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Pampa Aquatic Club hosts summer swim program

By **ZACHARY GREEN**
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The Pampa Aquatic Club (PAC) offers a summer swim program and/or swim lessons for individuals. They have two options as well as a competition opportunity each summer. PAC is ran by the Pampa head swimming coach, Colby Dennis and assistant coach, Tammy Henthorn.

The swim lesson program was a great success this year but it has already ended for the summer. There were sessions June 8-12, June 22-26 and July 6-10 for ages six and older. Look for information on these lessons to come next year.

The swim program is for those that wish to be in better shape and faster in the water. If a child is thinking about joining a swim team then it is highly recommend-

ed they go through this program. A student in this program must be able to swim 25 yards either freestyle or backstroke to be eligible. They work with ages 18 and under. This program also offers a competition option for the students to compete in USA Swimming meets. If you are interested in the competition option please contact one of the coaches.

The swim program is all summer long beginning in June. It ends on August 7. The time is from 6 to 8 a.m. at the Pampa H2O Aquatic Center. The cost is \$40 per month or \$75 for the entire summer. Checks are payable to the Pampa Aquatic Club.

There is competition opportunities. It is too late for this summer, but those interested in signing up at the start of next summer can

compete in different tournaments. You can still sign up to swim this summer, you just cannot go to the competitions.

Coach Dennis says the team went to Garden City, Kan., recently for the Western Kansas Championships. All of the championship teams from Division Two combine into one team to go against others in the central United States.

PAC has six swimmers for competition this year and have been to about five tournaments. They have traveled to Spearman, Dumas, Garden City, Kan., and two others before those.

To be eligible for competition, one must swim at least two meets in a certain time period to be able to go to the championships, but Dennis says to still sign up and practice swimming even if you

cannot compete.

"It's a lifelong sport. Doctors recommend it for cardio health. If you have an injury, it's a good way to stay in shape. It is always great to beat friends in a race while swimming," Dennis said. "It's great for getting a head start for joining the Pampa Junior High or High School swimming teams. It is highly recommended to join if you want to be on the PJHS or PHS teams, but it is not required."

Dennis said the swim lessons are good for children so they know basic water survival skills.

"Basically, if they fall off a boat, or into the water from the shore, they know what to do and what not to do," Dennis said.

If you have any questions please email them at: PampaAquaticClub@gmail.com.

Holy Smokes BBQ a success Saturday



Photos taken from HolySmokes' Facebook page

The Holy Smokes BBQ that was held this weekend was a huge success. They were sold out in an hour. As of press time Monday, they didn't know the exact number of proceeds raised. Pictured are some who helped in the event as well as some of the food that was sold.

Arrest made in connection with Culberson-Stowers case

By **ZACHARY GREEN**
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The Gray County Sheriff's Office arrested 21-year-old Kaitlynn Nicole Ramirez on Saturday for theft of property between \$20,000 and \$100,000.

The Pampa Police Department says through their investigation, a warrant for her arrest was obtained in connection with that crime, and on July 11, 2015, she was

taken into custody on that warrant. She has since been released on a \$5,000 bond according to the Gray County Jail.



Kaitlynn Ramirez

Pampa Police Department's Public Information Officer Brian Massey says the arrest was made in connection with the Culberson-Stowers stolen vehicle case from June 24.

The vehicle was reported stolen by **CASE** cont. on page 2

Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center to host Grant Peeples

STAFF REPORT

Grant Peeples will be performing at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center on Wednesday, July 15, at 7 p.m.

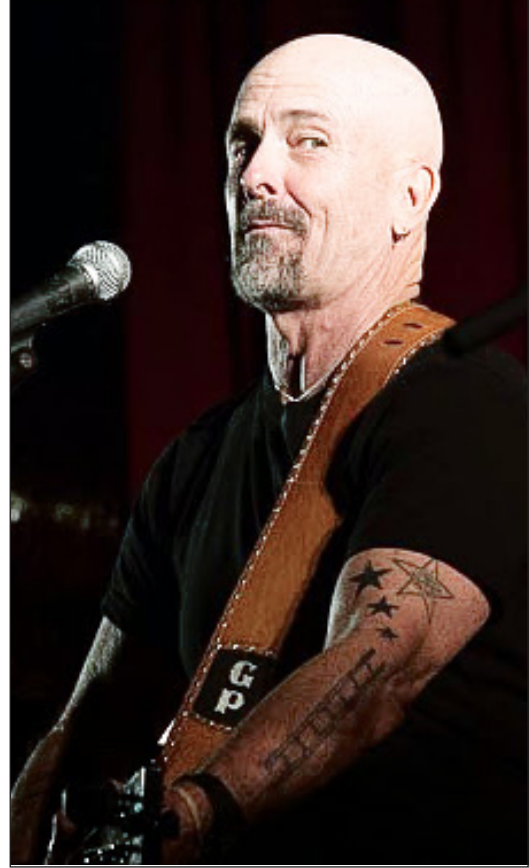
Admission is free with donations gladly accepted. Grant is coming to Pampa after an appearance at the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival in Woody's hometown of Okemah, Okla.

Peeples is a "self-described "vegetarian that watches NASCAR, and tree-hugger with a gun below the seat," Peeples is known for his axe-sharp socio-political tunes, raucous humor and heart-gigging ballads.

In 2014, he was the recipient of the Focus Foundation Award for Creative Excellence, which cited the "humor, compassion and wisdom of his songs," as well as their "unflinching social insight and cultural acuity."

Third Coast Magazine's John Conquest says "Peeples is unusually literate, unusually honest. And the only songwriter I have ever called 'ruthless.'"

Grant has made seven studio records. Including a trilogy produced by Gurf Morlix. His newest record, "A Congress of Treasons," will be released in January of 2016.



Gray County Indictments

STAFF REPORT

The following are a list of the indictments by the Gray County Grand Jury on July 7, 2015 and their charges.

- Tyson Louis Pounds, 30, for possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, more than one gram but less than four grams and tampering
- Kenneth Trent Morning, 31, for pos-

session of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, less than one gram.

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First Baptist Church to host children's music day camp

By **MAGGIE HAYES**
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First Baptist Church will be holding the FBC Kids Music Day Camp on Friday, July 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration will be in the fellowship hall starting at 9, but

parents can also call First Baptist Church to register ahead of time.

The camp is for children in grades 1-6. During the camp, they will learn worship songs, play relay games, watch pup- **CAMP** cont. on page 2

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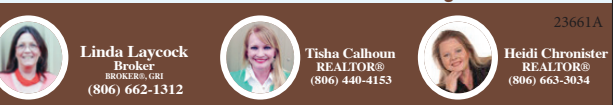
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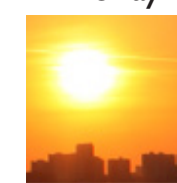
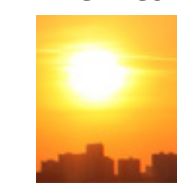
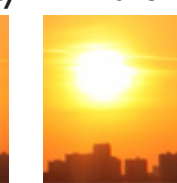


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High 98 Low 69	High 96 Low 70	High 94 Low 70

Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 96. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as a high as 20 mph.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 94. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police say a Utah woman considered leaving her husband before he fatally shot her, their two children and himself on Father's Day. Search warrant documents released Monday show that a relative immediately suspected Russell Smith was involved and called police when she discovered his 6-year-old daughter dead in the living room. The warrants say officers found Shawna Smith's body in the bathroom.

Russell Smith and their 2-year-old son were found dead in the child's bedroom. Police in Roy, about 30 miles north of Salt Lake City, say there were no previous reports of problems, and they're investigating what happened before the deaths. The records show family members told authorities that Russell and Shawna Smith had been having marital troubles and that Shawna Smith had talked about moving out.



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Case

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The dealership later found out the ID used by the male subject was expired.

They contacted him via telephone, and he agreed to return to the dealership to fix the problem.

The dealership did not hear back from the male subject, so representatives went to Borger to locate the male and take possession of the vehicle.

They went to the address listed on the ID and made contact with the person who had their identity stolen. This person is a victim in this case as well.

The representatives returned to Pampa, and filed a police report with the Pampa Police Department.

The vehicle was recovered on the evening of June 24 in rural Carson County near Fritch.

The vehicle was abandoned and later towed from the scene by law enforcement. Evidence was located and with tips received from the public a possible suspect can be identified.

The case will remain under investigation by Pampa PD Criminal Investigations Division.

Information for this article came from a press release via the Pampa Police Department as well as previous stories done by The Pampa News on this case.

Indict

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or fabricating physical evidence with the intent to impair investigation.

- Luis Bartelemi Rojas, 59, for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, less than one gram.

- Kennly Charnel Smith, 22, for manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, four grams or more but less than 200 grams.

- Reggie Ugene Williams, 44, for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, less than one gram.

- Jessie Richard Salley, 30, for escaping from custody that caused bodily injury and burglary of a habitation.

- Michael Geronimo Hufstедler, 32, for possession of a controlled substance, heroin, four grams or more but less than 200 grams.

- Amanda Lynn Jones, 43, for possession of a controlled substance, metham-

phetamine, less than one gram.

- Maurice Deshawn Clifford Bumpus, 39, for possession of marijuana, five pounds or less but more than four ounces.

- Ulysses Javier Chavez Campos, 18, for possession of a deadly weapon, firearm, in the Gray County Jail.

- David Moreno Castaneda, 35, for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, less than one gram. He was indicted for the same charge related to two different arrests.

- Anthony Shane Davis, 48, for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, less than one gram. He was indicted for the same charge related to two different arrests.

- Donald Lee Farrar, 52, for online solicitation of a minor.

- Jamie Garcia, 25, for burglary of a habitation.

- Edgar Dwyane Grove, 28, for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, less than one gram.

- Erik Gutierrez, 17, for evading arrest with a vehicle.

Camp

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pet shows and learn about different instruments such as drums, handbells, choir chimes and guitars. The camp is free and food will be provided.

"The purpose of [the camp] is to provide an opportunity for children to be exposed to different kinds of music opportunities," Minister of Music Barry Owens said. "Even children who already have a musical background can come and refine those skills and learn new things, and how to use music as a way to worship God."

This is the first year that First Baptist Church has

held the music day camp, but Owens explained that it is something that has been in the works for quite some time.

"This is our first time. We are hoping that this will turn into an annual event. We really want this to grow. Hopefully we'll have so many kids that next year we'll have to make it a two or even a three day camp. We thought we'd start off with the one day camp for now and see how that goes. This is something we've been wanting to do for years."

First Baptist Church is located at 203 N. West St.

Parents can call the music office at 806-669-1155 for more information or to register their children for the camp.

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OBITUARIES

Carlos Silva

Carlos Silva, 69, of Pampa, died July 11, 2015, in Amarillo.



Carlos Silva

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Roy Kafula, of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Silva was born July 28, 1945 in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. He had lived in Pampa since 1977. Carlos married Irma Silva in 1971 and she

preceded him in death in 2012. He worked for Fish Engineering and Sackery from 1977 until he retired in 2009. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church and enjoyed gardening and spending time with his family.

Carlos was preceded in death by two brothers, Jose Silva and Carlos Silva; and a sister, Vacilisa Aguillar.

Survivors include two daughters, Noemi Silva of Amarillo and Maria Herrera of Roswell, N.M.; a son, Juan Carlos Silva of Pampa; a brother, Raul Silva and wife Eva of Friona; four grandchildren, Clarissa, Domenic, Zachary and Gabriel; and a great-grandson, Isaia.

Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MN 20852

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

Alabama burglary suspect chased by bull through pasture

ARAB, Ala. (AP) — Sheriff's officials in northern Alabama say a burglary suspect was taken into custody after being chased by a bull through a cow pasture.

Marshall County Sheriff Scott Walls tells WHNT-TV (<http://bit.ly/1eHdsnY>) 26-year-old Brad Lynn Hemby was being sought in connection with a burglary Wednesday morning in Arab.

Walls says Hemby tried

fleeing deputies by running through a cow pasture and a bull roaming the land joined the chase. Walls says Hemby eventually fell onto a barbed wire fence and surrendered.

Walls says stolen property was recovered from Hemby's truck and the man is charged with burglary, theft and attempting to elude.

It's unclear if he has an attorney.

AAA Texas: Tips to protect kids, pets and vehicles

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COPPELL — As summer temperatures heat up, AAA Texas warns drivers about the dangers of leaving children and pets in vehicles. Temperatures inside a car, even on a mild, sunny day, can reach deadly levels in just 10 minutes. Children are particularly susceptible to heatstroke because their bodies can heat up five times faster than adults. Heatstroke deaths have been recorded in 11 months of the year in nearly all 50 states. More than half of heatstroke deaths occurred when a distracted caregiver forgot a quiet child was in the vehicle.

Animals are equally impacted by summer heat. Dogs are not able to sweat like humans do, but instead cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paws. If they have only overheated air to breathe, they can collapse, suffer brain damage and die of heatstroke.

While you can't control high heat, you do have some power to help protect you, your family, and your vehicle. Be sure to take the following precautions when you leave your car in the heat:

Never leave children or animals unattended in a car, not even for a short period of time. Outside air temperatures in the

nineties can rise to 125 degrees inside the vehicle very quickly and can cause brain damage or death.

Create reminders and habits that give you and caregivers a safety net. Leave an item needed at your next stop in the back seat so you don't forget about your loved one.

Take action if you see an unattended child or pet in a vehicle. Dial 911 immediately and follow the instructions of emergency personnel.

Make sure all child passengers have left the vehicle after it is parked.

Keep vehicles locked at all times; even

in the garage or driveway.

Never leave keys and/or remote openers within reach of children.

When parked, use a sun shield to cover the windshield to minimize heat buildup and to help protect the car's interior. Cover metal and plastic parts on seat belts and child safety seats to prevent burns.

Open the vehicle's doors and let the interior cool for a few minutes before entering.

Remember to remove electronics such as cell phones, iPods, etc. from your vehicle, as the high heat can drain the batteries and possibly damage internal components.

FOR the RECORD

Pampa man arrested for aggravated sexual assault

STAFF REPORT

• Ricardo Montoya, 18, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department for aggravated sexual assault and disorderly conduct.

• Gatlin Ray Taylor, 19, Synder, was arrested Thursday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams but less than 200 grams.

• Cesar Aaron Garcia, 18, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for two capias pro fine charges; one for failure to maintain financial responsibility and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Miguel Angel Chavez, 25, Hereford, was arrested Saturday by PPD for violation of driver's license restrictions, failure to appear, and two capias pro fine charges; one for failure to appear and one for no driver's license.

• Kaitlynn Nicole Ramirez, 21, Amarillo, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for theft of property greater than \$20,000 but less than \$100,000.

• Jorge Vargas, 18, Pam-

pa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for no driver's license.

• Kevin Scott Kidd, 33, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for nonpayment of court costs/fees.

• Cassandra Hernandez, 23, Pampa was arrested Sunday by the Department of Public Safety for a DWI.

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Prairie Plains Perspective

On the prairie plains where the tumbleweed tumbles, a thousand cattle guards from nowhere

“People say that age is just a state of mind. I say it’s more about the state of your body.” — Geoffrey Parfitt.



DENNIS PALMITIER

I have never been able to sleep late. Weekends, especially. I owe such to my late father who punctually arose come work or play every morning at dark thirty. Likewise, he expected his three sons to do the same. It never failed, every morning I and my brothers would hear “Rise and shine, up and at ‘em!” We arose, but if we didn’t, a shouted “or else” would come into play. It didn’t take long for me to keep nil his threats of “or else” directed my way... Discipline.

‘Twas a week ago Sunday morn really dark thirty. In geezer mode (couldn’t sleep...thanks dad!) I’m abed awake and reading when I hear my old building’s fire alarm sound

off. Living in antiquity often brings false fire alarms, though we’ve (fellow tenants) the comforting thought in the event of the real thing, right next door is the fire station... Damn I thought, if it’s actually a fire, what do I do?

I’ve only one opportunity to gather belongings, so what do I take down the stairs with me? With the alarm droning on and on, harboring still a few cobwebs I arise, pace back and forth a tad thinking the process out. My present age notwithstanding, fire alarms if you haven’t experienced one, have a time erasing way of messing with the thought process and more importantly, common sense. You want to hurry, but you simply cannot.

Performing in an early AM fire alarm, getting dressed first is important. Did so. Next? Let’s see; driver’s license, bank cards, etc.? Wallet! Secured it. What next? Important papers? Family heirlooms? Artwork? More clothes? Too much

of a load, I only have one opportunity, oh wait, my Bill Forman Great Plains Traditional Bow Company bow! As folks dressed in whatever they could hastily grab are zombily walking with this and that down the old Schneider’s stairway, I saunter into the parade holding only my Great Plains traditional bow... Aside from their designed intent, Bill’s endeavors are truly works of art... and soon to be rare. Priorities.

After experiencing first hand the physical and mental acceleration of aging, I whole heartedly get the time relevance thingamajig, but for the life of me, what about that super charged time warp from age 50 to 65!?! What the hell!?!?

Tree hugging this past Friday got rather intense. Dragging my tired arse in close to 7 p.m.; all I could think about was a hot shower, a little thought gathering quiet time followed by sleep. Oh, disclaimer,

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Job bests Hillary in an American worker tweet-off

Jeb Bush is right and Hillary Clinton is wrong. You can probably say that about a lot of things. But in this case it’s about the need for more part-time American workers to work full-time in order to improve their own lots as well as the lot of the economy.

The mini spat started when Jeb Bush short-handed the point that “people should work longer hours” in a meeting with New Hampshire’s Union Leader. Hillary Clinton — who doesn’t say anything to anybody — then tweeted, “Anyone who believes Americans aren’t working hard enough hasn’t met enough American workers.”

A few hours later, Bush clarified his position with his own tweet: “Anyone who discounts 6.5 million people stuck in part-time work and seeking full-time jobs hasn’t listened to working Americans.”

Bush is right about Americans needing to work longer hours. He’s also right that there are far too many involuntary part-time workers — 6.5 million today compared to a pre-recession 4.2 million. These folks are stuck because of economic reasons, traceable in large part to a slow-walking recovery and a variety of government policies that are discouraging full-time work.

Much of this is reflected in the U-6 unemployment rate. In June it stood at 10.5 percent, nearly double the 5.3 percent U-3 unemployment rate that gets the media headlines. The unusually wide spread between these rates in part reflects discouraged people who want to work and can’t find a job, and in part the people who want to work more but can’t get longer hours. You have to go back about 20 years to find such a large gap between the two measures.

And Jeb Bush was probably also thinking about the low labor-

force participation rate, which stands at a rock-bottom 62.6 percent compared to 66 percent in the prior cyclical peak.

Or perhaps Bush has been briefed by the Hoover Institution’s Ed Lazear, the former Council of Economic Advisers chair. Lazear points out that the employment-to-population ratio stands at an unusually low 59.5 percent today. At the peak of the last economic cycle it was 63.5 percent. The difference is about 7 million or 8 million jobs. The difference in participation rates is at least 6 million jobs.

So I don’t know which candidate is “closer to the people,” but Bush is closer to the statistical truth — at least as registered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In other words, facts. AEI columnist and TV personality Jim Pethokoukis cites this fact: Of the 6.5 million Americans who work “part time for economic reasons,” about a quarter want to work full time. And that share is about double what it was before the Great Recession.

So Bush is basically saying: There are too many part-timers, they would like to work longer, and if they had that opportunity, they and their families and the economy would benefit.

I still believe these labor-market problems are deeply rooted to this slow-paced recovery. We never had the snap-back that other deep recessions produced. And there are a number of ill-conceived tax, regulatory and monetary policies that have discouraged work, undermined incentives and created obstacles to the kind of 4 or 5 percent growth that should have occurred over the past six years.

For example, means-tested small entitlements — such as overextended unemployment insurance, Social Security Disability Insurance and food stamps — have clearly perverted work incentives. Eligibility has been substantially raised and time limits have been removed. So in many cases, on a net

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Just a Thought...

What is your “coachability” score?

Are you coachable? Do you take instruction well? Do you listen to advice from others?



RICK KRAFT

Are you the smartest person who ever lived? Maybe a better question is, “Are you the smartest person you know?” If so, why would you need to listen to anyone else? If not, why wouldn’t you listen to others?

These are some interesting and revealing questions. It is interesting the way God wired mankind. If you were to give yourself a “coachability” score from one to ten with ten being very coachable and one being not coachable at all, what score would you give yourself? What score would your spouse or your best friend give you? Would the two scores be close?

If you are not coachable, is it because you are stubborn? prideful? defensive? egotistical?

It seems that everyone else thinks they know what is better for us than we do. If they are right we need to listen and take action. If they are wrong we need to at least listen. The bottom line is that each of us needs to be more coachable.

I am not sure there are any openings for the position of “king.” But if there were and you became king you wouldn’t have to listen to anyone. Or would

you? A king can mandate what he wants to do and everyone else is expected to follow the mandate. He has no accountability. But if this is the case, why is it that kings (sometimes also known as “dictators”) sometimes get overthrown?

How often do you think a typical king listens to the wise counsel of others? Should he? Did Solomon, known as the wisest earthly king ever, listen to the counsel of others?

As a general rule, we don’t take instruction well. If something is our own idea, there is hope of it being accomplished. I say “hope” because even if something is our idea, it may not grow wings and fly. If something is someone else’s idea, the idea is typically doomed. How dare someone else tell me how to live my life? We sometimes get this attitude when we listen to a preacher or an instructor who talks about how life should be lived.

We may tune out the message. Or we may listen, but respond on the inside with “he doesn’t understand that what he is saying won’t work for me.” We often try to justify anything except listening and then applying and changing. Even good ideas that would change our lives get walled out by our defensiveness.

This is the 793rd consecutive week the “Just A Thought” column has been printed over the past 15 years. It is designed to bring about change in the

readers’ lives. Every column ends with a challenge. It is not intended to step on toes, but I am sure there have been occasions where you have read my thoughts and then thrown them out the window because you don’t feel they apply to you. That is all right, that is the free will that God put in each of us.

Furthermore, I don’t have a corner on the market on wisdom. I still have a lot to learn. I am work in progress. Yet I still struggle with coachability in my life.

I like the saying, “It is what I learn after I think I know it all that really matters.” When I think of this quote I recognize that I fail regularly. You fail regularly also. There is something about listening to someone else telling us about our flaws and what to do that rubs us the wrong way.

Even when we know they are right on our inside, our pride or stubbornness often prevents us from agreeing with the one speaking wisdom.

Let me flip the scenario. How often do you think you can lean into the life of another and help them improve or solve a problem in his or her life, but you don’t speak up because it will be ignored, start an argument, or maybe be a waste of fifteen minutes of your life? Well, let me reveal something to you. Others feel that way about your life.

So what is the prescription to overcome this illness? What do we need to do to fly as high as we

can taking our own ideas and merging them with the ideas of others to accomplish in our lifetime what we need to accomplish?

First of all, surround yourself with good influencers. Obviously you will consider the source of any advice given to you. If you don’t believe in the messenger, you won’t believe in the message. If you are surrounded by criminal or unethical minds, you probably need to get a new set of influencers.

Also, if we ask those who report to us to share their thoughts, they may not be candid because their job may be riding on what they say. If we ask our spouse for input, he or she may be gun shy because he or she has probably told us what we need to hear repeatedly and we have not changed.

We each need people in our lives who have nothing to lose and nothing to gain from telling us what we need to hear. This is an interesting concept. This could be a national speaker or it could be someone we interact with as a friend or coworker who has nothing to lose by being candid with us. It may be someone from your church or an organization you belong to.

The truth is, each of us can learn, grow, and make better decisions from the wise counsel of others. Not that “others” are perfect, but they see the world from outside of you or me. Their view on an issue (or issues) may be the wisdom we need to bring about

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take heed! What you are about to read may conjure up some horrific visions. Upon reading the following, I or The Pampa News will not be held liable for any nightmares, sleep deprivation or subsequent visits to a therapist. In other words, you're on your own!

Being one with nature a goodly portion of the day, let's just say I needed a hot shower along with for good measure, a couple of rinse cycles thrown in. I've scrubbed away my epidermis, am well into my dermis when it comes time to do my feet. I'm 6'5" tall...it's a long way down to my feet, I'm tired, it's my back, I'm soon to be 66... As I've done in the past, I perform a never failed me yet stork-like one legged stance and proceed with one foot when all of a sudden, I slip and become horizontal with my tub's bottom and in a reverberating nanosecond example of Newton's theory, become one with my tub's bottom. Ouch!

I impacted on my right elbow. Thank God for a fiberglass tub and shower! The tub's bottom gave with my weight. Had it been an antique porcelain coated iron tub, like what was in this old hotel, my elbow

would more than likely be broken. Letting the water turn from hot to tepid to cool, I laid in my tub pondering over what had just happened. In my lifetime save for a bruised ego, how many times with nary an injury have I fallen? That's when it hit me. I'm 65 soon to be 66. I've reached my age limit for falling! My in the shower stork-like one legged foot washing stance is now a thing of my past! If I don't change my showering habits, it will be a seniors safe step tub for me!

Um no, Bill Baldrige, I didn't look around to see if any one had seen my inglorious experience with gravity. Stars and canaries were in the way... What resulted from my prone pondering was twofold. Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up. And Ronnie Wood, sure as shootin', you're right! You know you're getting old when everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, isn't working.

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change. Just as you look into the lives of others and are critical of their lives because you see them from the outside, remember others are looking into your life. Recognize that we judge others by their actions and we judge ourselves by our intentions.

The next time someone gives you advice or tries to change your life for the better with what he or she thinks are wise words, if it has any merit at all, try not to attack the one offering the advice or get defensive with an excuse. How about a response such as "That may be a good idea, let me think about that" or "I think you are right, let me think through how to apply it." Or, if it is a great idea and your pride or ego just doesn't want to allow you to acknowledge it, why not say "That is a great idea. Can you help me with how to apply your suggestion?" or "I

agree, I will work on that."

Wow!!! That may blow away the one who is candidly sharing.

I want you to take seriously my challenge to you today. Surround yourself with good influencers. Then listen openly to what they say. Even ask them for advice if necessary. Non-defensive listening, filtering, and applying can change your life for the better.

And the better you are, the better those around you will be. If you raise the level of the water around you, your boat and the other boats around you rise higher also.

Try to be more coachable. Listen better. Apply selectively. Don't compromise your core beliefs, but there is a lot of improvement that can take place in your life around your core values.

Just a thought...

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Former Air Force One pilot for LBJ dies in Texas at 90

GATESVILLE, Texas (AP) — A military pilot who served as an aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson and flew Air Force One has died in Texas.

Retired Brig. Gen. James "Jim" Cross died Saturday in Gatesville. He was 90. Bill Cole with Scott's Funeral Home in Gatesville said Monday that Cross died of natural causes at a nursing facility.

A service was planned Tuesday at the funeral home. A funeral was scheduled Friday in Andalusia, Alabama, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, with burial at the church cemetery.

The LBJ Presidential Library in Austin issued a statement mourning the Alabama native and remembering Cross as a close friend of the Johnson family.

Cross wrote a book, "Around The World With LBJ: My Wild Ride As Air Force One Pilot, White House Aide, And Personal Confidant."

the economy.

We don't yet know all the details of Jeb Bush's economic plan. But on the campaign trail, according to New York Sun columnist Ira Stoll, he's talking about fixing how we tax and regulate, a broken immigration system and unleashing a domestic energy revolution.

And we know he favors a 4 percent economic-growth target as a means of recovering from past policy sins and restoring American opportunity and prosperity for all. Governor Chris Christie has adopted the same target. It's way too early to endorse, but both of these gentlemen have the story right.

Hillary Clinton so far has it wrong.

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after-tax basis, it pays more not to work.

Then there's Obamacare, which throws off a million economic disincentives. But here's one that goes directly to the Jeb Bush part-time employment issue: the so-called 29ers. If an employee works 29 hours a week, the employer does not have to purchase overly expensive Obamacare. So instead of working 34.5 hours a week, the long-term trend, you now have a lot of people at 29 hours or less because of bad government health-care policy.

By the way, every one-tenth of an hour less worked costs the economy between 350,000 and 400,000 jobs. This is the damage that Bush was likely thinking about when he pointed to involuntary part-timers hurting

Dallas police say woman, 88, missing, drove off in her car

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police are seeking the public's help in finding an 88-year-old woman who was last seen days ago driving away from her home.

Police on Monday announced the search for Lois Tribble, who may be in need of medical care. She's been missing since Friday morning.

Police did not immediately provide details on Tribble's health issues.

Tribble was driving a 2007 red Chevy Cobalt, with Texas license plate DPG-7186. Police did not immediately say where Tribble might be headed.

She has brown hair, blue eyes and was last seen wearing a blue jumpsuit.

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Harper Lee's attorney recalls finding 'Watchman' manuscript

NEW YORK (AP) — Harper Lee's attorney has provided her fullest accounting yet of how she came upon the manuscript for "Go Set a Watchman," which comes out Tuesday.

She is also raising the possibility of a third book by the author of "To Kill a Mockingbird," a suggestion challenged by a leading biographer.

In an op-ed piece posted late Sunday on the Wall Street Journal's web site, Tonja Carter wrote that last summer she was at a gathering of Lee's friends and family members when "talk turned" to a possible second novel by the author of "To Kill a Mockingbird." According to Carter, it was the first time she had heard of the book's existence. She then searched in a safe deposit box that contained some of Lee's papers and found "Watchman" underneath "a significant number of pages of another typed text."

"I immediately went to Nelle," Carter wrote, referring to Lee's first name, which she is often called by. "I said, 'Nelle, when I was in the safe-deposit box, I

found something.' She said, 'What?' I said, 'It's a manuscript of a novel called 'Go Set the Watchman.' She said, 'It's 'Go Set a Watchman.'"

"I asked, 'Is it finished?' Nelle replied, 'I guess it's finished, it's the parent of 'Mockingbird.'"

Calling herself Lee's "estate trustee, lawyer and friend," Carter also disputed recent reports that she had learned of "Watchman" a few years earlier, during a review of some of Lee's papers that included a Sotheby's appraiser and then-Lee attorney Samuel Pinkus. Contradicting statements by Pinkus, Carter said she was not in the room at the time "Watchman" might have been discussed and that no one mentioned the book to her.

Lee sued Pinkus in 2013, alleging that he had "duped" her into signing over the copyright of "Mockingbird." They settled months later.

Until Sunday, Carter had said little about "Watchman." Set in Lee's fictional Maycomb, Alabama in the 1950s, "Watchman" was written before "Mock-

ingbird," but takes place 20 years later. Lukewarm reviews and reports of the book's raw account of an elderly, racist Atticus Finch have not prevented "Watchman" from holding the No. 1 spot on Amazon.com's best-seller list. "Mockingbird," published in 1960, was No. 2 as of midday Monday.

Carter has been the object of skepticism since February, when HarperCollins revealed the stunning news that a second novel from Lee would be released. Many wondered whether the 89-year-old Lee, who has poor hearing and eyesight and lives in an assisted facility in her native Monroeville, had approved the publication.

Alabama state officials, responding to at least one complaint, met with her and concluded she was alert and aware of the book's release.

At the end of her op-ed piece, Carter suggested that the "typed text" in the box of papers could be an early "Watchman" draft or a third book "bridging" the stories of "Mockingbird" and "Watchman."

Lee's literary agent, Andrew Nurnberg, has previously said that he has seen old letters between Lee and her then-agent that indicated "Mockingbird" was part of a planned trilogy.

"In the coming months, experts, at Nelle's direction, will be invited to examine and authenticate all the documents in the safe-deposit box," Carter wrote.

Charles J. Shields, author of "Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee," said Monday that he had never seen any indication that Lee was working on a trilogy.

"To the contrary, her agent, Annie Laurie Williams, wrote to her a year after the publication of 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' encouraging her to have another novel soon," Shields wrote in an email.

"Go Set a Watchman" was complete at that time, but unpublished. If a trilogy was planned, why didn't Lee, her editor, and her agent turn their attention to that manuscript?"

Shields added: "A shaggy-dog story seems to be developing about lost manuscripts."

With historic nuke deal in sight, US and Iran dig in

VIENNA (AP) — A historic nuclear compromise within sight, American and Iranian negotiators struggled Monday to clear the final obstacles to an agreement aimed at eliminating the threat of a nuclear-armed Tehran. Weary diplomats expected to push past their fourth missed deadline in less than two weeks.

Among the vexing questions remaining: Should Iran be allowed to begin buying and selling conventional weapons again?

As a midnight target for a deal approached, diplomats said the nuts and bolts of the written nuclear accord had been settled days ago. And Iranian President Hassan Rouhani briefly raised expectations of an imminent breakthrough by proclaiming on Twitter: "Iran Deal is the victory of diplomacy & mutual respect over the outdated paradigm of exclusion & coercion."

And this is a good beginning."

But only minutes later, Rouhani's tweet was deleted. He then retransmitted it, adding the word "If" in front of "Iran Deal" to reflect that negotiators weren't there yet — just the latest reversal on a day of seesaw changes that started with high hopes for an agreement. The proposed pact would impose long-term and verifiable limits on Iran's nuclear program and provide the Islamic Republic tens of billions of dollars in relief from international sanctions.

At the White House, press secretary Josh Earnest said the talks were "making genuine progress," and the American negotiating team under Secretary of State John Kerry would remain in Vienna as long as the negotiations advanced. If a deal wasn't reached Monday, he said, the 20-month-old provisional constraints

on Iran's enrichment of possible bomb-making material and other nuclear activity would remain in force as the diplomacy continued.

The exact length of the extension to the current round of talks, already in its 17th day, wasn't immediately clear.

As of Sunday, diplomats had spoken of reaching a complete agreement within hours, only to then say the final signoff would have to come over the next 24 hours. But as Monday evening arrived in Austria's capital and a small number of differences persisted, the talk again moved to an accord the following day.

"No deal on Monday, nuclear agreement possible on Tuesday," Iran's state-run Press TV said in a bulletin attributed to Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

One dispute that was proving particularly trou-

blesome was Iran's status under a U.N. arms embargo, the future of which wasn't clearly defined when world powers and Tehran reached a framework deal in April.

A U.S. statement issued at the time said the final agreement would result in "the comprehensive lifting of all U.N. Security Council sanctions" on Iran, which could be interpreted to include the arms embargo. But the U.S. also said at the time that "important restrictions on conventional arms and ballistic missiles" would be incorporated in any new U.N. guidelines for Iran.

Washington wants to maintain the ban on importing and exporting weapons, concerned that an Iran flush with cash from the nuclear deal would expand its military assistance for Syrian President Bashar Assad's government, Yemen's Houthi rebels, the Leba-

nese militant group Hezbollah and other forces opposing America's Mideast allies such as Saudi Arabia and Israel.

Iranian leaders say the embargo must end as their forces are combating regional scourges such as the Islamic State. And they're getting support from both Russia and China, who want at least a partial lifting of the restrictions. Moscow, in particular, hopes to expand military cooperation and arms sales to Tehran, including the long-delayed transfer of S-300 advanced air defense systems — a move long opposed by the United States.

In Iran, state TV said the full text of the 100-page nuclear agreement was already written, but "needs to be edited carefully since even a single misplaced comma may change everything." A diplomat familiar with the talks dismissed the report as inaccurate, how-

ever. The diplomat wasn't authorized to speak publicly on the status of negotiations and demanded anonymity.

Diplomats reported at least two other issues beside the arms embargo eluding agreement: How to finalize a long-stymied U.N. investigation of alleged nuclear weapons work by Tehran and Iran's demand that any U.N. Security Council resolution approving the broader deal no longer describe Iran's nuclear activities as illegal.

On the International Atomic Energy Agency's probe, the Iranians insist they have never worked on weapons and top Iranian officials say military sites and nuclear scientists are off-limits to investigators. On the legality of its program, it hopes to receive positive recognition of its diplomatic effort with the six world powers on the other side of the negotiating table — with a quick lifting of U.N. sanctions without the stain of being adjudged in violation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

With another extension appearing the only viable option, some diplomats expressed exasperation.

"There should not be an extension in the talks," Zarif said in remarks carried by Iran's official IRNA news agency. Later, from the balcony of the ornate manor-turned-hotel hosting the talks, he told reporters that negotiators are "sleepy and overworked."

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School district soothes parents over school warning letter

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — An Oregon school district has rushed to soothe parents at a Salem elementary school who received a letter warning that children not picked up promptly might be turned over to the state.

The Salem Statesman Journal reports (http://is.gd/rTTiDo) that a Salem-Keizer School District spokesman confirmed the letter about the upcoming school year was sent recently to Swegle Elementary School parents. However, district spokesman Jay Remy says it was sent in error because the school's principal had not reviewed it. Remy described the letter as neither accurate nor courteous and said an apology would follow.

The third paragraph begins: "Children must be picked up on time. If they are not picked up on time we will call DHS and you will then have to pick them up at court the next day." DHS is the Oregon Department of Human Services.

KPTV of Portland reports parents have been sent a phone message apology.

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Silicon Valley company starts to take court disputes online

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Imagine working out a divorce without hiring an attorney or stepping into court or disputing the tax assessment on your home completely online.

A Silicon Valley company is starting to make both possibilities a reality with software that experts say represents the next wave of technology in which the law is turned into computer code that can solve legal battles without the need for a judge or attorney.

“We’re not quite at the Google car stage in law, but there are no conceptual or technical barriers to what we’re talking about,” said Oliver Goodenough, director of the Center for Legal Innovation at Vermont Law School, referring to Google’s self-driving car.

The computer programs, at least initially, have the ability to relieve overburdened courts of small claims cases, traffic fines and some family law matters. But Goodenough and other experts envision a future in which even more complicated disputes are resolved online, and they say San Jose, California-based Modria has gone far in developing software to realize that.

“There is a version of the future when

computers get so good that we trust them to play this role in our society, and it lets us get justice to more people because it’s cheaper and more transparent,” said Colin Rule, Modria’s co-founder.

Officials in Ohio are using Modria’s software to resolve disputes over tax assessments and keep them out of court, and a New York-based arbitration association has deployed it to settle medical claims arising from certain types of car crashes.

In the Netherlands, Modria software is being used to guide people through their divorces.

The program walks couples through more than two dozen questions, including how they want to co-parent any children they have. It suggests values for spousal support and notes areas of agreement. A second module allows them to negotiate areas of disagreement. If they reach a resolution, they can print up divorce papers that are then reviewed by an attorney to make sure neither side is giving away too much before they are filed in court.

Hundreds of couples have gone through the system since it launched in February, said Larry Friedberg, Modria’s chief marketing officer.

Modria’s founders initially developed their software to help eBay and PayPal solve customer complaints about damaged goods or late deliveries without employing teams of customer service representatives. At eBay, Rule said his system was resolving 60 million disputes a year.

He co-founded Modria in 2011. Although the company’s focus is on selling its technology to e-commerce businesses, Rule said he is passionate about deploying it to courts.

“I can build great tools that represent the cutting edge of technology and extend it into the legal sector where none of that expertise resides,” he said.

A Michigan company, Court Innovations, is using similar technology to resolve traffic disputes. In four court districts in the state, people ticketed on suspicion of running a red light or speeding can go online and provide an explanation in hopes of getting the ticket thrown out or a lower fine. Prosecutors review the information and make a decision that can be transmitted electronically to the alleged scofflaw for acceptance or rejection, said MJ Cartwright, the company’s CEO. The system has had more than 800 users so far,

almost all of whom have resolved their cases online, she said.

“When you’re online, there’s a lot you don’t know about that person such as their race and other things that can cloud the decision-making process,” she said.

Technology such as Modria’s can provide legal support to people and businesses that have written off lawyers and the court system as too expensive and tedious and would otherwise try to resolve their disputes on their own, said Larry Bridgesmith, a law professor at Vanderbilt Law School in Tennessee who focuses on dispute resolution strategies.

The American Bar Association recommended Bridgesmith as an expert on the subject.

The technology won’t do away with attorneys, but it will require them to adapt, he said.

“If lawyers begin to understand that those are tools they can use to lower the costs of entry into the legal system ... they can get back in the business of serving clients who are presently not served,” he said.

Pampa Fire Department call log — July 10 - July 12

STAFF REPORT

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

July 10

- At 2:31 p.m., to a medical call in the 800 block of North Nelson.
- At 4:56 p.m., to a medical call in the 2500 block of

Beech.

July 11

- At 7:28 a.m., two units and six personnel to a smoke alarm in the 1100 block of South Wells.
- At 4:34 p.m., three units and six personnel to a controlled burn in the 1200 block of East Tyng.
- At 5:48 pm, to a lift assist in the 800 block of North Nelson.

- At 8:14 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.

- At 11:54 p.m., to a rubbish fire in the 12000 block of E. Frederic.

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- At 3:01 p.m., to a lift assist in the 2700 block of N. Hobart.

50 Cent files for bankruptcy protection after losing lawsuit

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The rapper and actor known as 50 Cent has filed for federal bankruptcy protection, days after a jury ordered him to pay \$5 million in an invasion-of-privacy lawsuit.

Curtis Jackson III, who owns a home in Farmington, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in U.S. Dis-

trict Court in Hartford on Monday.

The filing lists both his assets and liabilities as between \$10 million and \$50 million.

It comes after a New York jury on Friday ordered Jackson to pay \$5 million to a woman who said he acquired a video she made with her boyfriend, added himself as a

crude commentator and posted it online without her permission.

Jackson’s attorneys and his publicist did not immediately respond to phone and email requests seeking comment on Monday.

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First Church of the Nazarene

The Church of the Nazarene is sponsoring some great family activities in July! We are planning to have FREE movie nights outside and show the film on the wall of the fellowship hall at dusk on Fridays July 3, 10, and the 17th. Please bring a lawn chair, mosquito repellent, and some friends to see a wonderful show good for the whole family. It will start at dusk each evening. There will not be an offering- just come enjoy a summer evening and have a good time with the neighbors.

And we are also planning to have Vacation Bible School on the Wednesdays of July 8, 15, 22, 29 for children who have completed Kindergarten through the 5th grades from 6:30 to 8 Pm. There will be Bible stories, great singing, and other activities too. We are asking for an offering at VBS for a children's Special Needs ministry. Thanks in advance for your interest and participation.

Our services are Sunday School at 9:45 Am and Sunday Worship at 10:45 Am at 500 N. West St. You may call 806-669-3144 for more information. Pastor Jimmie and the congregation welcome one and all. God bless you and God bless America!! God is still in charge.

Hi-Land Christian Church

Wednesday nights, Pastor Mike Sublett teaches 2 special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church.

From 7 - 8 p.m. The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9 p.m. 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).

Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and weekly handout pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study. I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review something later."

The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about their Bible.

Child care will be provided for

anyone who is attending either class.

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Cornerstone Baptist Team KID (Kids in Discipleship) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 until 8:00 pm at 2410 W. 23rd St. All children ages 4 thru 5th graders are invited to attend.

For more information call the church at 669-6509.

New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission.

Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers.

New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters.

Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church.

Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle.

This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester.

Right across from the high school.

Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also offers Wednesday

Bible Class at 7 p.m.

The clothing room is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Keith Feerer is the Preacher and Zac Green is Youth Minister.

For more information call 806-665-0031.

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church

Located at 727 West Browning, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church openly welcomes everyone to a place of worship rich in outreach to the community of Pampa and the surrounding area.

Worship services for the week begin on Sunday 8 a.m. (No music) Sunday School and Adult Christian Education begins at 9:30 a.m. Our main worship service begins Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Our Wednesday 10 a. m. we offer a service which follows the "Litany of Healing" where prayer needs throughout the community and the world are identified. The Episcopal Church Women's bible study immediately follows the Wednesday 10 a.m. service. Additionally, there is a Wednesday 6 p.m. worship service.

Please note that Saint Matthew's opens its doors to everyone on the third Wednesday of each month with an open invitation to eat with us during our monthly Community Ministry dinners. We serve dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There is no charge and we do not ask for donations. It is through God's blessings that we are able to freely offer these meals. We welcome all with open loving arms.

Please call (806) 665-0701 for additional information.

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church.

The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.

The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean.

For more information, call 806-

779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa.

The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.

Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Each Wednesday we have our children and adult Worship On Wednesday (WOW) classes from 5:30-6:30 followed by a light meal.

We have an awesome youth program that is trying to grow for sixth graders through high school.

They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday evenings. They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday evenings.

All of our classes are open to anyone who would like to attend and learn more about God. This is followed by our choir practice at 7:30 if you would like to join the choir too.

We also offer a Twenties & Thirties, TNT, a group for young adults, that meets on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. for bible study.

Worship service is at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, preceded with adult and children's Sunday schools. We do offer nursery service for our Sunday mornings.

Come worship with us and stay to socialize with us.

Try us out and see if we can fill your worship needs. Like us on Facebook, too, for all of the latest updates.

For more information please call our church office at 665-1031.

Editor's note: Email submissions to thowsare@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the name of the church, the dates and times of worship services and community events, physical address, and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

Carrie Underwood's baby accidentally gets locked in car

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — New mother Carrie Underwood called her brother-in-law to the rescue over the weekend during a frightening mom moment.

The country star tweeted about the incident on Saturday, writing "When your dogs manage to lock themselves, all your stuff & the baby in the car & you have to break a window to get in. #WhatAreTheChances"

Her publicist, Jessie Schmidt, said Monday it happened very fast and no one was hurt. Underwood tweeted that her brother-in-law broke the window to unlock the car.

Underwood is back on tour after giving birth to Isaiah in February, the first child for the former 'American Idol' winner and her husband, NHL player Mike Fisher.



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City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

July 2015 DSHS

Immunization Clinic

The July 2015 Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule has been announced. All five clinics will be at 121 S. Gillespie from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The clinics will be on July 1, July 2, July 8, July 14, July 15 and July 22.

All times are subject to change or cancellation in case of extenuating circumstances.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

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

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

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Republican Women's Club

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

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., the second Monday of each month, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday

of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

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

Pampa Post VFW meetings

Pampa Post VFW, Men's Auxiliary, and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. There is a social hour with a meal at 6 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For questions, call Danny Martin at 806-662-4367.

CASA of the High Plains

CASA of the High Plains will be open from 5-6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for persons interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer. The CASA office is located in the Brown Alliance for Children at 315 N. Ballard Street in Pampa.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a Judge to represent the best interest of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers are crucial to positive outcomes for children in the foster care system.

You may contact CASA at 806-669-7638 for more information.

Quails Forever meetings

Quails Forever is a new chapter in Pampa. This club meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the main building of Clarendon College Pampa Center. The group focuses on habitat and conservation projects for quails. The goal is to get community members

and volunteers interested in creating conservation habitat areas for quail to increase the animal's population and furthermore to improve the environment.

Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin'

First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, holds their weekly Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin' at 6 p.m. every Friday. Everyone is welcome to come out and bring their instruments or their voice. For more information on this weekly event, call Jerry Lister at 806-676-0711 or the church at 806-665-7411.

Lovett Memorial Library

Free Spanish classes will be offered every Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Lovett Memorial Library is located at 111 N. Houston St. and can be reached 806-669-5780.

Meredith House

Meredith House is hosting an event, Helping Hands for Aging Parents, on Tuesday July 28, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner is provided. It is free taco Tuesday. The guest speakers are Ann Thompson (PRMC), Shannah Heymer (Golden Phoenix) and Linda Littlefield (Hospice of the Plains). This event is for the entire community. Please RSVP to Nita Hogue 661-9111 or Lindsay Jones 665-5668 by July 24.

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A scramble to house patients, families during US pope visit

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Patients seeking long-term treatment at Philadelphia's multitude of renowned specialty care centers might find no room at the inns this September, when a visit by Pope Francis during the World Meeting of Families is expected to bring hundreds of thousands of pilgrims to the region.

Hospitals that rely on an organization that seeks to find housing for such patients or their families are wringing their hands under the added pressure to identify hosts for people who ordinarily could afford a hotel room.

"Many of these patients cannot choose their time to have treatments," said Rosana Tovar, a case worker at Shriners Hospital for Children. "Right now we're trying to figure out for that time in September when we'll have international patients and if we can help with accommodations."

Shriners, which provides specialized care to children with orthopedic problems, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft palates, has no housing of its own to offer patient families. The only other inexpensive option is area Ronald McDonald houses, but the demand for their housing there is far greater than the supply, Tovar said.

Hosts for Hospitals, a nonprofit that matches patients needing treatment far from home with homeowners willing to take them in, needs to grow quickly, executive director Mike Aichenbaum said.

While Pope Francis will only be in the city for two days, Sept. 26-27, the global meeting that is bringing him is expected to also fill hotel rooms the week before his visit, as well. Aichenbaum hopes to double his organization's base of 50 host families so sick people won't have to postpone critical care.

"When a family's in crisis, to have someone say, 'I don't know you, but welcome to my home' makes for a very profound experience for guests and hosts alike," Aichenbaum said. "I've had many guests tell me that the program has helped restore their faith in humanity."

Theresa Roberts, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, spent most of June sharing the downtown Philadelphia home of Sue and Reinhard Kruse, paying Hosts for Hospitals \$10 per night.

She spends most days receiving radiation therapy for an aggressive form of breast cancer at Thomas Jefferson University hospital. The Kruses are putting her up through Hosts for Hospitals.

"If it weren't for them, I wouldn't be here right now," said Roberts, 45.

Aichenbaum and Nancy Wimmer started the nonprofit Hosts for Hospitals in March 2000. Both have had health challenges that required out-of-town treatment that burdened their families with large out-of-pocket expenses.

Hosts for Hospitals works with patients of any age with

any illness, unlike some other hospital housing programs. There is no limit on how many people can accompany the patient, and no limit on how long a family can stay. One host took in a family of seven with two brain-impaired children for 18 months.

Patients with intermittent needs — such as one day per week of treatment for a month — can also be accommodated.

Aichenbaum carefully matches patients with hosts, looking at personal preferences, personalities and possible problems.

When there's an urgent need, Aichenbaum sends his hosts an email SOS. He usually finds a home within 48 hours.

Roberts will return to Philadelphia this month for a mastectomy. After that, she'll visit every three months. The Kruses want her back. There's something special about watching someone heal, Reinhard Kruse said.

"When it's over, you look into their eyes and they're well," he said. "That's wonderful. That's enough."

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Governor Abbott to visit New York and discuss Texas' open and flourish business climate

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 AUSTIN — Governor Greg Abbott will visit New York City on Monday, July 13th and Tuesday, July 14th to discuss with business leaders and industry experts Texas' open and flourishing business climate. The trip will include a number of media appearances, a tour of the New York Stock Exchange and events conducted in partnership with TexasOne, the state's Economic Development Corporation that will sponsor Governor Abbott's trip for the purpose of promoting and marketing Texas as the premier state in which to live and do business.

While in New York, Governor Abbott will share with industry leaders and employers Texas' latest successes in becoming an even better state to conduct business by cutting over \$4 billion in taxes for businesses and homeowners, further reducing burdensome regulations and prioritizing spending for transportation infrastructure and education without growing government or raising taxes.

"This legislative session, Texas opened more doors for opportunity than ever before and I'm confident that by showcasing our success in cutting the business franchise tax and reducing regulations, we will continue encouraging companies to bring their business to the Lone Star State," said Governor Abbott. "Unleashing the power of entrepreneurs and innovators and securing Texan's freedom to aspire has always been the model of success for Texas, and I look forward to selling that model nationwide."

The economic impact of this two-day mission is significant. The state will have conversations with more than 30 global business leaders representing 22 corporate entities, which translates into the potential retention of more than 11,500 jobs in Texas. In addition, the state will be connecting with 15 corporate real estate advisors that could result in bringing additional jobs and investment to the Lone Star State.

Governor Abbott's visit comes after Texas was recognized as Site Selection Magazine's Governor's Cup recipient for the sixth time in the last eleven years, Chief Executive Magazine's "best state for business" for the eleventh year in a row and CNBC's second best state for doing business.

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Area Support Groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Cancer Support** meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.

■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

■ **Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. They also have an **Alzheimer's support group**, which is held on the third Monday of each month at First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, at noon. For more information, call Lindsey Presson at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

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Above, Shelbi Burrows and Chandler Petty, 12-year-old Pampa volleyball players, participated in USA Volleyball's Junior Beach Tour. They competed in McKinney last weekend in a two person beach tournament. Below, Shelbi Burrows digs the volleyball in the North Texas Open. Bottom, Chandler Petty spikes the volleyball last weekend in the North Texas Open in McKinney.



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MLB update.

We have now reached the All-Star break, the midway point of the season. Last night was the homerun derby with a new format and it



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was a blast to watch. Tonight is the All-Star game. The winner gets to host four games out of the possible seven in the World Series. Let's take a quick

look at how things are going and what teams need to make a move before the July 31 deadline.

AL East
The Boston Red Sox are at the cellar of the division with a 42-47 record, they are 6.5 games back of the Yankees.

Even though the Sox are quite a ways back, that number is still attainable with this much season left.

The Tampa Bay Rays have won three straight to make it into second place at 46-45. The Baltimore Orioles are right there are 44-44 and the Toronto Blue Jays are at 45-46. I could see this division staying put at the deadline as many of the teams are real close, the Yankees are at 48-40. Of all the teams I think maybe the Rays or Orioles will make a move.

AL Central
The Kansas City Royals continue to dominate this division at 52-34. The Minnesota Twins, not the Tigers, are in second at 49-40 but

they are still 4.5 games back. The Tigers are 44-44 and nine games back, rather disappointing. The Indians and White Sox bring up the rear at 42-46 and 41-45 respectively. The Tigers must make a move to stay in the hunt. You can forget about the Indians or White Sox making a comeback.

AL West
The Los Angeles Angels have surged all the way into first place after going 7-3 and the Astros going 2-8 over the last ten games before the break. The Angels are at 48-40 and the Astros are at 49-42.

The Texas Rangers are in third still at 42-46, six games back. The Mariners are 41-48 and the Athletics are 41-50. Seattle and Oakland may become sellers at the break.

I think both Texas teams must make moves at the break if they want to stay in the hunt. Seattle and Oakland may be a little too far back to catch up.

NL East
The Nationals have woke up and are in first at 48-39. Surprisingly, the New York Mets are right behind them at 47-42. I think the Mets need to make a move to try and stay in position for the second wild card, no way they win the division.

The Braves are seven games back at 42-47. The Marlins are 38-51 and the Phillies are a woeful 29-62. The Marlins and Phillies will sell at the deadline. I think the Braves will wait it out and if they don't gain any ground in the first week after the break, they too will become sellers.

NL Central

The St. Louis Cardinals remain the team with the best record in baseball at 56-33 and atop the NL Central. They are limping into the break however, going 5-5 in their last ten and losing two extra inning games in a row to division rival Pittsburgh.

The Pirates have to be ecstatic about their position. They went 8-2 over the last ten and are 53-35, only 2.5 back of the Cards.

The Cubs are 47-40, a great record but still eight games back of the best team in baseball. The Reds are 39-47 and the Brewers are 38-52.

I think the Cardinals and Pirates despite being at the top need to make moves. The Cubs will definitely make some type of move to try and stay in the hunt for the wild card. The Brewers and Reds are officially out of the race. It will be interesting to see where stud pitcher Johnny Cueto lands.

NL West
The Los Angeles Dodgers remain atop the West at 51-39. The Giants are close at 46-43. The Arizona Diamondbacks are somewhat of a surprise at 42-45. The Padres are 41-49 and the Rockies at 39-49.

The Rockies and Padres will become sellers. Much like the Braves, the Dbacks may go either way. The Giants and Dodgers will be looking to make moves to bolster their team before the postseason.

Let me know your thoughts and how your team is doing! Next week I may start college football previews.

Zachary Green is the sports editor at The Pampa News.

Work progresses on new Cowboys headquarters in Frisco

FRISCO (AP) — Construction will start this month on the entertainment district that will serve as the gateway to the Dallas Cowboys' new training facility in Frisco.

Much of the work this past year at the site known as The Star in Frisco has focused on the public portion of the project — an indoor stadium, an underground parking garage and two outdoor practice fields — along with the team's new headquarters building.

The Dallas Morning News (<http://bit.ly/1HXyqwc>) reports the private development piece is just getting started as part of this joint effort among the Cowboys, the city of Frisco and Frisco Independent School District.

Despite some setbacks from the rainy weather, crews are putting in extra hours to meet the June 2016 opening date for the main attraction.

Frisco assistant city manager Ron Patterson said safety is the No. 1 goal for the more than 575 people on site each day. But a close second is staying on schedule.

"We are going to have the doors open on time," he said.

Costs are capped at \$90 million for the city and school district to contribute to the publicly owned portion of the project. The remaining costs come from the Cowboys. The Frisco City Council has so far approved 14 work authorizations with expenditures totaling more than \$220 million.

"And it's still going in an

upward direction," Patterson said. That's mostly because of additions and upgrades made by the team.

Patterson said work doesn't proceed until the money is in the bank from the Cowboys. But that hasn't been a problem for the team's owners, who are up to date on their share, Patterson said.

Initial estimates put the guaranteed maximum price for the public amenity at more than \$252.5 million. Patterson said that figure, like the work authorizations, includes pay and performance bonds from contractors. Those will eventually go away once the project is done.

He said he believes actual construction costs will end up being about \$219 million.

A major milestone comes later this month as crews set the first of what will eventually be about a dozen trusses to support the roof of the indoor stadium. The 395-to-420-foot-long steel trusses require a special crane to do the heavy lifting.

"It's quite a process to install the roof," said Shannon Jones, senior superintendent for Manhattan Construction, the project's general contractor.

Once the roof is done, the bulk of the indoor work on the 557,000-square-foot stadium can begin.

The 12,000-seat stadium will serve not only as a training ground for the Cowboys but also as a hub for high school football games and other youth events.

The stadium and a conven-

tion center planned inside the adjacent Omni Frisco Hotel are also attracting outside interest. Marla Roe, executive director of the Frisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, said her office is already negotiating with a handful of groups looking to book events there in 2017.

And now that the public portion is well under way, construction on the rest of the site is getting started. Concrete for the streets is being poured. And dirt is being moved to make space for the two parking garages south of the stadium.

Those will get wrapped with retail and restaurants that play prominently along The Star Boulevard. Construction on that entertainment district starts this month, Patterson said.

The entire 91-acre site sits along the Dallas North Tollway just north of Warren Parkway. Early estimates peg the project as a \$1 billion development, but that figure could go up as plans continue to fall into place.

It's one of four projects touted in the city's \$5 Billion Mile, which also includes Frisco Station, The Gate and Wade Park. The developers for the various projects are talking with each other as well as properties to the north and south to improve connectivity. The idea is to make it easy for folks to travel from one project to the next, whether by road or by trail.

Construction, meanwhile, continues with the Cowboys' headquarters, which consists of two six-story towers. A good chunk of space will be taken up by the team's operations. But officials are also looking for private companies interested in leasing space there.

Conventions, Sports & Leisure International, a sports facility planning and advisory firm based in Plano, is studying offerings for an exclusive members-only Cowboys Club adjacent to the headquarters.

As described in an online survey, the club could include a 12,000-square-foot restaurant and lounge. Members would have views of the teams' outdoor practice fields and be eligible for invitations to watch team practices. They might also have access to Cowboys FIT, a state-of-the-art health club with workout equipment, a rooftop pool and spa services. The club would also have space for members to conduct business, host meetings, and network with other professionals.

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Djokovic closing in on Federer, Nadal

LONDON (AP) — A day after winning Wimbledon for a ninth Grand Slam title, moving within five of Rafael Nadal's total and putting him more than halfway to Roger Federer's record of 17, Novak Djokovic was asked about the possibility of catching his two rivals.

He exhaled. "I don't want to say it's too early to talk about it," Djokovic began, then interrupted himself with a laugh. "I mean, it's probably the right time to talk about it."

It sure is. The No. 1-ranked Djokovic has firmly established his bona fides as one of the greats of the game by just about any measure, including his three championships at Wimbledon, five at the Australian Open, and one

at the U.S. Open.

By getting to Grand Slam title No. 9, he pushed ahead of quite a group of guys with eight: Andre Agassi, Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl, Fred Perry, Ken Rosewall. Plus, Djokovic is 28, and by all accounts only getting better.

As for chasing the numbers put up by contemporaries Federer and Nadal?

"I'm still far, far away from that. It's still a long way ahead," Djokovic said Monday at the All England Club, about 18 hours after earning his third Wimbledon championship, and second in a row, with a 7-6 (1), 6-7 (10), 6-4, 6-3 victory over second-ranked Federer. "Winning one Grand Slam, I know what it takes. It's a lot of effort. A lot of things have to come together. So to reach

these two guys would be something incredible. But honestly, I'm not thinking about it now."

Instead, Djokovic said, he derives motivation from his "passion and love for the sport, and just the joy that I find in playing tennis," along with a sense of "responsibility" he feels to "keep going and bring joy to myself and to those closest to him, including his wife and their 8-month-old son, Stefan."

Djokovic also said he feels "like I have many years in front of me."

That's probably true, although it will not be easy to maintain the pace he established recently. Over the past 20 Grand Slam tournaments, Djokovic has reached 15 finals — a Federer-esque rate — and won eight.

And who were the men

who lost to Djokovic in those eight?

Federer (two), Nadal (three), and Andy Murray (three).

Not too shabby.

As Federer put it during the trophy ceremony at Centre Court on Sunday: "Novak played not only great today but the whole two weeks, plus the whole year, plus last year, plus the year before that."

If it weren't for a four-set loss to Stan Wawrinka in the French Open final, after knocking out Nadal in the quarterfinals, Djokovic would be heading to the U.S. Open, which he won in 2011, with a chance at a calendar-year Grand Slam, just like Serena Williams.

Disappointing as that defeat against Wawrinka was, preventing him from claiming a career Grand Slam, Djokovic recovered

quickly.

"Considering where I was, my state of mind, I would say, three, four weeks ago," Djokovic said Monday, "it's pretty amazing to be here with you today as the Wimbledon champion."

It was pointed out to Djokovic that he is the only player who has beaten seven-time Wimbledon champion Federer on the grass of the All England Club, as well as nine-time French Open champion Nadal on the red clay of Roland Garros.

And Djokovic happened to do it in the span of a little more than a month.

"That is a great achievement, now that you mention it," Djokovic said, leaning back in his chair. "I didn't think about it, but it feels pretty good. It's probably an ultimate chal-

lenge to win against those two guys on their most preferred surfaces."

Terrific as Djokovic is — owner of the best return in tennis; a genius along the baseline, thanks in part to a speedy, sliding, body-contorting style that lets him get to nearly every ball — he is intent on improving.

That's why he brought aboard Boris Becker as a second coach, for example, to help his mental toughness and serve, among other things.

Djokovic's serve is more of an asset than ever — he saved six of seven break points Sunday — and now he has designs on getting to the net more often.

"There is always something I can work on," Djokovic said, "and I know I can get my game to a higher level."

Greinke, Scherzer on track for Cy Young race

Last season's tightest major award vote in baseball was for the American League Cy Young, with Cleveland's Corey Kluber edging Seattle's Felix Hernandez by only 10 points.

Now it's the National League that looks like it could have a compelling race among its top pitchers. After Washington's Max Scherzer set the pace with a sensational stretch in June, Zack Greinke of the Los Angeles Dodgers has been making his own bid. Greinke hasn't allowed a run since June 13 and enters the All-Star break with a 1.39 ERA.

Scherzer has 150 strikeouts and hasn't walked a batter since June 14, but he also has four starts with at least four runs allowed. Greinke has only one.

Those two look like the Cy Young favorites at this point, although it would be foolish to count out Greinke's team-

mate, Clayton Kershaw, who has won the award three times in the last four years.

Here's a look at how the other award races are shaping up:

AL CY YOUNG: Kluber is following up his honor last year with another fine season — his 4-10 record is largely due to atrocious run support — but division rival Chris Sale of the Chicago White Sox may be the favorite. Houston's Dallas Keuchel is also in the mix but lacks Sale's flashy strikeout numbers.

NL MVP: Bryce Harper of the Nationals is the clear favorite here, and although Paul Goldschmidt is putting up comparable numbers, his Arizona Diamondbacks are well off the pace in the NL West. Harper's team is in first place, and that's the type of thing that often matters to voters.

AL MVP: Mike Trout is certainly a

candidate to win his second MVP in a row, but this race still looks wide open. Josh Donaldson has given Toronto a lift, and Baltimore's Manny Machado could have a case with a big second half.

NL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Jacob deGrom of the New York Mets took this award last year on the strength of an impressive finish in August and September, but don't expect any late darkhorses to emerge this time. Kris Bryant of the Chicago Cubs and Joc Pederson of the Dodgers are well ahead of the rest of the field.

AL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: The AL honor, on the other hand, is still very much up in the air. Devon Travis of the Blue Jays has been impressive, but star prospect Carlos Correa of the Astros has already matched Travis' total of seven homers — and Correa has only played in 32 games.

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US soldiers opposed to war now find Canada less hospitable

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — When Army Sgt. Patrick Hart decided a decade ago that he would not serve in the war in Iraq, he expected to follow the same path as thousands of American war resisters during the Vietnam era and take refuge across the border.

But after five years of wrangling with the Canadian immigration system, he came back to the U.S. — and ended up in a military prison.

The country that once welcomed war resisters has developed a much different reputation during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan: Supporters say no U.S. soldier who has sought legal residence in Canada, either as a refugee or on humanitarian grounds, has been successful.

"Nobody's won," said Hart, a Buffalo native who exhausted his legal options then turned himself in to the Army, was court-martialed for desertion and sentenced to two years in prison.

There are an estimated two dozen U.S. military

members still waiting out their fate in Canada, and the resisters' movement is seen as nearing a crossroads. With a national election three months away, supporters are hopeful for a Liberal Party victory and more sympathetic stance toward American military exiles, but bracing for the possibility Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper wins reelection.

Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau has not committed to letting the resisters stay, but many are buoyed by his family history. It was his father, Pierre Trudeau, who while prime minister said Canada should be "a refuge from militarism."

"Why not do it again? It's only a couple of dozen people," said Michelle Robidoux, spokeswoman for the War Resisters Support Campaign in Toronto, which has been lobbying members of Parliament.

After a flurry early on, between 2004 and 2006, it's been at least four

years since any known residency requests have been filed, Robidoux said.

Besides Hart, at least three other soldiers who were deported or left Canada have been sent to prison: Pfc. Kim Rivera, a mother of five, was sentenced in 2013 to 10 months; Spc. Clifford Cornell of Mountain Home, Arkansas, received a one-year term in 2009, and Pfc. Robin Long of Boise, Idaho, was sentenced in 2008 to 15 months.

Some deserters face court-martial but the majority are discharged on less-than-honorable terms. Army officials said more than 20,000 soldiers have deserted since 2006.

Canada's immigration laws have tightened since the Vietnam War, the support campaign said, giving U.S. soldiers few options other than to try for refugee status based on the fear of persecution if made to go home.

Government guidance issued to immigration officers in 2010 requires

them to consult supervisors on U.S. military cases and spells out that desertion is a crime that may render those who've left the military as criminally inadmissible to Canada.

"Military deserters from the United States are not genuine refugees under the internationally accepted meaning of the term," Citizenship and Immigration Canada spokeswoman Nancy Caron said in an emailed statement. "These unfounded claims clog up our system for genuine refugees who are actually fleeing persecution."

It's a strikingly different stance from what Bruce Beyer saw when he found a safe haven in Canada and spent five years there after refusing induction into the Army during the Vietnam War.

"The word is definitely out in the anti-war community that going to Canada is not beneficial," said Beyer, of Buffalo, who returned to the United States in 1977 and has publicly supported the current resisters.

Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board does not track claim types and could not provide the number of claims made by American soldiers, spokesman Robert Gervais said. He said each case is decided on merits.

Robidoux estimated the number of claims filed at 45. She said about two dozen soldiers remain in the country while appealing decisions or pursuing other action. One of them, Rodney Watson, has sought sanctuary in a Vancouver church for nearly six years to avoid a second tour in Iraq.

Both Watson and Hart spoke out publicly against the war after arriving in Canada, and Hart believes his lengthy prison sentence was a direct result. Prosecutors sealed their desertion case against him with clips from anti-war rallies that captured him saying he had no plans to return.


Hart finally did, he said, after deciding with his wife, Jill, that it would be best for their

son, now 13, to leave Canada on their own terms.

"We had kind of run the course of legal action to stay there, so we were pretty much just sitting there waiting for a deportation order to come down," said Hart, who was released from the prison complex at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 2013 after serving 15 months.

Hart left his Fort Campbell, Kentucky, base in 2005, a month before he was to be sent to Iraq and after serving nearly a year in Kuwait in 2003. He now lives in Florida and is pursuing a nursing degree, helped by the G.I. Bill. He is seeking to have his bad conduct discharge — a step up from dishonorable — upgraded to other than honorable.

"Up until the second part of the Iraq War, I was pretty much a model soldier," said the sergeant, who had hoped his more than 10-year record would work in his favor upon his return, "but they didn't see it that way."



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Turkey Testicle Festival host not ruffled by competing event

EAST DUNDEE, Ill. (AP) — The owner of a suburban Chicago pub that has held an annual Turkey Testicle Festival for 32 years isn't testy at all that a nearby community plans to host its own celebration of the unusual dish this November.

J.R. Westberg, who owns the Parkside Pub in Huntley, told The Daily Herald (<http://bit.ly/1K0Ppv4>) that his only criticism of East Dundee's plan for its own event the day before Thanksgiving is the organizers' lack of originality. They gave it the exact same name and scheduled it for the same date and time.

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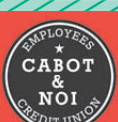


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News media seek videos of police killing unarmed man

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The fatal police shooting of an unarmed man in a Los Angeles suburb two years ago followed an erroneous police dispatch after a bicycle was stolen.

Ricardo Diaz-Zeferino was drunk and trying to help his brother find the bike when police, told to be on the lookout for two robbers, opened fire when he wouldn't obey orders as they stopped him and two friends, according to an investigative review of the killing.

Video of the shooting captured on cameras in three police cars is at the center of a court fight Monday over whether the footage should be made public.

A lawyer for The Associated Press and two other news outlets says the public has a right to view the video that was sealed in a federal lawsuit that the city of Gardena, California, settled for \$4.7 million with Diaz-Zeferino's family and another man who was wounded in the shooting.

"The burden is theirs to show they're entitled to an ongoing sealing," said Rochelle Wilcox, an attorney for AP,

the Los Angeles Times and Bloomberg. "We think they haven't even come close to meeting their burden. ... The public policy strongly supports disclosure of this video, which was taken on a public street."

The hearing comes at a time of heightened scrutiny in shootings by officers and amid an ongoing debate over whether footage shot on an increasing number of police cameras should be made public.

More officers and patrol cars are being outfitted with cameras to record evidence. The devices are promoted as a tool for holding officers accountable and helping them defend themselves.

In fact, the cameras that recorded the June 2, 2013, shooting supported testimony that Diaz-Zeferino wouldn't obey officers' orders to stand still and keep his hands in the air. He was shot eight times after repeatedly reaching for his pants, according to a report by the Los Angeles district attorney.

Prosecutors found the shooting justified and declined to charge the four officers.

Lawyers for Gardena said releasing the video could lead to a "rush to judgment" against those officers, and it would make law enforcement agencies think twice about using cameras.

"Public agencies will be forced to wrestle with the issue of whether they wish to deploy dashboard cameras and body-worn cameras for fear that this information could be obtained, released in a distorted and sensationalistic manner, and misinterpreted, leading to acts of civil disobedience, damage to property, and the potential loss of life," according to court papers filed by the city.

Organizations of police chiefs and officers around the state have filed papers to keep the videos sealed.

A lawyer for Diaz-Zeferino's family said they want the video released so the public can see that the men did nothing wrong before being shot. "As long as the video is not released, the city of Gardena will continue to spin the facts," attorney Sonia Mercado said.

Police: Cause of Rhode Island beach boom may never be known

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Investigators have found no physical evidence of an explosion on the ground after a woman on a Rhode Island beach was thrown into an rock jetty, and officials said Monday there may never be an explanation as to what exactly happened.

"It could be a lot of different things," state police Col. Steven G. O'Donnell said. "We may not have a definitive answer."

Police and the state's fire marshal are investigating whether there was an aerial explosion or an explosion below ground at Salty Brine beach in Narragansett, O'Donnell said.

Investigators are also looking into rock shifts and seismic events, he said.

"You could have an aerial explosion that could create a boom. Anything on ground, we've ruled that out," O'Donnell said.

Kathleen Danise, 60, of Waterbury, Connecticut, was thrown 10 feet from her beach chair into the

rock jetty on Saturday, according to Danise's family members.

Witnesses told police they heard a loud bang. Danise suffered two fractured ribs and bruising, her family said. She was released from the hospital on Sunday.

Police never theorized that the event was caused by a grenade or another explosive device, O'Donnell said.

"You never rule anything out, but you go where the evidence takes you," O'Donnell said. "We don't have evidence that it was anything on the ground at this point."

He said there's typically physical evidence with an explosion, such as charring or debris, which investigators haven't found.

The beach was reopened Sunday after officials found no evidence of an explosive device or gas line under the sand.

Ohio man accused of threatening Boehner to go on trial

CINCINNATI (AP) — A former Cincinnati-area bartender who said he heard the devil's voice telling him that House Speaker John Boehner was evil is set to go on trial Monday in federal court on charges he threatened to kill the Republican lawmaker.

Michael Hoyt has pleaded not guilty to a charge of threatening to kill a government official. He is scheduled for a nonjury trial in U.S. District Court in Cincinnati. Authorities have said in court documents that he threatened to kill Boehner with a gun or by poisoning his drink.

Court documents also indicate that Hoyt, of the Cincinnati suburb of Deer Park, has a history of mental illness. But Judge Timothy Black in April ruled that Hoyt was competent to stand trial, based on a report from a medical facility where Hoyt was sent for evaluation and treatment.

Hoyt's attorneys have said they plan to

argue he was insane at the time of the alleged crime. He could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison if found guilty.

Hoyt was indicted in January. A separate criminal complaint filed in November 2014 said he was fired last fall from a suburban country club where Boehner is a member. Authorities say Hoyt said he began hearing the devil's voice after his firing, telling him Boehner was evil.

Hoyt was treated for a psychotic episode about two years earlier and later stopped taking prescribed medication, according to the complaint. The complaint said Hoyt came to authorities' attention when he called 911 on Oct. 29 and told officers dispatched to his home that he had been fired from the country club where Boehner was a member and "did not have time to put something in John Boehner's drink."

Hoyt also said he had a loaded gun and was going to shoot Boehner, the documents added.

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Justice Department: Food companies risk prosecution for outbreaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following a deadly listeria outbreak in ice cream, the Justice Department is warning food companies that they could face criminal and civil penalties if they inadvertently poison their customers.

"We have made a priority holding individuals and companies responsible when they fail to live up to their obligations that they have to protect the safety of the food that all of us eat," Associate Attorney General Stuart Delery said in an interview with The Associated Press.

After years of relative inactivity, the administration has stepped up criminal enforcement on safety cases. In the most high-profile case, a federal court in Georgia last year found an executive for the Peanut Corporation of America guilty of conspiracy, obstruction of justice, wire fraud and other crimes after his company shipped out salmonella-tainted peanuts that sickened more than 700 and killed nine in 2008 and 2009.

Delery, the No. 3 official at the Justice Department, wouldn't say whether

the government plans to pursue charges against Texas-based Blue Bell Creameries, which recalled all its products and shut down production earlier this year after listeria in the company's ice cream was linked to illnesses and three deaths. A Food and Drug Administration investigation found that Blue Bell knew that it had listeria in one of its plants for almost two years before the recall.

"I will say we are following the reports and working with our agency partners, obviously, as they conduct their reviews and investigations," Delery said of the Blue Bell investigation and other recent outbreaks, including deaths linked to listeria in caramel apples. "What I can say is we're committed to staying on top of outbreaks and evaluating potential cases as the evidence warrants."

Other recent actions prompted by the Justice Department during the Obama administration:

— A 2013 guilty plea from Colorado brothers who grew and sold listeria-tainted cantaloupe that killed more than 30

people in 2011.

— A 2014 plea deal, resulting in prison time and millions of dollars in fines, between the government and an Iowa egg company and its executives. An outbreak of salmonella linked to the eggs sickened almost 2,000 people in 2010.

— A May 2015 settlement with ConAgra Foods for \$11.2 million after the company shipped Peter Pan peanut butter tainted with salmonella from a plant in Georgia, sickening more than 600 people in 2006. That sum includes the highest criminal fine in a U.S. food safety case.

Bill Marler, a food safety lawyer who has represented victims in many of those cases, says Justice's recent activity is especially notable because in many of the cases, company executives didn't know they were shipping out tainted food, but they were hit with criminal charges anyway.

"It's been very much of a sea change," Marler said. "Once you start down this road you have to decide whether you are going to do it all the time or selectively."

Delery notes the department has gone after some of these companies with laws that aren't directly related to food safety, such as those prohibiting wire or mail fraud.

In his effort to put food companies on warning, Delery spoke to food manufacturers at a safety meeting in Dallas last month. He said the majority of American food is safe, but "even a tiny minority" can cause harm.

"The criminal prosecutions we bring should stand as a stark reminder of the potential consequences of disregarding danger to one's customers in the name of getting a shipment out on time — of sacrificing what is right for what is expedient," he told the food companies.

The food industry says it is on board with regulation and enforcement.

"Product safety is the foundation of consumer trust, and our industry devotes enormous resources to ensure that our products are safe," said Pamela G. Bailey, president and CEO of the Grocery Manufacturers Association, the leading trade group for the industry.

Stocks rise as Greece lines up a new bailout deal

NEW YORK (AP) — A new agreement between Greece and its creditors helped push U.S. stocks up early Monday. The deal for a new loan package is aimed at keeping the country in the euro.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 19 points, or 1 percent, to 2,096, as of 12:02 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 193 points, or 1.1 percent, to 17,953, while the Nasdaq composite climbed 65 points, or 1.3 percent, to 5,062.

The gains were broad. More than three stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Every sector in the S&P 500 made gains, except utilities.

A NEW DEAL: European leaders reached a tentative agreement on new loans for Greece, removing an immediate threat that the country would default on its debts and leave the euro. Nine hours after a self-im-

posed deadline passed, European officials announced the breakthrough early Monday. In exchange for a three-year loan program, the deal requires Greece's parliament to pass tax increases and other key demands from its lenders into law by Wednesday.

REACTION: "Our markets have reason to cheer," said Tim Dreiling, senior portfolio manager at the U.S. Bank's Private Client Reserve. "It's a reprieve from worry for a few days at least."

EUROPE: Major markets in Europe rallied on the news. Germany's DAX climbed 1.4 percent and France's CAC 40 surged 2 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.7 percent.

NEW WINDOWS: Microsoft said it would roll out Windows 10 in late July. The upgraded operating system is supposed to allow users to switch seamlessly between personal computers and their gadgets. The company's stock gained 88 cents, or 2 percent, to \$45.49, the biggest gain in the Dow.

NO CABLE, NO PROBLEM: Comcast, the country's largest cable company, announced plans to launch a streaming video service later this summer. The new service, called Stream, will cost \$15 a month and allow customers to watch live TV from about a dozen networks, including HBO, on their phones, tablets and laptops. Comcast gained 89 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$64.09.

ASIA'S DAY: Japan's Nikkei 225 gained 1.6 percent, South Korea's Kospi gained 1.5 percent. In China, the Shanghai Composite added 2.4 percent, bouncing back after a slew of government measures to halt a dramatic slide. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1.3 percent.

CRUDE: Benchmark U.S. oil rose 16 cents to \$52.90 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

BONDS, CURRENCIES: U.S. government bond prices slipped, pushing yields up. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.43 percent from 2.40 percent late Friday. The euro fell to \$1.1026 while the dollar rose to 123.37 yen.

10-foot alligator captured near downtown Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, (AP) — A matter of time before people blind alligator stretching more than 10 feet has been removed from the Trinity River in a park near downtown Fort Worth and taken to a refuge.

Game wardens and a reptile hunter, Chris Stevens, used a noose to capture the male gator Thursday night at Riverside Park.

Stevens said the animal needed to be moved to ensure public safety.

"The problem is not the alligator — it's the people," he said. "Being in that high profile of a location, people are going to start feeding it, and anytime you have an alligator like this, it's just a

poke it."

Stevens took the 10-foot-2-inch alligator to a nature reserve. He said it was likely blind in both eyes.

Texas game wardens summoned Stevens to help catch the alligator after several reported sightings in recent weeks. Recent heavy rain and flooding may have brought the animal to the area.

A man swimming in a Southeast Texas marina, Tommie Woodward, was killed July 3 by a 400-pound alligator.

That animal was shot and killed days later, with Woodward's remains still inside its stomach.

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D'Army Bailey, National Civil Rights Museum promoter, dies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — D'Army Bailey, a lawyer and judge who helped preserve the Memphis hotel where civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated and turn it into the National Civil Rights Museum, died on Sunday, his wife said. He was 73.

Adrienne Bailey said her husband died after a long illness, surrounded by family at Methodist Hospital in Memphis.

Bailey led the fight to preserve the crumbling Lorraine Motel, where King was slain while standing on a balcony on April 4, 1968. King had stayed at the hotel while marching and making speeches on behalf of striking sanitation workers who were protesting low wages and unsafe working conditions.

Bailey assembled donors to buy the hotel,

which ultimately became the National Civil Rights Museum in 1991. The museum has since undergone an extensive renovation.

Bailey also had small acting roles in several films, including "The People vs. Larry Flynt" and "How Stella Got Her Groove Back."

Former U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Sr. called Bailey an "unwavering advocate for justice."

"Our community was made better by his years of service, his stunning intellect and a deep appreciation for the rule of law," Ford said in a statement. "We should all be thankful for his tireless efforts and leadership."

Bailey received his law degree from Yale and practiced civil rights law in New York before moving to California. He served on the Berkeley, California, city council

from 1971 until 1973.

He later returned home to Memphis, where he practiced law before he was elected for a Circuit Court judgeship in 1990.

In 2007, Bailey was a finalist to fill a vacancy on the Tennessee Supreme Court, but he was not appointed by then-Gov. Phil Bredesen. He left the bench to enter private practice in 2009 before being re-elected to a Circuit Court judgeship last year.

He is the author of "The Education of a Black Radical: A Southern Civil Rights Activist's Journey, 1959-1964" and "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Final Journey."

Adrienne Bailey said her husband helped countless people during his life as a public servant.

"D'Army never thought that anything was impossible," she said.

Dismay in US over Guzman's escape from Mexican prison

CHICAGO (AP) — Reactions in the United States to the escape from Mexican prison of a reputed drug lord ranged from disbelief to outrage, with some observers saying it dramatically illustrated the need for captured cartel kingpins to be promptly extradited to the U.S.

A former administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration said he was dismayed by Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's weekend escape — apparently through a mile-long tunnel — from the Altiplano prison, 55 miles west of Mexico City.

"It is a shock that the most dangerous cartel leader in the world has escaped," Peter Bensinger said Sunday. "He ought to have been housed in an American prison."

Washington's official response was diplomatic, as Attorney General Loretta Lynch said in a statement Sunday that the U.S. shared "Mexico's concern regarding the escape" and stood by to help in the manhunt.

But one Mexico expert said American officials likely expressed more frustration behind the scenes.

"I think this will add to the distrust many U.S. agencies feel (toward the Mexican government) — even if that's not publicly voiced," said David Shirk, San Diego-based fellow for the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

At least some observers said they weren't surprised by Guzman's escape given Mexican prisons' reputation, including Gal Pissetzky, a defense attorney who has represented suspected drug traffickers in U.S. courts nationwide.

"I'm surprised he stayed locked up in there as long as he did," Pissetzky said.

The Chicago Crime Commission, an influential crime-fighting group in Illinois,

said Sunday that the prison break meant Guzman will regain his title as Public Enemy No. 1 in Chicago, where his Sinaloa cartel has long dominated the cocaine and heroin trade.

When the group attached the Public Enemy label to Guzman a year before his capture, it was the first time it had been used since it was applied in 1930 to Prohibition-era gangster Al Capone. The Chicago Crime Commission planned to formally restore the title to Guzman this week, said John Pastuovic, a spokesman for the non-governmental body.

Several U.S. attorneys' offices have indicted Guzman on trafficking charges, including in Chicago, where several Guzman lieutenants were successfully extradited, prosecuted and imprisoned.

The U.S. had said after Guzman's 2014 capture that it would file an extradition request, though it's unclear if that already happened.

For its part, Mexico's government at the time denied the need to extradite Guzman even as many expressed fears he would inevitably escape. He had escaped before, in 2001, while serving a 20-year sentence in another maximum-security prison in Mexico.

That air of self-confidence among Mexican authorities will be harder to maintain if and when Mexico recaptures Guzman or nabs some other cartel leader, Shirk said.

"The calls for extradition (to the U.S.) will be more intense" in the wake of Guzman's escape, he said. "It'll be more difficult for the Mexican government to say, 'No, no. We have this under control.'"

Added Shirk, "It is clear that maximum security prisons in Mexico are anything but."

Thousands rally to support Confederate flag in Florida city

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — Thousands of people have rallied in central Florida in support of flying the Confederate flag.

Police estimated 2,000 vehicles, mostly motorcycles and trucks adorned with the Civil War-era flag, took part in Sunday's gathering in Ocala. The event was being held to back a decision by Marion County in that area of central Florida to return the Confederate flag to a display outside its government complex.

The Ocala Star-Banner reports participants wore shirts with phrases including "heritage not hate" and talked of defending Southern traditions.

A replica of the General Lee car from "The Dukes of Hazard" TV show led the procession.

One of the participants, Rick Hart, defended flying the Confederate flag, saying "It's a history thing. The flag is also a military flag. It's not a race symbol."

The Florida rally came weeks after the shooting deaths of nine people at a historically black church in Charleston, South Carolina, that spurred a national debate about the flying of the Confederate flag. On Friday, South Carolina removed the flag from a flagpole near its Statehouse. The man charged in the Charleston shooting is shown in pictures with the Confederate flag and police say he was motivated by hate.

Meantime, in Congress, lawmakers are debating a measure to block the display of the flag at federal cemeteries.

After days of pain, woman finds she was hit with bullet

DELAND, Fla. (AP) — A Florida woman says she was shot in the leg while sitting at a café on Independence Day, but she didn't realize it until doctors found the bullet five days later.

Heather Charlebois told The Daytona Beach News-Journal (<http://goo.gl/PkMRto>) that after days of pain from what she initially thought was a firecracker, she went to the hospital.

Doctors told her they found a

.38-caliber bullet lodged in her leg.

Charlebois says she was on the patio of Cafe Da Vinci in Deland on Saturday night when she felt a pain in her leg.

She checked it out in the bathroom, but there was little blood.

Police say there were no reports of gunfire but believe the bullet might have been fired into the air from some distance away.

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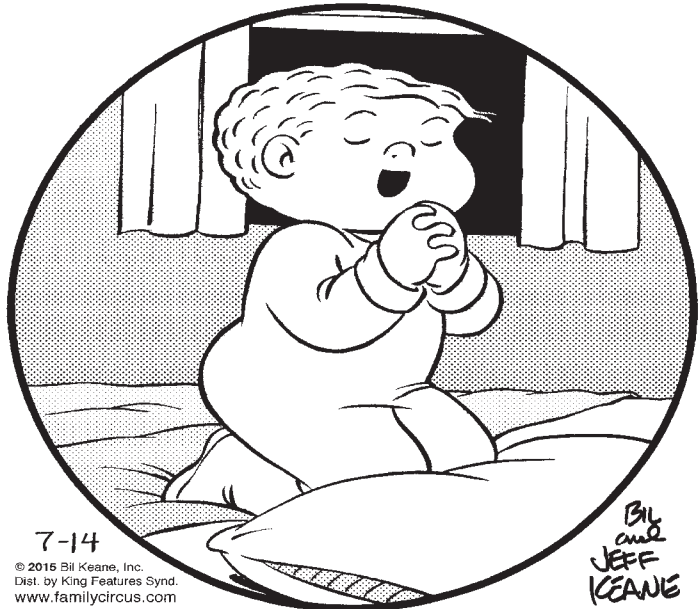
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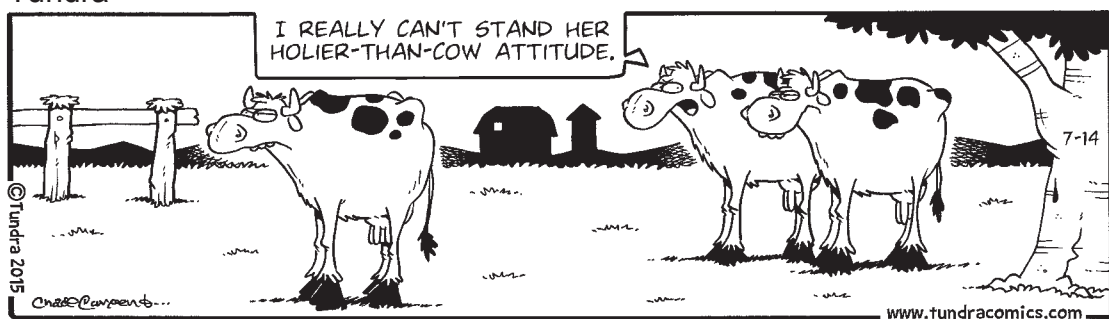
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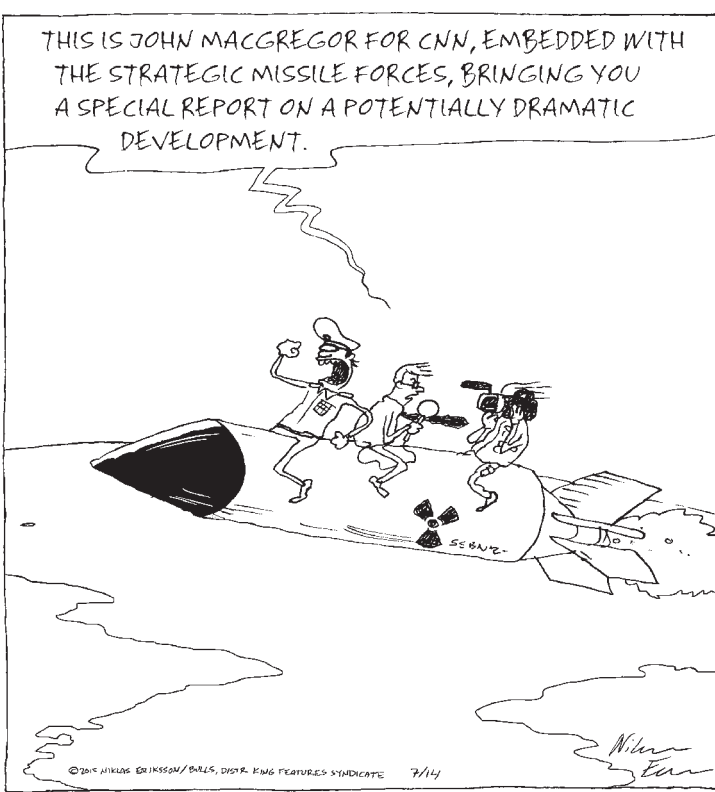
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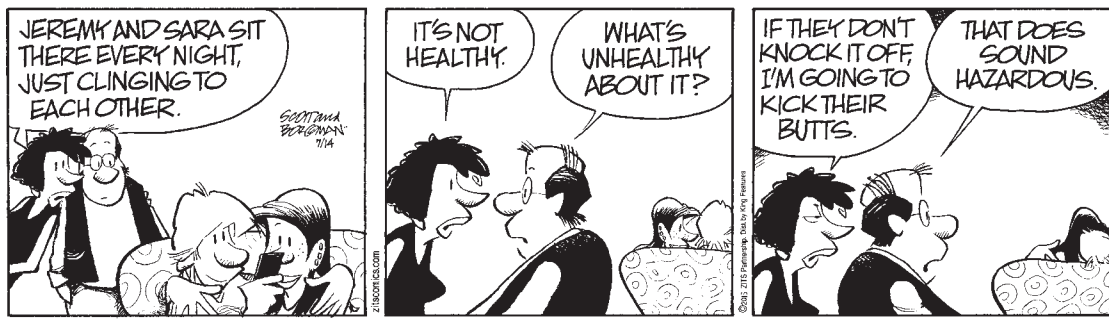
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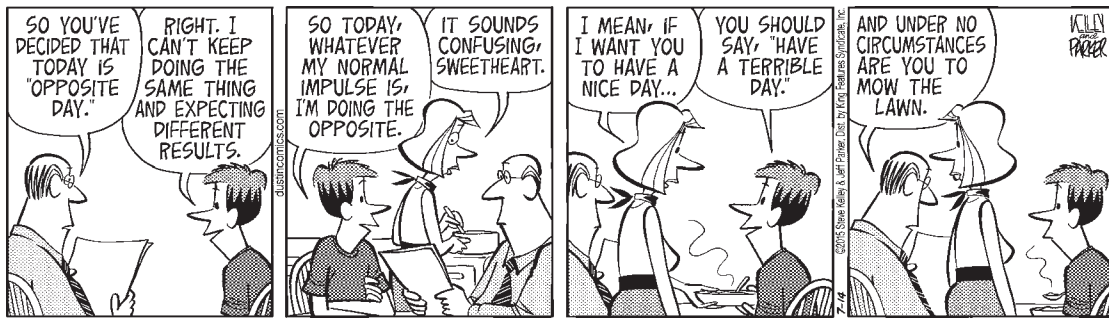


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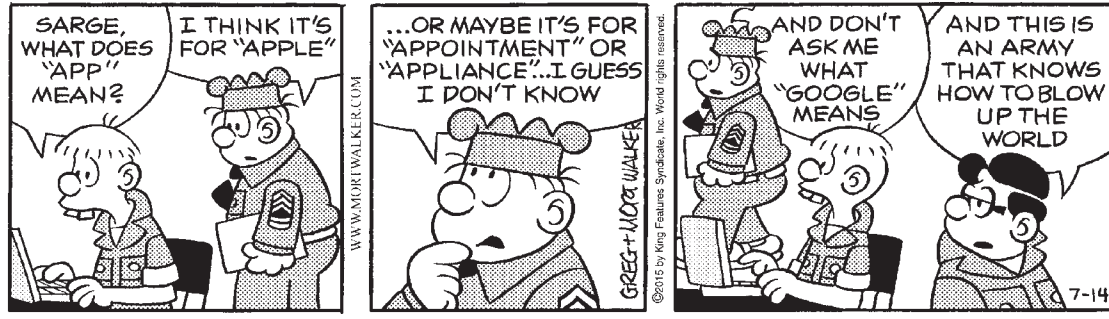
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★ You might be overwhelmed by everything you see as you encounter power play after power play. Whether to get involved in one of these control games will be your decision. What you do could surprise others. Tonight: A new beginning is possible once you rid yourself of frustration.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ You will try to explain where you are coming from, but someone else might decide to throw his or her issues into the mix as well. This person seems to want the spotlight on him or her right now. Try not to get involved in a power play. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's wild day.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ You have a lot to say, and you want others to hear what you're saying on an authentic level. A loved one could become very controlling over a financial issue. Step back and let this situation play out. You might opt for a new beginning. Tonight: Curb a tendency to be rebellious.
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Emphasize what is going on with a group of friends. Maintain a caring position, especially with a dear friend. A power play is likely to occur around a loved one. Know that you cannot interfere or protect this person, despite your desire to help. Tonight: Join your friends.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ Understand what is happening with a family member. You might experience some pressure from someone who is in charge. Your responsibilities demand attention, and there is no way around it. Expect a tantrum from a loved one. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Your beliefs could trigger quite a response. You might need to use other words to communicate what you are feeling. Express your thoughts in a meaningful way. A friend could shock you with his or her actions. Tonight: The fun begins when you decide it does.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ One-on-one relating will help make your path easier throughout the day. You might have difficulty believing that, though, as you feel someone has his or her eye on a situation that's near and dear to you. You would be well-advised to back off. Tonight: Use self-discipline.
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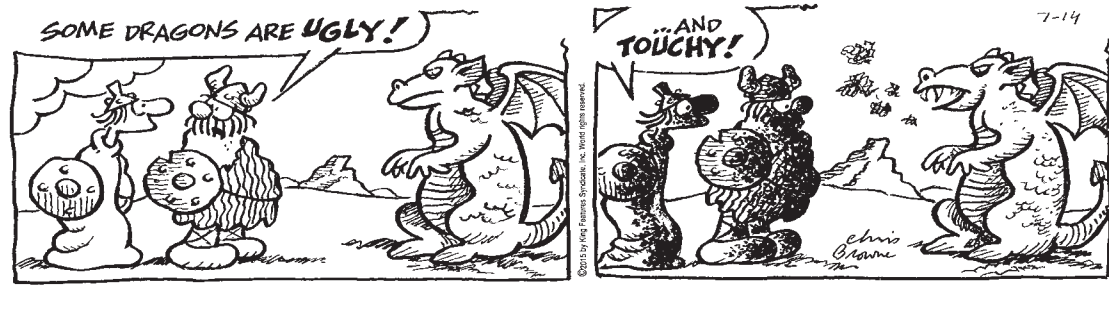
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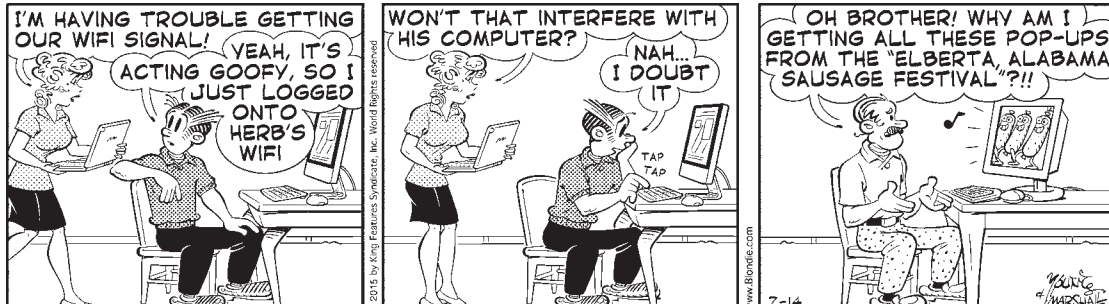
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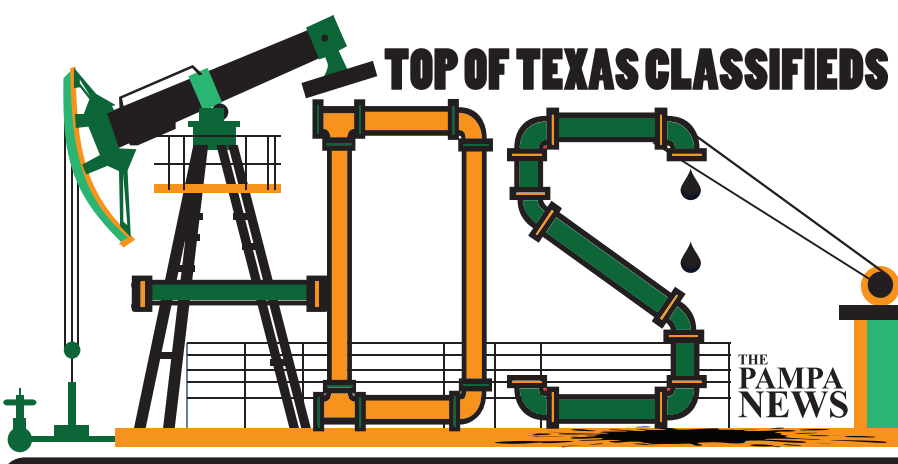


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It's showtime for Pluto; prepare to be amazed by NASA flyby

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Pluto, reveal thyself, and Earthlings, enjoy the show.

On Tuesday, NASA's New Horizons spacecraft will sweep past Pluto and present the previously unexplored world in all its icy glory.

It promises to be the biggest planetary unveiling in a quarter-century. The curtain hasn't been pulled back like this since NASA's Voyager 2 shed light on Neptune in 1989.

Now it's little Pluto's turn to shine way out on the frigid fringes of our solar system.

New Horizons has traveled 3 billion miles over 9½ years to get to this historic point. The fastest spacecraft ever launched, it carries the most powerful suite of science instruments ever sent on a scouting and reconnaissance mission of a new, unfamiliar world.

Guarantees principal scientist Alan Stern, "We're going to knock your socks off."

The size of a baby grand piano, the spacecraft will come closest to Pluto on Tuesday morning — at 7:49 a.m. EDT. That's when New Horizons is predicted to pass within 7,767 miles of Pluto. Fourteen minutes later, the spacecraft will zoom within 17,931 miles of Charon, Pluto's jumbo moon.

For the plutophiles among us, it will be cause to celebrate, especially for those gathered at the operations center at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Maryland. The lab designed and built the spacecraft for NASA, and has been managing its roundabout route through the solar system.

"What NASA's doing with New Horizons is unprecedented in our time and probably something close to the last train to Clarksville, the last picture show, for a very, very long time," says Stern, a planetary scientist with the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado.

It is the last stop in NASA's quest to explore every planet in our solar system, starting with Venus in 1962. And in a cosmic coincidence, the Pluto visit falls on the 50th anniversary of the first-ever flyby of Mars, by Mariner 4.

Yes, we all know Pluto is no longer an official planet, merely a dwarf, but it still enjoyed full planet status when New Horizons rocketed from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Jan. 19, 2006. Pluto's demotion came just seven months later, a sore subject still for many.

"We're kind of running the anchor leg with Pluto to finish the relay," Stern says.

The sneak peeks of Pluto in recent weeks are getting "juicier and juicier," says Johns Hopkins project scientist Hal Weaver. "The science team is just drooling over these pictures."

The Hubble Space Telescope previously captured the best pictures of Pluto. If the pixelated blobs of pictures had been of Earth, though, not even the continents would have been visible.

The New Horizons team is turning "a point of light into a planet," Stern says.

An image released last week shows a copper-colored Pluto bearing, a large, bright spot in the shape of a heart.

Scientists expect image resolution to improve dramatically by Tuesday. The 7,767-mile span at closest approach is about the distance between Seattle and Sydney.

New Horizons, weighing less than 1,000 pounds including fuel, has seven instruments that will be going full force during the encounter. It's expected to collect 5,000 times as much data, for instance, as Mariner 4.

"We're going to rewrite the book," Weaver says. "This is it — this is our once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see it."

The team gets one crack at this. "We're trying to hit a very small box, relatively speaking," says Mark Holdridge, the encounter mission manager. "It's 60 by 90 miles, and we're going 30,000 mph, and we're trying to hit that box within a plus or minus 100 seconds."

The only planet in our solar system discovered by an American, Pluto actually is a mini solar system unto itself. Pluto — just two-thirds the size of our own moon — has big moon Charon that's just over half its size, as well as baby moons Styx, Nix, Hydra and Kerberos. The names are associated with the underworld in which the mythological god, Pluto, reigned. New Horizons will observe each known moon and keep a lookout for more.

Scientists involved in the \$700 million effort want to get a good look at Pluto and Charon, and get a handle on their surfaces and chemical composition. They also plan to measure the temperature and pressure in Pluto's nitrogen-rich atmosphere and determine how much gas is escaping into space. Temperatures can plunge to nearly minus-400 degrees.

Bill McKinnon, a New Horizons team member from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, expects to see craters and possible volcanic remnants. A liquid ocean and a rocky core may lie beneath the icy shell.

"Anybody who thinks that when we go to Pluto, we're going to find cold, dead ice balls is in for a rude shock," McKinnon says. "I'm really hoping to see a very active and dynamic world."

Pluto has tantalized astronomers since its 1930 discovery by Clyde Tombaugh using the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona. Some of Tombaugh's ashes are aboard New Horizons. His two children, now in their 70s, plan to be at Johns Hopkins for the encounter.

With its tilted, elongated 248-year orbit, Pluto has made it only a third of the way around the sun since its discovery. The amount of sunlight that reaches

Pluto is so dim that at high noon it looks like twilight here on Earth. The massive surrounding Kuiper Belt, in fact, is called the Twilight Zone. The New Horizons team has its eyes on a few much smaller objects in the Kuiper Belt, and is hoping for a mission extension as the spacecraft continues toward the solar system exit on the heels of NASA's Voyagers 1 and 2 and Pioneers 10 and 11.

For now, signals take 4½ hours to travel one-way between New Horizons and flight controllers in Maryland.

New Horizons' science instruments will be cranked up to collect maximum data Tuesday, leaving no time to send back data. In fact, scientists won't be absolutely certain of success until Tuesday night, 13 hours following New Horizons' closest approach, when it "phones home."

It will be Wednesday before the closest of Pluto's close-ups are available for release. And it will be well into next year — October 2016 — before all the anticipated data are transmitted to Earth.

"We're all going to have to be patient," urges deputy project scientist Cathy Olkin.

For everyone involved, this is a mission of delayed gratification.

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I am a partially disabled person in my 70s. Because of arthritis in my spine and hip, I'm able to stand for only a few minutes and walk only 20 to 30 feet. When I know I am going to be someplace that requires more walking or standing, I use my wheelchair.

My question is: How do I reply to strangers who ask me, "Why are you in a wheelchair?" One lady said, "Oh, is it your knees?" I feel the questions are rude, and I shouldn't have to explain my medical status to people I don't know. I try to mumble something about not being able to stand for long periods, like waiting in line. But I'd really like to respond with a funnier, more flippant reply if I could think of one. Any suggestions? — TRAVELING BY WHEELCHAIR

DEAR TRAVELING: Try one of these "flippant" possibilities: "It's nothing I usually discuss in public, but it's contagious!" Or, "I broke my tailbone dancing at the Bolshoi." Or, "Just lazy, I guess."

However, joking about a medical condition isn't funny. So perhaps you should reconsider and just be honest.

DEAR ABBY: I recently was invited to a surprise 50th-birthday party for my twin sister. Her husband had a family dinner that included all my siblings.

When my brother-in-law invited me, he said my sister didn't want a big party, but he wanted to celebrate our birthdays with this special dinner. I was

delighted to attend, but I must admit I was a little hurt when the celebration turned out to be strictly for my sister. My name wasn't on the cake, and only she blew out the candles and opened gifts. (I did receive two cards.)

I know the party was given for her, and I was a gracious guest, but as her twin, I felt awkward and ignored. Am I being overly sensitive, or were they just rude? — TROUBLED TWIN

DEAR TROUBLED TWIN: Oh, my. I don't think your brother-in-law was being rude. But in light of the fact that you and your sister were womb mates, you were treated with incredible insensitivity.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in a sticky situation. My husband, "Chester," can't stand to eat meals with my dad. It's never bothered me, but Dad sometimes "smacks" or talks with food in his mouth. It drives Chester

crazy. We visit them every week and meals are always involved. What do I do? Should my husband just get used to it? We decided to ask you for advice before we do anything else. — IN A PICKLE IN TEXAS

DEAR IN A PICKLE: Have your mother talk to Dad and "suggest" that their son-in-law is used to more formal table etiquette, so would Dad please make an effort to not chew with his mouth open when the two of you are visiting. I can't promise it will do the trick, but it may make your father more conscious about what he's doing. *****

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For each bunch below, rearrange the letters to form two intersecting words that fit into the corresponding grid.

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Yesterday's Answer: PYTHON, SHARK, FISH

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Brass band instruments
- 6 Equinox month
- 11 Road reversal
- 12 Honolulu hello
- 13 July 14 celebration
- 15 Bashful
- 16 Industrial tank
- 17 Bro's sibling
- 18 Puzzled
- 20 Add up
- 23 Chopped into cubes
- 27 MP's quarry
- 28 Candidate of 2000
- 29 Extend. as a subscription
- 31 Havana native
- 32 Scouting group
- 34 Fitting
- 37 Big beagle feature
- 38 Lock opener
- 41 Where 13-Across originated
- 44 Bit of history
- 45 Decorate
- 46 Looks for
- 47 Yoga position

DOWN

- 1 Bath spots
- 2 Provo's state
- 3 Hard at work
- 4 Paintings and sculpture
- 5 Be whiny
- 6 Fountain order
- 7 Saloon order
- 8 Gangsters' guns
- 9 Spiced tea
- 10 Robert of "Airplane!"
- 14 Indulgent
- 18 Man's man
- 19 Uncover
- 20 Black gunk

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Yesterday's answer

- 21 Have debts
- 22 Great weight
- 24 Corn core
- 25 Stretch of history
- 26 Private room
- 30 Gains by force
- 31 Ranch pen
- 33 Clumsy fellow
- 34 Some primates
- 35 Make roads
- 36 Pine or palm
- 38 Shoe-lace problem
- 39 Beige
- 40 Longings
- 42 Pen filler
- 43 Commo-tion

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Former Gray County resident receives award

By ROBIN BROWN

Don Allen, 83 formerly of Alanreed has been awarded the 'Pioneer Award' of the West Texas Music Hall

of Fame. Allen once had led a fine western swing band appropriately called 'Don Allen & the Sunset Ramblers.'

It was in the later fifties that this talented group of young musicians got together and began playing around the Panhandle and S. Plains of Texas. The 'Sunset Ramblers' band used Lubbock as their home-base but traveled across West Texas playing a 'hot

brand' of Bob Wills music. As a young teenager I recall hearing them play at the VFW in Matador and they were inspiring to listen to! It all had started back in the late forties when Don began playing 'steel guitar' in his father's band, while still in high school.

They seemed to have played around Alanreed, McLean and Clarendon as well as other places.

His dad Emmitt played stand-up bass and they had bought Don a 'steel guitar' to round out his small band of local mu-

sicians. Sometime while Don was still at home it was decided to call his father's band the 'Sunset Ramblers'.

Nevertheless, in the early fifties Don left home and joined the Air Force and left his father's band. Eventually he was stationed in Newfoundland and this was where he met Hank Newman, a singer-pianist and Bob Bailey, a guitar player.

Don, Bob and Hank and some other airman started practicing together as a hobby so they could enter an Air Force talent contest, calling themselves the 'Stringbusters.' All was going well until Don was transferred back stateside to a base near Washington, D.C. He missed the contest with the Stringbusters, but Don stayed in touch with Hank Newman and Bob Bailey the best musicians he had met in Newfoundland. So, after completing his tour of duty Don moved to Lubbock in the mid-fifties to start college and began playing again with various bands.

Someone asked Don one day, "Since you play steel guitar well and sing pretty well, why don't you start your own band?" From this suggestion Don decided to revive the Sunset name his dad had used and call his new band 'Don Allen and the Sunset Ramblers.'

He also contacted Hank Newman on the east coast and Bob Bailey in south Texas, with an invitation to move to Lubbock and join his new dance band. By the late fifties Newman was singing and playing piano, Bailey was on lead guitar and Don Allen

was playing steel on songs like 'Missin' You', Steel Guitar Rag and San Antonio Rose and the band was into the money!

It wasn't long till the band was composed of seven members including twin fiddlers, a bass guitarist and drummer along with Allen, Bailey and Newman. After outfitting themselves in fancy western suits they bought a coachman bus to travel from rodeo to rodeo playing dances, just like Bob Will's band. In fact, they became so popular and skilled that they played opposite Hank Thompson's band at some rodeo's.

Eventually Hank Newman moved over to bass guitar and Bob Bailey left the band. After hiring other musicians over the years the Sunset Ramblers continued playing until c.1966 when their regular jobs and wives began demanding more of their time.

Today Don Allen lives in the Sherman area and Hank Newman lives in Jacksonville, Florida where both are in their golden years. Recently the founder of the West Texas Music Hall of Fame (Sid Holmes) has honored these two living 'Sunset Ramblers' with his website's 'Pioneer Music Award'. This is given annually to bands and musicians in recognition of their past contributions to their particular genre of West Texas music.

Other panhandle musicians that have received the Pioneer music award include Joe Bob Barnhill of Turkey and Robin Brown of Quitaque.



4-H State Dog Competition



Submitted photo

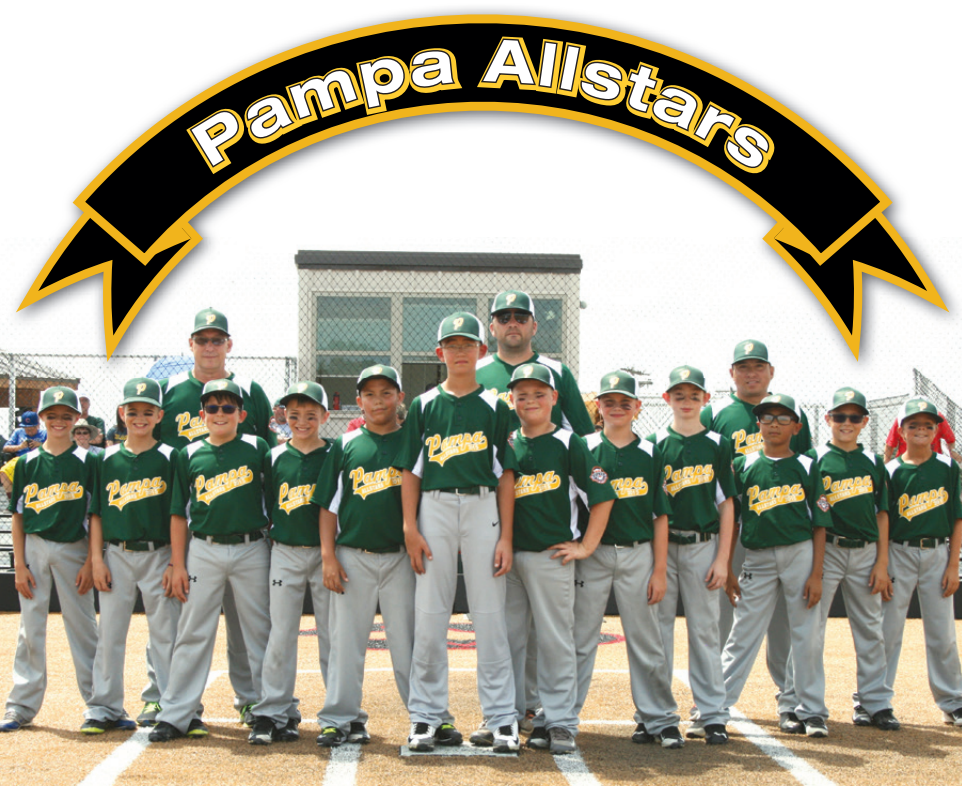
Tiffanie Robinson, Tony Soria and Mathew Tice represented Gray County at the State 4-H Dog Competition in Belton this weekend.

Volcano experiment for Pre-K Classes



Submitted photos

This is the Pre-K classes at St Matthews Day School. They studied Dinosaurs and did a volcano experiment. The kids loved it. The teachers are Trisha Hughes and Amy McDowell.



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Bear tranquilized after climbing tree on Colorado campus

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Wildlife officials tranquilized a 60-pound bear that found a resting spot in a tree on the University of Colorado campus in Boulder.

The Daily Camera reports (<http://goo.gl/6vfkf3m>) the 2-year-old bear was spotted Friday morning and stayed in the tree for about four hours until wildlife officers used a dart gun to tranquilize it. The bear fell about 30 feet, hitting some mats before rolling onto the

ground. It briefly popped its head up before falling asleep.

Jennifer Churchill with Colorado Parks and Wildlife says the bear will be relocated as far from campus as possible.

In 2012, a 200-pound bear was tranquilized after climbing a tree near a CU residence hall. That bear, which was relocated 50 miles away, was hit and killed by a car a few days later.

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