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### PAMPA FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
High 81 Low 54	High 83 Low 52	High 79 Low 52

**Tonight:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Windy, with a south-southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. East-northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 83. Windy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Windy, with a southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Breezy, with a west-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

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## Blood drive at Clarendon tomorrow

DAVID BOWSER  
dbowser@thepampanews.com

The Pampa campus of Clarendon College will host a blood drive this week.

Monica Herrera, donor resource coordinator for Coffee Memorial Blood Center, said the the blood drive will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday. She said that donors must be 17 years of age or older.

## Obituaries

### Jamileth Mendoza Huerta, 19 days

Jamileth Mendoza Huerta, 19 days, died May 14, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Jamileth was born April 25, 2011 in Pampa.

Survivors include her parents, Pedro and Maria Huerta of the home; three brothers, Alejandro Huerta, Rubicel Huerta and Pedro Huerta, Jr., all of the home; a sister, Jacqueline Huerta of the home; grandparents, Benigno Mendoza and wife Antonia Garcia of Pampa; six uncles, Abraham Huerta and wife Francisca, Francisco Mendoza and wife Cintia, Gildardo Mendoza and wife Luz, Antonio Mendoza, Alexander Mendoza, and Alberto Mendoza and wife Isabel, all of Pampa; three aunts, Lucy Hernandez and husband Juan Ruiz and Rosio Rios and husband Sergio, Yolanda Rojas and husband Salomon, all of Pampa.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.



Huerta

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

### Hortensia C. Vasquez, 64

Hortensia C. Vasquez, 64, died May 14, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor Pedro Hernandez of New Life Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Vasquez was born August 29, 1946, in Orange Grove. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1988, moving from Slaton. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her two daughters, Rose M. Castillo of Cedar City, Utah and April Vasquez of Pampa; a son, Daniel Martinez, Jr., of Pampa; two brothers, Rudolfo Campos, Jr. of Paris and Antonio Campos of Brownwood; two sisters, Ephinia Garcia of Pampa and Paz Baigen of Slaton; 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rudolfo Campos Sr., and Francisca Campos; a sister, Ester Robledo; three brothers, Ray Campos, Bruno Campos and Lupe Campos; two grandchildren, Bobbie Rose Chavirria and Joseph Chavirria.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## For the record

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Officers reported 66 traffic-related calls and five accidents.

Animal control officers reported 33 animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported nine ambulance calls.

The Pampa Fire Department reported two medical calls, two investigations and one structure fire.

Lefors EMS reported one medical call.

Lefors VFD responded to one medical-related call.

#### Friday, May 13

A follow-up investiga-

tion was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An escort was provided at Hwy. 70 S.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of S. Starkweather.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1200 block of S. Finley.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of Crest.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 100 block of W. Foster.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of E. Hwy 60.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of S. Wells.

Water was shut off in the 300 block of N. Davis.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of W. Buckler.

An information call was reported in the 1800 block of N. Zimmers.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen.

A welfare check was reported in the 100 block of E. Craven.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester.

An information call was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester.

#### Saturday, May 14

A suspicious person was reported in the 1900 block

of N. Hamilton.

A prowler was reported in the 800 block of E. Scott.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of S. Naida.

A prowler was reported in the 800 block of E. Scott.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of N. Nelson.

An agency assist was provided in the 1700 block of N. Faulkner.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of E. 27th.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Duncan and Sunset.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 900 block of E. Barnard.

An attempt to serve was reported in the 500 block of N. Faulkner.

An attempt to serve was reported in the 1200 block of N. Wells.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of E. Frederic.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of S. Huff Rd.

An information call was reported in the 1000 block of S. Christy.

Criminal mischief was reported at Henry and Campbell.

A sewer choke was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hamilton.

An escort was provided in the 600 block of N. Ward.

An assault was reported at One Medical Plaza.

An alarm was reported in the 1300 block of N. Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of N. Navajo Rd twice.

#### Sunday, May 15

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of E. Craven.

A prowler was reported in the 100 block of N. Sumner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of N. Duncan.

An information call was reported in the 1500 block of N. Coffee.

A missing person was reported in the 1100 block of E. Juniper.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1500 block of N. Coffee.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of N. Fir.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of N. Holly Ln.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1800 block of N. Dogwood Ln.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper Dr.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of N. Beech Ln.

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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**Sudoku**

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Level: P. Jinner

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## Federal lawsuit for firing dwarf

EL PASO (AP) - The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is suing Starbucks for firing a dwarf who asked for a stool to perform her job as a barista at an El Paso shop.

The EEOC said in a statement released after the federal lawsuit was filed Monday in El Paso that Elsa Sallard was terminated after three days of training because Starbucks deemed she would pose a danger to customers and coworkers.

The EEOC believes Starbucks violated the Americans With Disabilities Act by refusing to provide the stool or a small stepladder as reasonable accommodation to Sallard and then firing her.

The agency also seeks lost wages and compensatory damages for Sallard and a court order that Starbucks adopt policies to correct and prevent disability discrimination.

Starbucks didn't reply to an email Monday.

## Stumped on education

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas House and Senate negotiators have reached a compromise on almost all parts of the next two-year state budget, leaving the biggest chunk of spending - education - left to be solved.

Lawmakers need to reach an agreement on the spending plan before the session adjourns on May 30. The votes late Monday showed significant progress, though much work remains. Spending on education, particularly public school funding formulas, could push the Legislature into a special session over the summer.

Sen. Steve Ogden, the Senate's lead budget writer, said he hopes an agreement on education can be reached by the end of the week. But legislation on how to rework the funding formulas appears to have stalled. Other legislation that could impact the amount of money available to spend is scheduled for consideration this week.

Budget analysts said the agreement reached Monday makes improvements to Medicaid provider reimbursements, including those to nursing homes, but is short by almost \$5 billion to fund projected growth in Medicaid.

The compromise covered dozens of aspects of state government, including funding for roads, courts, prisons and foster care.

It was unclear how much would be spent in the agreement because, "we haven't added it up yet," Rep. Jim Pitts, the House budget leader, said shortly after the committee adjourned.

Monday's meeting was the first public meeting of the 10-member panel, which includes two Democrats.

## Voter ID bill passes TX House

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas House passed hotly debated legislation Monday requiring voters to show

# ATMs best option to change currency

TERRY SAVAGE  
Creator's Syndicate

Q: I am going to Europe next month with a group. We were discussing the best and least expensive way to change our dollars into euros. Any advice would be appreciated.

A. That's a very timely question! As you know, the relationship between the U.S. dollar and the euro changes on a daily basis and can have big swings even within one day. The latest headlines are about new problems with Greece, which weakens the euro — and means your dollar can buy slightly more of their currency.

But I assume you're not trying to become a currency speculator, merely seeking the least expensive and safest way to handle your travel expenses. For that purpose, the easiest and safest way to convert currency is to use your debit card at any in-network bank ATM in Europe.

You'll find plenty of bank ATMs in major cities. Although Europe is ahead of us in using microchips instead of magnetic strips on their debit cards, I had no trouble using my magnetic strip debit card on a recent trip. Your PIN works perfectly, and the money is withdrawn in euros (or the currency of any country you're visiting).

But when you get your bank statement or view it online, you might be in for a surprise. First, you'll note the exchange rate will vary. I was in Europe in early April when the dollar was falling. I tested the system, taking the same amount of cash out, several days apart, and had the sad experience of seeing the impact of the falling dol-

The Savage Truth on money



lar. My statement reflected that it took more dollars to buy the same amount of Euros a few days later!

The second surprise is the fee that will be attached to your withdrawal. Whether you use a credit card or withdraw cash using your debit card, there will be a fee for the service — typically about 3 percent of the amount withdrawn. And most banks will also charge a fee for using an ATM that isn't owned by the bank.

Those costs can add up, so plan to make fewer withdrawals and take more cash out each time. Then, of course, guard that cash in a wallet that you carry in a front pocket (not back pocket of jeans for men) or in a tightly guarded purse — or wear a money belt. Because most bank ATMs are on the street, pickpockets can easily target a cash-rich tourist.

Also, check with your credit-card issuer about their fees. In some cases, with gold or platinum cards, they may charge lower fees than bank ATMs. But you're subject to their calculation of the currency exchange rate at the time the transaction is posted. In times of a falling dollar, that could add to your costs, and rarely does it work to your benefit.

Here are a few more tips:

- Beware of currency conversion machines in hotel lobbies or stores. Use only ATMs associated with a

bank.

- Don't bother with traveler's checks, because bank ATMs are everywhere.

- Don't expect to convert cash dollars to a foreign currency. Banks charge extra for converting paper money, since there is a huge cost to handle foreign cash.

- Avoid airport currency changing booths. Get some cash in Euros, or the currency of the country you're visiting, by visiting a major bank in your town. In Chicago, Chase has foreign currencies at its Chase Tower main branch.

- Notify your bank or credit-card issuer that you'll be traveling, so they don't block your transactions because they suspect fraud. (To reach a person, keep saying "Operator.")

Keep a separate record of your credit-card numbers and the toll-free international numbers to call in case your card is lost or stolen. And, while you're at it, make a copy of the front page of your passport in case you lose that, too. Leave those stashed safely back in your hotel room, not in your purse.

Travel safely, and enjoy your trip. Remember, the U.S. dollar may be falling in value, but it is still a tempting target in crowds of tourists. And that's The Savage Truth.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 17, the 137th day of 2011. There are 228 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On May 17, 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, unanimously struck down racially segregated public schools.

### On this date:

In 1792, the New York Stock Exchange had its origins as a group of brokers met under a tree on Wall Street.

In 1849, fire erupted in St. Louis, Mo., resulting in the loss of three lives, more than 400 buildings and some two dozen steamships.

In 1939, Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth arrived in Quebec on the first visit to Canada by reigning British sovereigns.

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro offered to release prisoners captured in the Bay of Pigs invasion in exchange for 500 bulldozers. (The prisoners were eventually freed in exchange for medical supplies.)

In 1980, rioting that claimed 18 lives erupted in Miami's Liberty City after an all-white jury in Tampa acquitted four former Miami police officers of fatally beating black insurance executive Arthur McDuffie.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate *Stark* in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq and the U.S. called the attack a mistake.)

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush unveiled his energy plan, bracing Americans for a summer of blackouts, layoffs, business closings and skyrocketing fuel costs and warning of "a darker future" without his aggressive plans to drill for more oil and gas and rejuvenate nuclear power.

**Five years ago:** The FBI began digging at a Michigan horse farm in search of the remains of former Teamsters leader Jimmy Hoffa; the two-week search yielded no evidence.

**One year ago:** The Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that young people serving life prison terms must have "a meaningful opportunity to obtain release" if they haven't killed their victims.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Peter Gerety is 71. Singer Taj Mahal is 69. Singer-songwriter Jesse Winchester is 67. Rock musician Bill Bruford is 62. TV personality Kathleen Sullivan is 58. Actor Bill Paxton is 56. Boxing Hall-of-Famer Sugar Ray Leonard is 55. Actor-comedian Bob Saget is 55. Sports announcer Jim Nantz is 52. Singer Enya is 50. Talk show host-actor Craig Ferguson is 49. Rock singer-musician Page McConnell is 48. Actor David Eigenberg is 47. Singer-musician Trent Reznor (Nine Inch Nails) is 46. Actress Paige Turco is 46. Actor Hill Harper is 45. Singer Jordan Knight is 41. Actress Sasha Alexander is 38. Rock singer Andrea Corr (The Corrs) is 37. Actress Rochelle Aytes is 35. Singer Kandi Burruss is 35. Actress Kat Foster is 33. Actor Tahj Mowry is 25. Actress Nikki Reed is 23. Actress Leven Rambin is 21. Actress Samantha Brown-Walters is 20. Actor Justin Martin is 17.

**Thought for Today:** "Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Don't bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself." - William Faulkner, American author (1897-1962)



## National sacrifice should start at the top

To be fair to lawmakers, it's not easy making the tough spending choices in these dire times of rising public need and inadequate tax revenues. Legislators in my state of Texas, for example, are trying to make \$27 billion in cuts to balance an already miserly budget.

So, assume you're a member of the Texas house. What needy constituency would you try to spare from the budget ax: school kids, poor people, old folks in nursing homes ... or yacht buyers?

Yes, yachts. Not your run-of-the-mill yachts, but big ones -- those costing more than \$250,000. You might not be surprised to learn that the Republicans, who have a supermajority in the House, went with yacht buyers.

Some days when you read the news, you don't know whether to go crazy, go bowling or go very deep into the woods and weep -- and this was one of those days.

Rep. John Davis, a Houston Republican, passed his bill in committee to give a sales tax break to the purchasers of quarter-million-dollar-and-up yachts. I should note that this tax break is available to anyone, whether rich or poor, so in that sense it's fair. But is it really necessary?

Using both of his brain cells at once, Davis explains that it is. You see, he says that Florida already provides such a tax giveaway to the yachting crowd, so our state must match it, lest Texans go there to make their boat purchases.

Excuse me, but if you've got a few million bucks to splurge on a yacht, chances are you're not flying

to Florida and hauling back just to avoid a sales tax. Still, Davis proudly says that he sees his bill as an "economic development" measure for our people. Imagine their gratitude.

OK, he's a goofball, but were there no adults in the room? Uh-uh. The committee chairman just shrugged his sorry shoulders and said the yacht break is "one of those things you have to do." Sheesh -- 100,000 sperm, and he was the fastest?

The house budget will take away college aid for 60,000 students, eliminate nearly 100,000 teachers and other school employees, and short-change health care for poor people by billions of dollars -- but we've got your yacht covered! You see, it's simply a matter of getting your priorities straight.

For instruction in this political exercise, look to Washington, where the new priority is "shared sacrifice." Sounds nice. But it's really just code for gouging the middle class and the poor. Again.

Republican budget-whackers use the shared sacrifice phrase like a war cry as they slash Medicare, education, job training and every other public program they hate.

President Obama, too, has taken to uttering the phrase as he surrenders to the contrived wisdom in Washington that every American must give up even essential government benefits in order to balance the budget.

But guess who's not sharing. The corporate powers, which use their

lobbyists, lawyers, campaign cash, tax havens and other tools to avoid giving up anything in the call for national sacrifice. And now, they can buy a tax-free yacht in Texas -- no sacrifice needed there.

Hundreds of thousands of schoolteachers are being dumped and our schoolchildren stifled in sacrifice to the Deficit Gods. But

look -- General Electric is a sacrifice-free corporation. With almost 1,000 tax lawyers and other specialists in its tax department, this infamous polluter and job-cutter has paid exactly zero in federal income taxes since 2006, despite raking in \$26 billion in profits. Indeed, its army of sacrifice-avoiders produced a \$4 billion tax refund for GE in those five years. Yes, we paid it to not pay taxes. Meanwhile, GE continues to be rewarded with billions of dollars a year in government contracts.

In a concise report titled "The Artful Dodgers," a watchdog group named Public Campaign uncovers the flagrant tax avoidance scams of a dozen hugely profitable corporations, including oil giants and bailed-out banks, as well as such outfits as FedEx and Carnival Cruise Lines.

When your local, state and national politicians mouth platitudes about sacrificing for the national good, tell 'em to start at the top, then get back to you. To download "The Artful Dodgers" report, go to publiccampaign.org.

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JIM HIGHTOWER

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Every year, as the wildflowers are blooming and the air begins to feel more and more like summer, it's graduation season in Texas. Students across the state will receive their diplomas and degrees, signifying the culmination of many years of hard work and the investment of time and energy to achieve long-sought goals. With the closing of one chapter, the start of a new journey begins for these recent graduates, who are destined to be the state's next generation of teachers, doctors, engineers, journalists, lawyers, business leaders, and more.

I am pleased to participate in this year's graduation season by giving the University of Texas commencement address and speaking at the Texas Tech Law School hooding ceremony. While graduation is certainly a time for celebration in the life of each student, it also helps to remind us all of the importance of higher education and the impact it has on our state's strength and prosperity.

Our state's forefathers had a vision that education would be our most important priority. The goal of the founders of our state university system was simple. In their words, it was "to place within the reach of our people, whether rich or poor, the opportunity of a thorough education." They set aside 42 million acres of vast potential wealth - a Permanent University Fund - for one

purpose: to assure that a top quality university education would be available to Texas students. This objective has been achieved, protected and passed down through our state's history.

Each chapter in the history of higher education in Texas bears its own challenges, and it is vital that we adapt and overcome new obstacles. When I spoke to the 1998 graduating class of the University of Texas, the autonomy and authority of our state's education system was under attack by federal bureaucrats in Washington attempting to regulate research and exert control over our academics. Today, 13 years later, the assault against higher education in Texas is coming from within - not without. Our Texas state leaders are struggling with internal contention over the direction and focus of education at our state's flagship universities, UT and A&M.

No matter what challenge Texas faces - be it fiscal or philosophical - there should be no debate over the simple truth that a vibrant academic research community is critical to the success and stature of universities. Attracting the best faculty through research opportunities will give our students access to the highest quality programs and contribute to the success of our state.



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

During my career in the Senate, one of my greatest passions has been to strengthen higher education in Texas, and to bolster science and research at our state's institutions by strengthening their scientific centers of excellence. In the state of Texas, the faculty and students at our research universities have achieved remarkable breakthroughs. And these accomplishments not only enrich the learning experiences of the students but have improved the quality of life of all Texans.

Innovative work and cutting-edge research will help draw the best companies, the most innovative entrepreneurs and good jobs to Texas. For our state to continue to thrive, we must be committed to maintaining and advancing the stature of our state's research universities. This cannot merely be an aspiration; it is an imperative.

I am confident that this May our universities in Texas will turn out graduates who are prepared to contribute talent to our state and our world.

Congratulations to the class of 2011!

Kay Bailey Hutchison is a US Senator for Texas.

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# Texas Senate approves nearly \$4 billion from Rainy Day Fund

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Senate overwhelmingly voted on Monday to spend nearly \$4 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund to close gaps in the current state budget.

Spending money from the state's savings account has been one of the most divisive issues of the session, with fiscal conservatives - backed by Gov. Rick Perry - reluctant to withdraw any of the money, while Democrats have urged budget writers to spend more to help fund public education and health care needs, both of which took huge hits in initial budget proposals.

The chamber's chief budget writer said the 30-1 vote makes a strong statement at a point when lawmakers are running out of time and are still divided on how to hash out a state budget that sends shock waves through all sectors of government.

"The Senate spoke today with almost total unanimity," said Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan.

It hasn't always worked that way. The Senate version of the budget was stalled for about a week before it was brought to the floor for debate because Ogden couldn't muster the votes he needed. Democrats opposed a budget that didn't spend more of the Rainy Day Fund while making devastating cuts to schools and health and human services programs.

The Senate moved to add the extra Rainy Day Fund money late last week. The idea behind spending the extra

\$800 million is to free up that amount of money in the spending plan lawmakers are writing for the next two years. An earlier deal struck between lawmakers and Perry would spend about \$3.2 billion for the current budget.

Democrats are still fighting for the Senate to spend even more of the fund as the end of the session draws near and the realities of what some estimate to be a \$27 billion state deficit become more real. Those efforts were rejected by the Senate's Republican majority who, while more cooperative than the GOP supermajority in the House, still want the majority of the Rainy Day Fund left untouched.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, proposed an amendment to draw an additional \$1.1 billion from the savings account to increase public school allocations. But Ogden rebuffed his amendment, saying proposals like that would be better suited for another budget bill that deals with supplemental appropriations.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, also wanted to spend more money - about \$3 billion - to avoid such drastic cuts.

It was also rejected, largely on a party line vote.

House and Senate negotiators have begun working to find a compromise between the chambers' budgets, but it's been a slow process. If major spending disagreements aren't smoothed over soon, it could force a special session during the summer - a possibility Ogden describes as more of a certainty. Lawmakers on the budget conference committee have enough agreement to pass every article of the budget except the article dealing with education, he said.

The Senate budget underfunds public schools by about \$4 billion while the House underfunds by nearly \$8 billion.

Ogden said he can't foresee a breakthrough for education funding coming before May 30, the last day of the legislative session. He wants lawmakers to pass what they can agree on and work out differences in education funding in the special session.

"Both the House and Senate are attempting in good faith to pass a good budget," Ogden said.

## BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an O and then rearrange the letters to spell a type of building.

LEVEL

S H U T E

T U R F

W A T E R

Yesterday's Answer: B I G G E N T E M P L E H A L L I K U N T



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old graduating senior, "Renee," has told me I have taught her nothing about living life. Furthermore, she informed me that her school counselor agrees with her, saying I have failed to teach her the skills needed to be successful in life.

At first I was angry and denied everything my daughter said. Now I am beginning to doubt myself and the way I have raised her. Have I taught her the necessary skills to live her life? Does she lack what it takes to make it through the good and bad parts of life?

How can I know my Renee will be able to "fly out of the nest" because there is no safety net to catch her? — DOUBTING MOM IN MINNESOTA

DEAR DOUBTING MOM: Before you second-guess yourself any further, check with Renee's school counselor to make certain he or she was quoted correctly. Does your daughter know how to save money? Balance a checkbook? Hold a job? Does she know right from wrong and how to assert herself?

Many of life's survival skills are learned by imitation, the rest from experience. You can't protect your daughter from everything. Like most parents, you should cross your fingers and pray, and avoid blaming yourself for anyone else's poor choices.

DEAR ABBY: I am part of a circle of five guy friends. We're all around 30. Some of us date regularly, looking for the right girl. One of us, "Ian," is with "Jenny," who we're concerned about. They are now living together.

Jenny doesn't abuse Ian or cheat on him. We just think he could do better. She's pushy and materialistic, and it's impossible to have a two-way conversation with her. This isn't just my opinion. Some of Jenny's friends describe her the same way.

Because we're all so close to Ian, we hate to see

this relationship progress. We worry he'll be forced to give her what she's aiming for -- a ring. I know he's a grown man and can make his own decisions. Would it be wrong for one of us to tell Ian what we think of her? We hate watching what we consider a slow train wreck that's bound to get worse. — GOOD BUDDY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR GOOD BUDDY: It wouldn't be wrong, but it might be unwise for one of you to tell Ian what you think of Jenny. He might get the message better if you ALL tell him during a boys' night out. It may be difficult to extricate himself from the relationship now that they're living together -- providing he even wants to. (Some men like overbearing women.) But at least he will know that his friends have second thoughts about her, and that may open his eyes.

DEAR ABBY: I had a falling out with my oldest son and his wife two years ago. They have two daughters whom I dearly love, and I know they love me.

I wrote my son and daughter-in-law to beg for forgiveness. I messed up partly out of hurt and anger, and also because of the medications I was taking.

I asked my son if they really want to take away the only grandma the girls have left. I also wondered if two years of not being able to see my granddaughters was punishment enough for them and me.

I have held out the olive branch, but apparently they're not ready. Can you think of anything else I can do? — HOLES IN MY HEART IN KANSAS

DEAR HOLES IN YOUR HEART: Consider asking another family member or religious adviser to intercede for you. However, if that fails, then there is nothing else you can do. Hope and pray that time will bring reconciliation. You have my sympathy.

# MARCH FOR MEALS



- WHEN:** MAY 21, 2011
  - WHERE:** RECREATION PARK
  - TIME:** 8:30 (Registration)  
9:00 Start Fun Run
  - COST:** \$10.00 PER PERSON
  - TEAMS:** 2 TO 10 PEOPLE
  - FREE:** T-SHIRT TO EACH PARTICIPANT
- Register at Meals on Wheels office, 302 E. Foster, or call 669-1007**

## FREE BREAKFAST BURRITOS AFTER RUN/WALK

### Pampa March for Meals on Wheels 5K Fun Run and 1 Mile Walk

Saturday, May 21, 2011  
Register at 8:30 am and Run at 9:00 am  
Recreation Park  
(One mile east of Pampa off US Highway 60)

The proceeds from the race will go toward the Meals on Wheels program, which provides an average of 150 meals a day. We will conclude the races with complimentary Breakfast Burritos. The Bloodmobile will be at the Park for those who would like to give blood.

**Fee:** \$10.00 includes a commemorative short sleeved T-shirt if you register by May 18, 2011. Some additional T-shirts may be available on a first come, first serve basis on the day of the race.

**Awards:** Will be given to the top three finishers in each age group.

**Results:** Will be available online at [www.lonestarrunnersclub.net](http://www.lonestarrunnersclub.net)

**Directions:** Start and finish will be at Recreation Park

**Questions:** Contact the Pampa Meals on Wheels Office at 806 669 1007

**Fill out and mail entry to:**  
Meals on Wheels  
PO Box 939  
Pampa TX, 79066

Or Drop off your registration at 302 E. Foster Street, Pampa, TX, 79065.  
Make checks payable Pampa Meals on Wheels

#### Pampa Meals on Wheels Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

RACE (Please circle one): 5K \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Mile \_\_\_\_\_

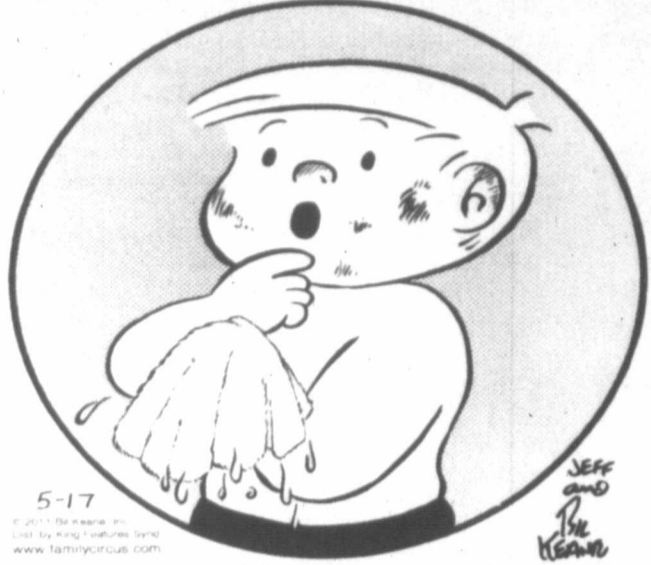
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WAIVER: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against officials, sponsors, hosts, or any person associated with the March for Meals on Wheels. I understand that running in a race is strenuous and I am in proper physical condition to participate in this event. I also give permission for use of my name and photograph to be used in any media or other account of this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

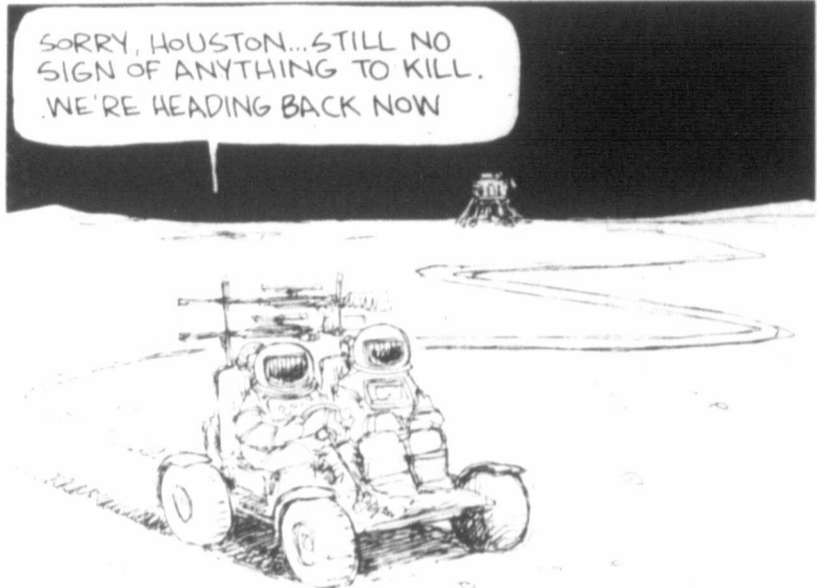
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



5-17  
"Does washing my face include my ears?"

Non Sequitur



WHY MEN STOPPED GOING TO THE MOON

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Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, May 18, 2011

This year, you open up, possibly through your own volition or because of an event. You will let go of what is no longer functioning. Much of this year, you will be evaluating what you deem important. Changes are likely. If you are single, you could meet someone and dive into a relationship. Nothing happens overnight. Relax and go through a year with this person. If you are attached, your sweetie could invite you to join in his or her type of thinking. It could be an interesting adventure. SAGITTARIUS helps you bottom-line problems.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ A partner encourages erring on the side of caution. More than likely, you will be spontaneous but land well. Do weigh a risk and determine what the damages would be if it backfired. If you can handle a flop, then move forward. Tonight: Where there is great music.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Listen well to what an associate or friend shares. This person might have a dark view in your judgment. The situation could change radically if you relax and help him or her open up. Make time for an important discussion. Tonight: Make it a duo.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Others seem bound to let you know that they know and understand more than you. So let them handle the issue in question. You might feel put down in one sense, but on the other hand, you could be looking at new freedom or an opportunity to do something you have been putting off. Tonight: Ever playful.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Negativity could be a problem on the domestic front. How you plan to deal with a personal matter and the way you move through a problem come into question. Others might need to distance themselves some, as they might be unsure about your methods. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ You wake up ready to pursue a particular goal or project. A serious conversation with a relative or neighbor might cause you to think too much. Don't let this

discussion distract you from your plans. Flow, as you stream one idea after another. Tonight: Play away.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Consider how you feel when pushed to your limit, especially at home or in a personal situation. You could be far more exhausted and reactive than you realize. Even if just the cat acts up, you could find yourself in a tizzy. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Your seriousness often can be a negative, but today it anchors others and helps find the right solution. Keep talks moving. Listen and share. Do acknowledge that you might be unusually somber. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Others look for leadership and understanding. Remain willing to follow your preordained path. If someone doesn't agree, of course, this person can step up to the plate and lead. Know when to say "no." Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

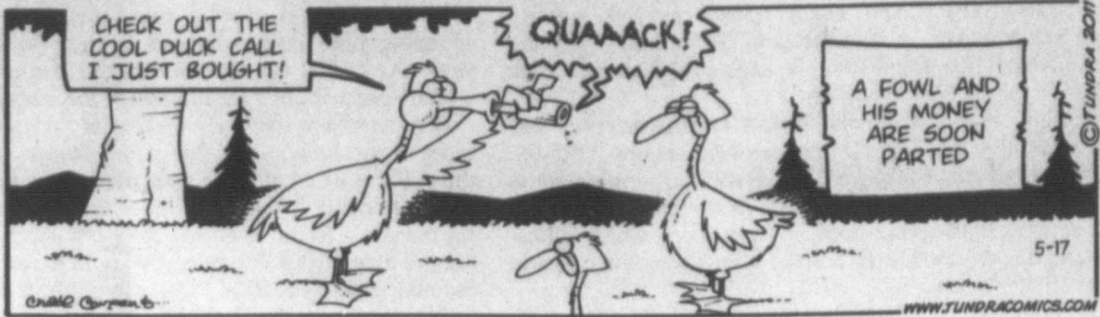
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ You seem to leave others way behind. You are full of energy and playfulness. In your present mood, you might not know when you are pushing too much. Be careful with an older person who might be pivotal in your life. Tonight: Only what makes you happy.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Use your instincts and follow through on what you deem important. You might not be the lead player, but you certainly are instrumental. Could you be having a hard time allowing someone else to share the limelight? Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Zero in on what you want. A goal or simply a whim has been on the back burner for too long. Make it happen now. Open doors for sharing more of your plans. Understand that not everyone will think you have a great idea. Accept your differences. Tonight: Where the fun is.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You might feel exposed when expressing your strong feelings and pointing in a new direction. The real issue is determining at what point to defer. An associate lets you know he or she does not agree. Why not invite this person to take the lead position? Tonight: Till the wee hours

Tundra



Shoe



Mother Goose and Grim



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When Tanya Diaz was trying to think of a name for her city recreation league kickball team that went with their colors black and yellow.

"I picked a color first," Diaz said. "Yellow is my favorite color. Then we thought of what goes with yellow."

Naturally she was led to the name Bumble Bee's. On the diamond Monday night at the softball complex, they wanted their opponents to know who they are messing with.

Diaz, the coach of the team said they play with intensity.

"We're pumped and ready to go out

there," Diaz said.

Greg Cabrales, who's playing in his second year, said they just go out and have fun.

"We just do the best we can," Cabrales said.

Cabrales said he enjoys playing because it's fun.

"You get to run around and kick the ball," Cabrales said. "Stay in shape."

Diaz said it brought back memories of elementary school recess.

"That was what we were playing," Diaz said.

The season started five weeks ago and currently the Bumble Bee's are 1-10.



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Greg Cabrales makes a throw to first against All About You Monday at the Recreation Park Softball Complex. Cabrales played last year and enjoys playing to stay in shape.

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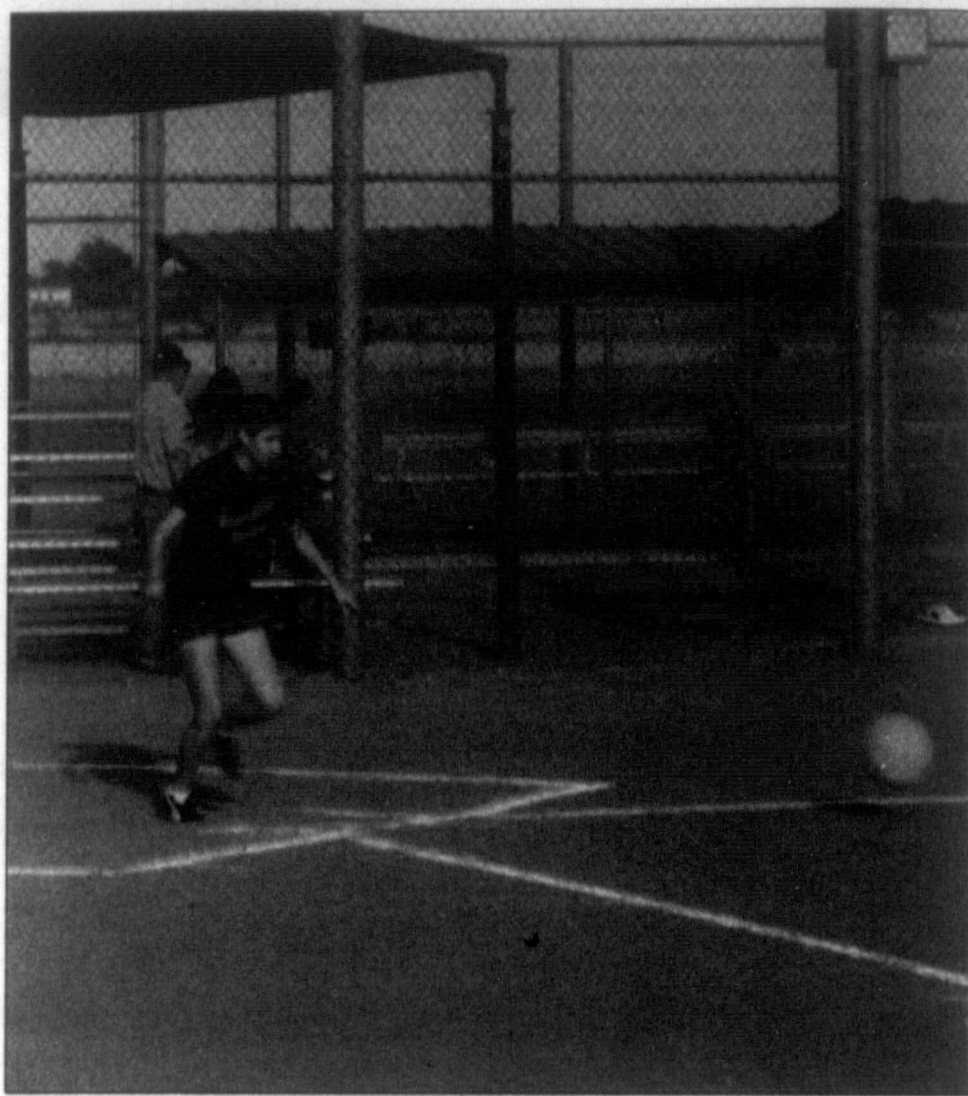
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Tanya Diaz kicks the ball against All About You. Diaz came up with their nickname Bumble Bee's to match her favorite color yellow.

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