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Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
		
High 100 Low 74	High 100 Low 72	High 99 Low 71

**Today:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 100. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 72. Breezy, with a south southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny and hot, with a high near 99. Breezy, with a south wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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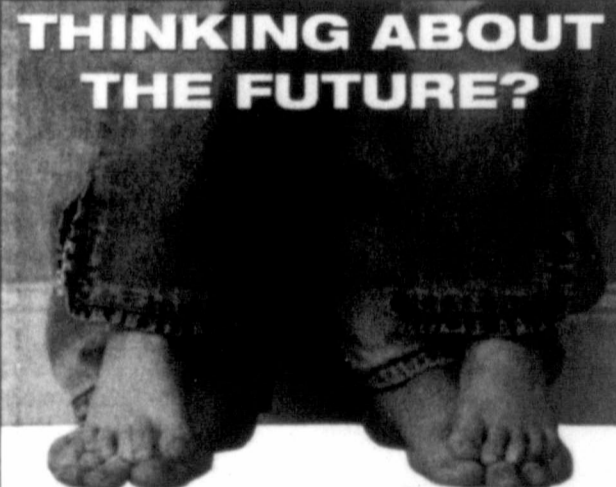
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## Obituaries

### Thula Virginia McCarrell, 86

Thula Virginia McCarrell, 86, went to her Heavenly home on July 15, 2011 in Pampa.

The services will be 2:00 p.m. today at Trinity Fellowship Church with Gary Hall, associate pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, and Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene of Plainview, officiating.

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

Thula was born April 17, 1925 to John and Virgie Moore in Floydada, Texas. She graduated from Floydada High School in 1943, where she met her true love. Thula mar-



McCarrell

ried Cecil McCarrell on April 17, 1946 in Cone, Texas. She was a telephone operator for 3 years, secretary of the Salvation Army for 15 years and worked for the Pampa High School lunch program for 3 years. Thula was a former member of the First Church of the Nazarene, where she worked in the children's ministry. She was currently a member of the Trinity Fellowship Church.

She is survived by her husband, Cecil McCarrell of the home; two sons, Gary McCarrell of Salida, Colo., and Garvin McCarrell of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter, Sheila Darnell of Amarillo; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Thula was preceded in death by three brothers, Zora Moore, Marion Moore and Everett Moore; three sisters: Corene Thompson, Bessie Jonas and Eva Mae Moore.

Memorials may be made to Shepard's Home Health Care, 916 N. Crest Rd., Pampa, TX 79065 or Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, TX 79065.

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## The apple giveth and the orange taketh away

**TOM MARGENAU**  
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### Social Security and you

**Q:** I am 64 and receive Social Security retirement benefits, although I am still working part time. Last year, I got a letter from Social Security telling me that because of my extra earnings, they increased my monthly benefit — plus, I received a retroactive check that paid me the extra amount back to the beginning of the year. But just last month, I got a letter from Social Security telling me they want all that money back. The letter said that because of my extra earnings, I have been overpaid more than a thousand dollars.

I don't get this! I have no intention of paying the money back because it was their fault for giving it to me in the first place. Can you help me understand?

**A:** I find myself spending a lot of time in this column talking about apples and oranges, and the messy fruit salad they can sometimes make. And that's what's going on in your case. You were paid the extra money last year because of one law that we'll call the apple. And you've been asked to repay some funds because of another law that we'll call the orange. I'll explain.

First, we will discuss the apple. Let's start with this premise: Your retirement benefit is essentially a percentage of your average monthly wage based on your highest 35 years of earnings. When you initially applied for Social Security, your benefit calculation was obviously based on the earnings that were posted to your Social Security account at the time. But you indicated that you are still working. That means you are adding new earnings to your Social Security record. And if those extra earnings raise your average monthly wage, they also increase your Social Security benefit.

The Social Security Administration has a computer program that tracks people's earnings and automatically refigures their Social Security benefits to find out if any increase is due. This generally hap-

pens between May and October of each year. People who are due an increase get a letter (as you did last year), which informs of an increase in the monthly benefit and also of the retroactive payment due — because the increase is effective with January of each year. In other words, the increase you got last year (probably about June 2010) was based on your 2009 earnings that had been added to your Social Security record, and your increase was retroactive to January 2010.

SSA calls the computer program, which performs that annual recalculation of benefits, the "automatic earnings reappraisal operation" or AERO. But again, for the purposes of this column, I'm calling it the "apple."

Now let's talk about the orange. If you are under age 66 and getting Social Security benefits, but you are still working, the law places a limit on how much money you can earn and still get all benefits you are due. For the past couple years, that limit has been \$14,160 per year. So if you keep your outside earnings under that limit, you are eligible for all of your Social Security payments. But for each \$2 you go over that limit, \$1 must be held back from your benefits. So, for example, if you made \$16,160 last year or \$2,000 over the earnings limit, then SSA must hold back \$1,000 from your Social Security benefits for that year.

People are supposed to notify SSA of their anticipated earnings, so benefits can be adjusted during the year in question. But if that doesn't happen, SSA has a computer program that checks the prior year's earnings to determine if a beneficiary made more than the annual earnings limit. If so, that program generates a letter to the beneficiary that advises him or her that he or she has been overpaid.

So, you got a letter this year (in 2011) telling you that because you made over the \$14,160 limit last year, you were paid too much money in 2010. That means one-half of whatever you earned over \$14,160 must be refunded to the government.

SSA refers to this computer operation as the "annual earnings test." It checks to make sure those Social Security beneficiaries who earn over the annual earnings limit have had some of their benefits withheld. But for the purposes of this column, I'm calling it the "orange."

Real apples and oranges are related in that they are both fruits, of course. The apple and orange computer programs I just explained are related because both are involved with your earnings. But they still are completely separate fruits ... or computer programs. Each handles a separate aspect of Social Security law.

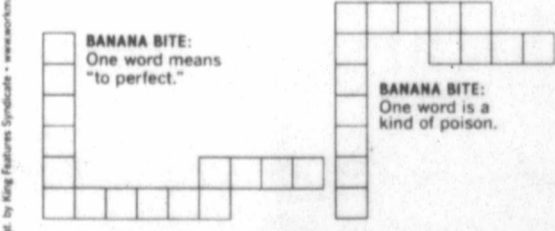
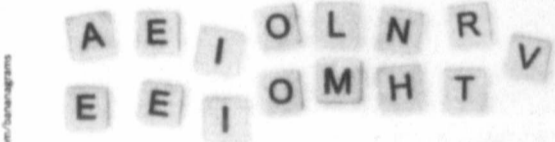
The apple program paid you the extra Social Security benefits you were due because you had extra earnings added to your Social Security account. The orange program is asking you to return some of your Social Security payments because you earned over the \$14,160 annual earnings limit.

To deal with the overpayment, you have three choices. You can file an appeal if you disagree with the amount or with the fact that you are allegedly overpaid. If you agree with the overpayment decision, but you are convinced it was not your fault AND you can prove that repaying the money would be a financial hardship, you can ask that the overpayment be "waived" or written off. Your third choice is to simply repay what you owe the government. You can do so in a lump sum or by having them withhold your current benefits until the overpaid amount has been recovered.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).

### BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints to help you solve each grid. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.



Yesterday's Answer: OBSERVANT, UNAWARE; DANGEROUS, SAFE; DRAMATIC, MUNDANE; BEAUTIFUL, UGLY

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## Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

7	1	6	2	8	5	3	9	4
4	2	9	6	3	1	7	8	5
5	3	8	9	7	4	2	1	6
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9	5	3	8	2	7	6	4	1
6	8	7	1	4	9	5	3	2
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3	7	5	4	1	2	9	6	8
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# AFTERNOONRUSH *Laptops*

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## Consulate warns Americans

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The U.S. consulate in a Mexican border city warns that a drug cartel may be targeting its facilities or other U.S. entry points and is urging Americans there to be vigilant.

The U.S. Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez says information of a possible attack came after the recent capture of key members of cartels active in the city across the border from El Paso, Texas.

The consulate warned Americans to be vigilant in its "emergency message" Friday, adding that in the past cartels have used car bombs.

It encouraged Americans residing or traveling in Chihuahua, where Juarez is located, to join the State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program.

The Juarez consulate shut its doors temporarily last July after receiving threats.

## Missing woman may be in Texas

VIRGINIA, Minn. (AP) — Authorities say a northern Minnesota woman who was allegedly kidnapped by her estranged husband last week may have been spotted in Texas.

In a news release, the Virginia Police Department said it was contacted Saturday by the New Braunfels, Texas, Police Department with a lead on Roberta Lynn Caskey.

The 44-year-old was walking with her 9-year-old son and a friend Thursday evening when authorities say she was forced by her estranged husband, 40-year-old Timothy Glen Caskey, into his vehicle.

Authorities in New Braunfels told the department a man and woman matching the Caskeys' description entered a used car dealer Saturday afternoon and asked to test drive a truck. He provided Timothy Caskey's driver's license. They failed to return the truck, and his pickup was recovered at the dealer.

## Perry still mulling White House

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry says he'll likely decide in two or three weeks whether he'll run for president.

The conservative Republican has long been scornful of Washington, and he says even now he doesn't wake up wanting to be president.

But Perry says he also knows his wife, Anita, and others want him to run and he's getting used to the idea.

Perry told the *Des Moines Register* that he's "getting more and more comfortable every day that this is what I've been called to do. This is what America needs."

Perry is the longest-serving governor in Texas history.

An evangelical Christian, he has a strong following among the social conservatives who often dominate Republican politics.

His aides began making inquiries last month about Iowa's leadoff presidential nominating caucuses.

learning where kids are presented with a project where they'll have to solve problems, they'll have to collaborate to create things.

"Oftentimes, too, it's open-ended, especially when you're looking at your arts, your humanities. They'll be able to produce multimedia projects and presentations in each of their areas of study. They're going to be able to produce things in the sciences, too — they'll be able to create virtual labs. We're really putting the focus on the students to produce as they learn, to incorporate the music and movie-making programs that they'll have at their fingertips."

Another emphasis with the new computers, Larkin said, is preparing Pampa High School students for success in a world where so much information is only a few clicks of the mouse away.

"That is a big goal for us," Larkin said. "We want it to become over time just second nature in the classroom. We're going off of what we consider to be and what research considers to be 21st century learning skills."

"That basically means that students don't need to know facts. They need to know how to find the right information when they need it and how they need it just in time to create and produce and collaborate. Those are the kinds of students that we need to produce not only in our community but to be competitive out there in the world today."

Many of the programs loaded on the ThinkPads reflect that philosophy. Evernote, for example, is a note-taking program used for organizing information taken from various online sources. Teachers will be able to create podcasts and distribute them to students through iTunes. Kindle from amazon.com and NOOKstudy from Barnes and Noble, a pair of e-reader applications principally used for buying digital versions of retail books, can also be used to download textbooks and classic works of literature, several of which are now free due to public domain.

"There's so much information out there," Larkin said. "We wanted to make these computers so that it's as easy as possible for our kids to find and to process that information."

Other software pre-loaded onto the laptops include Picasa, a simple photoediting and organizing program from Google; a virtual Texas Instruments graphing calculator for math courses; MuseScore, a free music composition and notation program; and the Microsoft Office productivity suite.

There's also ProjectShare, which Larkin described as "kind of a housing system for a lot of the learning that's going to go on." Provided by the Texas Education Agency, ProjectShare will serve as another line of com-

munication between teachers and students.

"If you've ever taken an online course, you log in to the professor's site and all of their resources are there, everything that's expected, you can turn in your papers there," said Chris Nies, who has been coordinating ProjectShare for PHS.

"(ProjectShare) has that same kind of capability for public school teachers. What we're hoping is that teachers will take advantage of that. They can have kids go into the teachers' ProjectShare and say, 'By tomorrow, I need you to watch these videos, go check out these sites. Come in tomorrow and we're gonna talk and you'll be held accountable for that.'

"It even has blog areas so kids can ask questions. Teachers can even set up groups of kids to work collaboratively and kids can talk within those groups and have specific projects to work on within ProjectShare, all online."

With social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter blocked on the high school's WiFi for obvious reasons, Larkin is hopeful that ProjectShare will evolve into a sort of social education hub for Pampa students and teachers alike.

"Evolve," Larkin said, will be a key word throughout the first year of the laptop initiative.

"Everybody has to evolve together," said Larkin. "Literally. Students, teachers, administrators — we're all learning it together."

Because of this, Jameson said, this upcoming year will be as much a test run as a final destination.

"This is our first delve into something this massive," she said. "We know we're going to encounter glitches, things we should have done differently, things we'll need to do better next time. But it's a start, and everybody's on board. Everybody's doing it together."

As teachers and students find other resources which may be useful, Jameson said, the laptops will be updated year to year with new software and purged of obsolete programs.

For now, though, as the start of the new school year creeps closer and closer, Larkin and her crew are excited for the universe of new doors that having a laptop in every student's hands will open.

"This is big," Larkin said. "Not just for the students, not just for our kids, but for our community as a whole. With these machines as a tool, we're going to be teaching kids how to succeed in the 21st century. That's not just a good thing for the school. That's a good thing for all of Pampa."

## AYA

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Jacaruso encouraged those interested in becoming a host family to register on AYA's website at [www.academyyear.com](http://www.academyyear.com).



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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, July 18, the 199th day of 2011. There are 166 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On July 18, 1811, English novelist William Makepeace Thackeray, author of "Vanity Fair," was born in Calcutta, India.

**On this date:**  
In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.  
In 1536, the English Parliament passed an act declaring the authority of the pope void in England.

In 1610, highly influential Italian baroque artist Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio died in Porto Ercole at age 38.

In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.

In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1940, the Democratic national convention at Chicago Stadium nominated President Franklin D. Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed a Presidential Succession Act which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard; his passenger, 28-year-old Mary Jo Kopechne, drowned.

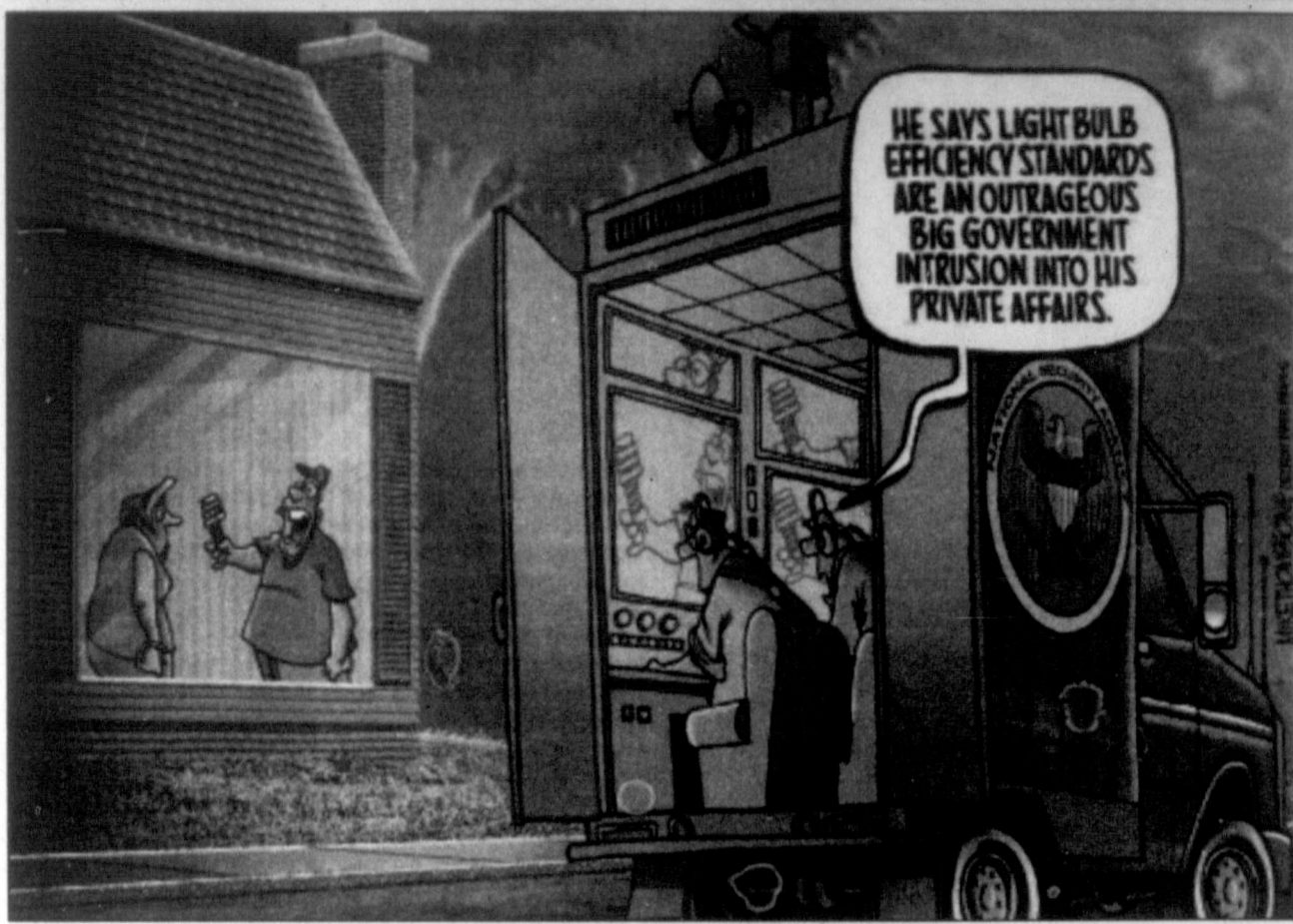
**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush, en route to an economic summit in Italy, stopped over in Britain as he began his second trip to Europe in a month.

**Five years ago:** The Senate voted after two days of emotional debate to expand federal funding of embryonic stem cell research, sending the measure to President George W. Bush for a promised veto.

**One year ago:** Pakistan and Afghanistan sealed a landmark trade deal in the presence of U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who pushed the two neighbors to step up civilian cooperation and work together against al-Qaida and the Taliban.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former South African President Nelson Mandela is 93. Former Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, is 90. Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 82. Movie director Paul Verhoeven is 73. Musician Brian Auger is 72. Singer Dion DiMucci is 72. Actor James Brolin is 71. Singer Martha Reeves is 70. Blues guitarist Lonnie Mack is 70. Pop-rock musician Wally Bryson (The Raspberries) is 62. Country-rock singer Craig Fuller (Pure Prairie League) is 62. Actress Margo Martindale is 60. Singer Ricky Skaggs is 57. Actress Anne-Marie Johnson is 51. Actress Elizabeth McGovern is 50. Rock musician Jack Irons is 49. Actor Vin Diesel is 44. Actor Eddie Matos is 39. Rock musician Daron Malakian (System of a Down; Scars on Broadway) is 36. Movie director Jared Hess is 32. Actor Jason Weaver is 32. Actress Kristen Bell is 31. Rock singer Ryan Cabrera is 29. Actor Chace Crawford is 26. Bluegrass musician Joe Dean Jr. (Dailey & Vincent) is 22.

**Thought for Today:** "Kindnesses are easily forgotten; but injuries! what worthy man does not keep those in mind?" - William Makepeace Thackeray (1811-1863)



## Who killed the Bluebird of Happiness?

Economists and politicians keep their fingers on the pulse of the Dow Jones Average, following every tick of this narrow measure of Wall Street wealth.

But the truer indicator of America's economic health is in the "Doug Jones Average -- how are workaday folks like Doug and Doreen doing? After all, the experts tell us that we're now entering the third year of a glorious economic recovery from the Great Recession, so surely the bluebirds of happiness are chirping again in Dougland. But, listen: silence.

What killed off the bluebirds is the same greed of moneyed elites that caused the crash. Since the recession ended in July 2009, CEO pay is back in the stratosphere, corporate profits are up by nearly half, corporations are sitting on a record \$2 trillion in cash, and the perky Dow Jones Average has soared by a delirious 90 percent, with nearly all of that gain being pocketed by the wealthiest 10 percent of Americans who own more than 80 percent of all stocks and bonds. The sounds you hear up there are the pop-pop-pop of Champagne corks.

Yet more than half of Americans say the recession is still raging in their zip codes, and nearly a third of them describe it as a full-blown depression. What's bugging these party poopers? Reality.

In this "recovery," those at the top of corporate America are practicing tinkle-down economics, refusing to hire the Dougs and Doreens, while eliminating hundreds of thousands of other jobs, knocking down wages

and benefits, and unleashing their lobbyists on Washington and state capitals to shred jobless programs, health care, education, worker rights and other basics that sustain America's middle class.

If a bluebird did show up in Doug and Doreen's yard these days, it wouldn't be chirping — it'd be dinner.

At least President Obama recognizes that the workaday majority has been knocked down: "Our economy as a whole," he says (with what passes for keen insight in today's clueless Washington), "just isn't producing nearly enough jobs." Indeed, as one economic analyst put it: "June's employment report doesn't have a single redeeming feature. It's awful from start to finish."

The numbers were depressing:

- Only 18,000 jobs were added to the economy in June. It takes about 10 times that just to cover the new jobseekers who enter the market each month.

- The unemployment rate rose to 9.2 percent. It would've been worse, except a quarter-million jobless people were so discouraged by their fruitless search that they quit looking in June. If you give up the search, our Orwellian system no longer counts you as unemployed, even though you are.



JIM HIGHTOWER

• For those with jobs, average hourly wages this year are 1.6 percent lower than in 2010 -- the tiny pay raises that workers did get were swallowed whole by oil giants, supermarkets, utilities and other price-hikers.

So, congressional leaders and the president are trying to cut a deal — not to launch the bold, can-do jobs program that America urgently needs, but to slash spending on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and other essential programs.

Adding to this Kafkaesque disconnect from reality, Republican leaders are locking arms (and minds) to prevent any cuts to the insane tax handouts now going to billionaire hedge fund speculators, Big Oil and multinational corporations that hide massive profits in offshore tax havens. While they cut the poor, no tax giveaway to the rich is so revolting that GOP lawmakers won't kiss it right on the lips, as shown by their insistence that even the \$3 billion a year doled out to subsidize corporate jets is off limits, as is the subsidy that Uncle Sam gives yacht owners. Seriously, jets and yachts!

Sen. Jon Kyl whined that Democrats "want ordinary Americans to believe that they will not be affected by the president's tax-increase proposals." If anyone knows what planet Kyl lives on, please beam the news to him that ordinary Americans don't have corporate jets and yachts. We can laugh, but clowns like Kyl are destroying our middle class to make America safe for plutocrats.

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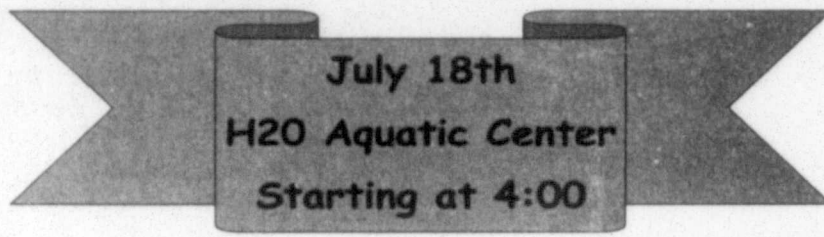
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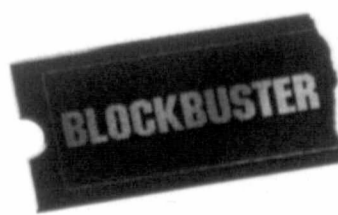
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# Sports

## Feeling the itch: Is it time for Harvester sports yet?

I'm about to complete my second full summer as *The Pampa News'* sports reporter.

Now, I have to say that both summers I started enjoying relaxing after the last Harvester sport ended, but eventually I was ready for things to start going again.

In my first summer, I was enjoying kicking back until about mid-June, when Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine hit my desk.

From that point, I was dying for two-a-days to start. This year was tougher because my summer started a week earlier than my first. After two weeks, I was anxious for May to be over. I was able to survive until the second-to-last week of June.

Wondering if they were feeling the same as I was, I asked some Pampa High School players and coaches when they reach that breaking point. For some, it hit



ANDREW GLOVER

Ryan Smith said. "I went and saw a couple of baseball games," head

baseball coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said. "After that I got the itch."

Still, other players and coaches aren't ready for the season to start until it gets closer.

"It usually hits me the first of August," senior tennis player David Moore said.

"I get excited for the season usually when the NFL mini camps start," coach Matt Embry said.

For Embry, two-a-days might come first, depending on the NFL lockout. There will probably be some that won't be ready for the season to start until they are in their first practice.

When I get back from vacation, it will be July 20. Two-a-days will only be 11 days away. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

Andrew Glover is the sports reporter for *The Pampa News*.

## NFL labor talks to resume today, continue through week

Talks to end the NFL lockout resume with the court-appointed mediator in New York today and could continue through Thursday, a person familiar with the negotiations told *The Associated Press*.

The person spoke to the AP on Sunday on condition of anonymity, because the discussions are supposed to remain confidential.

The mediator, U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan, originally had ordered representatives of the league's owners and players to meet with him Tuesday in Minneapolis. Now Boylan is expected to arrive in New York on Monday to oversee talks aimed at ending the NFL's first work stoppage since 1987.

The owners have a special meeting set for Thursday in Atlanta, where they potentially could ratify a new deal — if one is reached by then. Any agreement also must be voted on by groups of players, including the named plaintiffs in a federal antitrust suit against the league, and the NFL Players Association's 32 team representatives.

More than four months into the lockout, owners and players have made significant progress on the framework of an agreement. But re-establishing the union and figuring out what it will take for nine NFL players — including star quarterbacks Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees — to settle that antitrust suit are among key issues blocking a deal to end the lockout, people familiar with the negotiations told the AP on condition of anonymity.

The unresolved matters also include how the TV networks case, in which the players accused the owners of setting up "lockout insurance," will be settled.

Among the parts mostly squared away following significant progress last week:

- how the more than \$9 billion in annual league revenues will be divided;
- a rookie salary system;
- free agency rules;
- a cap of about \$120 million for player salaries

in 2011, with about another \$20 million in benefits.

The lockout began March 12, when negotiations broke down and the old collective bargaining agreement expired. The NFLPA announced it was dissolving itself and would no longer be a union that could bargain for all players under labor law, instead saying it was now a trade association. That allowed players to take their chances against the NFL in federal court under antitrust law.

There is a possibility that the sides will be able to put together a tentative agreement in principle in time to keep the preseason completely intact. The exhibition opener is scheduled to be the Hall of Fame game between the St. Louis Rams and Chicago Bears on Aug. 7, and as of Sunday, no preseason games had been canceled.

Members of the legal and financial teams for the two groups met in New York on Saturday, while NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA head DeMaurice Smith spoke with each other. The larger negotiating teams that gathered for more than 30 hours of intensive face-to-face talks spread across Wednesday through Friday — including owners and current or former players — did not meet Saturday.

Among the parts of the deal that people familiar with the negotiations told the AP are largely in place:

— The players' portion of the league's full annual revenues will be on a sliding scale with a floor of 46.5 percent and a ceiling of 48.5 percent. There no longer will be the old formula, under which owners got a cut off the top for various operating expenses before revenues were divided.

The new percentages represent a decrease for players, because they were winding up with a higher percentage under the old contract, which is among the main reasons spurring owners to opt out of that deal. According to NFLPA figures, the players got 52.7 percent of all league revenues in 2006, 51.8 percent in 2007, 51 percent in 2008, and 50.6

percent in 2009. There was no salary cap in 2010. As far back as 2000, meanwhile, the players' take was 56.5 percent of all revenue.

The players are still hoping, though, to get a commitment from owners that each team will spend a minimum amount of the cap.

• Most players will be able to become unrestricted free agents after four years in the league, and the owners' hope for being able to get a right of first refusal on three players per team in 2011 was dropped.

• First-round draft picks will sign four-year deals, with a club option for the fifth year. The new rookie salary system will help curtail first-year players' soaring salaries, with much of that money going to veterans.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I loaned money to a couple of family members when I was overseas. They had fallen behind on their bills, so I sent them each \$1,000 to get caught up.

It's two years later, and I have yet to see a dime from either one of them. I have sent them both letters asking to have "some" money paid back; both sent me excuses about why they can't pay anything. However, on Facebook they write about how they went shopping, joined a gym and so on. I feel I have been taken advantage of. What can I do to get this settled? — TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF IN MINNESOTA

DEAR TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF: Try this ... post on your Facebook page: "It's funny what short memories some people have. I loaned 'Tom' and 'Geri' \$1,000 two years ago when they fell behind on some bills. Instead of repayment, I have received nothing but excuses — and all the while I see their postings about shopping at the mall and going to the gym. What DEAD-BEATS!"

Maybe it will shame your relatives into paying up. (Or not, because some people have no shame.)

DEAR ABBY: Do I have to stop wearing my wedding ring? My husband died three years ago. We had been married 53 years and 12 days. Abby, I pledged "until death do us part." I just can't seem

to make myself take off the ring he put on my finger so many years ago.

I'm tired of being told that I "have" to give up something so precious to me. Is there a time limit, or is it OK for me to go ahead with wearing the ring and ignore the people who pester me about taking it off? Maybe a time will come when I'll want to, but not now, not yet. Please give me some sound advice. — ARIZONA WIDOW

DEAR WIDOW: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Widows and widowers usually remove their wedding ring at the point when they decide they would like to begin dating again. When they do, some of them choose to move the ring from their left to the right hand. Others put it away as a treasured keepsake.

There is no set time at which your wedding ring "must" come off. If and when you feel the time is right, it will happen — or not. This is a personal decision that no one can or should make for you.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15 years old, and I'm afraid to kiss! I won't date anyone because I'm afraid my kiss will suffer by comparison. I know no one becomes an expert without practice, but I don't want anyone to be my first kiss.

Several guys are into me, but I can't date them because eventually they'll want to kiss. It would be so embarrassing to be horrible at it. Any advice? —

TOO FREAKED OUT TO MAKE OUT

DEAR FREAKED OUT: Kissing isn't a competitive sport, so stop worrying that you won't measure up. A kiss doesn't have to be the way it's portrayed in the movies, with heavy breathing and mouths agape. Whether a guy wants to kiss you isn't as important as whether you WANT him to kiss you. If you do, all you have to do is close your eyes, tilt your head a bit to the side and lean in. He will take care of the rest.

I remember my first "real" kiss. I was 12, and my parents had decided to move from Wisconsin to California. I had a crush on a 16-year-old usher at the local movie theater. (He looked so handsome in his uniform!) Two weeks before we were scheduled to leave, I summoned the courage to approach him after a show, told him I was leaving, and asked if he'd give me my first real kiss. Once he got over his visible surprise, he did. It was sweet, gentle, chaste, and I've never forgotten it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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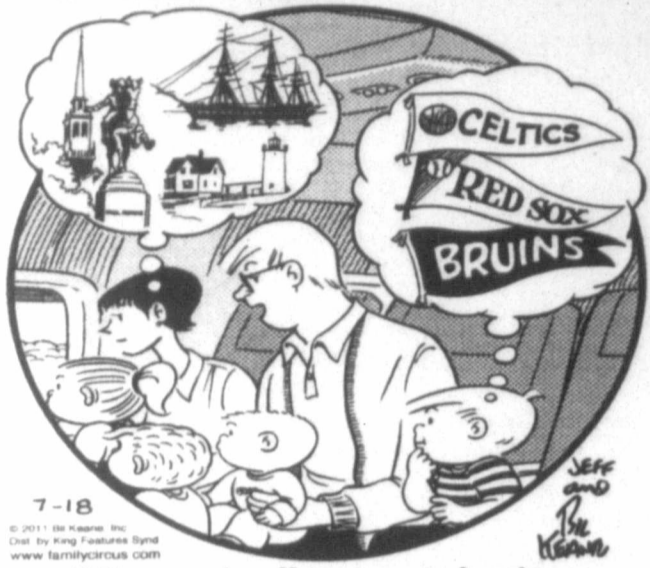
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### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, July 18, 2011

This year, you have a tendency to dream about what could be and then want to make it a reality. How you get your ideas doesn't make a difference. Others appreciate your creativity and willingness to soul-search. A foreigner or someone quite unique could play a significant role. If you are single, you could meet someone very different and exciting. Try it! You might like it. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from not triggering as much and staying centered. A joint class or workshop brings you closer. PISCES understands you.

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)**  
 ★★★ Honor your feelings and/or intuition more than usual. A boss will be more responsive if approached in this manner. Be aware that this person has a lot of conflict unknown to you. A meeting allows you to express your ideas. Recognize someone's support. Tonight: You have a lot of thinking to do.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. It is too easy to forget plans because of everything that is going on around you. Reach out for an expert, or get more information. You cannot have too much knowledge. Your instincts serve you well. Tonight: Where people are.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 ★★★ An boss or an authority figure could be pushing, and you just might say "enough." A partner has a better sense than you as to how to handle this person. A friend comes through for you in a big way. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 ★★★★★ People, quite a few of them, could impact your plans and day. You might have several meetings to attend, one after the other. A partner tends to be controlling and difficult. Reach out for someone at a distance. Tonight: Put some music on.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ One-on-one relating becomes increasingly important. Your effort — whether at work or within your home — counts. In some fashion, you are trying to please a key person. Worry less; ev-

erything is changeable. Tonight: Walk in someone else's shoes.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Defer to others, knowing that it is not your place or the time to make a decision. Others always want the laurels for leadership and choices. Let them take the responsibility of choice as well. Tonight: Share your time with a partner.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Pace yourself and understand what others expect. You also have your own expectations, which need to be met in order to make you happy. Question the demands you put on yourself. How valid are they? How doable are they? Tonight: Accept an offer.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ If you are to get anything done, your imagination needs to be harnessed. You have many great ideas. Jot them down, and you will be able to accomplish much more. A discussion with a child could be delightful. Tonight: Just be yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 ★★★ Stay centered, and you will cruise through a money matter. The problem is that you cannot get a handle on the situation, as it is constantly transforming. Your energy is high; breeze through what must be done. Tonight: At home.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 ★★★★★ Keep communication flowing. You have changed in the past year, and people are trying to adjust, whether it is conscious or not. Call on your patience, and be ready to reiterate a concept in many different ways. Tonight: Hanging out with a friend.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 ★★★ Be aware of a need to stay connected to your desires yet at the same time not overdo it. Listen to your inner voice. Be aware of a risky investment. Say neither "yes" nor "no." Do needed research. Tonight: Your treat.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 ★★★★★ Stay on top of what is happening. Friends and/or associates give you heavy feedback. Absorb the information, understanding you will know when it is time to make the right decision. Communicate your thoughts and feelings if you want to have an impact. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

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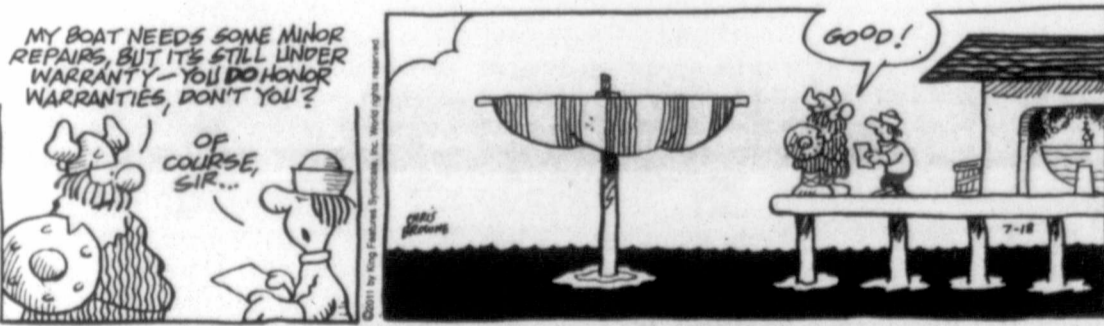
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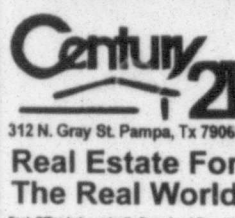
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