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# For the birds — and cows



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, Jeff Haley, owner of Mud Creek Ranch between Lefors and McLean, explains to reporters Thursday how management of his range land not only sustains his cattle production, but preserves the natural grassland for wildlife such as the lesser prairie chicken. Below, Jeff Bonner, a biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, talks about how a properly managed grassland will provide nesting, food and cover from predators for the lesser prairie chicken.

# ■ Proper range management good for cattle production while protecting lesser prairie chicken habitat.

## By Timothy P. Howsare

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Rancher Jeff Haley sells his cattle to Whole Foods Market, a natural and organic supermarket chain with stores throughout the country, but he thinks of himself more as a steward of vast grasslands than a cattle rustler. "I'm raising grass," he told a group of reporters Thurs-

day. "I wrap it up in hide and sell it to Whole Foods."

Haley is the owner of Mud Creek Ranch in rural Gray

County between Lefors and McLean.

Members of the media were invited to Haley's ranch
by Tom Harvey, media communications director with
the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. They were

the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. They were there to see first hand how sustainable land management is not only good for ranchers like Haley — who want to pass on their vast stretches of land to their children — but also for species like the lesser prairie chicken that have thrived on the land thousands of years before it was settled by ranchers and farmers.

"I want to pass this along to my kids," Haley said. "Management that is sustainable to my beef operation is good for the lesser prairie chicken. I need to grow grass for my beef operation."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to list the bird, a small grouse, as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in September. TPWD and oth-



er state wildlife agencies in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado have submitted the third draft of a range-wide plan to restore the lesser prairie chicken's habitat that involves volunteer agreements with ranchers, property owners and oil and grass producers.

The agreements are called Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances.

In exchange for management practices such as prescribed grazing, brush management and prescribed burning, landowners receive assurances that they will not be required to meet any new regulations should the bird be listed under the ESA.

Haley's 20,000 acre ranch is within the lesser prai-

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# City Commission holds property tax sale

By Sasha Heller sheller@thepampanews.com

The Pampa City Commission at its meeting Tuesday held a property tax sale as part of its consent agenda, meaning all items listed were approved using only one motion. The properties sold Tuesday are as follows:

• Awarded a bid in the amount of \$5,001 from Nimit I. Patel for delinquent tax property, commonly known as 829 and 833 E. Frederic, at N120' of Lot 10 and N120' of Lot 11 and 12, Block 2, Allam Addition.

• Awarded a bid in the amount of \$3,611 to Allen R. Dull for delinquent tax property, commonly known as 805 E. Malone, at Lot 46, Block 36, Wilcox Addition.

• Awarded a bid in the amount of \$15,00 to Alfredo Jose Gonzalez and Jose Alejandro Gonzalez Jr. for delinquent tax property, commonly known as 1237 Clark and 212 McCullough, at Lots 47-50, Block 2, Moreland Subdivision.

• Awarded a bid in the amount of \$876 to Lynn Boyer for delinquent tax property, commonly known as 853 E. Kingsmill, at Lot 3, Block 1, Pegasus Addition.

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# Local pastor, wife moving to Gainesville

STAFF REPORT

Pastor Jimmye Cole of the Pampa Church of the Nazarene and his wife Wendy are moving to

Gainesville, Texas on June 4.

Cole's last service in Pampa will be at 11 a.m.,
Sunday. Church of the Nazarene is located at

The Coles arrived in Pampa on a very cold day Jan. 4, 2007, and have appreciated being close to home these six years. Jimmye grew up in the Wheeler Church of the Nazarene.

Jimmye was raised on a farm outside of Wheeler and attended Wheeler schools, graduating in 1972. He received numerous honors from students and faculty. He lived as an exchange student for one year in Germany. He was saved at an early age and enjoyed many church

Wendy lived in Pampa where she attended **COLES** cont. on page 3



Pastor Jimmye Cole of the Pampa Church of the Nazarene with his wife Wendy. The Coles are moving to Gainesville on June 4.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today





High 90 Low 63

Low 62

High 94 Low 57

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 90. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 16 mph. Sunrise at 6:37 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 63. No chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 17 mph. Sunset at 8:43 p.m.

Saturday: Isolated T-storms with a high of 97. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 21 mph. Sunrise at 6:36 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 62.

No chance of rain. Wind south southwest at 21 mph. Sunset at 8:44 p.m. Sunday: Sunny with a high of 94. No chance of

rain. Wind west southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise

Sunday night: Clear skies with a low of 57. No chance of rain. Wind west at 14 mph. Sunset at 8:45 p.m.

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# **Obituaries**

## Wanda Marie Hudson

Wanda Marie Hudson, 91, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

At the request of Mrs. Hudson, there will be a private memorial service for the family, and



Wanda Marie Hudson

memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd. Wanda was born Feb. 13, 1922, in Mt. Vernon, Ill. to Carolyn and William Brown. In 1940, she mar-

ried Leonard Hudson, and when he was discharged from the U.S. Navy, Wanda and their two children joined him as he continued his career in the oilfield. Leonard drilled wells in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Illinois, and each time he moved, Wanda and their children also moved. In the late 1950s, Wanda and her family settled in Pampa, Texas, and her husband started Leonard Hudson Drilling Co., Inc. Wan-

to Amarillo. Wanda loved traveling with her husband and their friends, and later in life with her children and grandchildren. If at all possible, she never missed a party. Playing bridge and daily having coffee with her friends was also an important part of Wanda's life. Her little, white dogs were always dear to Wanda, and whenever possible, they were usually either in her lap or riding in the car with her.

da made her home in Pampa until 2004, when she moved

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Amy Marie Stout; her husband; four sisters; Wanda is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Stout, and

husband Bob of Amarillo; her son, Leonard (Dob) Hudson, and wife April of Collevville; four grandchildren, Summer Farina, and husband Joel of Southlake, Dax Hudson, and wife Gina of Columbus, Ohio, Stephanie Bridges, and husband Mark of Amarillo, and Jenny Hart, and husband Shawn of Amarillo. Wanda was also blessed

with 10 great-grandchildren.

Sign the online guestbook at Boxwellbrothers.com.

# Tommie Mae West Lively

Tommie Mae West Lively, age 77 of Fritch, died Sunday May 5, 2013.



**Mae West** Lively

Memorial Service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 18, 2013 in Pampa Seventh-Day Adventist Church with Pastor Rick Dye officiating. Arrangements are by Angel Funeral Home, 2209 S. Arthur St.

Tommie was born on Feb. 3, 1936 in Knox City, Texas, to Floyd and Zella Owen. She was a long time resident of Fritch and a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. She worked in various jobs including Avon sales and food service, but her main job was as a caregiver to her

children and grandchildren. She was a volunteer for BSA Hospice. She had a witty and loving personality and was never at a loss for words.

Preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Joe Owen and Floyd Owen Jr.; and one sister, Mary Owen.

She is survived by two sons Joe West, and James West and wife Emily of Fritch; two daughters Alana Gariepy and Becky Jewett and husband Toby of Fritch; 10 grandchildren, Jamie Atwood and husband Mark of Vega, Jodi Black of Spearman, Nicki Smith and husband Adam of Amarillo, Joshua Foraker and wife Cortney of Amarillo, Michael Muirhead and wife Aunna of Pampa, Jason West of Borger, Jeff West of Fritch, Joe West of Tulsa, Okla., and Skylar and Zachary Jewett of Fritch; six great-granddaughters Kylee and Brooklynn Smith, Keirsan and Bailey Black, Madison Atwood and Jaden West; two greatgrandsons Jacoby Atwood and Brayden Foraker.

The family requests memorials made in memory of Tommie to a charity of your choice.

Please sign our guestbook at Angelfunerals.com.

# Fortherecord

# Three arrested for controlled substance possession

Daniel, 41, Pampa, was trolled substance and theft controlled substance. over \$50 — Potter County.

arrested Wednesday by PPD for possession of

Charidee Jo Kelly Mc- controlled substance.

- Johnny arrested Wednesday by the Dominguez, 27, Pampa, theft of property — over Wednesday by PPD for Pampa Police Department was arrested Wednesday \$50 and under \$500. for possession of con- by PPD for possession of
- Steven Orin Stokes, · Patricia Vargas Perez 49, Pampa, was arrested Ramirez, 34, Borger, was Wednesday by PPD for criminal trespass.
  - Teresa Ĝail Mundell,

39, Pampa, was arrested Michael Wednesday by PPD for 46, Pampa, was arrested

• Dustin Lee Miller, failure to appear. 20, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for 17, Amarillo, was arrested failure to appear, failure to Wednesday by PPD for maintain financial respon- minor in possesion of tosibility and capias pro fine bacco and failure to ap-— following too closely.

• Tommy Lee Swaney, expired drivers license and

· Angel Darlene Parks,

# Pa. chief chided for using fire truck as prom limo

feured to their high school prom in borough was happy with.' a fire truck has sparked a four-alarm Pennsylvania borough.

resolution condemning the use of the fire truck — and that's about all laws were broken and the borough doesn't control the fire company.

"Clearly, it's not in the line of duty, not helping with the community in that fashion. It's something that was strictly personal," borough solicitor do something nice for my son who

volunteer fire chief's decision to have work, and I have to get that in, but his son and the boy's date chauf- what they did wasn't something the But West Newton Fire Chief Craig

school on April 26.

Sanner's wife even drove behind they're empowered to do because no the truck in another vehicle so she could complete the prom trip in case the truck had to speed away for a fire.

"This is being blown out of proporit's not a parade, it's not a fire, it's tion," Sanner said. "I feel badly that people are upset, but the truck was never out of service. I was trying to

WEST NEWTON, Pa. (AP) — A Chuck Wade said. "They do great puts in many volunteer hours at the department.'

Borough officials learned of the fire truck-turned-limo when some saw pictures of the prom couple posing controversy in their southwestern Sanner said the truck could have been with the truck on the boy's Facebook diverted had there been a fire during page, while others saw a photo in The West Newton Council passed a the six-mile trip to his son's high (West Newton) Times-Sun, a tiny weekly newspaper.

Borough council passed the resolution criticizing the truck's use on Monday, after Councilman Adam Paterline argued it was improper and

could have led to liability. "We commend our firefighters, but it was a poor decision," Paterline

said. "You can't do that in today's litigious society."

# Food manager training offered June 4-5

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS **A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION** 

SPEARMAN — Texas restaurants are required by law to have certified food ing managers. To train these service professionals, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Hansford County will offer a manager certification course called "Food Safety: It's Our Business" on June 4-5.

The event will be at the Fellowship Hall of Spear-

"This hands-on learnparticipants with the latest food safety principles and practices to prepare for the examination," said Peggy Winegarner, AgriLife Extension family and consumer science agent in Spearman.

S. Haney in Spearman. The safety background. Cost for deadline for registration is the test without the training

New food manager cerexperience equips tificates are valid for five years.

Each year, one in six Americans will become sick, 128,000 will be hospitalized, and 3,000 will die due to a foodborne illness, according to statistics.

During the training, Win-The course fee of \$125 egarner said foodservice available online at Foodincludes training, materials managers will learn about and the state food manager identifying potentially hazcertification examination. ardous foods and common course in Spearman, con-A test-only option is avail- errors in food handling, and tact Winegarner at 806able but recommended only preventing contamination

man Church of Christ, 121 for those with a strong food and cross-contamination of food.

Other topics will include teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees, complying with government regulations, maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surround-

ings, and controlling pests. Dates, locations and contact information for the certification opportunities across the Panhandle is safety.tamu.edu.

For details about the 659-4131.

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During the first week of May, several items were stolen from the station. Among the items were brand-new wrenches and sockets, 2 tool chests, a 7-cubic-foot deep-freeze, air wrenches, a 24-volt battery charger, a shop-vac, and other assorted items. Please contact any LGVFD member or the Lipscomb Sheriff's Department at **806.862.2611** with information.



# Employee misclassification costs state millions

The Texas Tribune

Even during the depths of the national financial crisis, Texas led the country in home construction, and the industry employed more than 950,000 people in Texas.

But many in the industry say it is also a breeding ground for payroll and tax fraud, and rife with employers who knowingly misclassify their employees, a practice that perpetuates the hiring of illegal workers. Industry moguls and researchers discussed such issues Tuesday at the Capitol, addressing the results of a yearlong research project on conditions in the industry by the Workers Defense Project and the University of Texas at Austin's Division of Diversity and Community En-

The study, titled "Build a Better Texas," said that more than 40 percent of construction workers in Texas — about 300,000 — are either misclassified or paid under the table. The result is more than \$54 million in lost unemployment tax revenue. Payroll fraud in Texas translates to about \$1.06 billion in lost federal income tax revenue, according to the study.

Some speakers on Tuesday

"I come to you as a conservative Republican businessman," said Stan Marek, the president and CEO of the Marek Family of Companies, an interior contracting company with offices statewide. "We need our Legislature to do this. We need to clarify what the relationship is between an employer and an employee."

In the study, researchers interviewed more than 1,200 construction workers and dozens of project managers and contractors, which also found that Texas leads the country in the number of construction-related deaths and that most workers in the construction workforce which includes plumbers, elecconstruction laborers — earn, on than the national average. One of five construction workers in threat, and one in three that report the abuse are retaliated tractor.

when construction leaders have sive immigration reform at the pushed for the passage of legislabeen busy lobbying lawmakers federal level. He acknowledged, tion to address misclassification to address what they claim is a however, that if state lawmakers loophole that allows employers to purposefully misclassify try's concerns but immigration their employees as independent reform fails to occur, it could contractors or subcontractors, also called "1099" employees named for the employment form employers, if they do their due they fill out. Employers can use this subcontractor classification to avoid paying payroll taxes, workers' compensation and

Marek has testified before the Texas Workforce Commission several times, hoping the commission will push lawmakers to fix the problem. He said Immi- icv analyst Emily Timm agreed grations and Customs Enforcement has increased its inspections of I-9 forms, the federal employment eligibility verification. But workers found to be tricians, carpenters, painters and ineligible to work here are not always deported. Instead they're average, about \$6 per hour less often forced to go into an underground, cash-based economy if an unscrupulous employer is Texas are also victims of wage willing to misclassify the em-

The study comes at a time solving the issue is comprehenaddress the construction indusmean a shortage of workers.

"It's going to be tough because diligence and fill out their I-9's correctly, a lot of these workers we can't hire," he said. "So we really need a solution in Washington, which we should get. But if we don't get it, we still got to deal with the issue in Texas. It's tough love.'

Workers Defense Project polthat immigration reform was a critical piece to the puzzle, but she said there isn't time to wait to solve issues like worker safety and misclassification at the state and local levels. She's hopeful, however, that as states tackle these issues independently, it will spur federal lawmakers into action.

"It sends a clear message to ployee as an independent confederal policymakers that this and win project because they has to happen and we are not go-Marek said a key component in ing to wait for them," she said. requirements.

"And this needs to happen in order to maintain our economy and our economic recovery."

Marek conceded that industry leaders who profit from skirting tax and employment laws will resist changes and that a comprehensive fix could still be years ahead. But he said he and others like him are willing to put forth the effort for as long as it

"I am 66 years old I've done this my whole life," he said. "I have a great team behind me and I am going to spend the rest of my years fighting for this issue here and in Washington.'

At least one lawmaker has filed legislation that would address the problem. House Bill 372, also known as the Workplace Fraud Prevention Act, by state Rep. Joe Deshotel, D-Beaumont, would levy fines of up to \$5,000 on business owners for each employee not properly classified. He said his intent is to level the playing field because misclassification currently allows competitors to underbid each other pay employees less and skirt tax

> **House Democrats:** GOP shifting deal

on Texas budget

AUSTIN (AP) — So

much for a soft landing

on a Texas budget deal.

and went with still no

compromise between

the House and Senate as

top negotiators had pre-

dicted, House Democrats

on Thursday accused

Republicans of taking

money set aside for pub-

lic schools and making

threats to revive conten-

The attacks on GOP

leaders came not long af-

ter Republican state Rep.

Jim Pitts, the House bud-

get chief, confirmed that

a deal with the Senate re-

mained elusive, despite

budget staffers crunch-

ing numbers deep into

the night.

tious abortion bills.

As midnight came

# **Coles**

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the age of 12. After mov-Methodist churches in in 1986. both Pampa and Franklin dren and youth groups. in August of that same Kan. (four years).

WTSU with a bachelor's you are planted!" of science in agriculture God for several years. Wendy accepted the Lord there.

the farm at Wheeler and Pampa. worked at farming and ranching for seven years. They attended the Wheelcelebrated their 38th wed-

have six grandchildren. 1981 and sensed God call- bless you!

Lamar Elementary and ing him to full-time Chriswas active in choir until tian ministry, so they sold everything and attended ing to Louisiana with her Nazarene Bible College in family, she attended ju- Colorado Springs for three nior high and high school years. Jimmye graduated in Franklin, La., graduat- with an associate of arts ing in 1972. She attended degree in Biblical studies

Prior to coming to and participated in chil- Pampa, Jimmye served as associate pastor of In 1974, she transferred Church of the Nazarene in from Northwestern State Colorado Springs, Colo., University of Louisiana to (two years), and pastored West Texas State Univer- churches in Rialto, Calif., sity where she met Jim- (four years); Dalhart, Texmye. The couple married as (10 years); and Elkhart,

Wendy's service to the Wendy holds a bache- church has included sevlor's of business adminis- eral offices and duties tration degree in computer including Missions presiinformation systems from dent, teacher, praise team West Texas State Univer- member, pianist, choir sity (1976). Jimmye grad- member and soloist. Her uated a year later from motto is "Bloom where

"I know God has guided (1977). Both attended the and directed my life, and Canyon Church of the without Him I could and Nazarene where Jimmye would be nothing," Jimcame back to the Lord in mye said. "With Him I can 1976 after straying from do all things according to His riches in Christ Jesus.

Both Jimmye and Wenas her personal savior dy will miss the Church family and many friends The couple moved to from the community in

They have enjoyed getting to know many of you through the community er church and adopted services. They look fortwo children — Amanda, ward to their ministry in now 35, and Adam, now Gainesville, Texas, but 32. Last August, the Coles also anticipate great things for the new pastoral famding anniversary and now ily and the Pampa Church of the Nazarene. God is Jimmye was sanctified working, so good things at Laymen's Retreat in are bound to happen! God

# Tax sale **Continued From Page 1**

# · Awarded a bid in the

amount of \$850 to Jacinto Montes for delinquent tax property, commonly known as 420 N. Dwight, at Lot 11, Block 2, Tulsa Addition.

· Awarded a bid in the amount of \$552 to Maria Loeza for delinquent tax property, commonly known as 1144 Varnon, at Lot 4, Block 4, Prairie Village Ad-

· Awarded a bid in the amount of \$315 to Crystal Ann Smith for delinquent tax property, commonly known as 519 Warren, at Lot 5, Block 4, Young's Second Addition.

 Awarded a bid in the amount of \$320 to Ricardo Lopez Vasques for delinquent tax property, commonly known as 820 Brunow, at Lots 11-13. Block 36, Wilcox Addition.

• Awarded a bid in the amount of \$310 to Amy Myers for delinquent tax property, commonly known as 321 Roberta, at Lot 3, Block 44, Talley Addition.

**Have an Event?** 

title of the event, the date and

# Chicken

## **Continued From Page 1**

rie chicken's critical habitat, and he estimates there are around 320 head of cattle on his range.

The rancher, who also serves on the Gray County Commission, said he developed a good relationship with biologist Jeff Bonner from the TPWD, who Haley said "has a good set of eyes."

The biologist is one of those guys who can take a gander at any plant, bird or animal and in a split second tell

He also can tell you a lot about the big picture.

Bonner, whose full title is "technical guidance biologist," said there isn't a whole lot of advice he's needed to give Haley, because, in the biologist's opinion, Haley has been getting it right all along.

He told reporters that Haley's grazing land has the ideal combination for lesser prairie chicken habitat grass for nesting, weeds for food and taller plants such as sagebrush for cover from predators. Haley has kept his land healthy by carefully managing how much his animals graze in one place at a time, Bonner said.

Too much grazing kills the plants, while not enough lets them grow too thick, he told reporters.

If the bird is listed as threatened, Haley said his biggest concern is that he could be charged by the federal government with an "incidental take."

"Take" is defined by the ESA as any act to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect any threatened or endangered species.

That definition frustrates Haley, because it is so broad. "It's not just for killing, but for harassing them," he said. "I could be charged for a take for a cow stepping

Haley said the cost of fighting a take in court could put him out of business.

Asked why ranchers like himself would care about lesser prairie chickens, Haley said protecting the species is simply a part of normal range management.

Harvey with TPWD agreed.

"The lesser prairie chicken has become a poster child for native prairie management," he said. "Managing ranch land for sustainable forage is good for the lesser

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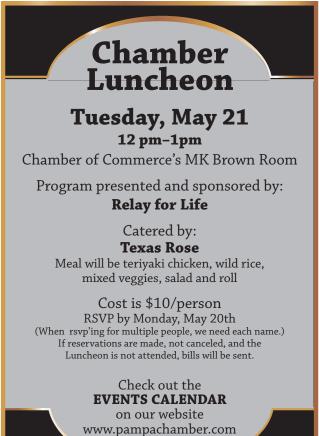
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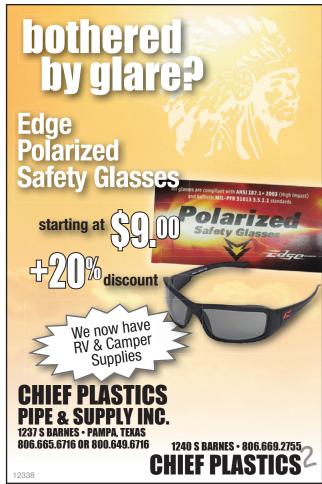
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# Too much information

As a journalist, I am not supposed to admit this, but: I sympathize

with the Obama adminis-**DEBRA** 

SAUNDERS

tration's frustration over national security leaks. After a spate of leaks

last year -- notably, The Associated Press'

reporting that national security officials foiled an underwear bomb 2.0 attempt last May -- Senate Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein joined Republicans to denounce the Beltway's proclivity for leaking classified information. "This has to stop," quoth DiFi. "When people say they don't want to work with the United States because they can't trust us to keep

a secret, that's serious.' Feinstein was concerned about possible harm to a reputed double agent who got ahold of the new underwear bomb or to his family. I presume that when Attorney General Eric Holder made the assertion during a news conference Tuesday that his Department of Justice subpoenaed phone records of AP reporters because Washington had to respond to a serious risk, he was talking about the same

Problem: Holder has not exhibited stellar judgment in this area. When he worked in the Clinton Justice Department, Holder advised the president on pardons and commutations. In 1999, President Bill Clinton commuted the sentences of 16 convicted Puerto Rican independence terrorists despite the department's earlier opposition. During his 2009 confirmation hearing, Holder refused to explain. Holder has a history of putting politics

before national security. Holder also is the swell who issued a "neutralleaning to positive" recommendation that gave Clinton cover to pardon gazillionaire fugitive Marc Rich.

Problem: There's a protocol for these situations, which Holder's Justice Department ignored in the AP case. The government is supposed to give

news organizations a heads-up so they can appeal and show cause why the government should not obtain proprietary information that threatens to reveal the identities of whistle-blowers. Didn't happen.

That's a nasty reward for the AP, which accommodated the administration by delaying publication of the underwear bomb story from May 2 to May 7, when official concerns had been allayed. At the time, the AP reported that the White House wanted to make an official announcement -which makes you wonder why Holder has suggested that secrecy about this episode was so dire.

'Nobody is more against leaks of national security information than I am, and I've seen lots of attempts to track down leakers in the past," former CIA spokesman Bill Harlow told me. "That said, I am surprised that they found it necessary or wise to do this massive sweep of AP phone records. Usually, if you can't find the leaker by other means, other administrations have chosen to not take this draconian step.'

For some reason, the Justice Department obtained records for phones used by an estimated 100 journalists. It was a heavy-handed play that was about as smart as stepping on a hornets nest.

Savvy thugs know not to shoot cops, and savvy politicians know not to snoop on journalists. It's bad for business. And though the Washington press corps might come across as self-important, reporters are right to point out that the AP probe is likely to have a chilling effect on whistle-blowers and other sources.

That's why Obama, as a senator during George W. Bush's presidency, supported media shield laws. And that's probably why, as president, he undermined said legislation when Democrats controlled both houses of Congress.

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# Culture Code

# A reason to celebrate

This past Saturday was an historic day, Pampa, one that some see as a sign of change,



**HELLER** 

of progress and of prosperity. The mixed drink proposition passed by a sizable margin, garnering around 80 percent of the vote which far exceeded my expectations. I anticipated the referendum to pass

but closer to a 60/40 split. Nevertheless, I say, "Good for you. Good for Pampa. And good for the community." Why?

From a meta-perspective, which approaches the issue with an omniscient point-of-view, the best case scenario here plays

out like a game of dominoes.

The first domino to fall was the proposition passing. That could set in motion a chain of events with the potential to change Pampa forever, both for the good and the bad. With the local legislation in place, investors can seriously consider opening up shop now that they can offer a happy hour. Mmm... chicken wings.

The second domino actually fell prior to Saturday's election as weeks ago officials with Bennigan's went public with their plans to build a new restaurant in Pampa.

The game marches on. As each new domino falls, they pick up speed with their turnover. Bennigan's has invested. It will open and it will be lucrative, at least at the start. But other dining establishments like Applebee's, Ruby Tuesday and Red Lobster — will start to take notice. Before long, there will be a half dozen new places to eat on Perryton Parkway, all with sit-down service and all with a wide array of tasty beverages.

The next domino, which arguably weighs the heaviest of all of the dominoes in this set, is redevelopment of the Pampa Mall. There is an exponential amount of economic growth associated with this initiative and so much is riding on the new

mall's success. I can envision a lively food court, joined by an arcade and maybe a ferris wheel for the little ones.

The successive dominoes after that don't necessarily have to do with commerce, per se. Rather, they deal more with improved quality of life. With new restaurants opening

up and serving more drinks, the City of Pampa collects more sales tax revenues. In turn, the city can expand its roster of public services and enhance the community lifestyle.

New jobs are thus created, new homes are built and new roots are planted.

The game of dominoes resets, reshuffles and continues ad infinitum.

Everybody wins. All of the pieces of the puzzle begin to take shape. And we start to see things differently as the big picture becomes clearer.

Saturday gave us all reason to celebrate. Why don't we all just "... stir it up ... little darlin'...'

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# Immigration reform is pro-growth

At the end of the day, the battle over immigration reform is not about dollars



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and cents. It's about the soul of a nation. President Reagan reminded us that America must remain a "beacon" and a "shining city on a hill" for

immigrants who renew our great country with their energy, while adding to economic growth

and prosperity. And here's a quote from Jack Kemp: "Americans and immigrants share the same value of work, family and opportunity. There is no reason to fear the newcomers arriving on our shores today. If anything, they will energize what is best about our country.'

It strikes me that the Republican Party has lost its growth-and-opportunity message in recent years, and has replaced it with a very austere vision. Debt, deficits and budget-cutting all have their place in the economicpolicy debate. But the GOP has forgotten that strong economic growth leads to a balanced budget, not the other way around. The GOP must reclaim

the growth-and-optimism message of Reagan and Kemp. Immigration reform is part of that message.

Too often. President Obama has the better growth-and-optimism message, even though he hasn't the foggiest idea about free-market incentives, free-enterprise innovation and the private-sector animal spirits that make the great American economic engine run. And while the GOP knows the difference between big government and private free-enterprise, its messaging is often confused, ambiguous and rather negative.

Immigration-reform proposals from Sen. Marco Rubio and others land squarely on the growth side of the debate. And I do find it interesting that the Congressional Budget Office -- no friend of supply-siders -- is touting the dynamic impacts of immigration on economic growth. In a letter to budget chair Paul Ryan, CBO said the failed 2006 immigration effort would have increased federal revenues more than direct spending. The Joint Tax Committee agreed. The dynamic idea is that immigration significantly increases the size of the U.S. labor force and that more workers mean more growth.

Former acting CBO Director Donald Marron made the same point in a recent blog post: "The direct economic effects of expanded immigration -- bigger population, bigger workforce, more wages --

were so straightforward that who get advanced degrees folks accepted this exception from the standard static protocol." Former CBO Director

Douglas Holtz-Eakin similarly argued that "immigration reform can raise population growth, labor-force growth, and thus growth in gross domestic product. In addition, immigrants have displayed entrepreneurial rates above that of the native-born population."

Holtz-Eakin estimates that reform lifts gross domestic product growth by a percentage point and reduces the federal budget deficit by more than \$2.5 trillion.

So if the budget establishment is willing to score immigration reform in dynamic terms, why won't the Heritage Foundation?

I have great respect for this free-market think tank, so I'm not going to parse through all the arguments against its \$6.3 trillion lifetime net-deficit price tag for immigration reform. But it has the story wrong. Former Bush economist Keith Hennessey's view that the Heritage analysis is more a critique of tax-and-spend redistribution than of illegal immigration is correct.

And let us not forget the economic benefits of opening the door to more brainiacs -- foreigners who will boost American technology by filling engineering vacancies. Then there are the immigrant students

at our best universities. They'll make enormous contributions to economic growth and innovation if we

let them And if we're talking 50-year periods, the next Google or Apple or Amazon can employ so many and pay such good wages -- creating massive wealth through capital and consumer goods -- that the economic dynamism of new immigrants could cover all the costs of immigration reform and then some.

Like most everyone, I'd like the borders to be tightened as much as possible. And the whole immigration process must be streamlined and reformed. But bringing millions out of the shadows and into the taxpaying workforce, allowing for an orderly flow of immigrants each year, and raising the limit on foreign brainiacs and students would be a massive economic-growthproducing reform. That's the history of immigrants coming to the United States

At a time when the U.S. labor force has stopped growing, and anemic economic growth has become the new normal, now is the moment to promote progrowth immigration reform

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# Charter school bill faces test in House

By Morgan Smith, Texas Tribune

The state's charter school system could move closer to its first expansion in nearly two decades on Thursday, as the House is set to take up an education reform measure that passed through the Senate earlier this

Senate Bill 2, authored by Senate Education Chairman Dan Patrick (R-Houston), would increase the number of available state contracts for the schools that are publicly funded but privately operated by nonprofit organizations.

Charter school advocates say the state's current limit of 215 charter contracts is preventing high-quality charter operators from coming to Texas and keeping a large number of students wanting to attend charters on waitlists. Entering the legislative session, Patrick, Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst made overhauling the charter school system a priority. And two new organizations, with the backing of political and financial heavyweights in the state, emerged to help Patrick in his ef-

But the House has rejected similar measures in the past, and intensive negotiations have followed SB 2 through the legislative process amid questions about whether the state has the resources to adequately oversee such an expansion.

Patrick's measure, which also updates charter closure, consolidation and renewal laws, initially proposed completely lifting the cap on contracts. The compromise legislation that passed the Senate leaves the cap in place, though it would incrementally increase the number of contracts available to reach 305 by 2016.

The version that passed out of the House Public Education Committee at the end of April offers an even more moderate increase, from 15 extra contracts to 10 a year. The House bill also removes language that would prevent dropout recovery charter schools from counting toward the cap, a move that would have freed up additional contracts.

'It will be interesting to see if the House members believe this is a reasonable approach," said state Rep. Diane Patrick, an Arlington Republican and charter school supporter who added that in the past, it has been clear that her House colleagues did not support eliminating the cap on contracts entirely.

Diane Patrick's proposal to lift the cap by 10 a year was incorporated into SB 2 in the House committee. She said she understood concerns about properly managing growth in charter schools. But she said the revised bill would promote financial and academic accountability while still allowing charters to grow in the state.

have high-quality charter schools, and I cal role in education policy debates this thought it was better to be more cautious to ensure that would happen," she said.

In a House committee hearing last month on the bill, Texas Charter School Association Executive Director David Dunn said his organization had estimated that a more streamlined consolidation process would open up 20 to 30 additional contracts as charter operators who hold multiple contracts combined.

Mike Feinberg, a co-founder of the KIPP charter school network, testified in the same hearing that even with the improved consolidation and closure language freeing up new contracts, the incremental increase would still probably result in "very little growth in high-quality public charters" above the existing rate because the Texas Education Agency is currently approving about nine new operators a year.

There are signs that even a modest increase in charter schools may encounter detractors Thursday on the House floor.

"It's a large bill with a lot of complexity to it, so I'd be surprised if there weren't a long debate," said House Public Education Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen, who added that he aimed to keep the measure as close to what passed out of his committee as possible.

State Rep. Abel Herrero, the Corpus said.

"My whole angle is to ensure that we Christi Democrat who has played a vosession, said he questioned the wisdom of adding charter schools when the Legislature had failed to restore last session's funding cuts to traditional public schools and existing charters.

"In order of importance, I think our priority should be to first fully fund public schools, then focus on charter schools, he said. "I think we are getting ahead of ourselves."

Herrero's argument is one that could attract members of both parties. When SB passed the Senate, the lone dissenter, Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, said he voted against it because he could not support expanding charters until the Legislature adequately addressed the issues of overregulation and inequitable funding in traditional public schools.

At a Capitol rally last week, hundreds of charter school supporters from around the state cheered wildly as Sen. Patrick told them that the Legislature would pass a bill addressing charter schools for the first time in nearly 15 years. He reminded them that the Senate had made similar attempts in 2009 and 2011 only to be stopped by the lower chamber.

"A student's future should not depend on a name being brought out of a hat," he

# Polar bear cub orphaned in Alaska lands at NY zoo

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) mothers for about 2 years. - It may have been the most anticipated package ever delivered to the Buffalo Zoo: an orphaned pomonths ago.

shortly before 5:30 a.m., ending a 14-hour trip that was set in motion in March when a hunter in Alaska realized an adult female bear he'd killed was nursing.

"He followed the tracks back to the den, crawled down inside, found a cub, pulled it out, put it in his coveralls, rode it back into Point Lay and then got hold of U.S. Fish and Wildlife," said Patrick Lampi, executive director of the Alaska Zoo, which has cared for the bear since.

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**Texas Senate votes to** 

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In Buffalo, it will slowly be introduced to Luna, a female polar bear born Nov. lar bear cub that arrived tor favorite and the face of Wednesday from Alaska an \$18 million fundraising and will spend the summer campaign for a planned with another cub born six Arctic exhibit and new zoo entrance. Experts said both Kali arrived aboard a cubs will benefit from in-UPS flight at Buffalo Ni- teracting with each other agara International Airport rather than only human caretakers.

> A few hours after Kali's arrival, the cubs were in adjacent dens, able to smell and hear each other but prevented by a solid barrier from visual and physical contact. The next step will be to replace the barrier with mesh.

"Then they can have some limited physical contact, visual contact," zoo president Donna Fernandes said. "If that goes well and they're spending lots of time near each other by the Subsistence hunting is al- mesh barrier and showing lowed in the area, but hunt- interest, then we can graduers aren't allowed to shoot ally open it up a little bit, females with cubs, Lampi give them room for a paw

"If they're not swiping Called Kali after the Inu- at each other and it looks piat name for Point Lay, the good, we'll open the door male cub now weighs 65 a little bit more, a little bit pounds and is estimated to more, until they get a full introduction," old. It would have been un- Fernandes said at a press able to care for itself in the conference as Luna, bewild, experts said. Young hind a glass partition, dove

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Burrows said.

The logistics were ham-

"Knowing he's coming said, "but I don't think to by handlers given Fed- here to be with another cub, we'll have a problem with eral Aviation Administrathat's just perfect," he said. these young guys. I think tion clearance to be on the "You just can't substitute

24/7 so it'll be great for both of them."

The Buffalo Zoo hopes Kali will be a permanent resident, but the decision will be up to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## *CROSSWORD* By THOMAS JOSEPH **43**Coup —

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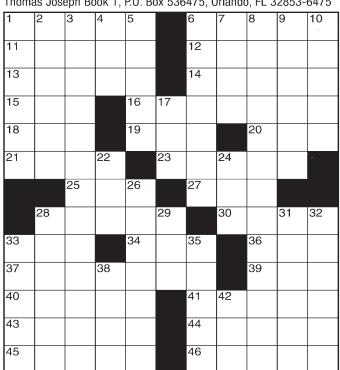
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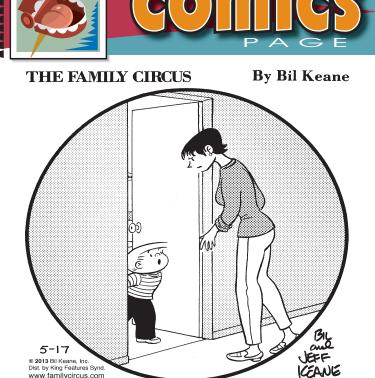
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"We weren't arguing, we were just talking real loud."



Nest Heads





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surge of imagination could be triggered from a class or some organization of interest. Your dynamic and resourceful abilities will start to flow into nearly every aspect of your life. If you are single, you could meet someone while pursuing a new hobby or interest. Be open to this person's feedback. If you are attached, your sweetie might not believe all of the changes that are occurring. Do keep him or her in the loop. VIRGO knows how to spark your imagination.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\* You could run the gamut of different feelings and energy levels. What you make of a misunderstanding is your call. Be willing to adjust to an older friend or relative's schedule. This person will appreciate your efforts. Tonight: Do not push -- do only what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You have solutions for relationship with someone, this person might be resentful of your ability to come up with such creative ideas. On the other hand, others will appreciate your resourcefulness. Tonight: Make it a romantic night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to focus on might surround your plans, despite your great efforts to keep your schedule clear. Last-minute misunderstandings could disrupt a meeting. Listen to others, and home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)\

★★★★ You'll be more direct, but you still might not be able to get your message across. Someone you are trying to communicate with has his or her mind on something else. Know that you will need to give this person a jolt in order to gain his or her attention. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might be starting to see the results of your hard work. Stay on top of an issue -- you still might not be getting the full story. Confusion could surround your plans. Know that no one is intending to cause a problem. Tonight: Treat a tion needs to confirm that everyone is loved one to a nice dinner out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* You unintentionally could be suggestion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, pushing someone away by not getting his or her message. Perhaps you should This year you have an opportunity to slow down and see what is happening unleash unusual creativity and flow. This here. Your laughter and sense of humor comes out when you realize what is going on. Tonight: It is your call.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Know when to play it low-key. You could find yourself in a difficult situation if you don't tune into what someone is saying. You also might be taken aback by how confused plans could become. Stay centered, and know what your expectations are. Tonight: Go with the flow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might be confused by someone's display of anger. Rooting out the cause could be more important than you realize. Listen to others' opinions, but don't let them color your plans. Go join your friends for a game of cards. Tonight: Happiest among an admiring

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to rethink nearly everything. Depending on your a personal matter involving a certain responsibility. This situation could be causing problems with a roommate or family member. Perhaps you have been juggling too many other demands. Reach out to others. Tonight: Be willing to revise plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could be taken aback your priorities right now. Confusion by news. You might want to detach and take a good look at the possibilities. A foreigner or highly educated person could be involved. To be sure, you will not have to do your research. Tonight: do not stand on ceremony. Tonight: At Think carefully. What do you want for yourself?

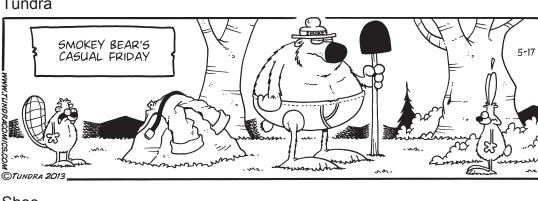
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You will want to approach a situation involving a close relationship very carefully. You might not be exactly sure what the other party is thinking about or asking for. Stay grounded in reality, and you will be far more content. Tonight: If you feel confused, ask ques-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have a habit of confusing others, but more often than not, it is because you are not sure of a situation and the details involved. Communicaon the same page. Give someone the benefit of the doubt. Tonight: Go with a

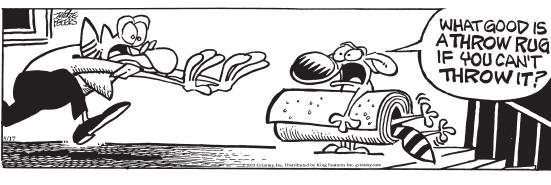
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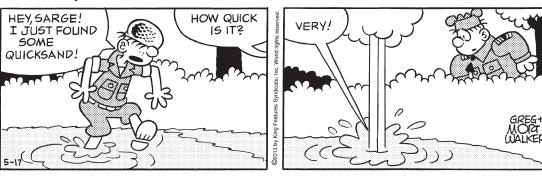
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# Beyond the stat sheet

# Texas high school playoffs like nothing I've ever seen

The high school I graduated from was a



**GREEN** 

Class 4A school, the Joshua Owls. Well, let's just say the Owls were never flying into any playoff success while I was there by only winning one game on the season. It is not my intention to bash Pampa or make anyone feel like they didn't earn every playoff trip this season. I just want to vent for a few minutes on the University Interscholastic

League's playoff system.

Since I have accepted this job in Pampa, the football team almost made the playoffs. Boys and girls basketball, softball and baseball made the playoffs. Don't get me wrong, the baseball and softball

size that I have lived in Texas since 2007. ball teams as they finished second in their are sports based so much on momentum. cepting the trophy. That way the season is districts

What I have a problem with is that three teams from every district make the playoffs. Next year, the UIL is talking about increasing that number to four. In Pampa's district there are Perryton, Dalhart, River Road and Borger. So that means all but one team will make the playoffs should that proposal be accepted. And more than likely teams with .500 or losing district records will make the playoffs. If you can't beat the teams in your district more than you lose to them, you don't deserve to be in the playoffs.

There is one thing I do like about that proposal and that is that there will be no bye weeks for any playoff teams. That is great! I feel like the baseball team was affected by a long layoff due to a bye from winning district. Why should first place teams' playoff trips were WELL deserved teams in district be punished for being the

Pampa's team was on a five-game winning streak to end the season. Then they lost a scrimmage and sat around for a week before their playoff game. Don't get me wrong when I say sat around. I mean they practiced but were not able to get the game feel in for almost a week. Practice can only help so much.

Another issue I have is the awarding by UIL of trophies after each round of the playoffs. There is the Bi-District round, Area round, Regional Quarterfinals, Regional Semifinals and Regional Finals all before a team makes state. This will not bother a well-coached team, but some teams will lose mental focus for the next round if they are too overjoyed by receiving a trophy in the first round of the play-

UIL could still award trophies for every round if it wants to. My thought is to wait

Now, before I get started let me emphaby winning district as well as both basketbest in their district? Baseball and others and see how far the team goes before acover and all the celebration a team wants to can occur. The public display on the field like a team has won the state championship after the first round of the playoffs is kind of mind boggling. Please do not get me wrong or be of-

> fended by what I have to say. No matter the Harvesters' record, if they make the playoffs I will be cheering them on to make it to state just as much as the next person. I just think the system has a few flaws and when UIL is trying to fix one flaw, they might be creating another.

> I would like to hear your thoughts. Am I completely off base or does UIL truly have some flaws in their playoff system? Email me at the address below.

> Zachary Green is the sports editor at The Pampa News. Email him at zgreen@thepampanews.

# Hidden Hills seniors scramble

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Hidden Hills Golf Course hosted a seniors scramble on Wednesday. Here are

First place with a score of 59, was the team of Larry Etchison, Mike McKandles, Gene Hall and James Lee.

Seoned place with a score of 61, was the team of Jim Brashears, Jerry Dorman, Ben

Woodington and Howard Wells. Third place with a score of 61, was the

team of Kelly Everson, Jerry Stephens, Joe Mabry and Bill Brown.

Fourth place with a score of 62, was the team of Ron Fields, Gerrell Owens, Johnny Gilbert and Jerry South.

The closest to pin winner for hole No. 6 was Jerry Dorman.

The closest to the pin winner for hole No. 15 was Marvin Allison.

# PHS baseball banquet May 22

STAFF REPORT

Wednesday, May 22. The banquet will be 806-663-6776.

in the PHS commons. Catering will be provided by Dixie Cafe. Players and Dia-The Pampa High School baseball team's mond Dolls' meals will be provided. Tickend of season banquet will be at 6:30 p.m., ets are \$15 each. RSVP to Kristy Powell at

# Owners reject Sacramento Kings' move to Seattle

ly succeeded. Just not too downtown arena.

once and for all, an aggressive bid to move the Sacramento Kings.

"I went to Seattle," said Johnson, who spent all but the first 52 games of his 12year career with the Phoenix Suns. "I played against those fans in that community. It's a great sports town, it's a great basketball community. And for them to come up a little short, especially with what happened in 2008 to have lost their team, that's devastat-

NBA owners decided to follow the recommendation of their relocation committee, and Commissioner David Stern promptly announced that he hoped to have a deal in place in 48 hours with a group that wants to buy the team from the Maloof brothers.

ing. That's why we fought

so hard."

"And now we think that because the Maloofs have overall been very good for Sacramento and the Kings and the NBA, that they will be motivated to do something fast so that the franchise can get cracking," Stern said.

The 22-8 vote by the Board of Governors rejected a deal that would have sold a 65 percent controlling interest at a total franchise valuation of \$625 million to a Seattle group led by investor Chris Hansen, who boosted the offer twice after the NBA

to relocate. Now the Maloofs will try to complete a deal at Hansen's original price of \$525 million — still topping the NBA record of \$450 mil-

showed an unwillingness

mento Mayor Kevin John- together by Johnson and sue a minority ownership son flashed a few smiles fronted by TIBCO software role with the Maloofs, but when his bid to save the chairman Vivek Ranadive. Ranadive said his partners city's NBA franchise final- The plan includes a new "haven't really considered"

former All-Star mento got engaged in doing guard didn't want to cel- this and being able to de- proposal and said the NBA ebrate at the expense of liver on the promise, which might consider expansion Seattle after league owners didn't really exist when the once a new TV deal is in voted Wednesday to reject, original deal was made in place, but said "we don't Seattle, that the principal have anything concrete." advantage to the incumbent was going to prevail," Stern said. "Nobody had that much sweeter for the any doubt that the same or similar thing could happen in Seattle. It was just, do 2011 that the Maloof brothyou give the edge to a city ers have made plans that that has a 28-year history of would have ended in relosupport?'

The vote ended an emotional saga that has dragged Calif., but Johnson conon for nearly three years. vinced the NBA to give Hansen wanted to move the the city another chance to franchise and rename it the finance a new arena. SuperSonics, who left Seattle for Oklahoma City in promise for a plan for a new 2008 and were renamed the

DALLAS (AP) — Sacra- lion — with a group put site that he hoped to purthe Maloofs maintaining a "I think that once Sacra- stake in the franchise.

Stern praised Hansen's

"Our day will come, and when it does, it will just be struggle," Hansen said.

It's the second time since cation for the Kings. The first target was Anaheim,

Johnson delivered on a downtown arena with help from Stern, but the Maloofs Hansen said in a state- backed out, saying it didn't ment posted on his web- make financial sense.

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# Pampa Recreation Kickball



# **Final Standings Spring 2013** Kickball



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2nd - Total Khaos	<i>5-3</i>	8-4
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# At least six confirmed dead in Texas tornadoes

GRANBURY (AP) — A rash of tornanities in North Texas overnight, leaving at least six people dead, dozens more injured and hundreds homeless. The violent spring storm scattered bodies, flattened homes and threw trailers onto cars.

tore through two neighborhoods around 8 p.m. Wednesday. Resident Elizabeth Tovar described the fist-sized hail that heralded the tornado's arrival, prompting her and her family to hide in their bathroom.

"We were all, like, hugging in the bathtub and that's when it started happening. I heard glass shattering and I knew my house was going," Tovar said, shaking her head. "We looked up and ... the whole ceiling was gone.'

as it tore through the area, leaving some as just piles of planks and rubble. Trees and debris were scattered across yards, fences flattened.

Behind one house, a detached garage was stripped of most of its aluminum siding, the door caved in and the roof torn off. A tree behind the house was stripped of its branches and a vacant doublewide mobile

home on an adjoining lot was torn apart.

Daniel and Amanda Layne initially thought they were safe sheltering under their carport. But then "it started getting worse and worse," and the couple took shelter in their bathroom, Daniel Layne said.

"The windows and the cars are gone. Both our cars are messed up. I had a big shop. Ain't a piece of it left now," Layne said with a shrug.

hunt for bodies in Granbury, about 40 minor damage. miles southwest of Fort Worth.

'Some were found in houses. Some were does slammed into several small commu- found around houses," Deeds said. "There was a report that two of these people that they found were not even near their homes. So we're going to have to search the area out there.

Seven people remain unaccounted and In Granbury, the worst-hit city, a tornado authorities hope they are all staying with family or friends, Deeds said at a Thursday morning news conference. Emergency responders were combing the area and worked to identify the six adults whose remains were found, he said.

He said 37 injured people were treated at hospitals.

Utilities said about 20,000 homes and businesses were without power early Thursday.

Another tornado that storm spotters told The powerful storm crushed buildings the National Weather Service was a mile wide tore through Cleburne, a courthouse city of about 30,000 about 25 miles southeast of Granbury.

Cleburne Mayor Scott Cain said early Thursday that no one was killed or seriously hurt, although seven people suffered minor injuries. He estimated that dozens of homes were damaged and declared a local disaster.

In one neighborhood, a trucking company trailer that had been parked on the street was picked up and dropped onto a nearby car and garage.

Another tornado hit the small town of Millsap, about 40 miles west of Fort Worth. Parker County Judge Mark Kelley said roof damage was reported to several houses and a barn was destroyed, but no injuries were reported.

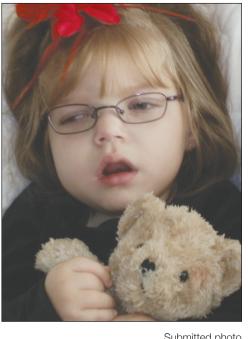
Hail as large as grapefruit also pelted the Hood County Sheriff Roger Deeds de- area around Mineral Wells on Wednesday scribed the devastating aftermath and the evening. A police dispatcher reported only



Photos courtesy of Amber Washington and Matt Smith of the Cleburne Times-Review Above, Gerrard Elementary School in Cleburne. Below, Lakeshore Drive in Cleburne. Cleburne was one of the cities in the DFW metroplex hit by strong tornadoes Wednesday night.



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Pictured is Brianna Ames, who has a lot of special needs. She was adopted by Shane and Casey Ames at 4 months old. Five years have passed with lots of hospital stays and doctor appointments. Brianna and her parents will travel to Galveston for a hip surgery on June 12. They will stay for 10 days to make sure everything goes well and is healing right. The Ames family has set up a donation account at Happy State Bank in Pampa to help with the cost of travel, stay and medical bills. For more information, contact the Ames' family friend Stephanie at 620-214-3233. She also lives in Pampa and will be more than happy to answer any questions.



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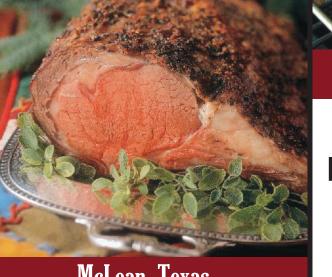
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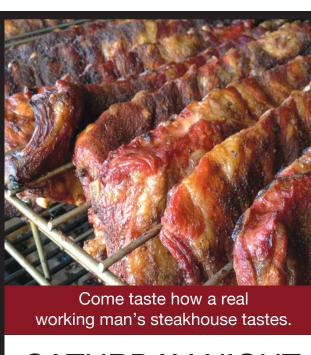


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Submitted photos All the area elementary schools recently raised money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The fundraisers were done by the schools in addition to a community walk May 4. Austin Elementary raised \$3,487.17, Wilson Elementary raised \$667.50, Lamar Elementary raised \$1,586.07 and Travis Elementary raised \$1,302.00. Children were told to sell shoes at \$1. Some come back with one shoe and a business donation of \$300. Some emptied their piggy banks and brought what they had in there. Pampa Junior High also did the fundraiser but they had boxes set up with the three different principals' pictures on them. The kids bring their donations and apply them to what box they choose. The one with the most donations kissed a pig. Pampa High School participated by doing a Home Run Derby, coach Bobbi Gill and the softball girls put it on and raised over \$400. Pictured are top left, Wilson Elementary, Travis Elementary, Lamar Elementary and bottom right, Austin Elementary.



# DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL LUNCHEON





Submitted photos

From left, are new members Beth Ann Preston, Heather Wallace-Weinette and Chelsia Goodwin. Chapter president Tonya Lewis is at right. Right, scholarship recepient Allison Alexander with her mother, Susan. Beta Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International recently hosted its noon luncheon at The Plaza Restaurant. Scholarship recipient Allison Alexander from Pampa was honored, along with and her mother, Susan. Allison will be attending West Texas A&M University to study education. Other special guests were new members to our chapter, Beth Ann Preston, Chelsia Goodwin and Heather Wallace-Weinette, all teachers in the Pampa schools. They were initiated into membership with a candle and red rose ceremony. They were welcomed to the chapter. Any former members are welcome to attend the September meeting. If anyone in education is interested in being a member, contact Tonya Lewis at the high school or ask someone in your building for information. Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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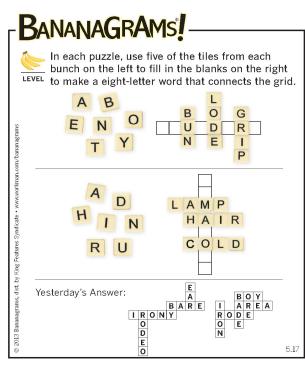
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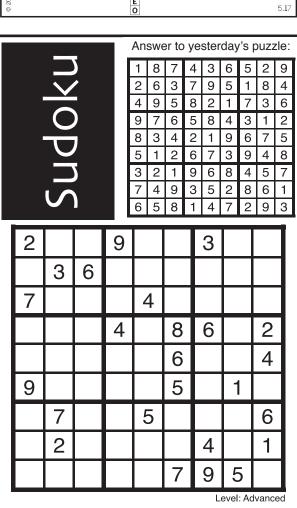
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

and travel trailers CANNOT ey problems. or truck.

with silver, back rest & and slam on their brakes, it THE PINCH IN UTAH windshield. Mint condiputs many people's lives in DEAR ALSO FEELING tion Asking \$9,000. danger. There is a reason we THE PINCH: The next leave that large space be- time the woman asks for a tween our RV and the vehi- loan, tell her you're not in cle in front of us. It provides the loan business, and that brakes, all chrome. Call us room to stop as well as the you're not the only one ability to see what's happen- who feels put upon. Sug-

ing in the traffic ahead. know that even though we will stop asking for money RV-ers have mirrors and because it has made everyviewing at the office of possibly rear video cam- one uncomfortable. If she John W. Warner, Secre- eras, there are many blind persists after that, report spots — especially if the car what she's doing to HR as during regular office behind us is following too a group. to close or weaving in and out

> like your life and the lives ding or funeral for one of her HAPPY CAMPER, PASCO, I often sit in the very back WASH.

> DEAR HAPPY CAMP-ER: I'm glad you wrote be- fers beautiful, unique cuscause I have received sev- toms that I am simply ignoeral letters recently, asking rant about — like when to me to alert my readers sit, kneel, recite, take bread, about the risk of driving etc. I feel if I don't comply too close to RVs and fifth- with customs at these events, wheel vehicles. Too many I might come off as rude or motorists don't realize that disrespectful. On the other it's impossible to stop sud- hand, if I do try, my ignodenly while pulling a load rance may appear just as that weighs several tons. A rude and disrespectful. word to the wise ...

> here at work constantly asks want to be respectful of any to borrow money. The first religion. — MANNERLY time she did it, she caught IN INDIANA me off guard and I gave her had a few dollars.

> asks. Five other people in ers kneel or stand, then folour department have told me low their lead. Or, continue she has hit them up too. One to sit quietly at the back of of them reported her to our the church as you are do-HR manager, but it hasn't ing, which is perfectly acstopped her. To be fair, she ceptable. However, only did return the \$20 I loaned members of the congreher, but isn't this akin to a gation in good standing hostile work environment? should take communion.

We all avoid her because

DEAR ABBY: It's vaca- we know she'll ask for montion time again, time to hit ey, but we also have to work the road in the RV. Please with her every day. Times make your readers aware that are tough for everyone, and people driving motorhomes, it's irritating that she thinks towing fifth-wheel trailers she's the only one with mon-

do short of ganging up on her When people cut in front and telling her to leave us all Star with trike kit. of an RV or a large truck alone? — ALSO FEELING

gest that unless she wants Your readers should also to become an outcast she

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who was raised Cath-The bottom line is: Be olic. I'm not Catholic, and safe. Be courteous. Drive every time I attend a wedof others are in your control family members I feel unbecause it is literally true. — comfortable and awkward. pew to go unnoticed.

The Catholic Church of-

What is the right thing to DEAR ABBY: A woman do in situations like these? I

DEAR MANNERLY: No \$20. The second time she rule of etiquette demands sent me an email asking for that you participate in the a loan, I replied that I only rituals of another person's religion. If you feel uncom-I'm not the only person she fortable sitting while oth-





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# Garage Sale

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Sat. 8 - Noon

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8 - 2

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# Garage Sale

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# Garage Sale

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