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Semi involved in fatal wreck



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Local authorities survey the shell of a semi truck that caught fire after an accident on Hwy. 60 a few miles outside of Pampa. There was one fatality in the collision.

Truck catches fire on Hwy. 60; one dead

ANDREW GLOVER
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 A two-vehicle wreck on Monday afternoon erupted in a pillar of flame and claimed the life of one driver on U.S. Hwy. 60.

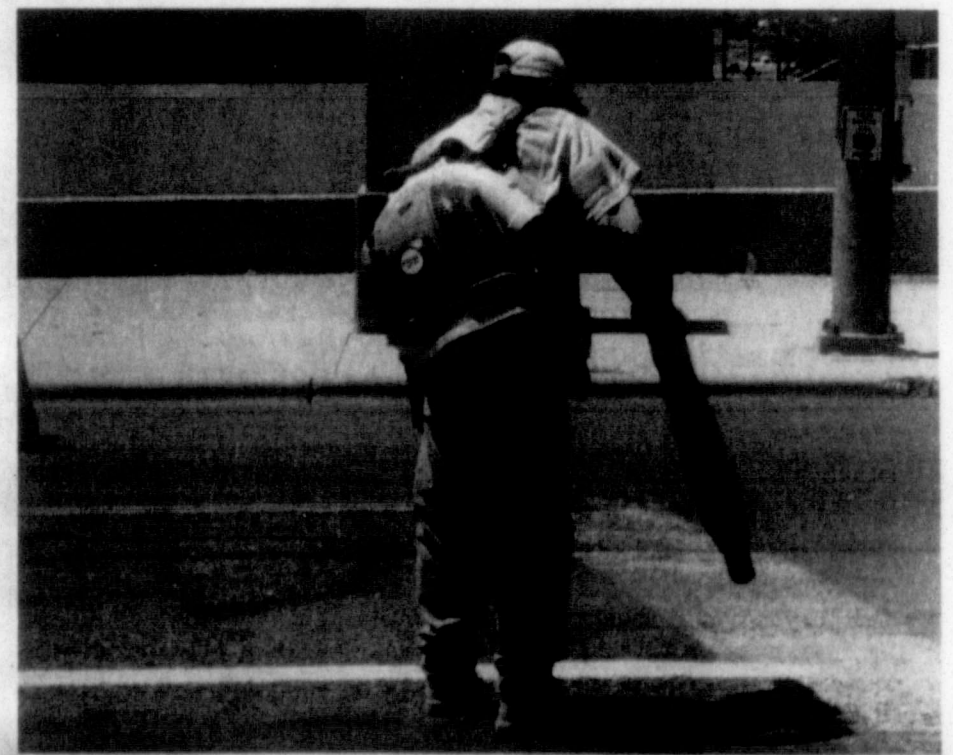
The Texas Department of Public Safety was notified at 2:36 p.m. Monday of the accident, which occurred on Hwy. 60 about two miles outside of Pampa.

Authorities had yet to release neither the names of the drivers nor the vehicles involved as of press time. One of the vehicles, a semi truck, caught fire during the accident and briefly engulfed the highway in a curtain of smoke. **WRECK** cont. on page 3

Backpack outreach registration continues

ARNIE AURELLANO
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 Registration for Trinity Fellowship's Back to School Outreach program continues today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to organizer Debra Kent. The outreach, a yearly event for the church since 1993, provides backpacks filled with school supplies to underprivileged kids who register for the program. "It's just a way to help out with the expenses of back to school," Kent said. "We just do the basics to help out. Every year, it seems like they add tons more to the back to school list, so we try to do what we can to help families who are having a hard time." Registered families will receive backpacks at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 20 during a Children's Crusade hosted by Trinity. Anyone is eligible to register, provided they bring a form of identification. "It's not based on how much you make or anything like that," Kent said. "We're trusting that if they need it, it's available for him." Kent also added that the program is not just for Pampa schoolchildren; kids from area communities such as McLean and Lefors are also welcome. Registration for the outreach is mandatory for a backpack. A form, which will be issued upon registration, must be turned in during the backpack giveaway date to receive a backpack. Trinity gave away 415 backpacks during last year's **OUTREACH** cont. on page 3

PAMPA STREET MAINTENANCE WATCHING PAINT DRY



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Angel Medina of M&M Stripping and Washing blows off the road to prepare it for fresh stripes at the corner of Hobart and Kentucky. Crews were out on Monday repainting the thoroughfares around Pampa.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
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Today: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 95. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 95. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Marion Earl "Butch" Spain, 66

Family and friends will gather to celebrate the life of Marion Earl "Butch" Spain this evening from 6-8 p.m. at Lake Ridge Chapel and Memorial Designers. Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011, in Lake Ridge Chapel with committal services in Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park. Our beloved Butch went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011.

Butch was born March 20, 1945, to Odis and Emaline (Brington) Spain in Plainview. He graduated from Plainview High School and attended Wayland Baptist University. He married Sheila Spencer on June 18, 1966, in Plainview. Butch and Sheila lived in Plainview, Pampa, Wichita Falls, and moved to Lubbock 16 years ago. Butch was an insurance adjuster for General Adjustment Bureau. He was an active member of Redbud Lions Club. Butch loved every kind of sport whether it was watching or participating.

He is preceded in death by his father, Odis Spain. Those that survive him are his wife, Sheila; a son, Mark Spain of Shallowater; three grandchildren, Seth, Shelby and Chase Spain all of Shallowater; his mother, Emaline Spain; and a sister, Trena Dittberner and husband Tommy all of Andrews; a brother-in-law, Bobby Spencer of Dundee and his mother-in-law, Dorothy Spencer of Lubbock and four nieces.

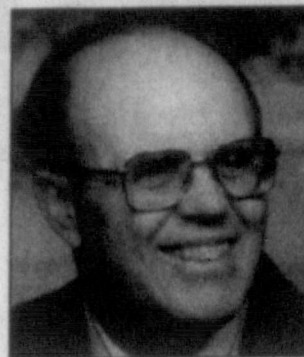
Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, the Texas Kidney Foundation, the Great Plains Eye Bank or the Texas Lions Children's Camp, Kerrville, TX.

To view Butch's memorial page visit www.memorialdesigners.net.

Mary Elizabeth Ward

The Lord called Mary Elizabeth Ward home on August 15, 2011, in Pampa.

A private family service is pending. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.



Spain

Mrs. Ward was born in Dillard, Carter County, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa for the past 49 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ and supported God's Learning Channel. Mary loved rummage sales, she liked to garden, and she appeared in the local newspaper for growing the only lemon tree in Pampa.

Mary will be lovingly remembered for her loving, fun nature, her faith in the Lord, and her many quotable quotes.

Survivors include her daughter, Metha Ward of the home; two sisters, Essie Aldridge of Velma, Okla. and Frankie Reba Jennings of Amarillo; and a brother, Victor L. Drake of Amarillo. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, William Henry and Bessie Sisco Drake; her son, Ira Dean Ward; two sisters, Geneva Sherwood Drake and Dortha Savannah Gray; and a brother, Clarence Sydney Drake.

Memorials may be made to Southside Church of Christ, 11923 W. McCullough Street, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Ward

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Houston restricts water

HOUSTON (AP) — Mayor Annise Parker has ordered mandatory water restrictions for Houston because of the drought.

Parker said Monday the city has implemented Stage 2 water conservation methods because of decreasing levels in Lake Houston, which helps provide the city's water supply.

The restrictions will mean residents can water their lawns no more than twice a week and homeowners would have to repair water leaks on their property within 72 hours.

Parker said residents will at first be warned of any violations. But she says repeat offenders will be fined.

The city will also take various steps to help conserve water, including discontinuing the washing of city vehicles or equipment except for health or safety reasons.

Perry a 'good looking rascal'

NEW YORK (AP) - Former President Bill Clinton says Rick Perry is a "good-looking rascal" but dismisses the Texas governor's policies as "crazy."

Clinton made the comments Monday during an address to a meeting of the International Association of Firefighters. The Democrat told the group he had watched Perry's speech Saturday in which the governor announced he was running for president and joining the Republican race.

Clinton said it was "crazy" that Perry wants to cut the federal government but would take advantage of government perks like Air Force One if elected president.

Perry is on a weeklong campaign swing through early primary states.

Officials prep for Okla. drought

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - Gov. Mary Fallin and Oklahoma emergency management officials are outlining how the state will respond to the ongoing drought and one of the hottest summers on record.

Fallin will discuss the state's response during a press briefing Monday. She will be joined by officials from the National Guard, Department of Health, Department of Public Safety and Department of Emergency Management.

Oklahoma received some much-needed rain last week - but the latest report from the U.S. Drought Monitor shows nearly two-thirds of the state remains in an exceptional drought, the most severe category.

At least 15 deaths have been blamed on the heat. Medical officials suspect heat as the cause of several other deaths.

The drought is posing particular problems for cattle ranchers because of its impact on forage.

Albuquerque shows to end

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Two Albuquerque-based television shows that have raised the visibility of the city and highlighted New Mexico's growing popularity with the film industry are ending their runs.

Breaking Bad and *In Plain Sight* have both in the last week announced they would be filming the final seasons of the popular shows.

Film industry executives said it's disappointing to lose the shows, but they are confident their loss won't impact the industry here as the state is firmly established as base for television and film production and has a strong crew base.

Wayne Rauschenberger, COO of Albuquerque Studios where *Breaking Bad* is filmed, says it's all part of being involved with Hollywood. "Because this is what happens. Shows come and go and get cancelled," he said.

Exonerree suing for compensation

DALLAS (AP) - One of Texas' best-known wrongly convicted men is suing the state comptroller in an effort to seek full compensation for the time he spent in prison.

Johnnie Lindsey filed papers with the Texas Supreme Court on Monday claiming Comptroller Susan Combs isn't following the law by refusing to pay him for four of the nearly 26 years he spent in prison on charges of aggravated sexual assault.

The 59-year-old exonerree contends he's owed \$320,000 for part of a concurrent sentence that wouldn't have been served if he hadn't been wrongly convicted.

The conviction was thrown out in 2008 after testing on a rape kit excluded Lindsey as a suspect. He was featured on the Discovery Channel series "Dallas DNA."

A spokesman for Combs said her office was preparing a statement.

Corruption probe nets jail time

EL PASO (AP) - A former elected official and an attorney in El Paso have both been sentenced to six years in federal prison as part of a long public corruption investigation in the West Texas border city.

U.S. Attorney John Murphy says former El Paso County District Clerk Gilbert Sanchez and attorney Luther Jones, a former county judge and state lawmaker, were sentenced Monday. They were charged with conspiring to obtain a multimillion-dollar document imaging contract between the county and a Jones client in 2003-04.

Prosecutors say Jones offered Sanchez bribes in the form of cash, travel expenses to Las Vegas and gratuities. In return, Sanchez directed another county employee to favor Jones' client.

Sharp to be new A&M chancellor

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Former Texas Comptroller John Sharp, a former student body president at Texas A&M, is in line to become head of the 11-university A&M System.

Sharp won approval from the A&M Board of Regents Monday as the sole finalist to become A&M System chancellor. Under state law, the appointment becomes final in 21 days.

CORRECTION

In the Aug. 6-7 edition of *The Pampa News* ("Panhandle Vets' Hall to induct six"), Panhandle Veterans' Hall of Fame honoree Edmund Lutz was erroneously reported as being from Euclid, California. Lutz is from Euclid, Ohio. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the error.

What's happening in the financial world

TERRY SAVAGE
Creator's Syndicate

What's going on in the financial world? And what should I do?

A. These are the two questions I have been asked repeatedly over the past week. The volatility of the markets is frightening and baffling to many. The "smart money" can't make up its mind where to be — with dramatic consequences for prices.

Behind it all is the fear of global recession and global debt defaults, a situation reminiscent of fall 2008. But this time, confidence in American economic leadership is plummeting.

I offer my thoughts on what's going on — and what you should do — with great humility. It's an old Savage Truth that the markets are always smarter than we are.

Global financial fear

The events that started in the fall of 2008 and led to the collapse of Lehman Brothers unveiled a well-kept secret: The world's financial markets are so closely intertwined that a financial collapse that threatens one country also threatens the world.

The world's central banks managed to "paper over" this reality and stave off collapse back in 2008. But now we must face reality. First Greece, then Spain, Italy and Portugal are facing huge debt repayments.

That puts European banks at risk, because they hold so much debt. And it puts American financial institutions at risk, because they own debt in common with European banks. Stocks of big banks have been hit hard lately.

Bankers and politicians went off on August summer vacation,



The world's smart money has the same question as you do: Where is safety? Despite the S&P ratings cut, money has rushed into U.S. dollars, pushing interest rates to record lows. Then the smart money took a fling at stocks on Tuesday, figuring that a 3 percent yield on the Dow Jones industrials was pretty attractive compared to zero in Treasuries.

The Fed's announcement that it would keep rates low for at least two years to combat slow growth had the effect of increasing recession fears. A recession means lower profits — a reason to sell stocks. That's exactly what happened Wednesday. Even oil and industrial commodities were hit by recession fears.

We are facing stagflation — low economic growth and declining value of the currency. That's what's making gold shine — the only bright spot. But gold also is a volatile market.

So that brings back the question: Where is safety? The safest course is the most difficult one to take in scary times. Yes, you want some long-term holdings in good, dividend-paying stocks. And some money in gold or gold stocks. But you can't go chasing these markets.

It's tough to leave your "chicken money" in bank deposits and Treasury bills paying nothing. But at least you won't lose any money there right now. And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?"

planning to come back and deal with reality in September, when an unprecedented \$68 billion of Italian debts come due. But then S&P downgraded U.S. debt — essentially saying that we're going the way of Europe if we don't change our current spending and borrowing curve.

The markets weren't prepared for that reality check to hit in the summer doldrums. And now there is fear that debt defaults could lead to a global recession.

Solutions

So what can the government and central banks do? Suddenly, it seems they're running out of ammunition. We've had ample demonstration that government can spend trillions of dollars — and not create jobs or economic growth. We've also seen that the Fed can lower interest rates and create money (credit) — and it still won't get the economy moving.

Japan tried those strategies to counter its recession in the 1990s — lowering rates and increasing government spending — and that country remained mired in recession for a decade. An economy needs more than low rates and plenty of credit. It needs confidence.

American politicians haven't yet realized that they need to cut taxes, remove regulatory costs and generally get government out of the way in order to get the economy growing again — and creating jobs.

Seeking safety

Xcel

"What we're guessing is that there was some sort of microburst of wind and we had several locations where poles were snapped like toothpicks," Reeves said. "One of those was just south of town on a transmission line that comes up from the south feeding into McCullough sub(station)."

That line from McCullough substation, Reeves explained, serves as a major electricity artery into Pampa, feeding a large section of the grid in the southern and western parts of the city.

There were around 10 poles snapped along that line, both feeding into and out of that substation. Of the estimated 5,000 customers who lost power during the storm, some 3,335 were because of lost power because of the damage to the McCullough line.

While Xcel was able to reroute electricity from other substations to get those customers re-energized, Reeves said that getting the lines repaired was an

urgent matter.

"We had to put a lot of effort into the lines around that substation to make sure we had power for that afternoon," Reeves said. "It was a hot day, and we had to make sure that we were going to be able to bring enough power in to meet the peak demand. We had contract crews as well as our own crews working on that line."

"Normally, it's not a big deal," Reeves said. "If we have a storm, say, in the springtime, we might have a little more time to fix one of the transmission lines, but because of the peak loading, we needed all those lines energized to meet the peak demand, so we went ahead and got that replaced as quickly as possible."

The McCullough transmission line was rebuilt and energized by around 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Reeves said.

Wreck

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It took local firefighters over 20 minutes to put out the fire that destroyed the cab of the semi. The Gray County Sheriff's Department, Pampa Fire Department, Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, Pampa Police Department and Department of Public Safety responded to the scene and spent over an hour investigating the damage.

Authorities shut down the highway westbound towards Amarillo for several hours, as debris from the wreck was scattered in the roadway.

Outreach

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outreach program, and Kent said she expects to give out more this year.

"With the economy this year, we're expecting to hand out even more than we did," she said. "(The number we give out) has gone up every year. We have over 500 (this year), plus we can always get more."



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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2011. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 15, 1961, as workers began constructing a Berlin Wall made of concrete, East German soldier Conrad Schumann leapt to freedom over a tangle of barbed wire in a scene captured in a famous photograph.

On this date:

In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had slain.

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow in the Alaska Territory.

In 1945, in a radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

In 1974, a gunman attempted to shoot South Korean President Park Chung-hee during a speech; although Park was unhurt, his wife was struck and killed, along with a teenage girl. (The gunman was later executed.)

In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb that tore apart the center of Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Ten years ago: A Texas appeals court halted the execution of Napoleon Beazley just hours before he was scheduled to die for a murder he'd committed as a teenager. (Beazley was executed in May 2002.)

Five years ago: Israel began withdrawing its forces from southern Lebanon.

One year ago: Former medical student Philip Markoff, charged with killing Juliessa Brisman, a masseuse he'd met through Craigslist, was found dead in his Boston jail cell, a suicide.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rose Marie is 88. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 87. Actor Mike Connors is 86. Game show host Jim Lange is 79. Actress Lori Nelson is 78. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 76. Actor Jim Dale is 76. Actress Pat Priest is 75. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 73. Musician Pete York (Spencer Davis Group) is 69. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 67. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 65. Rock singer-musician Tom Johnston (The Doobie Brothers) is 63. Actress Phyllis Smith is 62. Britain's Princess Anne is 61. Actress Tess Harper is 61. Actor Larry Mathews is 56. Actor-comedian Rondell Sheridan is 53. Movie director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu is 48. Country singer Angela Rae (Wild Horses) is 45. Actor Peter Hermann is 44. Actress Debra Messing is 43. Actor Anthony Anderson is 41. Actor Ben Affleck is 39. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 37. Actress Nicole Paggi is 34. Latin pop singer Belinda (cq) is 22. Rock singer Joe Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 22. Actor-singer Carlos Pena is 22. Actress Jennifer Lawrence is 21.

Thought for Today: "Life has taught me to think, but thinking has not taught me how to live."
Alexander Herzen, Russian author (1812-1870)



Oh, how America has indeed changed

USA Today published one of its colorful front pages last week detailing how America has not only grown dramatically in population over the last two decades, but has radically changed ethnically, geographically and culturally. The most costly of the many changes is the fact that having children has become increasingly detached from marriage.

Illegitimate births for all Americans have risen from 26 percent in 1990 to 41 percent today "and could be headed higher." Among Hispanics, illegitimacy is 53 percent, among blacks it's 73 percent and among whites it has risen to a shocking 29 percent.

This extraordinary change is the primary reason that government budgets, both federal and state, are so bloated. Without fathers to provide for these millions of children, their mothers turn to "big brother government."

The economist Robert J. Samuelson recently concluded that, "the welfare state is winning the budget war." The bipartisan budget deal, which slashed our military budget but kept welfare-state handouts mostly off limits, turned out to be "a triumph of the welfare state over the Pentagon."

The Heritage Foundation reports that 77 types of federal means-tested handouts already cost \$522 billion-per-year before Obama took office. He increased this giant amount to \$697 billion-per-year in the first half of his term. Now, half of Americans depend, in whole or in part, on government handouts for their living expenses, paid by the other half who pay income taxes.

That was exactly what Obama planned to do when he told Joe the plumber he wanted to redistribute the wealth and told Chicago's WBEZ-FM that his favorite Supreme Court Chief Justice, Earl Warren, wasn't radical enough because the Warren Court "never ventured into the issues of redistribution of wealth."

Estimates are that, over the next decade, the federal government will spend \$7.5 trillion on means-tested welfare. That's in addition to the nearly \$200 billion a year doled out by the states.

In Ronald Reagan's famous caveat, when you subsidize something you get more of it. So the subsidies to women who have no husbands in the house, have promoted more and more children growing up without fathers.

The American public has been alerted to the effects of family breakup ever since Daniel Patrick Moynihan's 1965 report called "The Negro Family: The Case for National Action." We can now see clearly that giving cash and benefits to single moms, beginning with Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty, destroyed families by making fathers unnecessary and created a barrier to the women receiving free money.

This common-sense analysis was confirmed by British commentator Melanie Phillips, who described the current London riots as the result of "the promotion of lone parenthood;" "the willed removal" of fathers from the family unit by the welfare state; and the "ultra-feminist wreckers" of the traditional family with a male breadwinner. She calls for removing "the incentives to girls and women to have babies outside marriage" and for dismantling "the concept of entitlement" from the welfare state.

The religious left has injected itself into the U.S. budget debate by corraling a list of left-wingers to sign a statement called the Circle of Protection, which opposes any cuts to welfare-state spending. This group made a political splash running newspaper ads featuring the provocative question, "What would



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Jesus cut?"

I wouldn't presume to try to read Jesus' mind or announce His political opinions, but I think it's hard to make the case that He would approve subsidizing, and thereby encourage, illegitimate births. That's exactly what the means-tested welfare handouts have been doing ever since Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty.

Michael Gerson defended the religious left's Circle of Protection in the Washington Post. He calls the billions of dollars of government spending on poverty "essentially irrelevant to America's long-term debt." I guess we now know why George W. Bush wasn't more conservative: Michael Gerson was his speechwriter.

Gerson is wrong. Welfare state spending is a major cause of our debt, and it is also morally costly because it chases fathers out of homes. The Heritage Foundation's figures don't even count the social and fiscal costs of drugs, sex, suicide, school dropouts, runaways and crime that come mostly from female-headed households.

Also, welfare spending is a failure; it doesn't advance us toward any constructive goal, such as helping recipients get on their feet economically. It merely increases dependence on government handouts and votes for leftwing politicians.

The Obama strategists know their political bread is buttered on the side of creating more and more women dependent on government. Republicans will lose the budget battle unless they face up to the fact that a traditional husband-provider marriage is the mainspring of economic solvency. They will lose elections unless they stop the redistribution of money from taxpayers to dependents on government.

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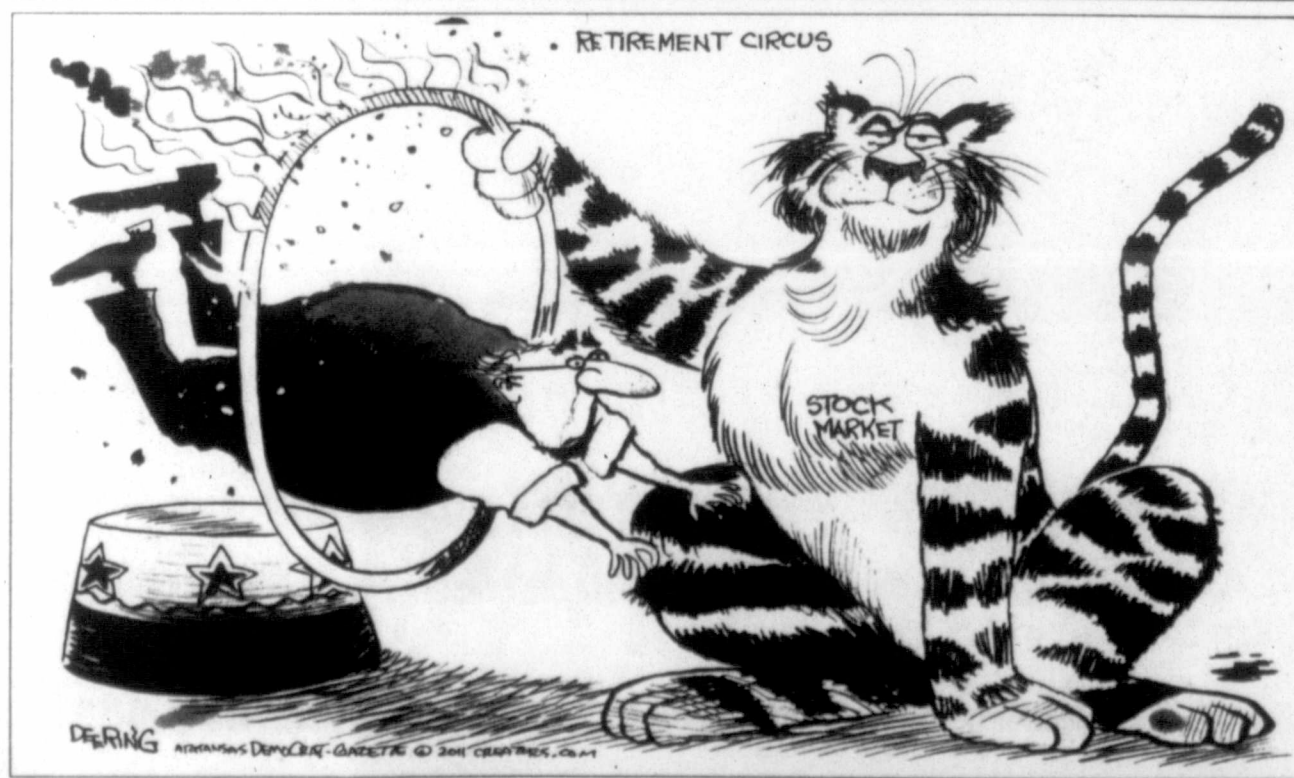
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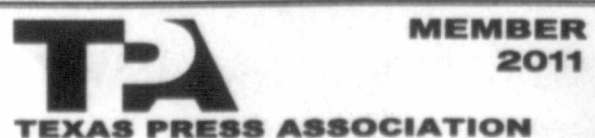
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Sports

Harvesters, Pirates both moving in the right direction

For the first time last week, the Pampa Harvesters and Lefors Pirates got to test their skills against another opponent. Though both teams have certain areas they have to improve, they did show significant progress from how they ended last season.

On Friday the Pirates scrimmaged Groom, Follett and Happy. In the Groom and Happy scrimmages, both sides of the ball executed well. On offense they showed flashes of how they executed when they had Keenan Lott and Trever Czubinski in the backfield. Against Follett, the team struggled some. Head coach Joey Czubinski always told me he schedules tough games to see where his team is at. Overall, the Pirates need to work on their timing but that will improve as these players gain more reps. Defensively, the Pirates struggled with



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aggression and making plays. Friday night the Pirates took that to heart as they made several big tackles including against Follett, who is ranked in the Top Ten of Six Man Division One. Junior Colten Helfer made a hit on a Follett receiver that probably could have scored points on the Richter Scale. It's safe to say Lefors has its swagger back.

Saturday the Harvesters returned to the field for the first time since their playoff loss to Lubbock Cooper in November. Senior linebacker Daniel Hulseley said he was glad to hit someone.

"It felt good," Hulseley said. "We haven't suited up since Lubbock Cooper, it was nice to go out and hit someone."

Pampa came in with the goal of stopping the outside run and getting a running game going themselves. Though the team started sluggishly in running, they picked up as Samuel Smith and Freddy Jackson broke out three to four runs of 15 or more. Jackson broke a 50-yard run for a touchdown. Defensively, the Harvesters accomplished their goal of limiting the outside run. Also, they did well in limiting plays bringing down receivers as soon as they caught the ball.

Granted it wasn't a completely perfect performance but that's what scrimmages are for. It allows a team to see the progress it made since January when it started offseason workouts. From that the team can work on its weaknesses and improve

them. Sometimes how a team performs in scrimmages is indicative of how the season turns out. Last year Lefors head coach Joey Czubinski wasn't pleased about the scrimmages. For the first time in five years, the Pirates were hitting the hardwood instead of preparing for a playoff game.

However, Pampa head coach Heath Parker has told me it's tough to judge how good a team is during a scrimmage. Last year, the Harvesters performed well in their scrimmages but ended the season with a losing record. Though, we don't know the impact from this scrimmage, it's safe to say both the Harvesters and Pirates are taking steps in the right direction.

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House hearing on A&M move shelved

The Texas House Higher Education Committee has postponed a hearing related to Texas A&M's possible move to the SEC.

Rep. Dan Branch, chair of the committee, cited the SEC's reaffirmed satisfaction with its current 12 members in his statement explaining the postponement.

"While events may continue to

evolve in the coming weeks, at this time, there is no immediate need to evaluate the merits of an athletic conference reconfiguration involving Texas A&M University, and, potentially, other Texas public universities," Branch said "If the current situation changes, our Committee is prepared to convene."

Meanwhile, the A&M System

Board of Regents was meeting Monday to discuss granting A&M president Bowen Loftin the authority to take action related to conference realignment. The board convened the telephonic meeting at 3 p.m. and immediately went into executive session.

Stay tuned to theeagle.com for more updates.

Rookie hazing changing in baseball

CINCINNATI (AP) — Reds outfielder Chris Heisey wasn't surprised to see the schoolgirl outfit hanging in his locker, his humbling attire for the start of a late-season road trip.

Welcome to the majors, rookie.

"I felt it would happen," Heisey said. "As the season went on last year, I kind of heard talk that it would happen. All the rookies were talking about what we would be dressing up as."

Making the rookies wear outlandish outfits for a road trip or fix a ham sandwich for a veteran is as much baseball tradition as batting practice and curtain calls, a time-honored way of reminding the newcomers where they rank in the clubhouse pecking order.

While other sports struggle with the question of when rookie hazing crosses the line, it remains part of baseball's fabric — though not nearly as outlandish as some of the stunts in other sports.

"I think it's worse in football," said Colorado's Todd Helton, who played quarterback as a two-sport star at Tennessee. "When I was in college football, they shaved me bald—the whole incoming freshman class. A bunch of big guys grabbed you and shaved your head."

The Jacksonville Jaguars banned rookie hazing this year, saying it had gone too far. In recent years, rookies had been taped to goal posts, covered in baby powder, tossed in a cold tub and forced to accept ugly haircuts. The Jaguars can still hold their annual rookie talent competition and veterans are allowed to make the newcomers carry their equipment. But that's the limit.

Last year, Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant created a stir when he refused to carry a veteran's pads, challenging the rookie hazing tradition.

In professional baseball, rookies get a much milder treatment — no shaving, no forced haircuts, no taping to stationary objects.

"I don't even know if hazing would be the proper term to use as far as baseball is concerned," said Rockies manager Jim Tracy, whose rookie indoctrination involved wearing a gaudy suit.

Whatever it's called in baseball, it's changing, too.

With young players taking on more prominent roles,

they're getting treated more like equals in the clubhouse these days. Veterans say the latest rookie classes have been singled out far less than in the past.

"Because the game seems to be getting younger and younger, a lot of that stuff has totally changed," said Reds pitcher Bronson Arroyo, who was forced to fetch drinks for veterans during the middle of the night at team hotels when he was a Pirates rookie. "There's a lot less going on."

And most welcome it. "It's changed," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said. "In fact, I'm kind of glad it changed. I've never been a big fan of the whole thing."

Marlins infielder Wes Helms had to carry veterans' luggage onto team flights and serve them on the plane when he was a rookie.

"There's definitely less than when I came up," Helms said. "Now, you don't really have anything as far as making them do anything stupid throughout the year to embarrass themselves."

"It definitely has calmed down over the years. Rookies are a little different nowadays. When I came up, you didn't say a word until you had two or three years in the big leagues. Now guys come up and it's like they're already comfortable."

How rookies are treated depends upon the veterans in charge. Most teams force rookies to dress in embarrassing costumes for a road trip late in the season. They might be ordered to sing or dance at the front of the team bus.

"The closest thing we have is the guy with the least

service time in the bullpen has to carry the backpack of candy or drinks and find out what the bullpen guys want," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "We do some things at spring training just as bonding with guys, not really hazing. You give them projects or you ask them to do a report on something."

Each clubhouse is different.

"I think it all comes down to the people that have the power," Arroyo said. "If the older guys are reasonable and want the team to flourish, you're only going to be able to push that so far without damaging (the chances) to be a winning team. So I think it depends on who's king of the hill and whether those people are reasonable."

Some if it depends upon how the rookies accept their special treatment.

"If you take it the right way, it doesn't happen twice," Helton said. "Usually when a guy fights back is when the problems arise. My rookie year, I was the only rookie. When they told me, I'd make them ham sandwiches that year. I just kept my mouth shut and did what they said."

Paul Konerko of the White Sox thinks rookie hazing shouldn't make a newcomer feel uncomfortable.

"I remember when I was a rookie, people made me feel uncomfortable, maybe crossed the line," said Konerko, who broke in with the Dodgers in 1997.

"When that happens, when that player gets older, he says, 'I'm not going to do that because I know how it

felt.' Or, 'I can't wait to do it to someone.' It's one of the two, and I think I'm the first one."

A lot of players see baseball's rookie treatment as something to be appreciated.

"There's a deeper history in the game of baseball and things like that," Twins reliever Matt Capps said. "You try to carry that history over."



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Secondhand Rose" (June 11) was well-intentioned but won't provide the level of intervention her husband needs. He's clearly a compulsive shopper and hoarder, and her going along on his buying trips will only lead to more family conflict and bad feelings without solving anything.

He needs cognitive behavioral therapy, the sooner the better. Like all addicts, he will probably be unwilling to admit he needs treatment and resist going. The best way to deal with this is family intervention — like what is done with alcoholics and drug addicts.

The family would be helped by going to Al-Anon meetings for support and to help them understand. Just substitute the word "hoarding" for alcohol and the picture will be clear. If there's a Clutterers Anonymous meeting nearby and he is willing to go, that would be ideal. There are also online meetings.

Hoarding is a serious, life-threatening and life-consuming disorder like any other addiction. Getting better without treatment is unlikely. — GLORIA V., ONE WHO KNOWS

DEAR GLORIA: Many readers felt as you do, that "Secondhand Rose's" husband has a serious disorder and needs

professional help. One organization that has been mentioned before in this column is The Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation. Its website is www.oc-foundation.org. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for Rose. Why not check with a local charity and ask what it needs? Give her husband the list and have him search for bargains, then donate them to the charity. It's win-win. The donation can be declared on their tax return, they won't have loads of clutter, the charity benefits, and her husband can continue to use his bargaining skills. — VICTORIA IN OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: Hoarding goes far beyond being an avid shopper or simply a clutterbug or pack rat. Hoarding is compulsive. It gets worse over time and turns one's home into a dangerous, dusty and unhealthy place to live. Hoarders' inability to let go overrides everything else — their families' needs for functional space to sleep, eat and prepare food.

Recently some TV shows have shed light on this behavior. It hurts those closest to the hoarder. Children of hoarders are not able to visit their parents, and the legacy of shame and hurt of the illness goes on for a lifetime as family members realize that stuff

means more to the hoarder than they do.

This isn't a problem someone can fix easily. The hoarder has to be willing as well, and professional intervention is needed. — ADULT CHILD OF A HOARDER

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible that this collector could turn his hobby into a business? In this poor economy, more people are buying used. Some options would be: garage sales of his own, or rent a small shop or space in a consignment store. We may have a budding entrepreneur here. — PAULA IN JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

DEAR ABBY: Rose's husband has a form of obsessive-compulsive disorder. Her conclusion that her home is turning into a warehouse is correct; hoarders value trash and are blind to their illness, believing they are only "collectors." They twist every conversation you have with them in an attempt to save their trash and will destroy normal relationships with family.

Rose needs to educate and protect herself before it's too late. Eventually her home will completely deteriorate because normal maintenance will be impossible. She won't be able to clean because of the piles of junk. — STILL DIGGING OUT IN CALIFORNIA

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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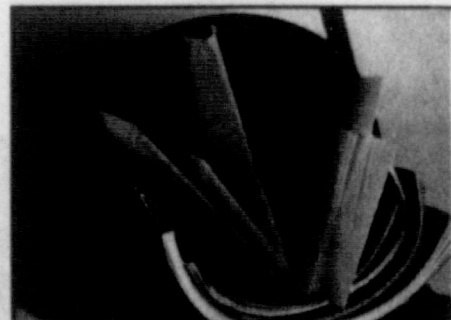
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011:

This year, you will have an opportunity to relate closely to key people in your life. Often you will be resourceful and imaginative, especially at work or within your community. To others, you seem to be unusually fortunate. From June 2012 on, before your birthday, you experience unusual success. You expand your circle of friends. If you are single, you could meet that special person during this time period. If you are attached, do more together as a couple. Express your caring to each other more often. ARIES helps you act on a dream.

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)

★★★★ Finally, you are able to communicate, and a situation can be resolved. New beginnings become possible as you express the depth of your caring appropriately. Your timing is 100 percent right-on. Tonight: Celebrate. You have reason to.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. Meetings and interactions could bring you even better results than you dreamed of. Verbalize what you want. You discover that others will support you. Tonight: Have a long-overdue talk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Organization merges with intention to create unexpected success. Yes, you thought you would succeed, but not at this level. An opportunity opens up that might seem too good to be true. Jump on the moment. Tonight: Find your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Realize what is going on with a partner by walking in his or her shoes. Add in some detachment, and you can finally relate to this person in a powerful and effective way. Share a good idea. Tonight: You could be working until the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Continue adding your personal touch. Someone might be incredibly thrilled to have your time and attention. You could be flattered; most definitely you get a sense of how this person feels about you. Tonight: Make a long-distance call.

Take off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to rethink your attitude with others. Certainly if the cards are not in your hand, you might as well acknowledge that fact. Others express their gratitude, but also their interest in your opinions. Open up to a discussion. Tonight: Chat over a meal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ A nice, easy pace could make a big difference in what goes on. Remain clear and direct in your dealings. There is absolutely no need for any ruse. Focus on getting the job done. Tonight: Find your way out the door! Have fun!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Tap into your imagination to find answers. Your innate creativity often comes through, not only for you but also for those in your immediate crowd. Someone might be a little facetious in saying thank you. Let it go. Tonight: Put your feet up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Getting going might take a little effort, as you enjoy yourself at home and/or with favorite people. In fact, if you can, call in. What a perfect day! Someone wants to have a lengthy conversation. To do or not to do? Tonight: And let the fun begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be late today. Try to move everything important to the morning. You will feel much better as a result. Do a better job of listening, and you will be less fallible. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Be aware of the costs of preceding in a set manner. You might want to revise your thinking regarding finances and spending. New beginnings become possible, though you might not see how right now. Open up to the possibilities. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You are energized and want to dive right into errands, work or whatever's on your plate. You will enjoy yourself so much more than usual. Someone opens up to you. Know how very special a compliment that is. Tonight: Buy a gift or token of affection for a friend.

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