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TxDOT receives excellent customer satisfaction ratings across wide range of multi-modal transportation services, outreach

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SUBMITTED BY TxDOT
AUSTIN — In its ongoing mission to become a best-in-class state agency, the Texas Department of Transportation recently achieved a 92-percent satisfaction rating among its external customers. The survey, conducted by the Texas Legislative Council (TLC) between October 2013 and

January 2014, measured all areas of the agency's multi-modal approach to keeping Texans moving safely and efficiently across land and water, as well as through the air. "Meeting the expectations of our business partners helps nurture productive outcomes for the entire state of Texas," said

Chairman Ted Houghton, Texas Transportation Commission. "We are pleased to hear such positive feedback and will continue to maintain the exceptional levels of satisfaction that are mutually beneficial to our business partners and the hardworking people of Texas." "TxDOT has made great

strides in recent years to be more open and responsive to the people it works with every day while also improving agency operations," said Sen. Kirk Watson. "That shows in these high marks. Just about every Texan is affected by our state's transportation system and I'm pleased TxDOT has focused on

listening to them and local partners." The TLC survey was conducted through a combination of online and mailed questions distributed to more than 6,200 individual customers and 19 service areas within the agency. The survey collected feedback on the public's satisfaction with agency

business services, staff, communications, facilities, website and complaint-handling processes, among other categories. Along with TxDOT's overall 92-percent satisfaction rating, the agency's Aviation division and Travel Information Centers scored 95-
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County Commissioners accepting bids for annex roof repairs

STAFF REPORT

The Gray County Commissioners met on Tuesday afternoon to further discuss repairs to the Gray County Annex building. It was decided after much discussion that the court will open bids for the emergency roof repairs and rough drawings of the proposed roof design are available from Crenshaw Consulting Group, LLC as of today.

Bids from local roofing companies must be turned in by 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, which is when the next County Commission meeting will be held (the meeting will start at 9 a.m.). Those turning in a bid are encouraged to attend the meeting, and bids should include a projected start date for the project with the projected cost.

The Commissioners will also be discussing interior annex repairs and the possibility of hiring a general contractor for these repairs during the July 15 meeting.

United Way basket winner



Submitted photo

Jana Gregory, executive director of Pampa United Way, and part owner of Elite Eyecare, Misty LaBlanc, drew the winning name Freddie Romimes for the basket winner! "Live United" thanks for your support Pampa 2014 Campaign.

WHEN FIREWORKS AREN'T ENOUGH.....



Submitted photo

While it is the middle of summer and temperatures have been in the 90s lately, the Waggoner brothers, Jarrett and Jax, celebrated the 4th of July throwing snowballs they made in December 2012. Grandma Sus was happy to get the snowballs out of her freezer.

PAWS teaming up with Crime Stoppers for pet adoption, membership drive

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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The Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) is teaming up with Pampa Crime Stoppers for an animal adoption and fund and membership drive from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 19 at the Pampa Animal Shelter.

Crime Stoppers will be providing hamburgers, chips and sodas and water for all in attendance. Those interested in volunteering for either organization or adopting a pet are encouraged to be present at the event.

These are two beneficial groups within the community that are always in need of more helping hands.

PAWS representative Kadda Schale said that the shelter is full of animals right now and the organization is looking to find them "forever homes."

This is also the first animal adoption being held at the new animal shelter since its opening in late 2013.

For more information on the event, call Brian Massey at the Pampa Police Department at 806-669-5700 or Faustina Curry with PAWS at 806-669-5775.



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Spearman couple killed in crash North of Canadian

SUBMITTED BY DPS
A 2011 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Fernando Ortiz, 56, of Spearman, was traveling North on U.S. Highway 83, Roughly 16 miles North of Canadian, at the intersection with F.M. 281 in Ochiltree County. The passenger was Leticia

Ortiz, 49, of Spearman. A 1999 International truck-tractor, driven by Billy Gene Schwandt, towing a 2014 Dragon tank trailer was traveling South on U.S. 83 at the same intersection. Ortiz failed to yield right

of way turning left from U.S. 83 onto F.M. 281. The truck-tractor struck the Chevy Equinox on the right passenger side. The truck-tractor sustained major front end distributed damage and the Dragon Tank Trailer had no visible dam-

age. The Chevy Equinox sustained major right side damage. Both Fernando and Leticia were pronounced dead at the scene. Schwandt was not injured. All three drivers were wearing their seatbelts.

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Cali. lawmaker takes job-recruiting trip to Texas

By ELI OKUN
The Texas Tribune

California State Sen. Ted Gaines, R-Roseville, speaks to media outside the Texas State Capitol on June 30, 2014. Gaines is in Austin discussing his efforts in promoting California as a premier destination for business relocation.

Enlarge photo by: Marjorie Kamys Cotera
California State Sen. Ted Gaines, R-Roseville, speaks to media outside the Texas State Capitol on June 30, 2014.

Gaines is in Austin discussing his efforts in

promoting California as a premier destination for business relocation.

Following Gov. Rick Perry's travels to Sacramento earlier this month to promote Texas' business climate, a California state senator has returned the favor. In a press conference Monday morning in front of the Texas Capitol, California Sen. Ted Gaines said he had "come to capture jobs."

Gaines advertised California as "a state of innovators and entrepreneurs and job creators," touting new legislative efforts to make the Gold-

en State more attractive to businesses. Like Perry, he focused in particular on a forthcoming \$5 billion battery "gigafactory" Tesla Motors is planning to build in one of five competing states.

Gaines, the California Senate's Republican caucus chairman, spoke in front of a cardboard cutout of a Tesla electric car — a visual rebuke to Perry, who rode around in one in Sacramento. Despite trying for a couple of weeks, he said, "we could not find a Tesla in Texas" due to the state's laws banning the kind of manufactur-

er-to-customer direct sales that Tesla uses.

Tesla has named California and Texas, along with Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada, as finalists in the competition to host the gigafactory, which is expected to bring an infusion of capital and about 6,500 jobs into the winning state and is planned for completion in 2017.

Though Tesla CEO Elon Musk recently named California — home to Tesla's headquarters — as a longshot for the factory, Gaines said he believes that status is changing.

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and 99-percent satisfaction ratings, respectively.

"Our customers are absolutely essential to guiding the ways in which we do business," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "We're very proud that these survey results indicate an overall and exceptional level of satisfaction, but our work is far from done. We look forward to continuously improving our service to the people of Texas and exploring new and innovative ways to build and strengthen partnerships that benefit all who travel our great state."

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Today: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 91. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south-southeast at 16 mph. Sunrise at 6:36 a.m.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 70. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south at 16 mph. Sunset at 9:02 p.m.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 95. Winds south-southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 6:37 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 71. Winds south-southwest at 15 mph. Sunset at 9:02 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 96. Winds south-southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 6:37 a.m.

Friday night: Clear with a low of 71. Winds south-southwest at 15 mph. Sunset at 8:15 p.m.

Obituaries

Max Stewart Long

Funeral services for Max Stewart Long will be held Friday, July 11, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the Canton Christian Church with the Rev. Steve Driskoll officiating.



Max Long

Max Stewart Long, age 83, of Enid, Okla., went to be with his Lord on July 7, 2014. Max is survived by his wife, Verla Long, children, Ken Laye (wife Mitzi) of Weatherford, Linda Taylor (husband Jeff) of Enid, Okla., Tammy Qualls (husband Steve) of Austin, and Tim Long (wife Julie) of Owasso, Okla., sister, Juanita Westfahl of Okeene, and brother Keith Long (wife Judy) of Canton and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Max was preceded in death by his parents, Jess and Beulah Long, his brother Cletus

Long, and three grandsons.

Max was born in Longdale, Okla. on July 4, 1931. After graduating from Canton High School, Max served in the US Navy aboard the William S Wood during the Korean War. Upon honorable discharge from the Navy, Max married Verla Berniece Dickey Long, the love of his life, on Aug. 24, 1957. Max attended Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Okla., graduating in 1959 with a BS degree in Business Administration and began his career with Groendyke Transport in Enid.

Max moved his family to Pampa, Texas in 1968, where he worked for Celanese Chemical Corporation for more than 20 years. Max and Verla retired to Cleo Springs, Okla., in 1994 where they lived until March, 2013 when they moved to Enid.

Max enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, camping, being out on his farm (the "80") and spending time with his family whom he loved dearly. Max was a wonderful, caring man who will be missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements are by Fairview Funeral Home Inc.

For the record

Pampa man arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

• Ronnie Proby, Jr., 35, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for aggravated assault with a deadly

weapon. • Heather Alexis Elsass, 30, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for theft —

less than \$50, evading arrest or detention, resisting arrest, search or transport, bail jumping and failure to appear, animal nuisance,

animal at large. • James Lopez, Jr., 20, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for burglary of a vehicle.

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For Obama, 'hope' becomes fight against cynicism

WASHINGTON (AP) — To hear President Barack Obama describe it, there's a creeping case of cynicism setting in across the country, leading Americans to suspect that not only is Washington broken, it's beyond fixing.

If that line of thinking continues, it could become a self-fulfilling prophecy with dire long-term ramifications, Obama says. If compromise-minded Americans get so frustrated they just tune out, lawmakers will feel even less pressure to work together for the good of the country.

With a mix of alarm and dismay, Obama has started musing about the dangers of cynicism in nearly every major public appearance. The cautionary note has showed up in speeches to students and civil rights groups, at Democratic fundraisers —

even in his meeting with Pope Francis.

It's a sharp change in tone from the days when then-candidate Obama rallied millions to his side with ambitious aspirations about hope and change.

"It's easy to be cynical. In fact, these days it's kind of trendy," Obama told a crowd of thousands recently in Minneapolis. Cynicism may masquerade as wisdom, he said, but it can't liberate a continent, invent the Internet or send a man to the moon. "Cynicism is a choice, and hope is a better choice."

But in Obama's stagnant second term, those inclined to cynicism haven't had to look far.

With Washington at a near-standstill politically, both parties have essentially written off prospects for any major legislation for the remainder of Obama's presidency. Obama's attempts to circumvent Congress to get things done have drawn rebukes from the Supreme Court and a threatened lawsuit from the House, casting a bright light on the state of Washington dysfunction.

"There were at least times in 2011, 2012 when we had big battles over things, but they usually wound up with something getting done," Obama's senior adviser, Dan Pfeiffer, said in an interview. Not anymore, he said. He blamed the poisonous atmosphere on six years of a concerted GOP strategy to breed cynicism for political advantage.

Obama's aides say he has always worried that Americans were tuning out their dysfunctional government. In his 2006 book, "The Au-

dacity of Hope," Obama said Americans have no choice but to transcend the "dead zone" that American politics had become. And in a speech to the Democratic National Committee the next year, Obama implored voters "to stop settling for what the cynics say we have to accept."

But Erick Erickson, a conservative radio host and Obama critic, said Obama has failed to pull the country out of that mindset even where other presidents of both parties have succeeded. He said Americans have seen how Wall Street has blossomed under Obama while average Americans have suffered and have given up on Obama's ability to govern effectively.

"This is an Obama phenomenon," Erickson said. "As much as Republicans may be recalcitrant and refusing to work with the White House, the White House doesn't seem very willing to work with them either."

Obama isn't the only president to cast his own challenges through the broader lens of American malaise. When President Jimmy Carter felt beset by pessimism amid the energy crisis in 1979, he gave a startling speech warning that a "crisis of confidence" posed a fundamental threat to U.S. democracy. And in the run-up to the 1994 election when Democrats lost both chambers of Congress, President

Bill Clinton offered a similar if more subdued warning. He blamed conservative talk radio for a "constant, unremitting drumbeat of negativism and cynicism."

This time, there's plenty of blame to go around.

Americans' confidence in all three branches of government is falling and has hit the lowest level of Obama's presidency, according to a Gallup poll last week. While Congress usually earns low scores, less than one-third of Americans now have confidence in the presidency of the Supreme Court, erasing the gains both enjoyed at the start of Obama's presidency.

"If you're fed a steady diet of cynicism that says nobody is trustworthy and nothing works, and there's no way we can actually address these problems, then the temptation is to just go it alone, to look after yourself and not participate in the larger project of achieving our best vision of America," Obama told college students at a graduation ceremony last month in Irvine, California.

"Don't buy into it," he added.

Jon Favreau, Obama's chief speechwriter for his first four years in office, said the president's comments reflect a return to the type of aspirational rhetoric that characterized his first campaign. He said Obama sees using the bully pulpit to keep Americans engaged as part of his responsibility as president.

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Museum Musings

Pampa's train depot

In 1915 the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company constructed a depot at 200 E. Atchison in Pampa.



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The Pampa station was on the Wellington, Kan. to Texico, N.M. segment of the Santa Fe Main Line from Chicago to Los Angeles. In addition to passengers, this line was characterized by fast freight and grain elevators.

The Pampa depot, 26 feet by 131 feet, was a modification of the standard brick "County Seat" style and received a heavy pebble-exterior finish. This type of construction, more elaborate than that of the customary frame depots, was used for, but not limited to, towns that were county seats.

During World War I, the Santa Fe made great strides in the building of larger steam locomotives, larger

watertenders and more space for fuel. There was a switch from coal-burning to oil-burning locomotives, thus eliminating 92 water stops and one-half of the fuel stops between Chicago and Los Angeles.

About 1923, trains going through Pampa were using oil instead of coal for fuel. A great amount of steam was needed for westbound trains to climb the grade from Miami to Pampa. In the distance of 21 miles, the elevation rose from 2,755.7 feet at Miami to 3,234.7 feet at Pampa.

E.L. Barton, telegraph operator at Pampa from 1951 to 1977, reports that an addition was made to the Pampa depot in 1935 and the boiler was placed in the basement. In about 1951, diesel replaced steam as fuel.

On Sunday, May 2, 1971, "All aboard" was called out for the last time in Pampa as the Chicago-bound Santa Fe pulled out of the quiet, dark city after arriving for a short stop at 1:22 a.m.

T.C. Narron, agent at that time, reported that many people who wanted to ride that last train failed to make reservations in time. Compartments and facilities were booked at departure points for as long as a month previously.

The discontinuance of passenger service came with the new system adopted by the Nixon administration to re-route and revamp the nation's railway system. The new system, first called Railpax and later dubbed Amtrack, went into full effect on Monday, May 3, 1971.

The Pampa depot closed in 1985, but in November 1991, it became the headquarters for a section crew of 23 — four for signaling and 19 for maintenance of way. Larry Gawthrop became the roadmaster for the section that extends from St. Francis to Lora on the Main Track and from Panhandle to Borger on the

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Letter to the Editor

We need to secure the border

If the children crossing our border were real refugees they would have found refuge at an American Embassy. There are millions of children suffering from abuse, neglect or abandonment; yet, we only encourage more human trafficking, sexual abuse and gang recruiting when we allow them to live here.

Our border patrol, courts, relief and social service agencies are already overwhelmed and on the verge of collapse. People at the border need to be held at military bases where special immigration services and

courts can process and adjudicate their cases. Those who are social or economic immigrants should be relocated to families or foster care in their native country. The few who are genuine political and religious minorities can find refuge in American homes and society.

How can children just travel through Mexico? If they can just walk across our border, so can terrorists. We need to secure the border!

Michael McCarthy
Texas

Obama to hold border crisis meeting in Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will discuss the crisis at the border with faith leaders and local officials in Texas Wednesday.

The meeting comes as Obama faces pressure to visit the border while he's in Texas this week to raise money for Democratic congressional candidates. The White House has resisted the calls largely from Republicans to take a firsthand look at the tens of thousands of children

arriving from Central America.

Among those calling for Obama to visit the border is Texas Republican Gov. Rick Perry. Obama senior adviser Valerie Jarrett sent Perry a letter inviting him to Wednesday's meeting in Dallas.

Obama has called the situation at the border a "humanitarian crisis." The White House has warned that most of the children arriving at the border will not be allowed to stay in the U.S.

Official: Application on loading crude withdrawn

BERNALILLO, N.M. (AP) — A Texas company has withdrawn an application to transfer crude oil from tank trucks to rail cars at an industrial site in New Mexico.

Bernalillo (beh-nah-LEE'-yoh) Mayor Jack Torres says Dallas-based NuDeveCo Midstream Development began the application process for

usage of a mothballed American Gypsum dry-wall plant in Bernalillo but later backed away.

The Albuquerque Journal reports that American Gypsum had a contract with BNSF Railway to use the siding.

Bernalillo residents and officials had voiced concerns about possible oil spills.

Hump Day with Humphrey

Humphrey's first trip to Denver

First off, I hope everyone had a fun and festive Fourth of July holiday weekend. I know mine was eventful and enjoyable.

I celebrated the holiday by trekking up to the Denver area for the first time. I was really looking forward to the trip, but at the same time I was a little nervous making the drive with my trusty steed, Humphrey.

He actually behaved fairly well in the car despite my admittedly less than up to par driving skills (I'm easily distracted, especially with mountains in the distance). My phone GPS decided to take me through the scenic route through New Mexico on the way to Colorado, which is longer, but SO much prettier than the alternate route (which I took on the way home).

Humphrey actually didn't shift around too much throughout the duration of the drive, but I could tell he was getting restless by the time we reached Aurora. Through the windy roads he occasionally got comfortable enough to lie down in the passenger seat, which he picked over the backseat for the trip. He would ease down head first and leave his hind legs in the standing position just in case the car made any sudden jolts, which I found slightly funny. He got a lot more sleep on the flat drive home through Oklahoma. It turns out that when you're not in the

mountains in Colorado, it actually looks a lot like the high plains of Texas.

When we first arrived at our destination, I got out of the car to greet Kyle and left it running with Humphrey inside. I forgot that I had left the windows locked because Humphrey likes to roll his own window down if I don't do it for him, and I didn't feel like fighting him over it at 75 mph.

After hellos were said, we went to let Humphrey out of the car.

Out of his excitement and anger from me leaving him in the car, Humphrey stood on the door panel controls and wound up locking the doors. So here we were outside of my running car with my dog inside knocking on the windows trying to get him to unlock the doors from the inside so we wouldn't have to call a locksmith.

Humphrey cooperated about three times before he figured we were just teasing him. We called a locksmith and waited for about 20 minutes before he arrived to the neighborhood and passed the block three times. Here we go, I thought to myself.

When the locksmith finally found us, Humphrey was fast asleep in the passenger seat after staying awake for the majority of the seven and a half hour drive, and the guy probably thought we were crazy for saying that the dog locked us out when now he wouldn't even move.

On top of that, the operator on the phone told Kyle it would be \$20 to get the car unlocked. When the service technician (as he called himself) got there,

he said it was going to be \$125 all together. At that, Kyle laughed and said we would figure something else out. Meanwhile, I'm still tapping the window trying to get Humphrey to wake up and unlock my car.

The technician refused to leave before being paid his \$25 service charge (see how the numbers kept changing?), and Kyle held his ground saying that he had been told that it would be \$20 total.

The now angry service technician called his company to figure something out, and when he handed the phone to Kyle, the operator said that we would have to pay the now \$50 service charge since the technician came out to our location. I really just wish someone would stay consistent with the numbers here...

In the end, the techni-

cian felt bad because my dog was still in the car and it was running, and he saw that his company was changing its numbers every 30 seconds, so he wound up unlocking the car for us for \$50 in his own pocket and canceling the order through his company.

Needless to say, the first hour of my vacation was certainly eventful, so we settled for a quiet movie night after that since Kyle had to work the next morning (July 4) anyway.

The rest of my trip was a lot less eventful in that manner, and I have since learned never to leave Humphrey alone in my car with the keys. I'm looking forward to a much smoother trip for my next weekend in Denver.

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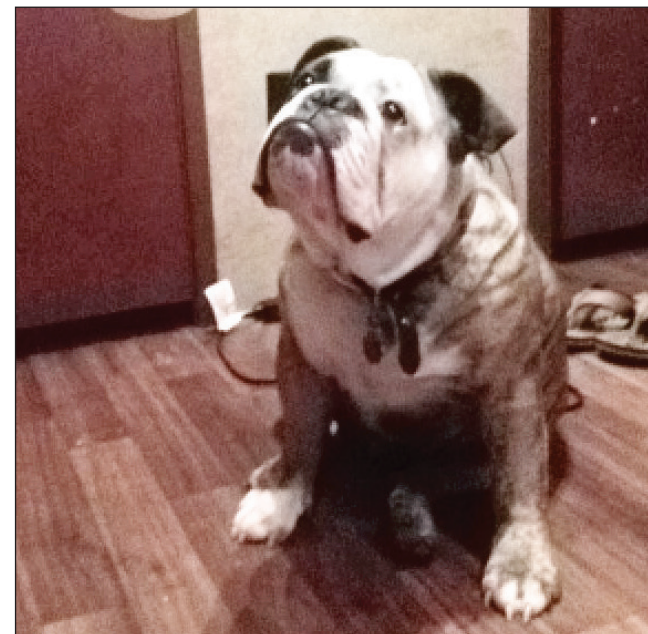


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I happened to get a picture of Humphrey's begging stare on Saturday night. He really wanted Kyle to share his Slurpee.

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Trains

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An average of 40 freight trains a day roll through Pampa. Eastbound trains run on the south track and westbound trains run on the north track.

Many Pampans have fond memories of going

to the depot to see the passenger trains arrive and depart. It was interesting to watch the carts being wheeled to the locations where baggage would be loaded or unloaded and to see who was going somewhere or who was arriving.

One little girl said that the roar of the engine "scared her stomach," but she was always ready to go to meet the trains.

Sometimes an attendant came from the depot with a message hoop holding

orders which a conductor would remove as the train went by. At some distance from the depot a board would inform the train crew if there were any orders to be taken on board.

Some of the excitement of meeting the trains was experienced on Sept. 2, 1992, when the Santa Fe recognition train and steam locomotive #3751 whizzed non-stop through Pampa on the way to Chicago. The train rolled through Pampa again on

Sept. 13 on the way back to California.

Please visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 pm. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at (806)669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com. Visit the temporary "Remembering D-Day" exhibit, the display will only be up during this year's summer months. Don't forget that the museum will have extended hours July 8th! Come out and see us for an evening at the museum until 7 p.m.

Border money request won't include policy change

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is preparing to ask Congress for emergency spending of more than \$2 billion to deal with the crisis of unaccompanied kids at the Southern border, but for now he won't seek legal changes to send the children back home more quickly.

That decision comes after immigration advocates objected strongly to administration proposals to speed thousands of unaccompanied minors back home to El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, where many face gang violence.

The White House insists the kids must be returned. Administration officials say they are still working on ways to do it faster, but say that the request for specific legislative changes will move on a separate track than the emergency spending request Obama is sending to Congress on Tuesday.

Obama plans to discuss the crisis with faith and local leaders during a political fundraising visit to Texas Wednesday, but he is resisting calls to visit the border for a firsthand look. The White House has invited Texas Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who is among those urging Obama to get to the border while he's in the state, to Wednesday's meeting in Dallas.

Decoupling the spending request from the contentious policy changes, which faced pushback from Obama's own political party, may give the emergency money a better chance of getting through

Congress.

The money Obama is seeking would be for immigration judges, detention facilities, legal aid and other items that could address the situation on the border, which the administration has termed a humanitarian crisis.

The decision to submit the spending request apart from the policy changes was confirmed Monday by two Capitol Hill aides who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the plan by name ahead of the formal announcement.

An administration official said the White House has already advised the congressional leadership that it wants expanded authority and said it is still seeking those policy changes. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the request before it is announced, said the administration always intended to send the request for money separately.

The developments underscore the delicate position the administration finds itself in as it risks alienating allies by pursuing changes to turn the migrant kids around more quickly. More than 50,000 have arrived since October, in many cases fleeing violence at home, but also drawn by rumors that they can stay in the U.S.

Congressional Republicans blame Obama policies for the confusion; Obama administration officials dispute that.

As lawmakers return to Washington this week

from a weeklong July 4th recess, Obama's spending request is set to be a focus, with the Senate Appropriations Committee scheduling a hearing to examine it. It's not yet clear how lawmakers will react to the request, although aides seem optimistic it will get through the Democratic-controlled Senate in the coming weeks.

The issue has become a political problem for Obama that looks likely to follow him this week to Texas, where he is traveling primarily to raise money for congressional Democrats. White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest reiterated Monday that Obama had no plans to visit the border, but Obama faced renewed criticism from Republicans over that decision.

"President Obama needs a wakeup call — and visiting the border and seeing firsthand the severity of this ongoing crisis is that wakeup call," Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said in remarks prepared for delivery on the Senate floor.

The developments all come as Obama has declared comprehensive immigration legislation dead in Congress and announced plans to proceed on his own by executive action to make whatever fixes he can to the nation's dysfunctional immigration system. That could put Obama in the seemingly contradictory position of shielding millions of people from deportation while at the same time trying to hurry deportations for the unaccompanied children.

The White House told Congress last week that it would seek "additional authority" for the Homeland Security secretary to quickly return the minors back home. Immigration advocates understood this to mean that the children, who currently have the right to a hearing before an immigration judge, would lose that right and instead would have to make it through an initial screening with a Border Patrol agent.

The immigrant advocacy community responded angrily, with more than 200 groups signing onto a letter last week calling on Obama to reconsider the changes.

"It would take away their right to counsel, right to proper screening....It would undermine completely due process," Leslie Holman, president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, said in an interview Monday.

The White House says the plan is to speed up the processing of Central American border crossers without taking away their due process.

"The president believes it's important for those due process rights to be respected; at the same time we should have a process that is efficient and that reflects the state of U.S. law," Earnest said Monday.

Now the White House and the Homeland Security Department will spend more time developing the proposals, along with plans to increase penalties on smugglers.

Riders stranded for hours on California coaster

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP) — A roller coaster hit a tree branch at the Six Flags Magic Mountain amusement park, dislodging the front car, leaving four people slightly injured and keeping nearly two dozen summer fun-seekers hanging 20 to 30 feet in the air for hours as day turned to night.

Two of the four people hurt Monday on the Ninja coaster were taken to the hospital as a precaution, but all the injuries were minor, fire and park officials said. "We were going across one turn and all of a sudden a loud noise happened," Jeremy Ead, one of the injured riders, told KCAL-TV. "I ducked down just in time. A hard branch hit me in the head. I was there bleeding from my head, which was a little worse than this," he said, pointing to a gash in his forehead.

The coaster hit the branch about 5:30 p.m. and stopped, said Michael Pittman, a Los Angeles County Fire Department dispatch supervisor. It was nearly three hours later before all 22 of the riders were rescued.

At least one of the cars, which are normally suspended beneath the track, was dangling at an angle, derailed at the front.

Firefighters and park maintenance workers in harnesses removed the riders one by one. The riders waited patiently as firefighters tried to reach them through a tangle of track and trees, some talking with each other and others resting with their eyes occasionally closed.

All were alert and com-

municated with park staff during the evacuation process, Six Flags said in a statement.

The park's website advertises that Ninja swoops through the trees to give riders a thrill.

"As you shoot down the snake-like steel track you'll grip the hillsides and blast through the trees swiftly, slicing through the landscape," the ride's online description says. "Ninja pivots with precision as you narrowly miss tagging land and water, whipping around at 55 miles per hour."

The ride would remain shut down while the accident was investigated, park spokeswoman Sue Carpenter said in a statement.


Six Flags Magic Mountain is in the Valencia area of Santa Clarita, about 25 miles north of Los Angeles.

The accident comes just over a week after dozens of people were stranded more than 200 feet up on a revolving tower at SeaWorld San Diego for hours. Authorities there said a power failure stalled the ride.

In July of 2013, a woman was ejected from a roller coaster at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington and died. The death was ruled an accident, but her family has sued both Six Flags and the German company that built the coaster's trains, both of whom denied any wrongdoing.

In September 2012 at another Southern California amusement park, Knott's Berry Farm, riders were left dangling at 300 feet for more than three hours when its Windseeker ride broke down. No one was injured in that breakdown.

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Pampa Faith

What do the missing tribes teach us?

In Judges 1 God makes it a point to chastise by name each of the tribes of Israel for failing to “utterly destroy” the Pagans in the area of land that their tribe was given as an inheritance. However, when you begin marking off the tribes as they are mentioned, five are not there. Now I know that I am strange because I seem to ask questions that nobody else seems interested in. So when I noticed that five were missing I asked, “Why did God leave those five tribes out?” Since it doesn’t comment on that matter in Judges 1, I started doing a little extra digging. Here is what I found and the lesson that I took from each.



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Levi
This was the easy one to figure out. Joshua 13:14 says, “But to the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance, since the food offerings presented to the Lord, the God of Israel, are their inheritance, as he promised them.” Simple. The tribe of Levi received no land and therefore were not required to drive the Pagans out. Now they received some cities in which to live, but either they were not expected to do the destroying or they did it well and therefore were not condemned by the Lord. Lesson? The Lord does not hold us accountable for His expectations of others, but only for those He has for us. That is very important to remember because God deals the same way with us today.

Reuben and Gad
I had to look for a while on this one. The answer isn’t in Judges, but in Joshua. The land given to Reuben and Gad was east of the Jordan, and therefore the details were listed in Joshua. Joshua 13:13 says, “But the Israelites did not drive out the people of Geshur and Maakah, so they continue to live

among the Israelites to this day.” Now if we start reading at 13:8 we discover that it was the tribes of Reuben and Gad that were given the areas of Geshur and Maakah and they failed to do their job. There was no need to mention them in Judges 1, their failure had already been recorded and noted. Lesson? God sees and notes our stubborn failures when we obstinately refuse to obey His commands.

Simeon
When the tribe of Judah began to drive the Pagans out of their land, they asked their brethren in Simeon to help; after all Simeon’s land was within the boundaries of Judah. Judges 1:17 says, “Then the men of Judah went with the Simeonites, their fellow Israelites, and attacked the Canaanites living in Zephath, and they totally destroyed the city.” Simeon isn’t mentioned in the failures of Judges 1 because the only record of their actions is one of total bravery and faithfulness to God’s commands. Lesson? God won’t chastise us for the disobedience of others around us, rather He will take note of our faithfulness and certainly be proud.

Issachar
There is no mention of the actions of Issachar concerning the taking of their land from the Pagans. Manasseh had a few towns just over the border in Issachar and is condemned for failing to drive out the Canaanites in those towns, but not a single negative word about Issachar. Issachar wasn’t mentioned because they didn’t fail. Lesson? God clearly sees who willfully disobeys and is not fooled by superficial appearance. You see the failure of Manasseh took place within the boundaries of Issachar, but God saw who really failed and made note of it. Father God will not saddle us with the failures of others. PRAISE THE LORD!

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church to hold Native American litany service

St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church will be celebrating a Native American litany and worship service on Sunday, July 13. The service will focus on the connection human beings have with all things in God’s creation. Worship in the tradition of the Native American culture strongly emphasizes this connection. Many different prayer traditions are used

in the litany, including Lakota, Mohawk, Cherokee and Navajo. The symbol of the circle is found throughout the celebration. The circle is at the center of many Native American Christian ceremonies. All are welcome to join us for this unique service. Services will be held in the courtyard beginning at 9:30 a.m.



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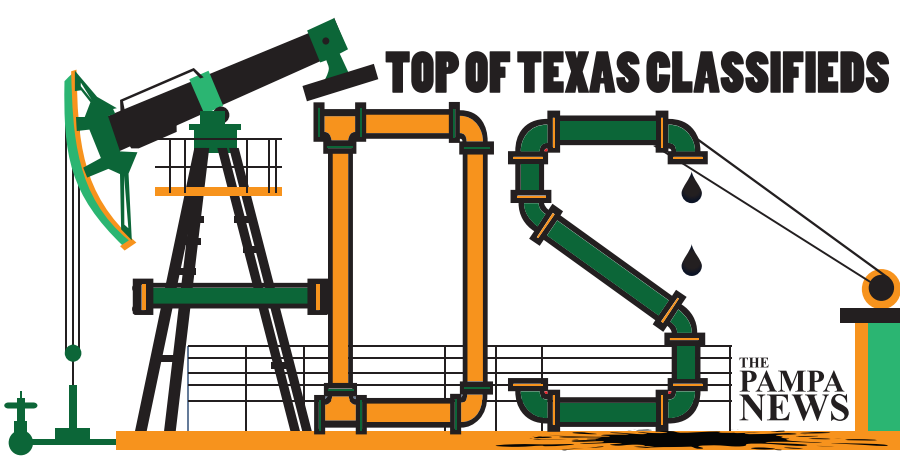
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Why nukes keep finding trouble: They're really old

MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. (AP) — The Air Force asserts with pride that the nation's nuclear missile system, more than 40 years old and designed during the Cold War to counter the now-defunct Soviet Union, is safe and secure. None has ever been used in combat or launched accidentally.

But it also admits to fraying at the edges: time-worn command posts, corroded launch silos, failing support equipment and an emergency-response helicopter fleet so antiquated that a replacement was deemed "critical" years ago.

The Minuteman is no ordinary weapon. The business end of the missile can deliver mass destruction across the globe as quickly as you could have a pizza delivered to your doorstep.

But even as the Minuteman has been updated over the years and remains ready for launch on short notice, the items that support it have grown old. That partly explains why missile corps morale has sagged and discipline has sometimes faltered, as revealed in a series of Associated Press reports documenting leadership, training, disciplinary and other problems in the ICBM force that has prompted worry at the highest levels of the Pentagon.

The airmen who operate, maintain and guard the Minuteman force at bases in North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming came to recognize a gap between the Air Force's claim that the nuclear mission is "Job 1" and its willingness to invest in it.

"One of the reasons for the low morale is that the nuclear forces feel unimportant, and they are often treated as such, very openly," says Michelle Spencer, a defense consultant in Alabama who led a nuclear forces study for the Air Force published in 2012. She said in an interview the airmen — they're called Missileers — became disillusioned by an obvious but unacknowledged lack of interest in nuclear priorities among the most senior Air Force leaders.

Spencer's study found that Air Force leaders were "cynical about the nuclear mission, its future and its true — versus publicly stated — priority to the Air Force." Several key leadership posts have since changed hands, and while Spencer says she sees important improvements, she's worried about the Air Force's commitment to getting the nuclear forces what they need.

This is no surprise to those responsible for nuclear weapons policy. An independent advisory

group, in a report to the Pentagon last year, minced no words. It said the Air Force must show a "believable commitment" to modernizing the force.

"If the practice continues to be to demand that the troops compensate for manpower and skill shortfalls, operate in inferior facilities and perform with failing support equipment, there is high risk of failure" to meet the demands of the mission, it said.

Robert Goldich, a former defense analyst at the Congressional Research Service, said the ICBM force for years got "the short end of the stick" on personnel and resources.

"I honestly don't think it's much more complicated than that," he said. "When that happened, people lost sight of how incredibly rigorous you've got to be to ensure quality control when nuclear weapons are involved."

That may be changing. Air Force leaders are making a fresh push to fix things.

When Deborah Lee James became Air Force secretary, its top civilian official, in December, she quickly made her way to each of the three ICBM bases and came away with a conviction that rhetoric was not matched by resources.

"One thing I discovered is we didn't always put our

money where our mouth is when it comes to saying this is the No. 1 mission," James told reporters June 30 during a return visit to F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming.

James says the fixes will require money — and a lot more.

They will take more people and a major attitude adjustment.

"I happen to think the top thing that really drives an airman is feeling like they're making a difference ... protecting America," she said earlier in June. Missileers ought to feel that way, she said, but she is not convinced they do. "And so, over time, we've got to change that around."

James said the Air Force will find \$50 million in this year's budget to make urgent fixes, and will invest an additional \$350 million in improvements over the coming five years. Even that, she said, is unlikely to be enough and more funds will be sought.

Her words are resonating with some, including Maj. Gen. Jack Weinstein, who as commander of 20th Air Force is responsible for the operation, maintenance and security of the full fleet of Minuteman missiles.

That's what the Air Force has been saying since at least 2006. A 2008 Air Force study cited a "critical need" to replace

the Hueys "to mitigate missile field security vulnerabilities" and said this need had been identified two years earlier.

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ODD NEWS

Red Bull spills onto I-95 in Fla. truck crash

ROCKLEDGE, Fla. (AP) — Call it a different kind of energy jolt. Thousands of gallons of Red Bull spilled onto Interstate 95 in central Florida after two tractor-trailers collided.

The Florida Highway Patrol says the crash happened Monday evening near Rockledge.

Troopers say the truck hauling more than 30,000 pounds of Red Bull was heading north when the driver tried to move over to the center lane because another truck was disabled on the shoulder of the road. When the driver swerved back into the outside lane, his truck sideswiped the parked vehicle. The trailer on the first truck ripped open and the energy drink

spilled onto the road.

The driver of the truck was ticketed for failure to maintain a single lane. No injuries were reported.

Police: Men steal \$2,000 in soap, hygiene items

SANDY SPRINGS, Ga. (AP) — Police are trying to figure out why a trio of hygiene-minded thieves walked into a CVS pharmacy in Atlanta's northern suburbs and stole \$2,000 in soap and other personal care items.

Authorities say the three

men were filmed by surveillance cameras as they carried out the July 1 heist at a store in Sandy Springs, just north of Atlanta.

Sandy Springs police Sgt. Ron Momon tells WSB-TV the suspects walked into the store and casually grabbed the items, then walked out of the store past cashiers.

Police said they wanted to catch up with the men to find out why they took the products.

100-year-old German

turns tables on trickster

BERLIN (AP) — This 100-year-old German woman was too sharp for a would-be trickster.

Police in Berlin said Tuesday they have arrested a 31-year-old man on suspicion of attempted fraud after being tipped off by the quick-witted retiree.

The woman had smelled a rat when she received a call Sunday from a woman claiming to represent a maintenance firm and of-

fering to check her electrical appliances.

Instead of hanging up, the centenarian accepted the offer, then swiftly alerted the police.

Officers had little trouble arresting the man, whose name wasn't given, when he showed up minutes later. The suspect, a convicted swindler, had been released from prison just five days earlier.

Police did not disclose details of the suspected fraud or the woman's name.



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American's CEO says demand for travel still bright

FORT WORTH (AP) — The CEO of American Airlines says demand is still strong and he is not worried about airlines adding so many flights that they will drive down prices.

American Airlines Group Inc. CEO Doug Parker said Tuesday that airlines can charge profitable fares even as they add seats, which is different than in past years, when they were losing money.

Parker's upbeat tone contrasted with comments from Air France-KLM, which lowered its 2014 earnings forecast because overcapacity on international flying is hurting profits. Last month, Deutsche Lufthansa AG issued a similar warning.

American is expected to release June traffic figures this week. Parker declined to say what the statistics

will show, but he said, "We're happy with the demand we are seeing for the product throughout the world." He dismissed the idea that there might be too much capacity on key routes, such as between the U.S. and Europe.

"There happens to be some growth internationally from a number of carriers, including American Airlines, in response to increased demand," he said. "That's what should happen."

In the past, airlines struggled when jet fuel prices rose or overcapacity caused a drop in the average fare per mile, called yield. Most carriers are profitable now despite fuel prices which are high by historical measures, and that is partly because they have been successful at controlling the number of seats and preventing prices

from falling. American, which owns US Airways, earned \$480 million in the first quarter. Analysts expect net income to top \$1.2 billion for the second quarter, according to a survey by FactSet.

"The airline is doing very well," Parker said. "We expect to continue to do very well."

Parker made the comments after a groundbreaking ceremony for a new flight operations center, the first new building at American's headquarters complex in more than 20 years. The center will house employees who coordinate and track flights. American Airlines shares were down 11 cents at \$39.99 in afternoon trading. Its shares are up 11 percent for the past three months but are about flat for the past year.

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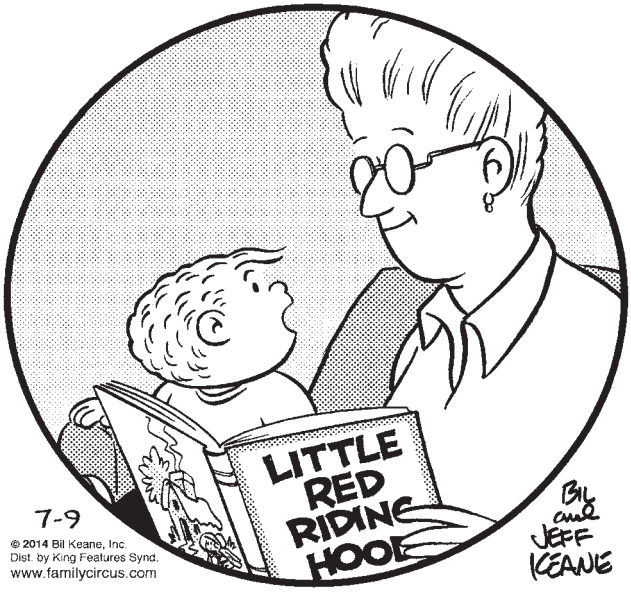
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 10, 2014:
This year you might naturally over-indulge and dote on others. When you reverse gears, which will happen at times, you could receive a snub or anger. Look at the monsters you could be creating. Use exercise and meditation to curb a tendency to over-worry. Worry only wears you down. If you are single, others are drawn to you. Make sure your sweetie of choice is emotionally available. Your caring style could attract people very different from you. Consider the type of relationship you want. Tame possessiveness, which could be a factor after mid-July, if attached. You as a couple opt to split from your daily life as often as you can to go off together alone. These occasions add to the power and strength of the relationship. Passion flares during these periods, adding to your bond. Try investigating an old-fashioned date night more often. Respect your differences, especially around your domestic life. The solution might be neither of yours, but one that addresses your issues. CAPRICORN needs security just as you do, but they approach this seeming necessity differently. Stop and learn from each other.

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)
★★★★ You easily could toss an associate into a tizzy, as he or she does not understand what you are doing. This person will attack you directly in his or her time. A family member means well. You are far more optimistic because of the support you get from your immediate circle. Tonight: Think weekend plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be questioning the value of a certain relationship in your life. Is this a phase or long term? You cannot be sure just yet. Listen to another person's thoughts, but stay noncommittal if need be. You speak your mind as much as you can. Tonight: Your words seem to turn a situation much more in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are full of information, and others seem to recognize that fact. Many of your callers seek out your thoughts as well as what you know. Let your ingenuity break through any problem that appears. Use care with spending. Tonight: Go with the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are still in a very fortunate phase where the unexpected seems to fall in your favor. Be willing to express your true needs. A family member could be cantan-

kerous. You see a situation involving funds as awkward. Tonight: Clear out errands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your more playful side emerges when dealing with a difficult child or loved one. A friend means well and asks valid questions, even if you feel uncomfortable. Another person's generous nature could make you feel rather uncomfortable. Tonight: Help lighten up another person's mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Your sensitivities often take you to strange places, which might be difficult to discuss. You have a lot to consider involving your finances. Take charge of a problem and handle it. Your imagination helps you zero in on what you want. Tonight: Happily heading home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You will defend yourself vigorously if attacked or perceive that you were attacked. You feel cared about in a domestic situation and/or with family. Try to meet your expectations rather than those of others. Curb a tendency to overindulge. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Don't take an unnecessary risk with funds. You could be reading more into a venture than really is there. You could be quite angry at someone's intervention or nosiness. Establish stronger boundaries with this person and perhaps others. Tonight: Pay bills first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be surprised by another person's energy as exhibited in a meeting. Be smart, and don't try to control anyone. Just let everyone else be. Your intuition is right-on about a partner or joint financial matter. Tonight: Getting into the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You could sense a situation is building that you would prefer not to deal with. You might need to make an appointment with a doctor or dentist. The unexpected revolves around family and/or home. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Pace yourself.

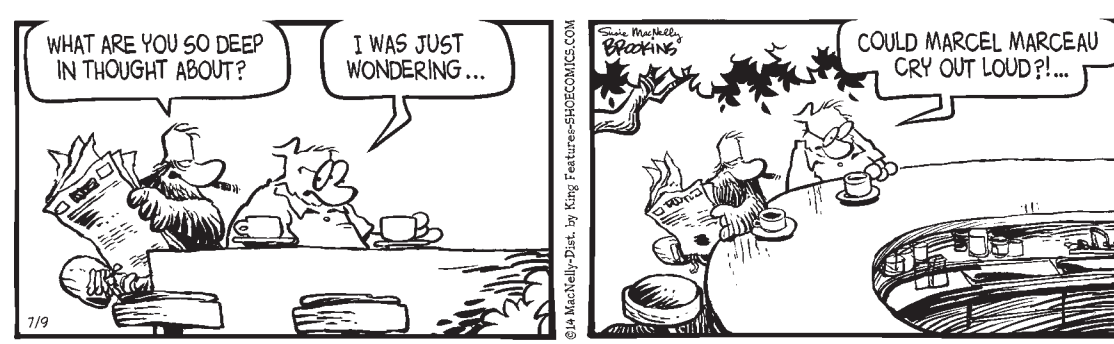
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Friends nearly always surround you. Today a friend could dominate a situation more than you might like. Let this person see the interaction as you do by sharing more openly. Use your energy to accomplish what you must. Tonight: Be impulsive!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might not be in a position where you can be frivolous. You often strive to make a certain impression. Do not take down months of hard work with a moment of silliness or craziness. Maintain a perspective. Creatively postpone some fun. Tonight: Follow your pals.

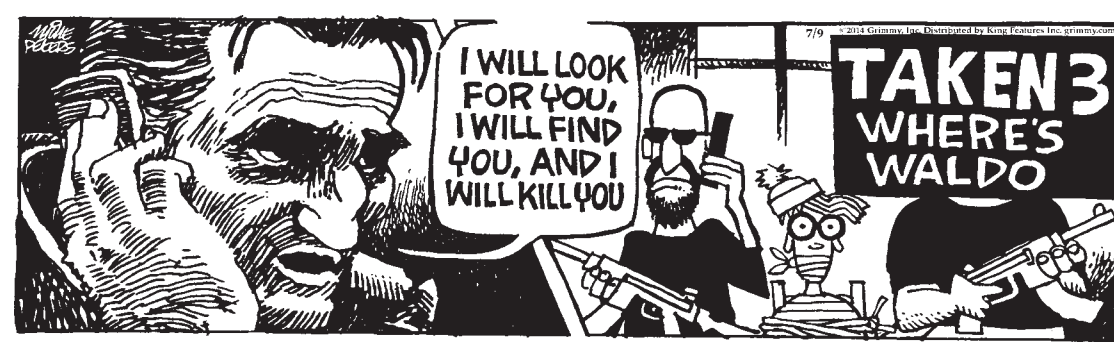
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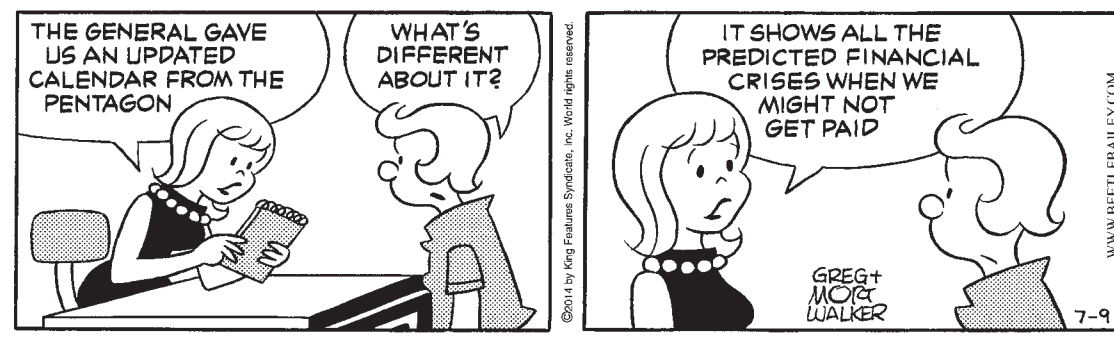
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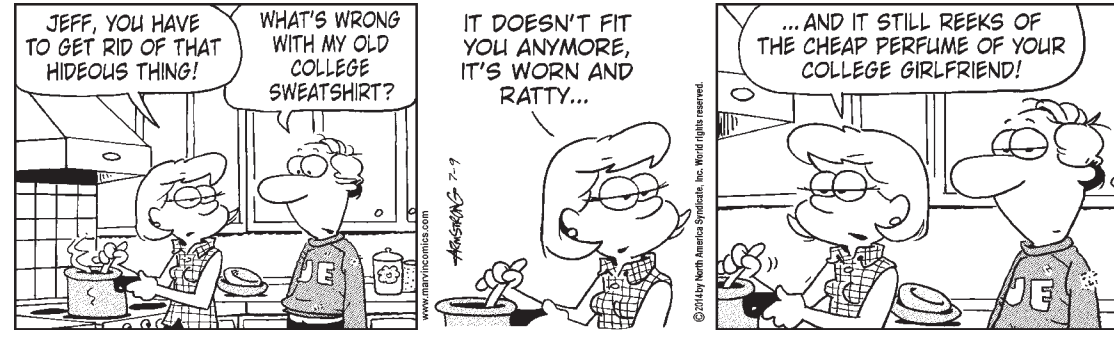
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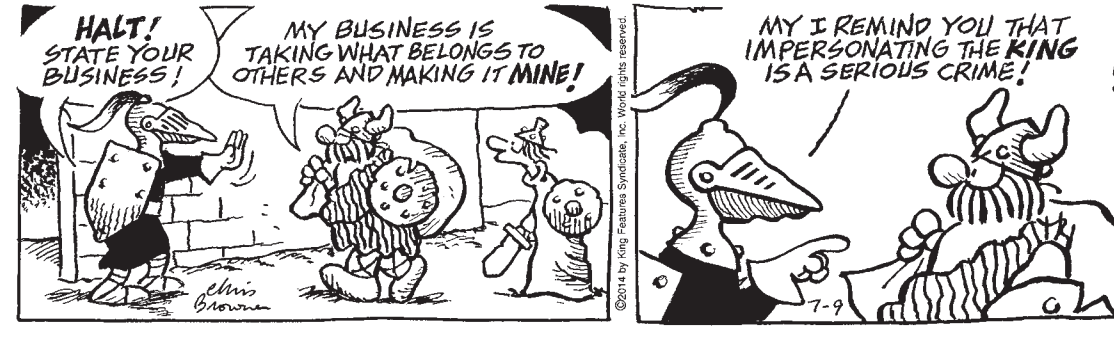
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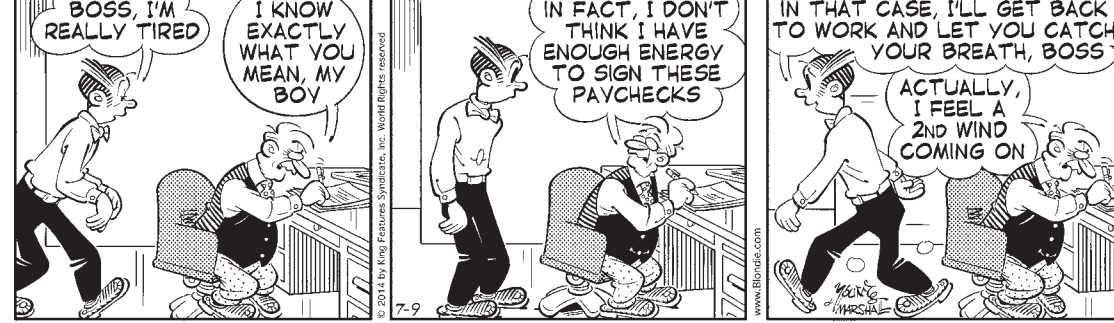
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Pampa All-Stars compete, win three

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The Pampa 11-12 All-Stars defeated Seminole Saturday afternoon in the Seminole Tournament.

Seminole took a 3-0 lead in the first inning as Pampa left the bases loaded.

The second inning went better for Pampa. Cayson Steward walked, then Hunter Nichols followed it up with a double. Michael Campos brought home Steward to give Pampa their first run of the game.

Hunter Dyer singled to score Nichols. Then Jade Ward and Rhett Hill each singled to score Dyer. Sam Anguiano hit a sac fly to bring Ward home, and Pampa took a 4-3 lead in the second inning.

Pampa extended their lead in the third inning. Steward doubled and Nichols drew a walk. Campos also walked, then a series of errors brought all three of them home. Ward and Hill drew walks, then Anguiano tripled to bring them both in to score. A single from Armando Miranda brought Anguiano in to score. Troy Perez then singled to score Miranda. After a walk by Steward, Nichols doubled, but was thrown out trying to go to third. The hit did bring in two more runs, though. Pampa ended the inning with a 13-3 lead. They would go on to win 18-7.

Pampa also defeated Levelland 11-0.

They followed that up by defeating Plainview on Monday.

Pampa began the game by taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Pampa extended their lead in the second when Dyer singled, then followed that up by stealing second and third bases. A single by Ward brought Dyer home to extend Pampa's lead to 4-0. Anguiano also singled, but Pampa

was unable to score any more runs in the inning.

In the bottom of the second inning, Plainview had four hits and scored three runs to cut Pampa's lead to one.

Perez, Steward, and Nichols each singled, but Pampa was unable to capitalize, and the score remained 4-3. Pampa pitched a perfect three-up-three-down bottom of the third.

Pampa blew the game open in the fourth inning,

scoring five runs to take a 9-3 lead. Plainview got a player on base in the bottom of the inning, but were unable to put any runs on the board.

After Pampa's first two batters were thrown out in the top of the fifth inning, the bats really got going. Hill drew a walk, and Anguiano brought him home with a triple. Miranda drew a walk, then Perez singled to bring in two runs.

Steward followed that

up with an inside-the-park home run to make the score 14-3. Nichols doubled then Jacobi Carroll drew a walk. Dyer and Ward both doubled, then Hill singled to make the score 18-3 before Plainview could get out of the inning. Plainview scored two more runs, but Pampa won 18-5.

Pampa advance to the final game with the win, which will be played tonight at 6 p.m., in Seminole.



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Hunter Dyer bats during the Pampa 11-12 All Stars 18-7 win versus Seminole in the Seminole Tournament. Pampa plays in the championship game tonight at 6.

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Entertainment

Movement pro transforms actors into apes on film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Terry Notary is Hollywood's human shape-shifter. In a blink, he can become an elf, an ape or almost any other moving creature.

An expert in motion-capture performance, he specializes in bringing non-human characters to life on screen. He's played goblins in "The Hobbit," a Who in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and a winged, dragon-like banshee in "Avatar."

In "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," opening Friday, Notary plays more than 100 primates. He also taught the film's stars and stuntmen how to find their simian side.

"He's like an ape Zen master," said director Matt Reeves. "He lives in every frame that has an ape in it."

Notary demonstrated his technique during a recent visit to the Hollywood dance studio he uses to prepare for films. The compact, muscular father of four visibly transforms as he describes how apes are gut-driven and grounded. His stomach softens, his neck and shoulders slouch, his lower jaw protrudes. His eyelids drop slightly as his eyes take on a present yet faraway quality.

He grunts and howls before springing from his chair and breaking into a quadruped run. He bounces around the empty studio on all fours, with "arm extensions" he developed allowing him to mimic ape-like movements. He stops suddenly, as though he's spotted a threat, and becomes even more animated, emitting loud wails of distress.

Then he's back being human again to talk about the process.

Notary aspired to compete in the Olympics while train-

ing as a gymnast at UCLA but then found work with Cirque du Soleil after graduating with a theater degree. He came to Hollywood as a stuntman and from there, developed into a sought-after movement coach for motion-capture shots, where actors are wired and their

movements captured electronically for the building of computer-generated imagery.

He created the lithe, long-limbed motions of the Na'vi in "Avatar," taught the Silver Surfer how to ride in "Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer" and went ape in three

films, starting with Tim Burton's "Planet of the Apes" in 2001. (He performed stunts in all as well.)

"I'm a good observer of movement and behavior," the 45-year-old said. "That's what my talent is, I think."

He begins with an image of the character. For imaginary

creatures, he might picture objects from nature. When conceptualizing the Na'vi, for example, he thought of reeds swaying underwater, gracefully at ease with the energy around them. For a goblin, he thought of a piece of crumpled tin foil.

"If you throw it, it has hard

edges," he said. "It's not going to be predictable. It's going to be edgy and sharp and not have any root."

To develop ape expertise, Notary hung out with a couple of chimps and spent a lot of time watching primates at the zoo, videotaping and studying their behavior.

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Golf Channel series hits Myrtle Beach

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) — The Grand Strand has gotten a Big Break.

The Golf Channel's series latest chapter was filmed at several courses in Myrtle Beach last month. The show will premiere October 7th, pitting six men and six women against each other for the right to win, among other prizes, an exemption into a PGA Tour or LPGA Tour event in 2015.

The group competed over three courses at Barefoot Resort, one each designed by Pete Dye, Tom Fazio and Davis Love III. An episode was also filmed at Pawley's Plantation, a Jack Nicklaus-designed course that is south of Myrtle Beach.

This is the first time since the series premiered in 2003 that it took place in South Carolina, which has a reputation as a leading golf resort destination.

"It seemed like it was well past time to get there," said Jay Kossoff, Golf Channel vice president of original productions and Big Break executive producer.

Kossoff said usually the series is held at a resort area or country club that is set apart from a large tourist area. This time, he said competitors and those working on the series enjoyed being in the thick of Grand Strand's bustling beach resort.

Kossoff said with filming complete, work will begin on editing the footage for broadcast. He's confident the Grand Strand's nature will show through.