix NHL team
- 9 "Walden" writer
- 10 Cutting humor
- 14 Nevada city
- 19 Bearing
- 22 Football play start
- 23 Jason of "All the President's Men"
- 24 Food fancier
- 25 Monopoly avenue
- 26 Entomology subjects
- 28 French designer
- 30 Plum-mets
- 31 Flat
- 32 Worried measure
- 33 Rushing chain
- 39 — pro nobis

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Yesterday's answer

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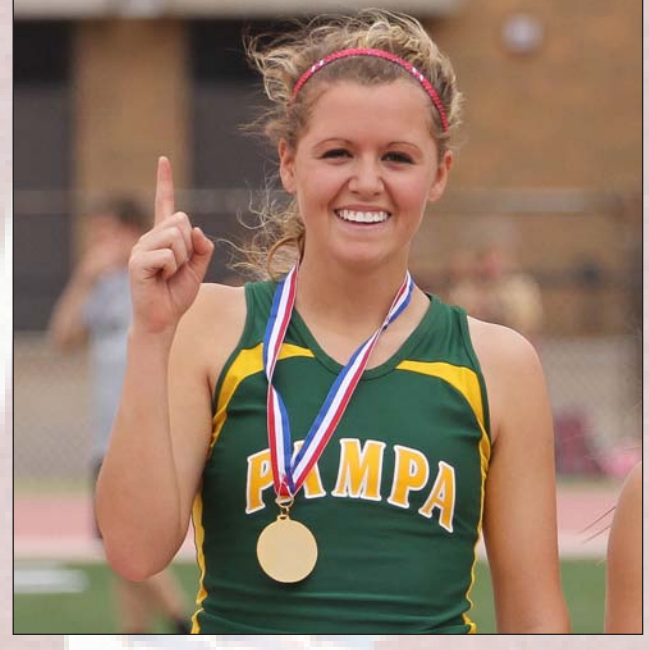
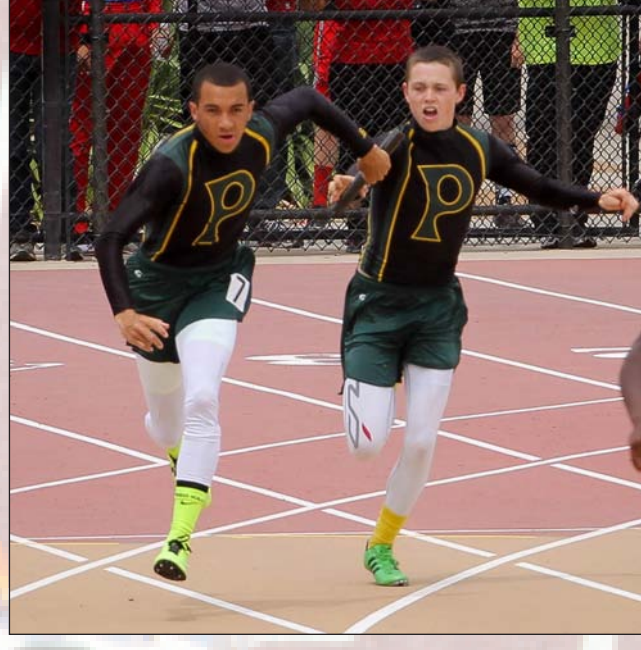
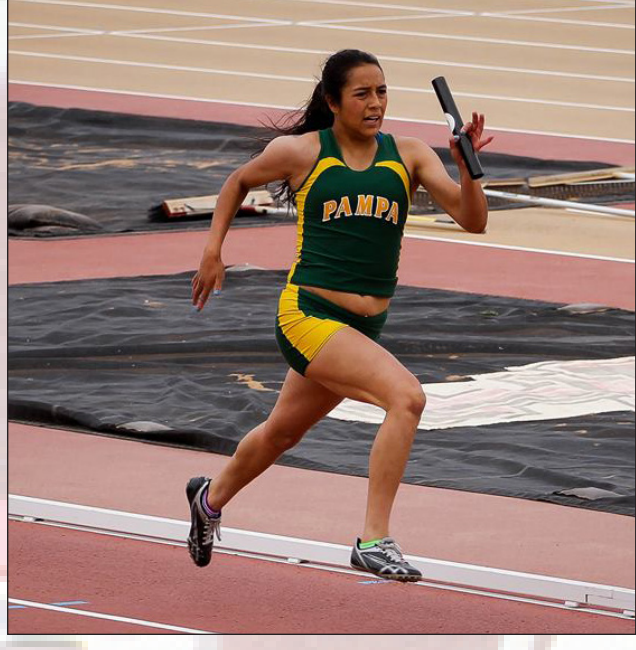
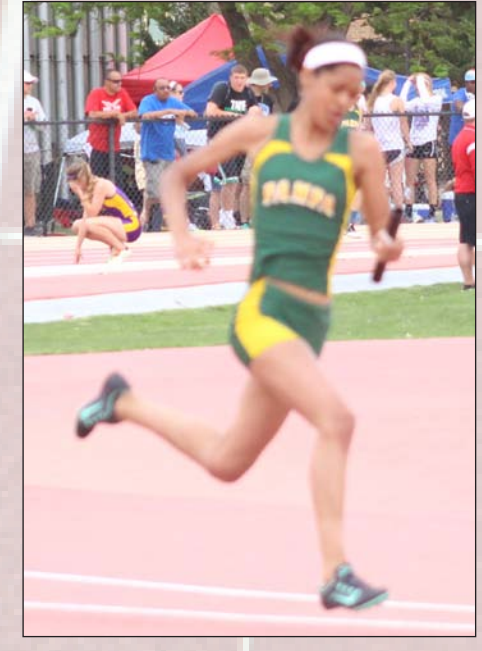
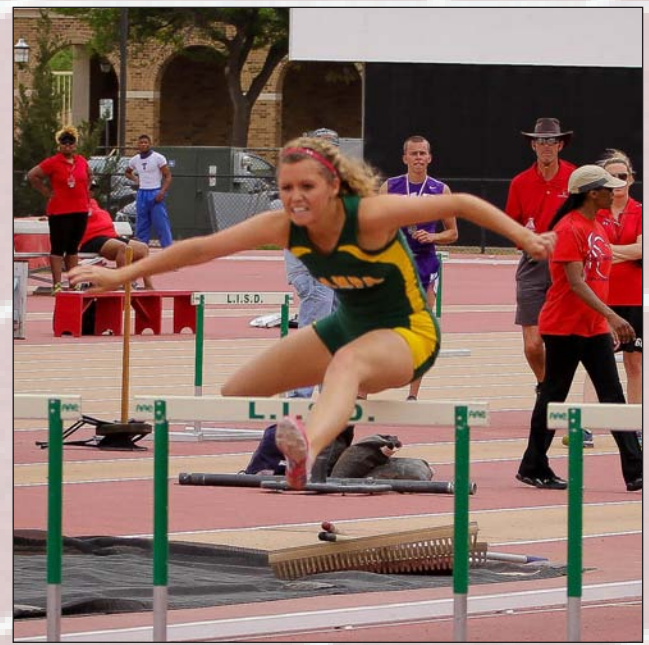
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PHS track at regionals

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Lady Harvesters bi-district action

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