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GrayCares turns two, now expanding into Lefors

■ *Nonprofit for people 65 and older already has 10 volunteers in new city*

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GrayCares Living at Home, a nonprofit that provides independent living services to people 65 and older, is currently expanding to nearby Lefors. The organization, which has been in Pampa for

the past two years, has assisted over 100 people so far.

The idea for GrayCares developed in 2008 with inspiration from HutchCares, a similar program based in Borger that serves Hutchinson County. Steve Cox, the pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, organized a steering committee

to get the organization going.

Donna Brauchi has been the executive director of GrayCares since it was up and running in the beginning of 2010.

"It's been great since then," she said. "I've really enjoyed it, and it seems like we are meeting a real need here in Pampa."

GrayCares has about 70 volunteers in Pampa who help people 65 and older with transportation, minor repairs and maintenance, and occasionally, light housework or yard care. GrayCares also installs smoke and carbon monoxide

detectors and builds wheelchair ramps.

"We also have a portable wheelchair ramp that was donated to us that we can use for people who need one in just a temporary situation," said Brauchi.

"That's been something that's been a good addition to what we're able to provide to the community

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Brauchi

METALLIC MENAGERIE

staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**

Roy Reedy of the recently opened R&J Imports on Somerville Street showcases some of the curio shop's quirkier wares, including a dog and donkey fashioned from spare metal parts. The store's offerings are made by an artist in Laredo.

PEDC audit shows good fiscal health

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At its meeting on Thursday afternoon, the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) approved an audit presented by Henry Davis of Doshier, Pickens and Francis, LLC, of Amarillo. For the previous fiscal year, he found the PEDC to be in compliance with laws and regulations, and doing well financially.

"You're in real good financial shape," said Davis. "You have \$4.5 million in assets, \$2.7 million in liabilities and \$2.7 million in equity."

He said that income was in excess of expenses of operations by \$79,000, with total net income at \$94,000 for the year.

Davis recommended the PEDC enlist the services of a CPA to assist with its accounts.

"I think utilizing (local CPA Lewis) Meers' firm to help you with the accounting and that aspect of it enhances your controls over your accounting records, and that's an achievement to have a CPA overseeing your accounting records," said Davis. "Most of our governmental accounts do not have a third party overseeing, and you're relying entirely on the internal management team. I think having that situation here you'll find is going to be beneficial."

In other business, the PEDC approved a strategic plan from **PEDC** cont. on page 3

USDA FSA unveils new Land Contract Guarantee Program

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The USDA Farm Service Agency is working harder than ever to assist new farmers and ranchers to succeed. Acting Texas FSA Executive Director James B. Douglass recently unveiled a new Land Contract Guarantee Program and several other tools designed to help beginning farmers and ranchers build the foundation for a successful career in agriculture.

"New farmers face many challenges, like obtaining land for example," said Douglass. "FSA is going to provide new options to help them to work through this challenging start-up issue." Peak land values, tight commercial credit, minimal credit history and less collateral make it difficult for new and smaller farmers in Texas to get a commercial business loan right now.

The Land Contract Guarantee Program provides a new approach for landowners willing to sell and

finance a land purchase to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer. The national program offers two options, one that guarantees up to three annual installment payments on the contract and one that guarantees 90% of the unpaid principal of the contract. Guarantees can be used in the purchase of land for up to \$500,000.

"Texas farmers represent all walks of life, a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds, and all different ages," notes Douglass. "This new program will work well for beginning and minority growers in our state and we encourage producers to visit with us to see if they qualify and how it could fit their needs," he said.

Another new change to the agency's lending rules for new producers is to allow more flexibility in the minimum experience requirement. Under the new rule, FSA loan officers are now allowed to consider all prior farming experience, including on-the-job train-

ing and formal education when determining eligibility for FSA Farm Operating and Ownership Loans. To qualify for a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Loan from FSA, applicants must have a minimum level of agricultural experience, but not more than 10 years operating a farm or ranch.

Douglass also recommends that people considering a farming career should visit a new USDA website www.start2farm.gov to learn more about all USDA resources and programs for beginning farmers and ranchers.

Texas FSA's support for Beginning and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers is evident in the high level of minority and new farmer participation generated through staff outreach into the community. For more information about these and other USDA programs, you can always call or visit your nearest USDA Farm Service Agency office.

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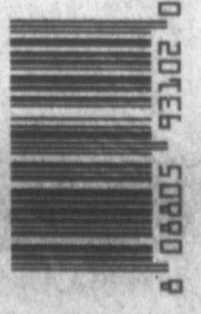
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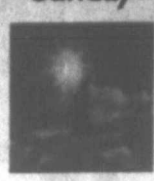
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
40%		
High 47 Low 30	High 45 Low 30	High 54 Low 32

Today: A chance of snow showers before noon, then a chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Wind chill values between 23 and 33 early. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Tonight: Rain showers likely before midnight, then a chance of rain and snow showers between midnight and 3 a.m., then a chance of snow after 3 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Wind chill values between 21 and 26. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 45. North northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Judge faces inquiry on wrongful conviction

AUSTIN (AP)—A special investigation will be launched to determine if a former prosecutor who is now a judge hid evidence in a trial that sent a man wrongly convicted of his wife's murder to prison for nearly 25 years, Texas' chief justice ordered Thursday.

A proceeding known as a "court of inquiry" will determine whether Judge Ken Anderson, when he was a district attorney, failed to turn over all documents that would have supported the defendant's claims of innocence and whether he tampered with evidence and court records, according to the order signed by Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson.

Courts of inquiry can be convened when legal officials and other public servants are accused of wrongdoing, and have the power to hear evidence and summon witnesses. It is similar to a grand jury proceeding, but Anderson will have the chance to defend himself against evidence presented.

Attorneys for Michael Morton say they hope the process results in criminal charges against Anderson. Morton, 57, spent 24 years in prison before new DNA testing showed he didn't kill his wife, Christine, who was beaten to death in the couple's bed on Aug. 13, 1986. He was freed in October.

Morton's legal team accuses An-

derson, the case's lead prosecutor, of keeping key facts from the defense. That included statements from the couple's then-3-year-old son that he witnessed the murder and his father wasn't responsible, and the fact that Christine Morton's credit card was used after her death. The attorneys say Anderson did not turn over all evidence police had collected, even after presiding judge William Lott explicitly ordered him to do so.

Morton, who claimed an intruder broke in and killed his wife after he left for work, was subsequently convicted on circumstantial evidence and sentenced to life in prison. Lott has

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Obituaries

William Robert "Bebo" Terry, 52

William Robert "Bebo" Terry, 52, died February 16, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 18, 2012, at First Baptist Church in Pampa, with Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church of White Deer, officiating.

Burial will be at White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Bebo was born December 18, 1959, in Pampa to Ernie Bill and Sue Terry. After graduating from White Deer High School in 1978, he attended South Plains College and McMurry University, both on a basketball scholarship. He married Dana Ruth Rogers on April 17, 1988, in Pampa. He began working for BB Solvent LDT at age five, and he later became co-owner.

Bebo was a member of First Baptist Church of White Deer. He was a state vice president of FFA, honored as a Lone Star farmer, served as a director of First State Bank of Miami, was a longtime member of API, and served on the board of directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. He was an avid sports fan and he loved hunting and fishing. Bebo was a loving father to his two daughters. One of their favorite activities was the competitive showing of livestock. He loved taking his girls to stock shows, and he never met a stranger.

Survivors include his wife, Dana Terry of the home; two daughters, Elizabeth Terry and Emily Terry, both of the home; his mother, Sue Terry of White Deer; his sister, Tonya Homen and husband John of White Deer; his brother, Tam Terry and wife Shela of White Deer; his mother-in-law, Marjie Rogers of Pampa; his extended family, Carolyn Chaney of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews. Bebo was preceded in death by his father,



Terry

Ernie Bill Terry; and his father-in-law, Tom Rogers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pampa High School Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1045, Pampa, TX 79066-1045.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Rev. Mitchell Phillips, 96

Rev. Mitchell Phillips, 96, died February 16, 2012, in Bridgeport.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Rev. Phillips was born August 22, 1915, in Cookeville, Tenn., to Byrd and Annette Phillips. He moved to New Deal at the age of 12, and had been a resident of Pampa since 1941 before moving to Boyd in 2010. He married



Phillips

Vesta Conner on April 24, 1937, in Lubbock. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. Rev. Phillips pastored several churches and spent many years as an interim pastor for several area churches. He was affiliated with the Top O' Texas Associational Missionary. He enjoyed fishing but ministry was his true passion. He loved spending time with his family, and especially loved his seven grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Danny Mack Phillips and wife Cindy of Kaufman, Teddy Phil Phillips and wife Glenda of Buena Vista, Colo., and Terry Lee Phillips and wife Brenda of Boyd; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vesta; his grandson, Brandon Phillips; three sisters and one brother.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

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Sheriff's Office

Clifford Howard Eubanks, 38, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 15 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported 14 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to three medical calls.

Tuesday, Feb. 14
A suspicious vehicle was reported at Huff and Wilks.

An accident occurred at the 2800 block of North Perryton.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1700 block of North Charles.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1500 block

of North Nelson.

An accident occurred at the 100 block of West Harvester.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 900 block of North Mary Ellen.

An assault occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

An accident occurred at Browning and Starkweather.

A burglary occurred at the 700 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious person was reported at Hobart and Wilks.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

A burglary occurred at the 300 block of South Houston.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of East Browning and the 800 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles.

An assault occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 1800 block

of North Beech and the 1300 block of Terrace.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 500 block of North Powell.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14
Martin V. Avila, 48, was arrested by deputies for interfering with public duties.

Timothy Kellison, 33, was arrested by deputies for sentencing related to driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Jose Rodriguez, 42, was arrested by deputies on bonds to surrender regarding enhanced charges of indecency with a child.

Ivan Fing, 34, was arrested by DPS officers for tampering with a government record.

Michael Ray Waldrip, 21, was arrested by deputies for possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 19 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents reported nine animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to eight medical calls.

Wednesday, Feb. 15
A theft occurred at the 1300 block of North Garland.

A threat was reported. Fraud was reported.

A theft was reported.

Accidents occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles, the intersection of Williston and Kentucky, and the intersection of Cuyler and Brown.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 600 block of East Craven.

A burglary occurred at the 1000 block of South Sumner.

Thursday, Feb. 16
A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1800 block of North Wells.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15
Travis Aaron Parkin, 30, was arrested by deputies on bonds to surrender regarding charges of criminal mischief and theft, in an amount over \$1,500 but under \$20,000.

Shawna Laray Robinson, 36, was arrested by deputies on bonds to surrender in connection with charges of criminal mischief and theft, in an amount over \$1,500 but under \$20,000.

Keith Allen Finch, 27, was arrested by deputies for a probation violation in regard to possession of a controlled substance.

Robert Lee Leger, 29, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to appear in court, no seatbelt, driving while license invalid, capias pro fine and theft.

Bradley Lee Davis, 18, was arrested by police for possession of marijuana.

Timothy Medina, 25, was arrested by deputies for probation violation in connection with forgery of a financial instrument.

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Man killed in truck explosion

AMARILLO (AP) — A school district employee near Amarillo died when a district pickup truck he had turned on burst into flames.

The Amarillo Globe-News reports that Tommy Barrett was killed in an explosion Wednesday morning. The blast broke windows in neighboring houses and scattered debris on the street.

Investigators have found no signs of foul play, but say they found two cans of the colorless gas acetylene inside the truck's cab.

The 58-year-old Barrett worked for 12 years as a plumber at the Hereford School District.

Texas A&M may increase tuition

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M officials are proposing an almost 4 percent tuition hike for the upcoming school year.

The Eagle newspaper reports that school President R. Bowen Loftin points to lower state funding and higher student enrollment as reasons for an increase.

If the A&M System Board of Regents approves the 3.95 percent hike, tuition for in-state students would rise by \$176 to \$4,643 per semester. Out-of-state tuition would go up \$817 to \$24,626.

The school did not increase tuition rates last year. The board of regents is scheduled to decide on tuition in May.

Second complaint against lab

AUSTIN (AP) — A second complaint has been filed this year against the Austin Police Department's DNA crime lab.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that the latest complaint relates to two pending criminal cases from two years ago. The complaint was filed with the state Forensic Science Commission. A commission committee will likely decide in March whether to recommend further investigation.

The complaint was made by an independent lab in Euless, near Dallas. Officials say it's unusual for one lab to formally complain about another's work.

Crime lab forensic manager Bill Gibbens declined to discuss details because the cases were ongoing.

Austin Police's crime lab was investigated by the FBI and state authorities after allegations of errors by a former analyst. An FBI audit would eventually find no deficiencies in the lab's work.

Napolitano to visit south Texas

McALLEN (AP) — Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano will visit south Texas next week to review Customs and Border Protection operations.

Homeland Security spokesman Matt Chandler says Napolitano will be in McAllen on Monday and Tuesday. She will receive briefings and observe efforts to secure the border.

The former Arizona governor also will meet with state and local law enforcement officials. Acting CBP Commissioner David Aguilar will join Napolitano.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry has been a vocal critic of the commitment to border security from President Barack Obama's administration, saying more needs to be done.

On Monday, a coalition of Texas border mayors, county administrators and economic development agencies criticized Obama's latest budget proposal for not including enough money to upgrade operations at ports of entry on the border.

47 years for neighbor's murder

FORT WORTH (AP) — A North Texas man has received a 47-year prison sentence for murder in the death of one of two neighbors killed after helping him to move.

A Thursday statement from the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office says jurors deliberated four days Wednesday before finding Douglas Kirk guilty of murder in the shooting death of Pedro Diaz. On Thursday, jurors delivered the sentence and fined Kirk \$1,000.

The Tarrant County jury was unable to reach a verdict in the death of Alphonso Beza, the other neighbor found slain at the house. According to trial testimony, Beza and Diaz went to Kirk's house on April 24, 2010, and offered to help him move. The men drank late into the night, and by morning Beza and Diaz were shot dead.

Missing cobra found

BROWNWOOD, Texas (AP) — The cobra scare is over in the small West Texas town of Brownwood.

Brownwood police say they've discovered that the sunset monocol cobra reported missing Jan. 18 from a house in the town of almost 20,000 residents never actually left home.

Sarah Strom-Kieschnick of Abilene-based For the Love of Nature tells the Brownwood Bulletin that police were called to the house Wednesday night after the snake was found on a glue board beneath a bedroom dresser. Strom-Kieschnick says she advised the officer how to handle the snake, how to free it from the glue board and how to get it into an aquarium to turn over to her non-profit wildlife education group.

Brownwood is 150 miles southwest of Dallas.

Choosing the right ladder for the job

Dear Pat: I need to get some tools for my new home, and I think a ladder would be a good place to start? What are my options for ladders, and are different ones better for different tasks? — Polly M.

Dear Polly: Selecting a ladder is about the best place to begin because, until you start doing some projects around your house, you will not realize how often you use a ladder. When you visit your home center store, you will be surprised at the array of ladder options.

Actually, most people, particularly women, should use ladders more often. A tall, strong man can sometimes get by without a ladder by reaching. If you are not as strong, swinging a hammer overhead in an off-balance position can easily result in a strained back or worse.

The two basic types of ladders are step ladders and extension ladders, and you will need one of each. Step ladders are used primarily, but not always, indoors, and extension ladders are used outdoors.

Four-in-one ladders (often called Gorilla ladders) that can be adjusted to create step or extension ladder configurations are also available. These ladders are quite versatile. A big advantage of one is when using it in the step ladder configuration. In effect, there is a step ladder on each side, so someone else can help with overhead projects.

A 6-foot-tall step ladder is a good size for the majority of the jobs around your home. Eight-foot ones are available, but they are heavier and more difficult to store indoors. Next time you are visiting a discount store, get an inexpensive two-step ladder with a handrail that will fit in a kitchen closet. Many times, you need just an extra foot or two of reach.

Standard extension ladders are 20 feet long, but because of the overlap, the usable length is only 17 feet. With a tall roof, you may need a longer one. Also keep in mind, if you are planning to use it to get on your roof, it will have to extend 2 feet above the gutter for you to safely step on and off the roof.

The three material choices for a ladder are wood, aluminum and fiberglass. Wood is an excellent material, particularly for a step ladder.

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der. It is heavier than the other two materials. This makes it more stable, but not too heavy to handle. Wood is not a good conductor, so it is fairly safe when working around electrical wiring.

Aluminum is an excellent material for both step and extension ladders. It is lightweight and can be stored outdoors without deterioration from the weather. Some inexpensive aluminum step ladders are almost too lightweight for stability, so select a good-quality one.

Fiberglass has become the most

popular ladder material. It is slightly heavier than aluminum, but still manageable to handle. Fiberglass is extremely strong, does not conduct electricity and is resistant to the weather. It is somewhat more expensive than the other two materials, but it will last a lifetime.

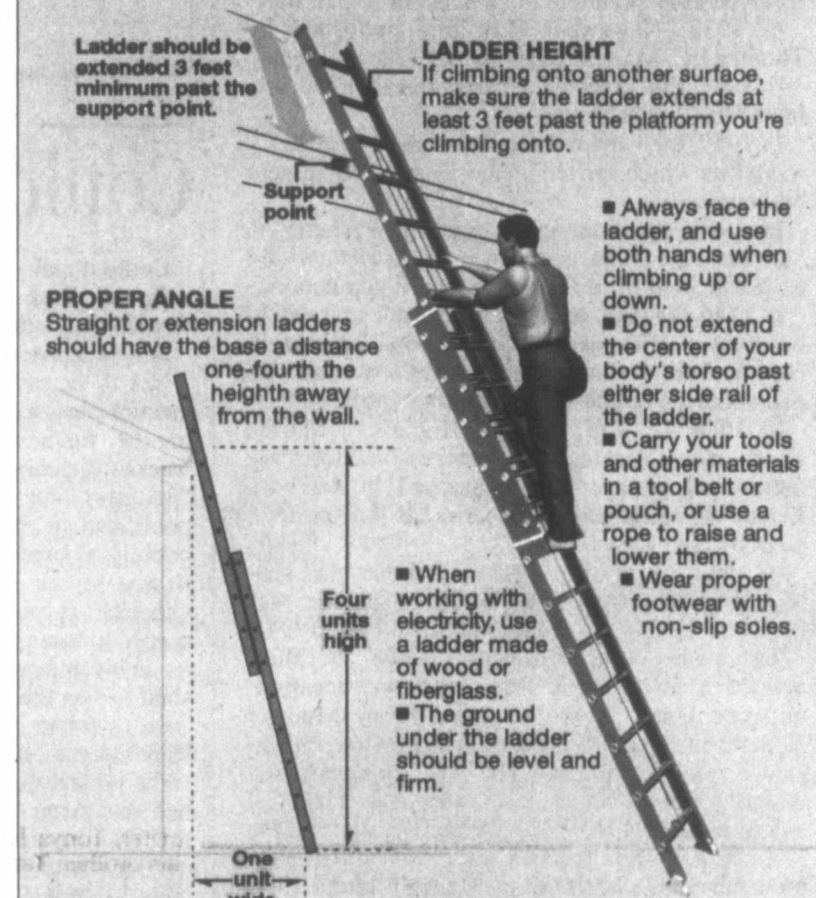
Whenever using a ladder, consider some basic safety precautions. If possible, have a helper steady any ladder you are using. Make sure the ladder feet are on a solid surface. There is tremendous stress on the ladder feet. If one or more settle, it and you will tip over.

Send your questions to Here's How, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

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Ladder Safety

Ladders are used for such a wide variety of purposes around the home that sometimes we forget they can be a dangerous tool. According to the National Safety Council, over 30,000 people are injured each year by falls involving ladders. Most of these accidents occur because the victims violate the basic rules of ladder safety.



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Perry seeks to form own PAC

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas governor Rick Perry wants to use money left over from his failed presidential bid to form a political action committee.

Perry campaign treasurer Salvatore Purpura sent a letter to the Federal Election Commission asking for guidance on forming a PAC or super PAC. The former would allow Perry to raise up to \$5,000 from individual donors or corporations, while super PACs don't have contribution limits.

Perry dropped out of the race Jan. 19 and endorsed former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. He's kept a low profile since returning to Texas.

Word of Perry's inquiry

was first reported Thursday by the nonprofit Sunlight Foundation, a Washington group committed to government transparency and accountability.

Purpura's letter said Perry raised \$270,000 for the general presidential election and kept it in a bank account, separated from funds raised to compete for the Republican nomination. The letter said the campaign is now in the process of asking donors if the money can be transferred to a PAC.

Purpura wrote that Perry hasn't decided if the PAC would back one or several candidates, and said that the campaign has received at least \$100,000

in refund requests from donors who don't want their money used for other purposes. Others have written requesting that nearly \$30,000 of the funds be re-designated.

An accomplished fundraiser, Perry raked in more than \$17 million from donors in the first six weeks of his presidential campaign. But as his popularity slipped, so did his fundraising prowess — he took in barely \$2.9 million during the last three months of last year.

According to previous filings, Perry had \$3.8 million in cash on-hand at the end of 2011, but may have spent most of that before quitting the race.

Cinema 4

Movies Showing Friday, February 17 through Thursday, February 23.

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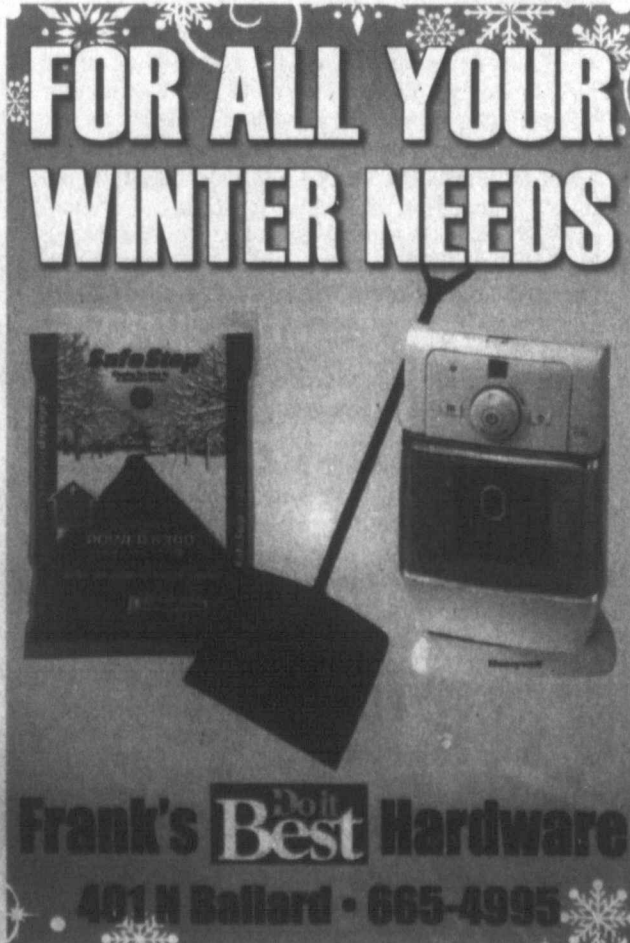
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Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2012. There are 318 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 17, 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed the White House with his wife, Pat, on a historic trip to China, which he called "a journey for peace."

On this date:

In 1801, the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

In 1864, during the Civil War, the Union ship USS Housatonic was rammed and sunk in Charleston Harbor, S.C., by the Confederate hand-cranked submarine HL Hunley, which also sank.

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not clear which side set the blaze.)

In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, convened its first meeting, in Washington.

In 1904, the original two-act version of Giacomo Puccini's opera "Madama Butterfly" was poorly received at its premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1933, Newsweek was first published by Thomas J.C. Martyn under the title "News-Week."

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite which carried meteorological equipment on board.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in Wesberry v. Sanders, ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1986, Johnson & Johnson announced it would no longer sell over-the-counter medications in capsule form, following the death of a woman who had taken a cyanide-laced Tylenol capsule.

In 1988, Lt. Col. William Higgins, a Marine Corps officer serving with a United Nations truce monitoring group, was kidnapped in southern Lebanon by Iranian-backed terrorists (he was later slain by his captors).

In 1992, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was sentenced in Milwaukee to life in prison (he was beaten to death by a fellow inmate in Nov. 1994).

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush opened a three-nation Asian tour in recession-racked Japan, where he urged Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to follow through on long-promised economic reforms. The new Transportation Security Administration took over supervision of aviation security from the airline industry and the Federal Aviation Administration. Ward Burton took advantage of Sterling Marlin's blunder for his first victory in the Daytona 500. (Marlin, who appeared in control of the race, was penalized for getting out of his car and pulling briefly on a damaged fender during the stoppage.)

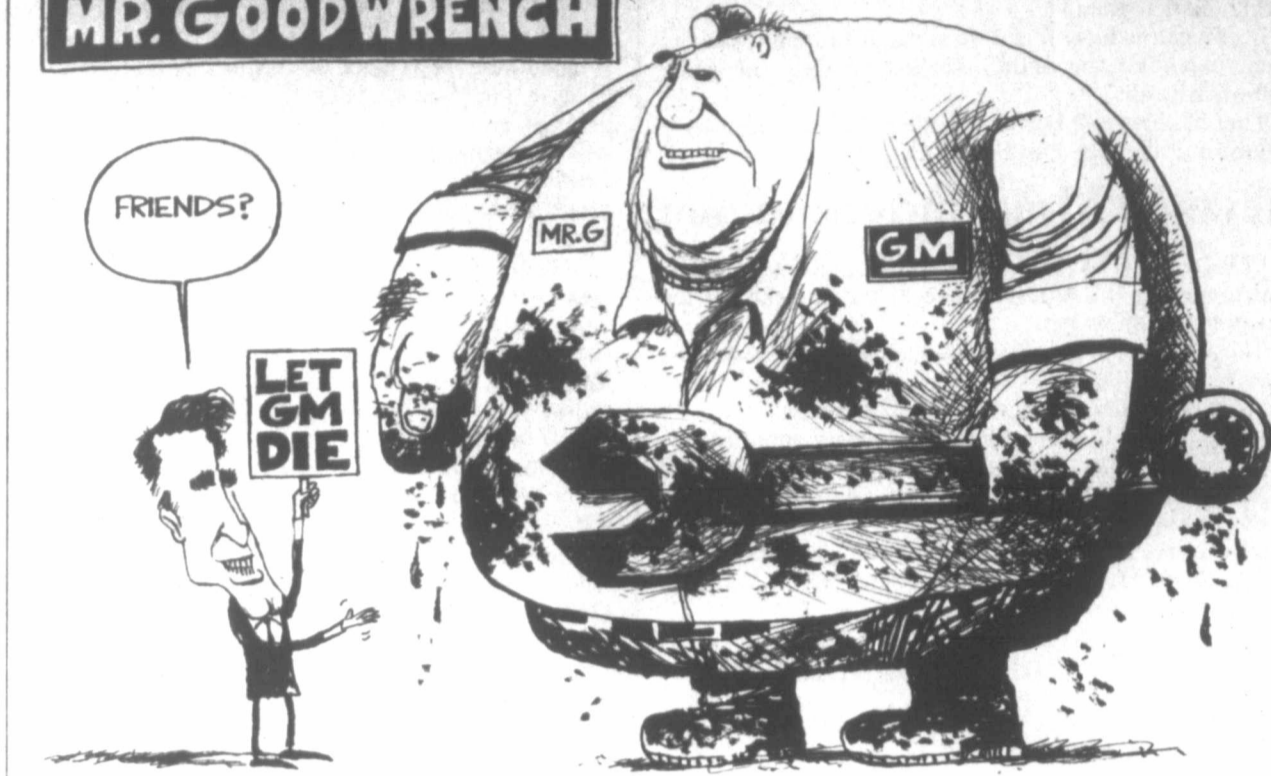
Five years ago: Senate Republicans foiled a Democratic bid to repudiate President George W. Bush's deployment of 21,500 additional combat troops to Iraq. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice made a surprise visit to Baghdad. At Camp Pendleton, Calif., Marine Lance Cpl. Robert B. Pennington was sentenced to 8 years in military prison for his role in the kidnapping and killing of an Iraqi civilian. Former French Cabinet minister Maurice Papon, convicted of complicity in crimes against humanity for his role in deporting Jews during World War II, died near Paris at age 96.

One year ago: A group of Democratic Wisconsin lawmakers blocked passage of a sweeping anti-union bill, refusing to show up for a vote and then abruptly leaving the state in an effort to force Republicans to the negotiating table. Iowa high school wrestler Joel Northrup defaulted on his first-round state tournament match rather than face Cassy Herkelman, one of the first girls ever to qualify for the event, saying that wrestling a girl would conflict with his religious beliefs.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hal Holbrook is 87. Mystery writer Ruth Rendell is 82. Singer Bobby Lewis is 79. Actor-comedian Barry Humphries (aka "Dame Edna") is 78. Country singer-songwriter Johnny Bush is 77. Actress Christina Pickles is 77. Football Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown is 76. Actress Mary Ann Mobley is 73. Actress Brenda Fricker is 67. Actress Rene Russo is 58. Actor Richard Karn is 56. Actor Lou Diamond Phillips is 50. Basketball Hall of Famer Michael Jordan is 49. Actor-comedian Larry, the Cable Guy is 49. TV personality Rene Syler is 49. Movie director Michael Bay is 48. Singer Chante Moore is 45. Rock musician Timothy J. Mahoney (311) is 42. Actor Dominic Purcell is 42. Olympic gold medal skier Tommy Moe is 42. Actress Denise Richards is 41. Rock singer-musician Billie Joe Armstrong (Green Day) is 40. Actor Jerry O'Connell is 38. Country singer Bryan White is 38. Actress Kelly Carlson is 36. Actor Ashton Holmes is 34. Actor Jason Ritter is 32. TV personality Paris Hilton is 31. Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt is 31. Actor Chord Overstreet ("Glee") is 23. Actress Meaghan Martin is 20.

Thought for Today: "Wounded vanity knows when it is mortally hurt; and limps off the field, piteous, all disguises thrown away. But pride carries its banner to the last; and fast as it is driven from one field unfurls it in another." — Helen Hunt Jackson, American author (1831-1885).

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Could the Santorum Surge be for real?

Could it really happen? Could Rick Santorum be the Republican nominee? Is God a Democrat?

Not to be mean, but early in this election season, Santorum was one of the funniest characters in the weekly Republican debate spoofs on "Saturday Night Live." He was the pontificating choirboy, earnest and entirely un-presidential. As hard as it was to see Rick Perry or Newt Gingrich as president, it was even harder to imagine Santorum surging — or his impersonator having a long shelf life on the show.

So what happened? Did Republicans everywhere suddenly wake up and discover that Santorum had the magic they'd been looking for? Did they suddenly realize that in the midst of difficult economic times, what Americans were looking for was a guy who thinks birth control is bad for women, and that America's economic problems could be solved by more religion in public life?

If you ask me, the Santorum surge has almost nothing to do with Santorum and everything to do with Mitt Romney. Or rather, with "not Romney." As in, who can conservatives vote for who is "not Romney"? At first, it looked like it might be Rick Perry, so Perry flew high until he crashed trying to remember that third Cabinet department. Then Gingrich got hot because he could remember Cabinet departments that existed 30 years ago, but he also had so much baggage that even his masterful attempts at damage control and deflection couldn't sustain his momentum.



SUSAN ESTRICH

That was the moment when the party was supposed to come together behind Romney. He won Florida. Even Donald Trump was impressed.

But a funny thing happened on the way to this summer's

convention in Tampa. The smart money went to Romney, but the Republican ground troops and grassroots didn't follow. They went looking for someone else, and at least so far, their answer has been Santorum.

As far as I can tell, a lot of those supporting Santorum don't actually know that much about him. They can't detail his accomplishments or tell you where he stands on defense issues or what his plan is for the economy. They don't know exactly what to say about his support for earmarks, because who knew he supported them? This is what they do know: He is not a conservative-comelately. He is, in short, not Romney.

Can a guy who thinks birth control is bad and intelligent design should be taught in school and who is not known for anything he's ever said or done about the economy really get elected president?

Would Republicans actually take the risk of nominating him?

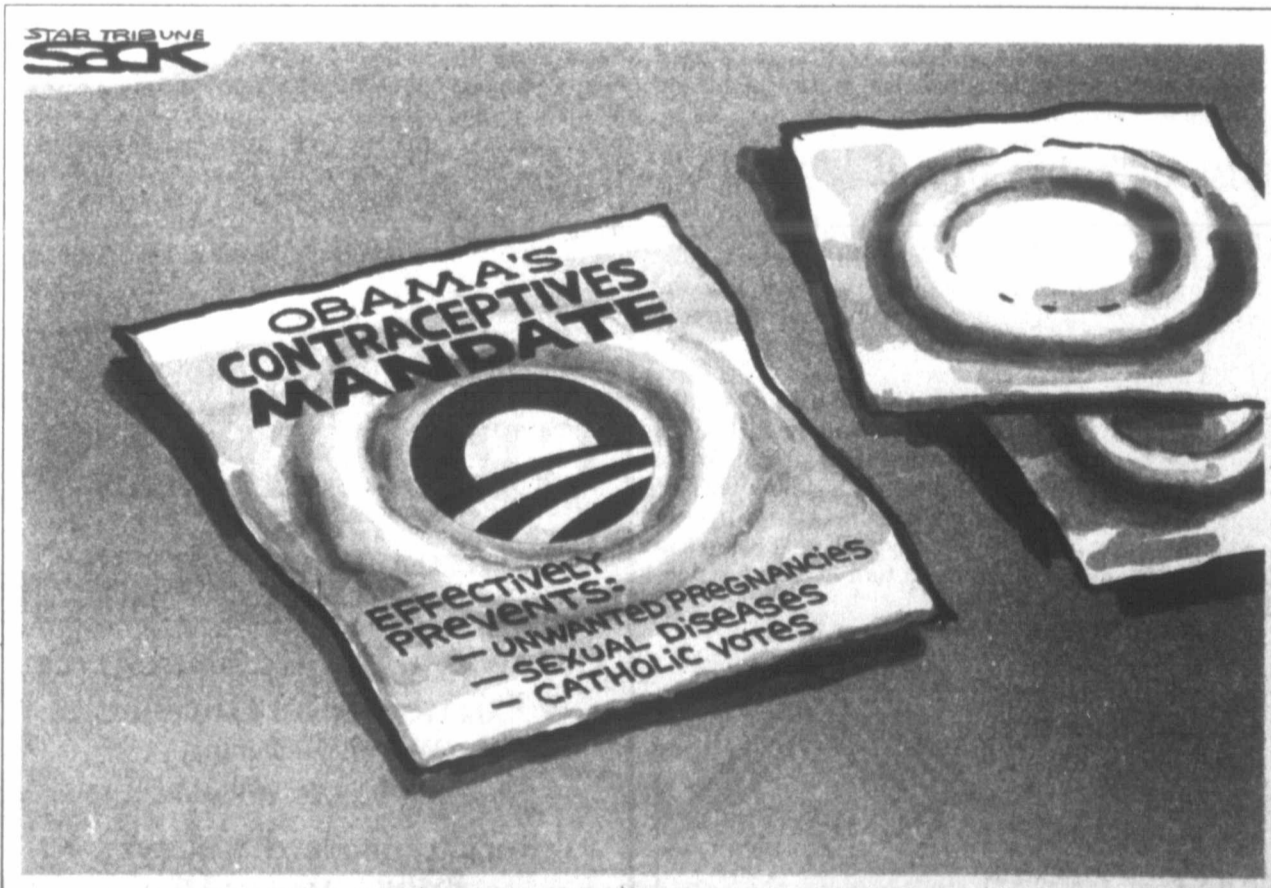
Sure, it could happen. Christmas could come in November. Most of the smart Republicans I know shudder at the thought. The liberal blogs

have just started digging for video on Santorum, and it isn't pretty. (Many married people, after all, also use birth control. Heck, so do a majority of Catholics, even if President Obama was naive, at best, to think he would be praised for requiring religious-affiliated institutions to provide it.) But stranger things have happened, which is why watching politics — if not always playing it — is such fun.

Obama is inching up to 50 percent, the magic number for an incumbent. Romney and Santorum are running neck and neck. It's one thing to have a primary season go all the way with two attractive and electable candidates who are supported, mostly with great congeniality, by the same wing of the party, say Hillary and Obama. But it's quite another, when the contest is real and is being propelled not by the strengths of two attractive candidates but by the overwhelming reluctance of the base of the party to accept the guy who's supposed to win.

It's a dangerous situation for Republicans because Romney could be weakened in the process and, even more, because the "not Romney" could actually win. The word is that Democrats are beginning their opposition research on Santorum. Must be fun.

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Experts: Texas tycoon Stanford's testimony not worth risk

HOUSTON (AP) — If Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford testifies in his ongoing fraud trial, it could be the most important sales pitch he has ever made.

With his freedom on the line, some legal experts question if the gamble of testifying is worth the risk that the larger-than-life businessman might come across as arrogant due to a jet-setting lifestyle that wouldn't connect with jurors. Of even greater concern is that he wouldn't be able to give a plausible explanation for what happened to the billions in investor funds he's accused of taking.

"I think it would be a horrible idea for him to testify. I think prosecutors are licking their chops hoping he would be foolish enough to testify," said Andrew Stoltmann, a Chicago-based attorney who specializes in investment fraud and has been following the trial. "Jurors want to hear from the defendant. But the downside is the prosecution gets to use him as a piñata for a couple of days on the stand."

Prosecutors rested their case Wednesday after spending three weeks presenting evidence. They allege the flamboyant businessman orchestrated a 20-year scheme that bilked more than \$7 billion from investors through the sale of certificates of deposit from his bank on the Caribbean island nation of Antigua. They also allege Stanford lied to depositors by telling them their funds were being safely invested but instead spent it on his businesses and in support of his lavish lifestyle.

Defense attorneys have tried to show the financier was a savvy businessman whose financial empire, headquartered in Houston, was legitimate. They said he was trying to reorganize his businesses to pay back investors when authorities seized his companies.

Stanford is on trial for 14 counts, including mail and wire fraud, and could be sentenced to more than 20 years in prison if convicted. Once considered among the U.S.'s wealthiest people with an estimated net worth of more than \$2 billion, he has been jailed without bond

since being indicted in 2009. Defense attorneys had said at the start of the trial that Stanford would testify. But the defense's list of 26 potential witnesses — made public Wednesday — did not include the financier.

That doesn't necessarily mean he won't take the stand, but a gag order prevents attorneys from discussing the case.

Philip Hilder, a Houston criminal defense attorney and former federal prosecutor, said Stanford and his attorneys will have to decide if there are matters only the financier can clarify.

"It's not a question of a client going out and just telling their story," Hilder said.

During the trial, Stanford's attorneys have described him to jurors as a visionary and resourceful businessman. They also mentioned his philanthropic efforts in Antigua, where he had worked to improve facilities and build a high-end resort to make it the crown jewel of the Caribbean.

Prosecutors have tried to portray him as arrogant and controlling.

Former employees told jurors Stanford did not like to be questioned and chastised workers if they didn't wear an eagle logo pin the financier designed. James Davis, the former chief financial officer of Stanford's companies and the prosecution's star witness, said Stanford controlled people through "money, flattery, intimidation and fear."

Hilder said Stanford's attorneys would try to highlight his humble beginnings in the Central Texas town of Mexia, where his grandfather started an insurance business. Mexia, located about 85 miles south of Dallas, was also where the late Playmate Anna Nicole Smith lived for a few years as a teenager.

"The defense will try to portray him as a Texas country boy who grew up and did well, and the government is going to try to show him as elitist, out of touch,"

Hilder said. Anthony Sabino, a law professor at St. John's University in New York City, said just as Stanford's defense attorneys tried to question Davis' character by discussing his extra marital affairs, prosecutors would focus on the financier's personal life, including his tax records and his history with various mistresses.

Another issue that could come up is Stanford's competency. After hearing from medical experts, U.S. District Judge David Hittner declared him incompetent due to a prescription drug addiction while he was jailed awaiting trial. Stanford received treatment and was later determined to be competent, though his attorneys insist he still suffers from memory loss.

Hittner said he would not allow the competency issue to be discussed at trial.

"If he starts to go on cross exam and say, 'I don't remember,' he's cooking his own goose," Sabino said. "Jurors don't like to hear, 'I don't remember.'"

Stoltmann said if Stanford testifies it will be the businessman's "ultimate sales job" and will be successful if he can be charming and convince the jury Davis was behind the alleged fraud.

"But if he comes off as arrogant, conceited, I think it's game, set and match," Stoltmann said.

Suspect tells cop he assaulted woman

WEATHERFORD, Texas (AP) — A Texas man said he kidnapped his former neighbor then sexually assaulted her on a homemade lift for cleaning hogs, according to his audiotaped confession to investigators that was played at his trial Thursday.

Jeffrey Allan Maxwell was initially vague about how the woman got to his home in Corsicana, about 50 miles south of Dallas, and said they had consensual sex during what he said was a four-day stay. But gradually he acknowledged that he'd held her captive and caused the severe

bruises that investigators saw on the woman when she was rescued last March.

She ran outside when authorities went to Maxwell's house to question him about her disappearance after her house burned down. She had been missing for 12 days.

Maxwell is heard admitting that he abducted the woman from her home about 100 miles away, handcuffed her and pulled out a gun when she briefly escaped, then forced her into his vehicle. After arriving at his house, he hoisted her in the air on a device for skinning animals and

sexually assaulted her, he told the investigator.

Then Maxwell is asked if the woman agreed to sex after being assaulted on the device in his garage. "I didn't ask her. I had her gagged," Maxwell is heard telling the investigator.

The 59-year-old is charged with aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault. If convicted, he would face up to life in prison.

When asked why he told authorities he was alone when they arrived at his house, he answered: "Because ASSAULT cont. on page 10

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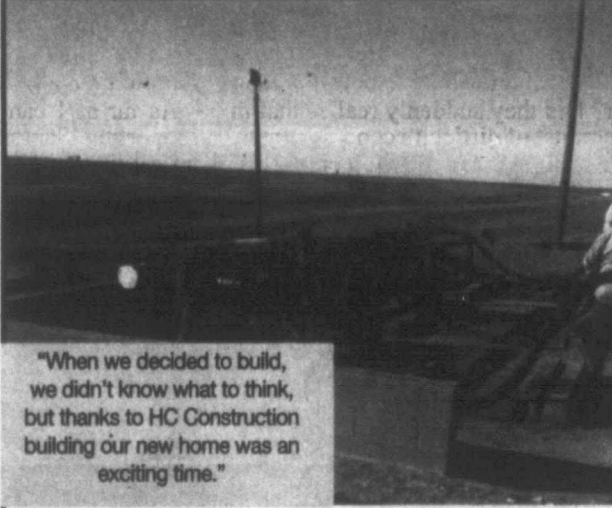
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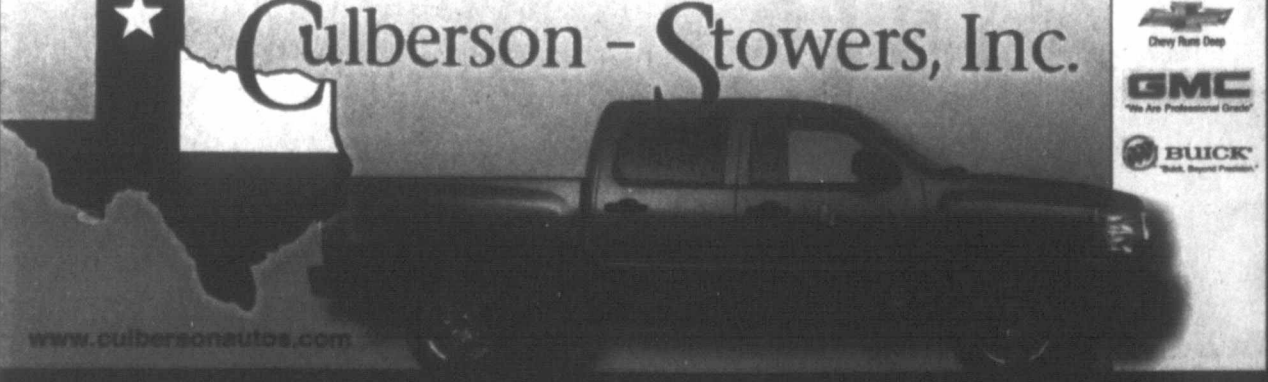
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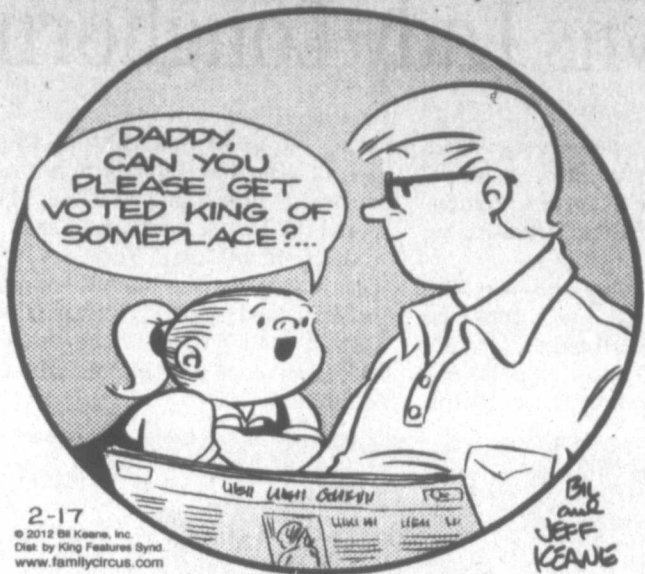


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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012:

This year you might choose not to be found as easily. You know your priorities and what needs to be done. You often keep your own counsel. As you seem more introverted, sometimes friends might act strangely. Be clear about where you are coming from with those close to you; they will understand. If you decide to hook up with someone, you will be very private about this bond. Make this OK. If you are attached, the two of you flourish with more downtime. **CAPRICORN** makes a great healer.

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)

★★★★ Make calls, and draw friends and family together. A partner or friend does his or her very best to chip in and help. You have the ability to successfully weave together many different types of people. Let another person be cynical. You cannot change him or her. Tonight: To the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Make calls to others at a distance. You might be a little tired and defer making plans to others. You discover that another person will not accept “no” for an answer under any circumstances. A friend is full of news. You might want to listen. Tonight: Go for something different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Upstart with a roommate or family member results from a domestic issue. You might not be as creative and dynamic as usual. Stop judging yourself as much. Detach and give yourself the same understanding you give others. Tonight: Only where there is music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others have plans, and they want you to be a part of them. Getting out of the groove could feel a lot better than you think. You also see a friend in a far different light as the day ends. Tonight: Go with another person's suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Pace yourself. You have a lot of errands, and you want to make time for a special person in your life. Meeting him or her for lunch could work perfectly. Just being with this person is an enlightening experience. Float with the moment into the

evening. Tonight: Don't invite stress along.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your imagination adds to any conversation, get-together or exchange. Sometimes you might be better off holding back just a little. Catch up with a loved one, new friend or child you always have fun with. This person loves it when you act like a child. Tonight: Play the night away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover. You feel you are at your best close to home. Do not expect others to react well to not having your company. At this point, you must honor your priorities. You could become aware of a problem that is not seen yet on the home front. Tonight: Order in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Return calls, especially to an assertive friend. Clearly, you cannot get away without at least speaking to this person. Be sensitive to your needs, too. You might feel the need to tighten your budget and make a less-expensive suggestion. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Money plays a more significant role concerning plans and others' suggestions than you anticipated. A boss, possibly you, becomes frustrated with demands for more action and higher achievement. A meeting points the way. Tonight: Leaving problems behind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might just want to hop on a plane or jump in the car and take off. Sometimes a change of scenery does a lot for recharging your energy. You might need to postpone your plans for a while, though a short drive works, too. A discussion opens your eyes. Be happy with what you see. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You still might be dealing with an irate message from a loved one. Difficulty detaching might cause you frustration. Try tossing yourself into a preferred pastime. Tonight: Surprise a friend or loved one with concert tickets!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Do not isolate yourself. If you must do errands, get them done. Invite a friend to meet you for a movie and dinner afterward. Get into the change of pace. You might be revising your attitude toward a key friend. Tonight: What feels right.

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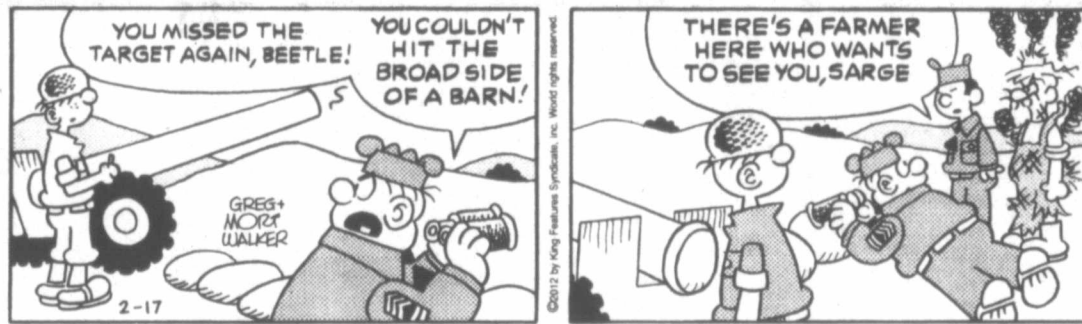
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Sports

Lady Harvesters' base running downs Lady Longhorns

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters used aggressive base running to win their season opener 10-2 over the Caprock Lady Longhorns at Lady Harvester Field Tuesday.

"The girls did a really good job of running the bases," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "They were aggressive and looking for the next opportunity. That's what paid off."

The Lady Harvesters (1-0) broke the game open in the bottom of the fifth, scoring four runs on four hits and an error.



Gill

Coffee each recorded a base hit. "Alexa O'Brien did a really good job leading us off that inning," Gill said. "It kind of spiraled from there. We executed

Sophomore Alexa O'Brien led off the inning with a single. O'Brien and juniors Tiffany Britton, Bailey Beck and Martecia Alexander each scored a run. Junior Claire Hopkins, Alexander and seniors Alanna Stephens and Heather

a bunt. Then they had a defensive miscue. We were really aggressive and kept it rolling. They weren't able to get any momentum defensively. I think that's what made the difference."

Coffee pitched, earning the win and struck out 10. Criselda Luria took the loss. Alexander and Hopkins led the team in hits with two each. Hopkins led the team in runs with three. Leya Baltin,

Luna, Edith Aranda, Karina Rios and Sierra Cortez led Caprock in hitting with one each. Baltin and Marissa Martinez scored the Lady Longhorns' runs.

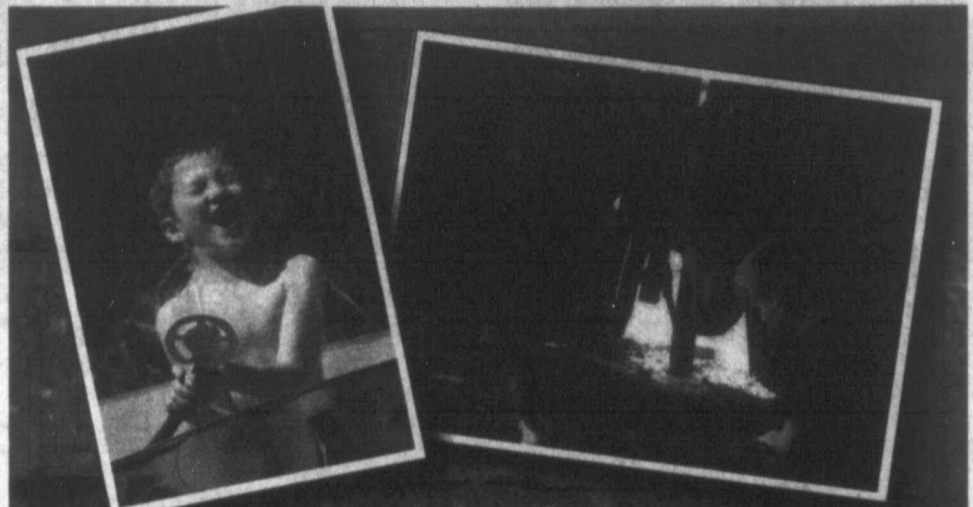
Pampa is off until Thursday when it starts play in the Burkburnett Tournament. Gill said she is looking forward to it.

"It's a good win and I hope we can keep that momentum going into Burkburnett," Gill said.



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Junior Claire Hopkins runs to first in a February 2 scrimmage. Base running was key to Pampa's 10-2 season-opening victory over the Caprock Lady Longhorns at Lady Harvester Field.



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Sports

PHS Sr. Collins commits to NWOSU to play football

ANDREW GLOVER
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Pampa High School senior Latigo Collins has gone back-and-forth between basketball and football as his favorite sport. Northwestern Oklahoma State University offered Collins the best of both worlds.



Collins

"I'm signing a football scholarship and going to be on the basketball team too," Collins said.

Collins signed his commitment letter Tuesday in the ready room at the Pampa High School athletic office. The senior wide receiver said he liked that NWOSU for several reasons.

"It was the right distance from home," Collins said. "I get to play both sports and go down there with my best friend."

Collins will be joining senior quarterback Reid Miller, who signed to the same school two weeks ago. Collins said he's looking forward to catching more passes from Miller.

"I guess eight years wasn't enough," Collins said. "We are going four more years."

Miller said he's

blessed to be in this situation.

"Not many people get the situation we are in," Miller said. "It will be fun to say the least."

Pampa head football coach Heath Parker said he is excited for Collins.

"He found a place that will let him play both sports," Parker said.

Parker said it's a neat deal for Collins and Miller.

"Not many people say they get to play with their best friend," Parker said. "I'm happy for both of them."

Collins' signing is the third for the Harvester football team. Senior Colten Adams signed to kick for Southwestern Oklahoma State on February 1. Parker said he's happy that everyone who wanted to play at the next level got a chance.

"I got to give credit to coach Byron May," Parker said. "He does a tremendous job with our athletes, not just as an assistant coach but as a recruiting coordinator."

Collins said he expects to play immediately in football and will probably redshirt in basketball.

In his last two football seasons with Pampa, Collins was selected to the All-District first team as a wide receiver. In his sophomore season, Collins was a second team selection at defensive back.

In basketball, Collins has been the team's leading scorer the last two seasons. Last season, Collins was named District 1-3A MVP. He made the All-Region team.



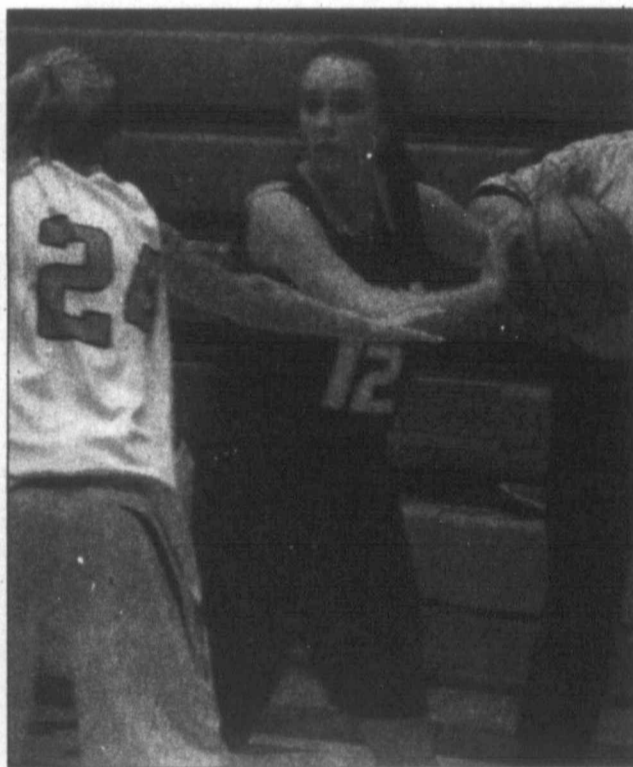
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Senior Latigo Collins (middle) signs his commitment letter to Northwestern Oklahoma State University as his mom, Marvelle, and dad, Ken, look on in the ready room at the PHS athletic office.

Latigo Collins' career highlights

- Ran for 226 and rushed for one touchdown in a 25-14 victory over Vernon in 2010.
- Caught a 63-yard touchdown pass from Reid Miller for Pampa's only score against Borger in an Oct. 15, 2010 game.
- Caught two touchdown passes against Lubbock Cooper in the 2010 bi-district game.
- Caught a 33-yard touchdown pass in his final game against Dalhart on November 4, 2011.

More from the girls playoff game against Shallowater



staff photo by Joe Murray

LEFT: Sophomore Hayley Burnett shoots a jumper with Marissa Westbrook (left) and Bailey Pounds (23) defending. RIGHT: Senior Caitlin Sieck looks for someone to pass to with Kylee Smith defending.

HAMILTON ALCOHOL ISSUES

Rangers' Hamilton goes to counseling for alcohol issues

Josh Hamilton is undergoing counseling individually and with his wife in the aftermath of his alcohol relapse, and the Texas Rangers slugger said he is "doing things right a day at a time."

In an exclusive interview Wednesday with Pastor James Robinson on Glenn Beck's live streaming video network, Hamilton said he knows his addiction is a serious issue.

The interview came just more than two weeks after Hamilton had several drinks during dinner in Dallas on Jan. 30 and continued drinking later that night. It was the second

known relapse with alcohol in the past three years for the recovering drug addict.

"We're taking this as, obviously it's a serious issue," Hamilton said. "I had a slip-up in '09 and moving past that, it was OK, I'm fine. OK, it was just one night, everything's over and we didn't really move back towards well, what caused some slip-up?"

"So this time, it's not just, 'OK, it happened, we'll move past it and maybe it won't happen again,'" he said. "We want to find out why it continues to happen."

Hamilton, the 2010 AL

MVP, said he feels shame about his mistakes, but is willing to admit them.

The outfielder, who relies strongly on his Christian faith, said he is digging deeper and letting God take control over past things he has done, and that is helping to free his mind.

"It's going to be a process," he said. "I'm learning from my mistakes. The work I've been doing isn't a fix-all at this moment. It's a learning process. ... It is a spiritual reprogramming."

Hamilton said he's doing well and so is his family.

At one point, Hamilton

looked straight into the camera and thanked the people who have continued to pray for him and support him. He said he's not perfect and wants to be a better person, husband and father.

Hamilton was the No. 1 overall draft pick by Tampa Bay in 1999 before getting involved in drugs and alcohol. He missed more than three full seasons in the minor leagues because of several drug suspensions, and didn't make his major league debut until 2007 with Cincinnati.

After being traded to the Rangers, he became one of baseball's best players

on a team that has won the last two American League pennants.

Basketball playoff details

• The Pampa boys basketball team will compete in the bi-district round against Lamesa 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wayland Baptist's Hutcherson Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

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Assault

you caught me by surprise. She'd been there 10 days and I wasn't expecting you. Like I said, I got myself into something I couldn't figure out how to get out of."

On the recording, Maxwell repeatedly denied torching the woman's house. But he said that during the kidnapping, he wiped down the house to remove his fingerprints and took her telephone.

Maxwell said he regretted abducting the woman.

Tony Bradford, the Texas Rangers investigator in charge of the case, did most of the talking during the interview. Maxwell, who has a nasal, gravelly voice, was hard to understand at times on the recording.

The woman has testified that Maxwell hit her with a rolling pin and handcuffed her as he abducted her March 1 from her rural home outside Weatherford, about 70 miles

west of Dallas. She said that he kept her in handcuffs and her legs chained to a bed, and even locked her in a box when he once ran an errand. She told jurors that she bled profusely after one of the sexually assault.

The Associated Press generally does not identify alleged victims of sexual assault.

Prosecutors and Bradford demonstrated for jurors how the woman's wrists may have been attached to the skinning device, a thin metal strip with hooks attached that hangs by a chain from the ceiling.

Investigators have testified that they found whips, chains, sex toys, the animal-skinning device, blood-stained sheets and guns in Maxwell's house.

Earlier Thursday, defense attorneys said they never had a chance to question the woman before the trial

and she never gave a written account of the alleged incident.

During cross-examination, she said no law enforcement agencies ever asked her to provide a written statement after she was rescued. The woman said she jotted down some questions before meeting with prosecutors, but nothing to help refresh her memory. She said she had to write some details about her ordeal on some applications for a crime victims' compensation fund.

The judge then granted defense attorney Richard Alley's request for the woman to turn over her notes and for prosecutors to retrieve the applications. Afterward, the judge said some of the woman's notes would be available to the defense, but Alley said he had no more questions for the woman.

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Rearrange the letters of each word below and place them in the blanks so that, together with the two letters that have already been placed, they form a new word.

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Judge

since died.

Anderson has apologized to Morton for what he's called failures in the system but said he believes there was no misconduct in the case. Since 2002, he has been a judge in Williamson County, just north of Austin, where Morton was convicted.

Eric Nichols, one of Anderson's attorneys, said Thursday that he looks forward to the court of inquiry as "an opportunity to do whatever we can at this point to clear Judge Anderson's good name."

District Judge Louis Sturns of Fort Worth was assigned to oversee the proceeding. Morton's Houston-based attorney, John Raley, said Sturns may soon appoint a special prosecutor, but that there's no timetable for when the court of inquiry

will begin.

"This is a historic moment for Texas justice," said Raley, who has spent years representing Morton pro bono.

Jefferson's order came after a 138-page report prepared by Morton's attorneys outlined their allegations against Anderson. Texas District Judge Sid Harle read the report and heard arguments from both sides last week, before asking the Supreme Court for the investigation.

Harle wrote to the chief justice that "there is probable cause to believe" Anderson failed to provide the defense with key evidence at trial, "including several documents containing information highly favorable to the accused." He also found cause to believe Anderson

disobeyed the order to turn over all police investigation notes and allowed the "misimpression" that he had complied with the order during the case, during the appeals process and during post-conviction arguments through last year.

That "raises a matter of serious public concern," Harle wrote, adding the record from Morton's trial "contains evidence a public official may have committed serious misconduct."

The case accelerated after Morton's attorney teamed up with the Innocence Project, a New York nonprofit that specializes in using DNA evidence to overturn wrongful convictions, and spent years arguing for testing of a bloody bandana discovered near the Morton

home.

Police originally believed the bandana was found far enough away from the crime scene that it wasn't linked to the case. But testing last summer revealed Christine Morton's blood and that of another man, not her husband, and Morton was released.

In November, police arrested a new suspect in the case, a former construction worker who also is being investigated for the slaying of another woman who was beaten to death in her home close to where the Mortons lived in January 1988.

"We believe we've presented a very strong case," said Innocence Project co-founder Barry Scheck. "But Judge Anderson will now have his day in court."

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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5	2	8	9	1	4	6	7	3
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Level: Advanced



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My father died suddenly a year ago. My sister went to his house and discovered something that deeply disturbed her. Dad was secretly gay. There were lots of materials in his home that I'm sure he never intended for us to find. Personally, I find his interests fascinating, but my sister was unhinged by it. After all, she was the one who made the discovery.

Now she's obsessed with finding out if Dad was having relations with men while Mom was alive, and if he did, did Mom know about it. I have tried telling her that there were probably lots of things that happened between our parents that are none of our business, but my sister can't let it go. She also seems upset that my reaction isn't the same as hers. I'm glad Dad was fulfilling his needs, especially in old age.

My sister was always "Daddy's girl." Any suggestions on how I can help her? — DAD'S SON IN MIAMI

DEAR SON: I'm not sure you can. But a trained therapist might be able to. Your sister's discovery was a shock because "Daddy's girl" now realizes she didn't know her father as well as she thought she did. She's reacting almost as if she, as well as her mother, may have been cheated on.

It is almost impossible to determine who knew what

and when, if both the individuals are dead. I hope, with time, your sister will be able to focus on the good times she had with her father and her obsession will lessen.

DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker, "Amber" who has always been large. She has looked like she was pregnant the entire two years I have known her. She can also be a liar and an attention-seeker.

I am pregnant for real. Soon after Amber found out, she began telling our co-workers that she, too, is pregnant — with twins.

She has said this before, and then she faked a miscarriage. She is now bringing ultrasound pictures to work that I discovered she had downloaded from Google Images.

Everyone knows Amber is lying, but she keeps it going like she believes it herself. Abby, should I try to save her the embarrassment and tell her that everyone knows she's faking? Or should I just sit back and see where the lying gets her? — REALLY EXPECTING IN CHICAGO

DEAR REALLY EXPECTING: Your co-worker appears to be mentally disturbed. This is something that should be discussed with Amber's supervisor, so perhaps an intervention can be done and she can get the help she needs. As much of a concern as this is for you,

it should be even more so to her employer.

Because there is no way to predict how she might react if her fantasy is threatened, you should NOT be the person to question it. If she's taking time from work for OB/GYN appointments, her employer could request a note from the doctor.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Jared," who is the nephew of my sister's husband. Due to the family situation, this is a very weird relationship. I was widowed at 22. I am now 27, and this is the first relationship I have had since my husband died. I'm not sure what to do.

Is it wrong to date Jared? How do I introduce him to family and friends? My sister always refers to him as her nephew. That makes me feel like my relationship with him is incestuous. — MIXED UP IN WISCONSIN

DEAR MIXED UP: Because Jared isn't a blood relative, your relationship with him is not incestuous. Introduce him to family and friends as Jared, the friend you're dating. If the relationship becomes more serious, introduce him as Jared, your boyfriend or fiancé. But please stop feeling guilty about your relationship because you're doing nothing wrong.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer

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- 19 One or more
- 21 Vacation spot
- 23 Baby food
- 24 Russian river
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GrayCares

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as well."

GrayCares volunteers also visit clients if they would like someone to talk to, and some have even brought pets along if a client requested it.

"We do visitation, if somebody would like somebody to just come over and visit if they're lonely, or we have volunteers who send 'thinking of you' cards to people who don't have much family around or are pretty much homebound," said Brauchi. "We have some volunteers who will just make phone calls occasionally to check in with folks, and then beyond those services, there are all kinds of odds and ends, things that come up from time to time that people request, and we just take it on a case by case basis. If we feel like we can do that, then we'll try to do it for them.

"It's really pretty basic kinds of things, just to help people be able to stay living in their own home or apartment as long as they can is the real goal."

GrayCares has hosted several events for its clients, including educational programs on fall prevention and resources for people with vision problems, as well as a medication clean out event, which was co-sponsored by Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and the Texas Panhandle Poison Center.

"They do those in Amarillo a lot, and so we asked if we could do one here, and we felt like that was good, because it was getting unused medications out of the house, so they're not a safety issue for people who are there or taking the wrong ones," said Brauchi.

The only requirement for people interested in getting assistance from GrayCares is to be 65 years old or older.

"If they fit the age requirement, and they request a service and it fits into what we do, then we'll try to provide a volunteer to do it for them, and that makes it pretty simple from the match standpoint," said Brauchi. "It's just an age thing. As you get older, it doesn't matter who you are, where you are or how much money you have. There are needs out there sometimes, and we find that there are a lot of people who just don't have any family around here, or they have family who are all tied up with other things and sometimes can't meet the needs that they have."

Upon occasion, GrayCares assists people with disabilities, regardless of age.

"We have provided some services for people who are not 65, but maybe have a disability of some sort, and we take those cases on a case by case basis," said Brauchi. "If they're not 65, but they have some kind of disability, then our board of directors will review the situation, and determine if we can provide services for them."

Brauchi is currently recruiting volunteers in Lefors, and already has about 10 lined up.

"We want to be a service that's provided all over the county eventually, but we wanted to get our feet on the ground in Pampa first, and then make the move," she said of the expansion.

GrayCares hopes to be active in Lefors in the next few months.

Those interested in more information on GrayCares' services or volunteering with the organization may contact Brauchi at 806-688-7109.



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