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Stowers looks back at car dealership's 85 years

General manager reflects after Culberson-Stowers' anniversary celebration

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Richard Stowers, general manager of Culberson-Stowers, Inc., reached for a book — "Selling Chevrolets" — on his desk and opened it to the inside front cover, pointing to the copyright date:

"It's the same as it has always been," he said of the auto sales business today.

"Everything is the same today as it was 80 years ago. It isn't any different. It's still people. It's still about dealing with people."

Stowers, fresh off Culberson-Stowers' 85th anniversary celebration over the weekend, was reflecting about the dealership's longevity on Monday. He said that the company's eight-and-a-half decade history has been built on a few unchanging core tenets, including family, com-



Stowers

munity involvement, and just plain treating people right. Much of it is just,

common sense. "We've had to

adapt because of father, Dick Stowers. technology changes, sure," Stowers said. "But to me, one of

the biggest problem that exists ends up being, where's the common sense in anything that we do. If it doesn't smell right, why do we do it?"

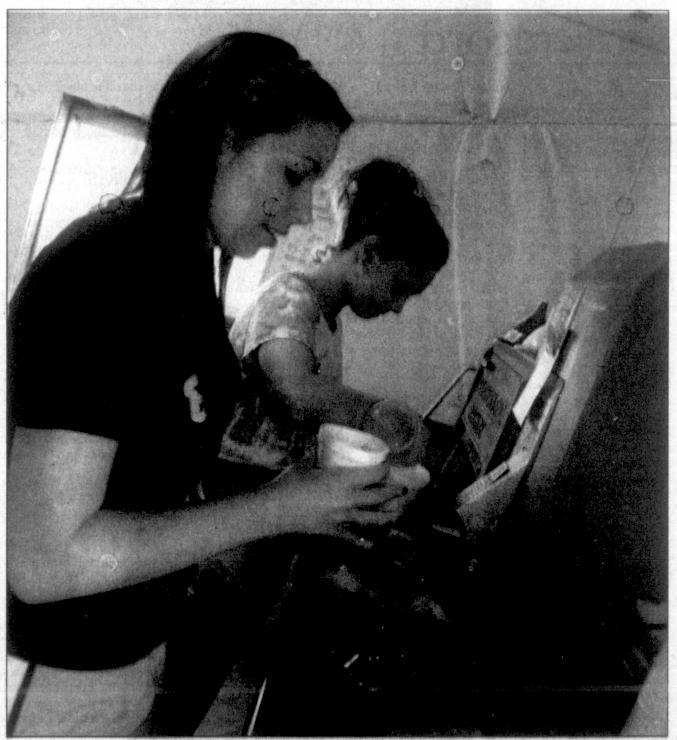
It's a philosophy that's worked since Stowers' grandfather, Frank Culberson,

started the company in 1927 with a \$5,000 loan and a \$500 cash payment. Stowers has worked at the dealership since he was in ninth grade ("I've known as Stowers put it, that I've wanted to work here since I was 6, 8, 10 years old," he said), the third link in a chain that has also included his

Of the fact that Culberson-Stowers is one of the oldest extant auto dealers in the nation, Stowers was humble.

"It's pretty unique," Stowers said. "You know, I wouldn't trade. A lot of it is being here in Pampa. From my standpoint, having worked with my grandfather for 13 years and now having worked ACCIDENT cont. on page 3A

COLD COMFORTS



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

Sydney Hoelting (left), 17, and Summer Tatarevich, 16, make sno cones at Pampa's Tiki Hut Sno Cones on a hot Monday afternoon.

Woman arrested for possession

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Last Friday, the the Pampa Police Department arrested an individual for drugs.

Police officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of South Hobart after receiving a complaint on an individual trespassing in someone's front yard.

They made contact with the woman, Jarita Walker, 40, of Childress, and found her in possession of a substance believed to be meth-

amphetamine. She was later released on a \$3,000 bond.



Walker

PEC note repaid, announces PEDC

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In about a year since the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's (PEDC) purchase of the Pampa Energy Center (PEC), the industrial park and former Celanese site, the group has announced that it has repaid a note from local lenders that helped fund the deal.

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PEC flexibility on future

site development activi-

"It's very exciting," said Clay Rice, Executive Director of the PEDC. "We can look ahead and move forward with future projects."

In May of last year, the PEDC paid \$5.7 million in cash and loans for site, which has gone on to house operations for Enbridge Energy and Flogistix.

Recent projects at the site, including the sale

- Clay Rice PEDC executive director, on repayment of the PEC's purchase note

of property and pipelines, a demolition agreement with Universal Wrecking Company and an assignment agreement with Cielo Wind Power, generated revenue to go towards the \$2.5 million note.

"After less than a year, the purchase of Pampa Energy Center by the Pampa EDC has already created significant value for Pampa and Gray County," said Key May, President of the Pampa Energy Center and PEDC board member.

"Having the PEC free and clear of the purchase note and the PEC balance sheet in a good cash position gives the PEC flexibility on future site development activities."

"I believe the future value of PEC will continue to increase with the number of opportunities currently being explored," he added.

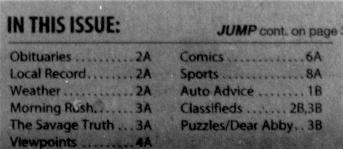
Rice looks forward to future development at the site with the repayment of the loan.

"The purchase and early growth of the PEC has been a great step toward reaching the Pampa EDC's economic development goals of expanding business opportunities, creating a diversified economy, and offering excellent community assets that will retain and attract a talented workforce," he said. "Paying off this loan provides us the freedom to potentially move forward with new opportunities."



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PAMPA FORECAST

Today

Wednesday



Today: Sunny, with a high near 91. Breezy,

with a southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing

to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Breezy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25

mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low

around 61. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 83.

West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low

around 56. South southwest wind between 15

and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

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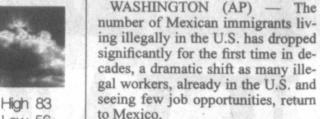


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An analysis of census data from the U.S. and Mexican governments details the movement to and from Mexico, a nation accounting for nearly 60 percent of the illegal immigrants in the U.S. It comes amid renewed debate over U.S. immigration policy as the Supreme Court hears arguments this week on Arizona's tough immigration law.

Roughly 6.1 million unauthorized Mexican immigrants were living in the U.S. last year, down from a peak of nearly 7 million in 2007, according to the Pew Hispanic Center study released Monday. It was the biggest sustained drop in modern history, believed to be surpassed in scale only by losses in the Mexican-born U.S. population during the Great Depres-

Number of illegals from Mexico drops

Much of the drop in illegal immigrants is due to the persistently weak U.S. economy, which has shrunk construction and service-sector jobs attractive to Mexican workers following the housing bust. But increased deportations, heightened

U.S. patrols and violence along the border also have played a role, as well as demographic changes, such as Mexico's declining birth rate.

In all, the Mexican-born population in the U.S. last year - legal and ... illegal - fell to 12 million, marking an end to an immigration boom dating back to the 1970s, when foreignborn residents from Mexico stood at 760,000. The 2007 peak was 12.6;

Christian Ballesteros, who has been at a shelter for immigrants in Matamoros, Mexico, across the border from Brownsville, Texas, pointed to stiffer U.S. penalties for repeat ILLEGALS cont. on page 7A

Obituaries

Terry Ray Green, 53

HIGGINS-Terry Ray Green, 53, died April 21, 2012, in Canadian.

Services are pending by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Green was born February 13, 1959, in Bridgeport. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1961,

moving to Higgins three years ago. He was a truck driver for many years and enjoyed being with his family. Survivors include his wife, Claudene Green of the

home; a daughter, Niechelle Green and husband Scott Grubitz of Pampa; four sons, T.J. Green and wife Lisa of Shattuck, Okla., Brandon Green and wife Meagan of Canadian, Alex Green and Matt Green, both of Higgins; his parents, Ray and Bobbie Green of Pampa; a sister, Lori Green Voss of Pampa; a brother, Jerry Green of Pampa; an uncle, Donald Provence of Higgins; four grandchildren, Ben Grubitz, Tatum Grubitz, Ethan Green and Emily Green; and two nephews, Koby Starnes and Seth Starnes.

Green

Memorials may be made to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th Street, Canadian, TX 79014.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

Jose T. Cervantes, 68

Jose T. Cervantes, 68, died April 23, 2012, in Pampa. Serivces are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cervantes was born April 4, 1944, in Durango, Mexico. He married Rosa Venegas on October 11, 1969, in Chihuahua, Mexico. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1992. Jose worked in construction and was a member of Canaan Christian Church. In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa Cervantes of the home; a daughter, Rosa Cervantes of Pampa; two sons, Jose Cervantes and wife Carmen of Pampa, and Julio Cervantes and wife Brissa of Borger; four granddaughters, Margarita and husband Juan Tovar, Lizeth Mejia and Samantha Rivera, all of Pampa, and Bethany Grace -Cervantes of Borger; eight grandsons, Luis Raul Ramos, Adrian Ramos, Samuel Cervantes, Gabriel Cervantes, Pedro Angel Mejia, Andres Cervantes, all of Pampa, and Rogelio Cervantes and Caleb Cervantes, both of Borger. Jose was preceded in death by his parents, Ricardo and Celia Cervantes; a sister, Concepcion Cervantes; and two brothers, Modesto Cervantes and Jorge Cervantes.

The body will lie in state from 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2012, up until service time.

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, April 23 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 51 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 21 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department, the Lefors Volunteer EMS and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department responded to 16 medical calls.

Friday, April 20

A suspicious person was reported at Terrace and Kentucky. Disorderly conduct oc-

curred at the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

An accident occurred at the 1700 block of North Hobart.

An assault was reported. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of South Nelson.

A theft occurred at the 400 block of Hughes.

An offense against famat the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Harassment occurred at the 1000 block of South Wells.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of

South Wells. Criminal mischief oc-

curred at the 600 block of Reid. A suspicious vehicle was

reported at the 1200 block of South Hobart. disturbances Domestic

occurred at the 2100 block of North Faulkner and the 100 block of South Gillespie.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1600 block of North Dwight.

Driving while intoxicated occurred at the 900 block of North Hobart.

A burglary occurred at the 700 block of North

Saturday, April 21 Suspicious persons were reported at the 300 block of South Cuyler and the 400 block of North West.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1400

block of North Hobart. Suspicious persons were of Zimmers.

reported at the intersec-Sumner.

North Russell. A suspicious person was

reported at the 2500 block of Perryton. Criminal mischief oc-

East Campbell. Fraud was reported at the

Banks.

Disorderly conduct oc-

occurred at the 800 block of North Nelson.

Phone harassment was reported at the 700 block of North Christy.

A missing person was reported at the 1900 block of North Dwight.

A violation of city ordinance was reported.

A gas drive off occurred of North Duncan. ily and children occurred at the 200 block of West

An accident occurred at Hobart and Kentucky.

was reported at Huff and North Christy. A violation of city ordi-

nance occurred at the 800 block of North Duncan.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of South Dwight.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2300 block of Farley. North Primrose.

reported at the 1900 block of North Sumner. of North Hobart and the intersection of Market and

A suspicious person was of East Highway 60. reported at the 2500 block of North Aspen.

Sunday, April 22

A violation of a protective order occurred at the 700 block of North Frost. A suspicious vehicle was

of Perryton. or elderly person was reported at the 400 block of at the 700 block of North West Foster.

A domestic disturbance

occurred at the 2200 block at the 200 block of North

Suspicious persons were tion of Brown and Cuyler reported at the 200 block of the 800 block of East Loand the 200 block of North North Houston and the 200 cust. block of North Lefors.

Disorderly conduct of- A theft was reported at curred at the 1300 block of the 1100 block of South Varnon.

> Disorderly conduct occurred at the 600 block of North Wells.

A violation of city ordicurred at the 800 block of nance occurred at the 600 block of West.

Suspicious persons were 300 block of North Hobart. reported at the intersection An accident occurred at of Wells and Alcock and the 1600 block of North the intersection of Louisiana and Garland.

Domestic disturbances curred at the 900 block of occurred at the 100 block Jury of Village and the 500

A domestic disturbance block of North Magnolia. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of rant.

> South Cuyler. A theft was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of Sierra, the 1000 block of Duncan and the 1800 block

A stolen vehicle was reported at the 1200 block of South Hobart.

A suspicious person was A suspicious vehicle reported at the 100 block of

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of North Warren.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 500 block of North Lowry.

An accident occurred at the 1000 block of South

Suspicious vehicles were occurred at the 2200 block

Monday, April 23 A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1600 block

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Buckler and Nelson. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of

North Hobart. Suspicious persons were reported at the 2500 block reported at the 2900 block of North Perryton and the

Endangerment of a child 200 block of North Nelson. A prowler was reported Zimmers.

A theft was reported at

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, April 23 at 7 a.m.

Friday, April 20 Vanessa Romero, 20, was arrested by deputies for insufficient bond regarding a

money laundering charge. Jeremy Lynn Cole, 34, was arrested by police for assault causing bodily in-

27, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine war-Jarita Carmel Walker, 40, was arrested by police for'

Sergio Mauricio Ortiz,

possession of a controlled substance. Gage Evan Carruth, 21, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while in-

toxicated. Saturday, April 21

Juan Diaz, 34, was arrested by police for posses-" sion of a dangerous drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, insufficient bond regarding indecency with a child and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, and a bond to surrender regarding theft over \$50 but' under \$500.

Jeremy Frank Martinez. 21, was arrested by deputies for aggravated assault. Michelle Denise Forbes,

A domestic disturbance 31, was arrested by DPS officers for aggravated theft by check.

Daniel Sanchez Diaz, 33, was arrested by police on charges of expired motor vehicle insurance, no valid driver's license and failure to appear in court.

Sunday, April 22 Oziel Salinas, 36, was arrested by DPS officers for

driving while intoxicated. Joshua John Romero, 25, was arrested by police on a fugitive warrant.

Mark Douglas Hinkle, 53, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated and resisting A dumpster fire occurred

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Shrimpers object to settlement

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A group of Gulf Coast shrimp processors asked a federal judge Monday to hold off on giving his preliminary approval to portions of BP's proposed class-action settlement of economic damage claims spawned by the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The deal calls for BP to pay \$2.3 billion for certain seafood-related claims, but a court filing by the American Shrimp Processors Association argues its members are unfairly excluded from that part of the settlement.

The group says the proposed formula for compensating shrimp harvesters, boat captains and others eligible for shares of the \$2.3 billion is more generous than the formula that would be applied to claims by shrimp processors and other businesses that don't qualify for the seafood program.

Cop's daughter sentenced

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The 31-year-old daughter of a San Antonio police sergeant has been sentenced to 70 years in prison after she was convicted of murdering the father of her child to collect on his insurance policy.

Vanessa Cameron was sentenced Monday in the death of 26-year-old Samuel Allen Johnson Jr. two years ago. The San Antonio Express-News reports prosecutors had asked for a life sentence. Defense attorney Joseph Esparza asked for a sentence of less than 20 years in prison, citing her otherwise clean criminal record.

According to trial testimony, Johnson had taken out a \$750,000 life insurance policy less than a year before his body was found at an east San Antonio graveyard. Cameron was accused of hiring two people to kill him.

American makes anti-union case

NEW YORK (AP) — Lawyers for American Airlines and its labor unions argued Monday in federal bankruptcy court over the best course for the financially troubled company.

American's lawyers said the company must make painful cuts in labor costs to survive in an increasingly competitive industry. Union lawyers suggested that there is a gentler alternative — a merger with US Airways.

American's parent, AMR Corp., has lost about \$12 billion since 2001 and filed for bankruptcy protection in November. The company says it is saddled with higher labor costs than competitors and must eliminate 13,000 union jobs, freeze or terminate pension plans, curb health benefits, and change work rules.

Without union approval, American can only make of hard for me to imagthose cuts — saving \$1.25 billion a year — if the ine that this is my 36th bankruptcy court lets it throw out the union contracts. Otherwise, American says, it can't survive.

"A restructured job is better than no job at all," said Jack Gallagher, a lawyer for American, the nation's third-spoke. biggest airline.

Inmate set to die wins reprieve

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A 29-year-old convict set to die this week for a fatal shooting during the robbery and abductions at an East Texas convenience store has won a we just retain more at the reprieve from a federal judge.

Beunka Adams was set for lethal injection Thursday evening in Huntsville for the September 2002 slaying of 37-year-old Kenneth Vandever outside Rusk. Vandever and two women were abducted during the robbery, one of the women was raped, and all three were shot. The women survived.

Lawyers for Adams convinced U.S. District Judge Michael Schneider in Texarkana, Texas, that the execution should be delayed until the courts review allegations that Adams had poor legal help in the early stages of his

It's unclear if the Texas Attorney General's office would or could appeal Monday's ruling.

Man arrested for ammo smuggling he established, my father

EL PASO (AP) — The former owner of a uniform and ammunition shop on the West Texas border has been arrested on charges of money laundering and smuggling ammunition and other items into Mexico.

The U.S. attorney's office says a federal indictment unsealed Monday in El Paso alleges 48-year-old Hector Ayala tried to move ammunition, about 300 high-capacity magazines and about 800 bulletproof vests to Mexico.

Ayala owned Uniforms of Texas, an El Paso store raided by federal agents in December. Ayala was arrested Monday morning and is to appear in court Tuesday. It's unclear if he has an attorney.

If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison on each of the money laundering charges and up to 10 years behind bars on each of the other charges.

Alleged cartel member pleads

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A man whom prosecutors say is a member of Mexico's Gulf drug cartel has pleaded guilty in Brownsville to bribery for trying to orchestrate his release and deportation.

Juan Carlos De La Cruz already was in federal prison for threatening to assault and murder agents The U.S. attorney's office announced that he and three accomplices pleaded guilty Monday to paying \$797,000 in bribes to an undercover agent to ensure that he'd be transferred to a prison in Texas, then released to allies in Mexico.

The 37-year-old De La Cruz was to be released on his previous conviction in March. He admitted he feared that he'd face other charges in Mexico or be released on another part of the border where he'd be vulnerable to abduction by rivals.

Candidate attacked in Mexico

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Mexican officials say a mayoral candidate running on the governing party's ticket in a city near the U.S. border has escaped an attack by armed men who also briefly kidnapped his aide to obtain information.

A National Action Party state leader in Nuevo Leon says candidate Eduardo Campos Espinoza fled through the back door of his house when he saw the gunmen approaching. Campos is the PAN's candidate for the mayor's office in Anahuac.

PAN officials have expressed concerns about organized crime groups interfering in elections.

Economy teeter-totters through uncertainty

TERRY SAVAGE Creator's Syndicate

Which way will the economy, and the stock market, go? Both have been see-sawing back and forth, temporarily in a balancing act that has bulls and bears - and economists — holding their breath.

The stock market registers this standoff not only in the daily ups and downs but in dwindling volume, as each side waits for economic reports to bolster its case that either the economy will slip back into recession,\ or move on to a stronger recovery.

Conflicting outlooks are nothing new in the stock market. After all, the stock market is the place where willing buyers agree to disagree at a price. For every 100 shares of stock that is sold because someone feels the price won't go higher, there is a buyer of that stock who is betting on future gains.

But rarely have the economic signs been so mixed for so long, or the balance so fragile. Which way will these statistics tilt?

Employment. While millions remain unemployed, it has appeared that the new claims for unemployment were coming

down each week. But the latest figures have shown an uptick in jobless claims, leading to worries about the staying power of the recovery.

 Corporate profits. You might not care much if businesses are only hire people when they are

on money

corporate earnings reports for the first quarter. Early reports from JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo show good profits — but the stocks affecting jobs at home. dropped anyway on fears about future earnings.

Consumer Consumers have been spending signals about whether they will rebounding from the drop that spur the economy. And Congress took place after last summer's debt ceiling debacle. But last week's University of Michigan survey of creating a budget to dealing with consumer confidence dipped slightly in April. The barometer of cur- rates and rules, which will expire rent economic conditions was at at year-end. its lowest since last December remained strong.

Energy prices. It's hard to omy when you see the impact of rising energy prices every time you fill up your gas tank. That leaves less money for consumers to spend on everything else and raises fears for future price increases on every- Savage Truth. thing from food to travel. Oil prices have moved from a low of around \$76 per barrel in the past 12 months to a recent high of \$113 — and are still trading at \$103 per barrel.

making money — but companies China reports that its annual growth rate slipped to only 8.1 percent in profitable. We're at the start of the first quarter - the lowest since

2009 — there are concerns about a global economic slowdown. At the same time, IMF chief Christine Lagarde publicly worries about continuing recession risks in the European economy. Again, Americans might not care

too much about what goes on outside our own economy — except that if the world slows, there will be fewer buyers for our exports,

Amidst all the uncertainty generated by the economic reports, Fed confidence. officials have been sending mixed again, helping the economy and do another round of "easing" to refuses to act on just about anything in this election season — from the debt ceiling, or clarifying tax

Is it any wonder that both the although expectations for the future stock market and the economy are see-sawing back and forth, maintaining a tenuous balance in the remain confident about the econ- face of all this uncertainty? If the markets can't figure it out, take the hint. This is no time to be heroic in your investments. Balance may not be so rewarding, but it certainly won't be so punishing. That's the

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a reality, because it's

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McDonald's, looking at

with my father, it's kind year. It almost doesn't sound right."

Stowers chuckled as he

endured, ne said. "We've never been as profitable as some other stores. We handle a lot of money, and hopefully end than what we have to shell out. ... (The company) was able to survive through the Depression. We survived World War II, which was tough as well. We've been through the Dust Bowl, the booms, the busts. We've just endured."

Asked who the company had to thank for its stability, Stowers hearkened again to family.

"Grandfather for what for what he continued," Stowers said. "They're why we're still here today."

Stowers also mentioned the Culberson-Stowers staff, many of whom have been with the dealership for much of its existence.

"It's been really he said. important," "My description of my demographics that I started using last year is that we have a 72-yearold Toyota manager, a 65-year-old service manager, a 66-year-old tech, two 65-year-old salespeople. ... We've had

quite a bit of transition in staff, but before we had that start occurring, the number of years we had here in either service to our own organization or service in the automo-"To me, we've just bile business, I'd put up

against anybody. the years, Over Culberson-Stowers has also been notable in Pampa for its steady involvement in community affairs, including its financial and volunteer support to over 130 local charitable and civic groups. It's a family policy for the Culberson and now Stowers clan that has helped the company grow roots that were key to its success.

"I look at Pampa as a place where one person can make a difference," Stowers said. "You go to a (place like) Dallas and to me, you get to mixed and muddled and it's not as good. Where we've been - where I've been — it's kind of like it's expected that you get involved, and so I haven't known any dif-

"Absolutely, I think it's helped (the dealership)," he continued. "I want everyone that's worked here as much as possible to be involved. There was a comment years ago that I heard from a man that said he'd be involved in three things. He said one of them is family and one of them is church, so that

leaves one other activity. I couldn't understand his basis. I don't know how you could restrict your- something that I think self to that."

Of course, Culberson-Stowers' milestone anni- the Happy State Bank, versary won't mean that looking at the growth it's not looking forward that I think we're going to its future, Stowers to experience, we want said. The goal is to keep enduring as it has in its first 85 years, as a business, a part of the community and a Pampa institution.

"There's things that I want to do," said Stowers. "I want to do this new facility. How much of is a dream, how

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 24, the 115th day of 2012. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 24, 1962, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology achieved the first satellite relay of a television signal, using NASA's Echo 1 balloon satellite to bounce a video image of the letters "M.I.T." transmitted from Camp Parks, Calif., to Westford, Mass.

On this date:

In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise," was composed by Captain Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States. (The United States responded in kind the next day.)

In 1915, what's regarded as the start of the Armenian genocide began as the Ottoman Empire rounded up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople.

In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces almost a week

In 1932, in the Free State of Prussia, the Nazi Party gained a plurality of seats in parliamentary elections.

In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1960, rioting erupted in Biloxi, Miss., after black protesters staging a "wade-in" at a whites-only beach were attacked by a crowd of hostile whites.

In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East is Red."

In 1980, the United States launched an unsuccessful attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

In 1986, Wallis, Duchess of Windsor, for whom King Edward VIII had given up the British throne, died in Paris

In 1997, comedian Pat Paulsen died in Tijuana, Mexico,

Ten years ago: After an extraordinary meeting at the Vatican sparked by a sex abuse scandal, American Roman Catholic leaders agreed to make it easier to remove priests who were guilty of sexually abusing minors. Michael McDermott, a software engineer who'd claimed he was insane when he shot to death seven coworkers, was convicted of murder in Cambridge, Massa, and automatically sentenced to life in prison without

Five years ago: In a harsh exchange, Vice President Dick Cheney accused Democratic leader Harry Reid of personally pursuing a defeatist strategy in Iraq to win votes at home — a charge dismissed by Reid as President George W. Bush's "attack dog" lashing out. Seven people were killed by a tornado in Maverick County on the Texas-Mexico border. European astronomers announced they had found a potentially habitable planet outside the solar system. Warren Avis, the founder of Avis Rent A Car, died in Ann Arbor, Mich., at age 92.

One year ago: Pope Benedict XVI offered an Easter Sunday prayer for diplomacy to prevail over warfare in Libya and for citizens of the Middle East to build a new society. Taliban militants staged a massive jailbreak in Kandahar, Afghanistan, as some 480 inmates escaped through a tunnel that had been dug over a matter of months. Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu, 86, who'd served as South Vietnam's unofficial first lady early in the Vietnam War, died in Rome.

Today's Birthdays: Film and drama critic Stanley Kauffmann is oo. Movie director-producer Richard Donner is 82. Actress Shirley MacLaine is 78. Author Sue Grafton is 72. Actor-singer Michael Parks is 72. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 70. Former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is 70. Country singer Richard Sterban (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 69. Rock musician Doug Clifford (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 67. Rock singer-musician Rob Hyman is 62. Actorplaywright Eric Bogosian is 59. Rock singer-musician Jack Blades (Night Ranger) is 58. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 57. Rock musician David J (Bauhaus) is 55. Actor Glenn Morshower is 53. Rock musician Billy Gould is 49. Actor-comedian Cedric the Entertainer is 48. Actor Djimon Hounsou (JEYE'-mihn OHN'-soo) is 48. Rock musician Patty Schemel is 45. Rock musician Aaron Comess (Spin Doctors) is 44. Actress Melinda Clarke is 43. Latin pop singer Alejandro Fernandez is 41. Countryrock musician Brad Morgan (Drive-By Truckers) is 41. Rock musician Brian Marshall (Creed; Alter Bridge) is 39. Actor Derek Luke is 38. Actor Eric Balfour is 35. Actress Rebecca Mader is 35. Country singer Rebecca Lynn Howard is 33. Country singer Danny Gokey is 32. Actor Austin Nichols is 32. Actress Sasha Barrese is 31. Contemporary Christian musician Jasen Rauch (Red) is 31. Singer Kelly Clarkson is 30. Rock singer-musician Tyson Ritter (The All-American Rejects) is 28.

Thought for Today: "I feel proud to be living in a country where people are not afraid to laugh at themselves and where political satire is tolerated by the government, if not the television network." - Pat Paulsen (1927-1997).

Behold, the world's great prison escapee

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The power of redemption is the one concept a cynical, self-regarding epoch — ours — can't quite get its arms around, especially, perhaps, in the case of the late Chuck Colson. Can the guy have been right in the head? Wasn't he putting us on with all this Sweet Jesus business he performed in prisons all over the world?

If Colson was dissembling about his hard-won faith in Christ, the result of imprisonment for his part in Watergate — a possibility I don't accept for a millisecond - his was an odd way of staging a comeback: witnessing Christ's love to the ickiest congregation imaginable, prison inmates.

He got famous all right, but look at the millions of dollars he left on the table — book royalties, prize money and the like. Virtually the whole of it he donated to the Prison Fellowship Ministries he founded in 1976. What sensible modern American would do such a thing? The Colson kind of American is just the kind to do such a thing. Because of ... because of ...

Redemption — the concept we can't get our arms around. Colson could. He got it. Better said: He lived it. Prison and its attendant sufferings made a powerful mark on a man who once said he would walk over his grandmother to get Richard Nixon re-elected.

The much-despised Nixon is perhaps the distorting element in any consideration of Colson's extraordinary rebirth as servant of God. The fact was — is — that Colson, in prison, woke up to the painful understanding of an extraordinary reality



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decide "right" and "wrong" for ourselves; to walk all over our grandmothers, unless constrained by the inhibitions proceeding from a more gracious place than our hearts.

Colson knew the source of that self-will to be the horrifying reality called sin. Ah. Sin. That's where we really trip up modern people. Does anyone believe that old stuff any more? Colson came to believe it, but in fact, you don't have to "believe" something rationally for it to circle you

with open, carnivorous eyes, waiting to pounce. You can say, phooey, or in more modern parlance, "! \$ %! %\$"! Neither alters the consistent human experience of wayward behavior. "We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts," as the matchless Book of Common Prayer insists, matchlessly. "... And there is no health in

The possibility that Colson grasped and extolled is that of victory over our deeds and misdeeds through repentance and amendment of life. Forgiveness obtained through the mercy of Christ would blot out the obstruction of justice — Colson's Watergate-connected offense - not to mention sins far grosser.

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The man who would have walked over his grandmother realized the narrowness of his escape. "I shudder to think of what I'd been if I'd not gone to prison," he said in 1993. He would have missed not just the experience of prison but the prisoninduced necessity, as he saw it, of putting before - even the worst of prisoners — the possibility of salvation through the Son of God.

Yeah, yeah, sure, we know. Unicorns, pillars of fire, sons of God, curious figures closed to a world self-sealed from the intrusions of science and reason! Against Colson, much of the practical world of "diversity" and secularism closed intellectual ranks - glad enough to acknowledge his good deeds, reluctant to attribute his source of inspiration to anything higher than the human desire for a good press.

The modern era's attempts to expel religion from public life, by prohibition or ridicule, seem to the modern era sheer necessity. Chuck Colson saw that necessity as folly. He plowed a straight furrow, caring nothing for scoffs and uncharitable views of his motives. He served neither the networks nor the pundits nor the wiseacres of either political party. Prison bars failed utterly to block the light that flooded the cell where God spoke and a humble. fallen man listened humbly.

William Murchison, author and commentator, writes from Dallas.

There's something rotten in the state

With the number of Secret Service members and agents caught up in the partying-with-prostitutes scandal in Cartagena now at a dozen, and six already gone, how much wider and deeper does this go?

No one can take pleasure in seeing Secret Service agents — whose deserved reputation is that they will "take a bullet" for the president, his family and all whom they protect shamed and disgraced.

Yet one would have to be naive to believe this was some isolated incident. No sooner was the first day's work done in Cartagena than 20 hookers were trooping into the hotel rooms of SS agents, supervisors and members of the military advance

And Sen. Charles Grassley asks a relevant question.

As the Secret Service travel and work in close contact with the White House Advance Office and White House Communications Agency, was the Obama staff oblivious to this misconduct? If they were aware of it, did no one report it to the White House chief of staff?

Hostile intelligence services often use "honey traps" to ensnare U.S. diplomats and journalists. Thus this hookers-and-agents scandal is no

laughing matter.

And it hit just as we learned that the General Services Administration, purchasing agent for the U.S. government, shelled out \$823,000 on a party for 300 employees at a casino-spa in Las Vegas, where the hired entertainment included a mind reader, a clown and a \$75,000 bicycle-building exercise.

Jeff Neeley, the GSA western regional commissioner, invoked the Fifth Amendment rather than testify to Congress about what is now being investigated as criminal misconduct.

President Obama's appointee to head GSA, Martha Johnson, has

Infinitely larger in terms of the tax dollars looted or lost is the Solyndra scandal, where a green technology



PAT **BUCHANAN**

company favored by the White House went belly up after receiving an endorsement visit from Obama and an astonishing halfbillion dollars in federal loan guarantees.

These events all point to a culture of entitle-

ment born of a belief that now that the Democratic Party, the Party of Government, is again running the government, we can "let the good times roll" once more.

And so we see President Obama for six months literally campaigning on the public dime. Not a day seems to pass that he is not helicoptering off the White House lawn on Marine One to Andrews Air Force Base to board Air Force One to fly to some swing state, while his staff finds an official cover event so the White House can charge most of the trip to taxpayers.

Has any other president spent so many days campaigning, half a year and a year before the traditional Labor Day start of the election season, or used tax dollars so flagrantly to buy re-election?

The sense of entitlement appears to extend to the Obama family.

In 2010, at the bottom of the Great Recession, Michelle Obama, accompanied by daughter Sasha and friends, took Air force Two to Spain for a lavish vacation. The first lady paid for her stay at a five-star hotel in Marbella, but the cost of flying her there and moving her about, with scores of Secret Service agents, had to run into the millions.

And the trip came at a time when President Obama was instructing the nation on the need to sacrifice and the number of Americans on food stamps was setting a new record every month.

How many so-called "1 percenters" project a lifestyle as lavish?

Last December, flying out of the District of Columbia in separate planes, the first couple took a twoweek Christmas vacation at a resort ir Hawaii, the taxpayers' cost of which has been estimated at \$4 million Winters in Hawaii, summers in the Vineyard, and with it all subsidized by taxpayers?

What kind of example is this? Where is the spirit of sacrifice here? Is this the same president who talks about having inherited the worst economic crisis since the Great

Depression of the 1930s?

Lately, we learned that Leor Panetta, in the 10 months he has been secretary of defense, has spent \$860,000 of taxpayers' money or 27 separate trips to his home ir Monterey, Calif.

Curing Leon of his homesickness is getting expensive.

What all of the above reveals is how the Party of Government views the government. They see its perks. privileges and power as their entitlements, their inheritance, their patri-

And there is some truth to that. After all, the bureaucracy was

built up in the New Deal and Great Society, and remains dyed-in-thewool Democratic. Even when the GOP wins the White

House, the conservatives are outsiders in this city. Even when Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan won their 49-state landslides, neither came ever close to carrying Washington, D.C. the sole Electoral College precinct that has never gone Republican.

While John McCain lost the nation by eight points to Obama, he lost Washington, D.C., by 86 points. This is Obama's town. He owns it.

But if a noxious aroma of selfindulgence and corruption is arising from it, it is Obama's problem, and it is no longer a small one.

Pairick J. Buchanan is the author of "Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to

Supreme court to referee Arizona immigration dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court will referee another major clash between the Obama administration and the states, this one over Arizona's crackdown on illegal immigrants. The case could add fuel to the partisan split over tough state immigration laws backed by Republicans but challenged by the administration.

Like last month's arguments over President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, the immigration case is expected to be decided at the end of June.

Wednesday's arguments will focus on whether states can adopt their own immigration measures to deal with an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants, or whether the federal government has almost exclusive authority in the area of

Arizona was the first of a half-dozen states to enact laws intended to drive illegal immigrants elsewhere, a policy known as "attrition by enforcement." Even where blocked by courts, these laws have already had an impact on farm fields and school classrooms as fewer immigrants showed up.

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"If the federal government had been doing and would continue to do its job in securing the border here in southern Arizona, this would not be an issue. Unfortunately, they failed to do that so Arizona stepped up and said, 'We want to be partners. Here's a role we think we can play," said Sheriff Larry Dever of Cochise County, which shares an 83.5mile border with Mexico in the state's southeastern corner.

The administration says it has both increased border enforcement to keep people from entering illegally in the first place and picked up the pace of deportations. In its first two years, the administration deported nearly 800,000 people, far higher on a yearly basis than President George W. Bush's administration.

The Obama administration sued to block the Arizona law soon after its enactment two years ago. Federal courts have refused to let four key provisions take effect: requiring police, while enforcing other laws, to question a person's immigration status if officers suspect he is in the country illegally; requiring all immigrants to obtain or carry immigration registration papers; making it a state criminal offense for an illegal immigrant to seek work or hold a job and allowing police to arrest suspected illegal immigrants without warrants.

Alabama, Georgia, Five states — Indiana, South Carolina and Utah have adopted variations on Arizona's law. Parts of those laws also are on hold pending the outcome of the Supreme

Civil rights groups that mounted legal challenges independent of the administration's say the laws encourage racial profiling and ethnic stereotyping. "It blurs what used to be a very bright line, that you can't stop someone and ask for papers based just on how they look," said Anthony Romero, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union. "But the impact is on citizens as much as immigrants. It's a dragnet approach that sweeps up law-abiding American citizens based on the color of their skin or ethnic

And the state laws already have had a marked effect on people's behavior, whether or not the laws ever went into

force, the groups say. In some states, crops rotted in fields for want of workers to pick them. In Alabama, where a provision required schools to check student's citizenship status, more than 2,000 students stayed home the first week the law was in effect, said Karen Tumlin, managing attorney for the National Immigration Law Center. Foreign employees, including a German Mercedes-Benz executive, have been detained or ticketed for not carrying immigration documents.

In Arizona, around the time Gov. Jan Brewer signed the immigration law, lifelong Arizona resident Jim Shee twice confronted police officers who came to his car window asking to see his "papers."

Shee, 72, is of Chinese and Spanish descent. "I'm not blond-haired and blueeyed. My grandkids aren't blond-haired and blue-eyed. I don't want to see this happening to them," Shee said.

He has joined a lawsuit filed by a coalition of civil rights groups. The suit is on hold until the high court renders a decision.

Shee said he carries his passport in case he gets stopped again.

The number of illegal immigrants in Arizona has declined by about a third in recent years, from 530,000 in 2007 to 360,000 in 2011, according to federal government estimates.

Experts have attributed the decrease to several factors, including the economic downturn, tighter border security and state immigration laws. A 2007 Arizona law, allowed to take effect last year by the Supreme Court, prohibits employers from knowingly hiring illegal immi-

But in Arizona and elsewhere, the appetite for new immigration measures appears to have waned, in part

because business leaders have objected. Arizona voters ousted Republican state Sen. Russell Pearce, the architect of the 2010 law and the driving force behind other Arizona immigration laws, in a November recall election.

"There has been a great deal of buyer's remorse in those states that have enacted Arizona-type legislation," the ACLU's Romero said.

The high court decision will land in the middle of a presidential campaign in which Obama has been heavily courting Latino voters and presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney has been struggling to win Latino support after a drawn-out primary campaign in which he and the other GOP candidates mostly embraced a hard line to avoid accusations that they support any kind of 'amnesty" for illegal immigrants living in the U.S.

Justice Elena Kagan sat out last year's case and also will not take part in the new immigration case, presumably because of her work in the Obama administration. The court's conservative majority held sway in last year's 5-3 decision.



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Bond denied for Texas nurse accused in newborn baby theft

CONROE (AP) Bloody jeans and a handgun believed to be the murder weapon were found in the apartment of a Texas woman accused of kidnapping a newborn boy after fatally shooting his kept looking down at the mother, authorities said at floor as she rocked back

a Monday hearing. Verna McClain, who is accused of shooting Kala Golden outside a suburban Houston pediatric center last week and abducting her 3-day-old son, will remain jailed after a judge denied her bond at the hearing. The boy was later found safe. Investigators believe McClain was desperate for a baby after suffering a miscarriage, and her attorneys have said they planned to review her mental state.

"This was a cold calculated murder, not only meant to deprive Kala Golden of her life but to abduct her child," Montgomery County District Attorney Brett Ligon said during the 11/2 hour bond hearing.

A detective who testified at the hearing said McClain initially told investigators she had found the baby after it had been left on her doorstep. But authorities say she later confessed.

Defense attorney E. Tay Bond had asked for a bond of \$100,000 or less for the 30-year-old nurse, arguing she has no prior criminal history and that witnesses have not positively identified her as being at the shooting scene.

"We of course disagree with (the judge's ruling). We believe she has a constitutional right to a bond," the attorney said after the hearing.

But state District Judge Fred Edwards ruled preliminary evidence supported authorities' claims that McClain was responsible for "the violent death of a young mother" and justified her being held without

bond. Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Det. John Schmitt had testified that authorities found the jeans and handgun as well as a cell phone and a towel with blood on them in McClain's apartment. The Lexus that witnesses said sped away from the shooting with the infant also was found in front of the apartment. Inside the vehicle, investigators

recovered a shell casing similar to ones found at the shooting scene and blood was found on the driver's side door.

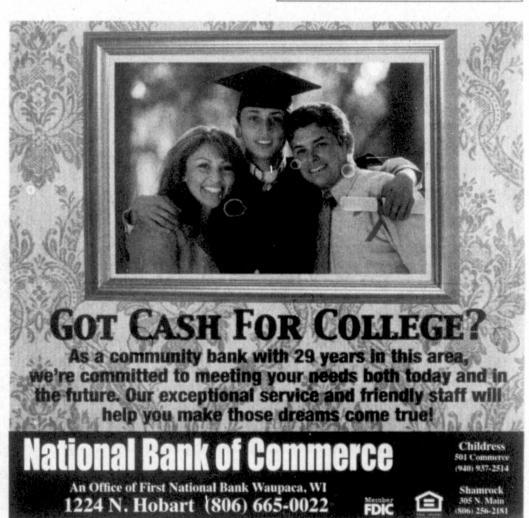
McClain did not speak during the hearing. She and forth in her chair and tapped her leg up and down. Bond said McClain continues to mumble and be visibly upset, as she was at a hearing last week. Her "mental evaluations will be forthcoming," he

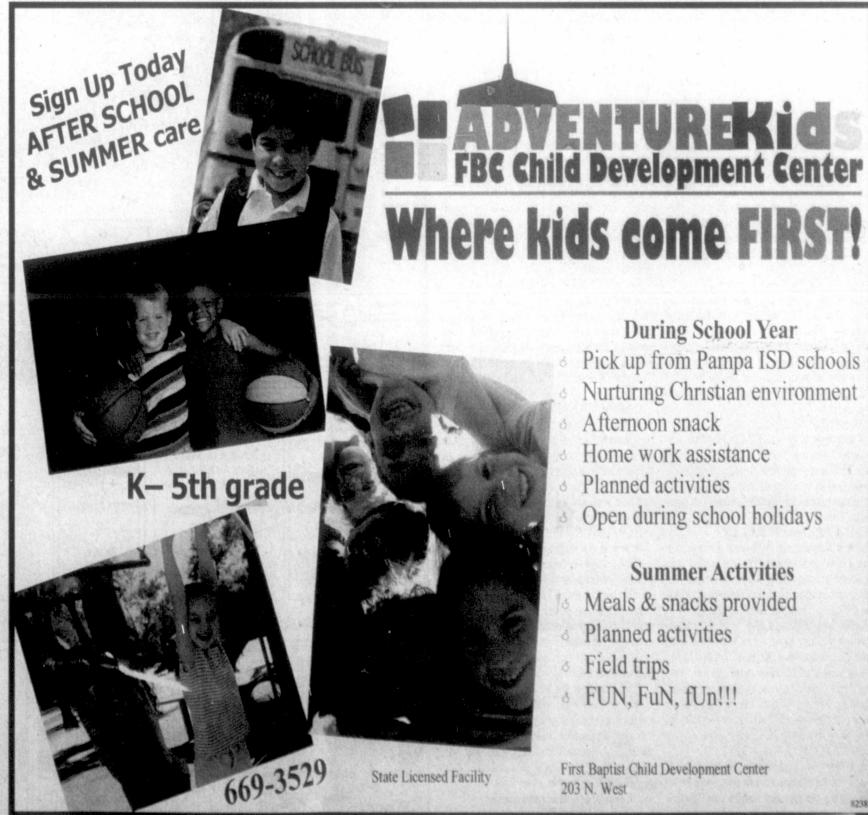
McClain faces a capital murder charge, which could carry a death sentence. Ligon said his office hasn't decided whether to seek the death penalty. Her attorneys have said she intends to plead not guilty.

The shooting happened last Tuesday outside the Pediatric Northwoods Center in Spring, about 25 miles north of Houston, where McClain had taken her three children for checkups. Investigators believe Golden was randomly targeted.

Authorities said 28-yearold Golden was placing her son, Keegan Schuchardt, into her pickup truck when McClain repeatedly shot her, snatched the child and sped off. Golden died at a hospital. But she was first able to give a description of who had shot her and taken her son, Schmitt tes-

After the Lexus was found at a nearby apartment complex, SWAT THEFT cont. on page 7A





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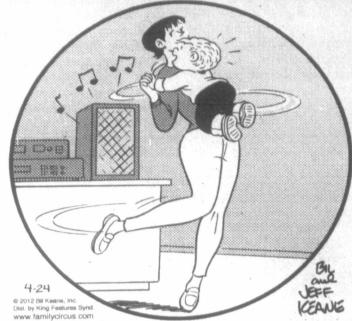
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good choices. Tap into your innate intui- ance. tive ability to help guide you. Be aware of someone whose information or perspeccharisma flashes a "come hither" message. Proceed carefully, as you have so many act with on a daily basis. CANCER under- ed by music you love. stands you better than you realize.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Ask questions, even if you already believe you know the answers -- you could be surprised by what comes up. Reorganize your plans or a project with more accurate information. Revitalize yourself by taking a brisk walk. Tonight: Chat the night away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Be aware of what you have to offer, and do not minimize those gifts. Someone you respect presents a new idea. Fatigue with the status quo could be wearing you down. Think of ways to reinvigorate areas of your life that might be a bit dull. Tonight: Buy that item you have been decide. looking for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You are all smiles. The unexpected occurs with a child or loved one. This unpredictable energy also could come out in a creative endeavor. Discuss goals. Tonight: Live it up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Sometimes by backing out you'll gain a new perspective. Try not to play into someone's controlling ways. You will feel better and start to establish stronger boundaries. Relax. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Zero in on what you want with little fear as to what the reaction could be, and unexpected benefits might result. You might consider pushing away from someone who always insists on having things go his or her way. The distance could be refreshing. Tonight: Join your pals. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You resent being manipulated. You'll try to communicate this attitude to controlling people but might not always

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, succeed. Toning down strong feelings might be imperative to restoring peace in your daily life. Focus on a child or imagineed to be. On the other hand, you make native project. Tonight: A must appear-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Keep reaching out for sometive could be off. If you are single, your one you cannot seem to get a hold of. This person might not be directing this estrangement toward you; he or she simply needs choices. If you are attached, the two of you space. Detach from a daily situation to need to plan frequent vacations close to claim your power and no longer be reachome, but without all the people you intertive. Tonight: Make sure you are surround-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Deal directly with key people who could have a great deal of impact on your life. Sometimes passing on a message might not be enough. Discussions could become animated and difficult, but you have the ability to resolve conflicts easily. Tonight: If you don't like the message, don't respond.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Others continue to take the first step. Start using the word "no" when you do not want to go along with an idea. Your sense of humor has an edge to it. Be careful, as someone could be quite reactive. Tonight: Look at your invitations, then

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Rethink a decision. You might be insecure and looking to become more demanding or controlling. Your way of dealing with issues might be pushing others away right now. Consider what would be a change more openly and recognize your the best way to change the mood. Tonight: Get some exercise, a good meal and sleep.

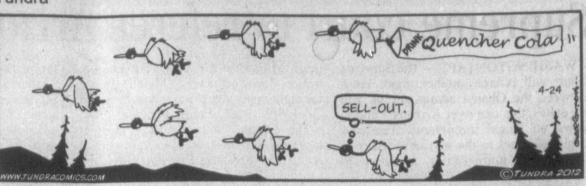
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Be willing to explore different paths to achieve your goals. Manipulation will not work, as you'll only gain some-

one's resentment. Do not make assumptions. There are many reasons why someone would appear unresponsive. Instead of getting an attitude, consider all the possible reasons for this behavior. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You are coming from a good place; however, others simply aren't in the mood to listen. Don't keep pushing. Go off and enjoy yourself instead. Someone still might be uptight when you return. Let it go, and do not make a big issue of it. Tonight: Relax at home, then decide.

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Lockheed Martin workers go on strike

FORT WORTH (AP) — Unhappy with proposed changes to health care benefits and pension plans, dozens of Lockheed Martin workers started picketing Monday at a North Texas plant where F-35 stealth fighter jets are made, as well as outside flight test centers in two other states.

The strike by Fort Worth-based Machinists Local 776 began after the 3,600 union members voted overwhelmingly Sunday to reject the aerospace company's latest contract offer. Union members oppose the company's proposed changes to the health care and pension plans - including higher deductibles and co-payments — and eliminating pension for newly hired workers, said union spokesman

"With the higher deductibles, it's a higher cost for workers, and that can get expensive very quickly," Wood said. "We're really drawing a line in the sand."

The company said it believes the offer, which comes with wage increases of 3 percent each year, a \$3,000 signing bonus and increased retirement income for current workers, is fair. There are no other meetings scheduled between the company and union.

Lockheed Martin spokesman Joe Stout said the Fort Worth plant remains open and no problems have been

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offenders as well as brutal criminal groups that control the Mexican side of the border as reasons for the immigration decline. Ballesteros, who has been deported four times, was recently caught after hopping the border fence near Nogales, Ariz.

"The Mexican cartels are taking over, are actually being like the border patrols on this side," Ballesteros said. "They threaten them, 'if you don't pay, what we're going to do is we're going to cut your head off.' That's the worst, the worst, the worst part," Ballesteros said.

After his last apprehension by U.S. authorities, Ballesteros was sent to a detention facility in Las Vegas for 21/2 months. He fears it could be six months if he's caught again. "You can lose money, but if you lose time there's no way you can recover that time," Ballesteros said, noting that many immigrants have families to support.

Jeffrey Passel, a senior demographer at Pew who cowrote the analysis, said Mexican immigration may never return to its height during the mid-decade housing and construction boom, even with the U.S. economy recovering. He cited longer-term factors such as a shrinking Mexican work force.

He noted that government data now show a clear shift among Mexican workers already in the U.S. who are returning home. He said that data is a sign that many immigrants are giving up on life in the U.S., feeling squeezed by increasing enforcement and limited opportunities that they don't see improving anytime soon.

About 1.4 million Mexicans left the U.S. between 2005 and 2010, double the number who did so a decade earlier. In the meantime, the number of Mexicans who entered the U.S. sharply fell to about 1.4 million, putting net migration from Mexico at a standstill. More recent data suggest that most of the movement is now heading back to Mexico, accounting for the drop in the illegal immigrant popula-

During the same period, the population of authorized Mexican immigrants edged higher, from 5.6 million to 5.8

Among the Mexican immigrants who leave the U.S., an estimated 5 to 35 percent are deported while the rest opt to go back voluntarily, often taking U.S.-born children with them. Those who were in the U.S. illegally and returned to Mexico also are increasingly saying they will not try to come back — about 20 percent, compared to 7 percent in 2005.

The Pew estimates come amid heightened attention on immigration in an election year where the fast-growing Hispanic population, now making up roughly 16 percent of the U.S. population, could play a key role. Arizona's law, being challenged by the Obama administration in the Supreme Court, seeks to expand the authority of state police to ask about the immigration status of anybody they stop on the rationale that federal enforcement has largely

Since Arizona's law passed in 2010, five other states Alabama, Georgia, Indiana, South Carolina and Utah have passed similar measures.

Steve A. Camarota, director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington group that advocates tighter immigration policies, said the latest numbers show that immigration policies do make a difference.

"The bottom line is that immigration is not the weather. It is something that ... can be changed," he said. "The economy is worse but enforcement is also higher, making it more difficult for immigrants to get jobs in states like Arizona. They are now making new calculations and changing their views."

Other findings: Illegal Mexican immigrants who have stayed in the U.S. for longer periods of time are now more likely to be sent back by authorities than before. About 27 percent of immigrants sent back had resided in the U.S. for a year or

more, up from 6 percent in 2005. · Despite an increase in Border Patrol agents, apprehensions of illegal immigrants at the U.S.-Mexico border have dropped sharply - from 1 million in 2005 to 286,000 in 2011, a sign that fewer illegal immigrants are trying to

 About 30 percent of all current U.S. immigrants are Mexican born, by far the most from any single country; that's down from its peak of 32 percent in 2004-2009. The next largest share comes from China (including Hong Kong and Taiwan), accounting for 5 percent of the nation's 40 million foreign-born residents.

• By region, Mexican-born immigrants in the U.S. are mostly likely found in the West (51 percent) and South (33 percent). About 58 percent now live in California and Texas, down from 63 percent in 2000 as immigrants spread out over the past decade in search of jobs in other states.

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officers entered McClain's apartment but found no one inside. Schmitt said McClain then approached investigators at the scene, telling them the Lexus was her sister's and she had driven it earlier. McClain later became a suspect when her story kept changing after being asked if she knew where the infant was, Schmitt said.

reported. Some employees have been assigned alternate job duties to take over for the striking workers, Stout said.

Still, last week Lockheed informed its customers — the military branches - about the possibility of a work stoppage as required by its federal contracts, Stout said.

Union members also were picketing Monday outside Edwards Air Force Base in California and Patuxtent River Naval Air Station in Maryland. Each flight test center has fewer than 150 union members.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District Lodge 776 represents about a quarter of the 14,000 workers at the Lockheed Martin plant. Those on strike do most of the aircraft assembly and manufacturing work on the F-35 and F-16 fighter jets or service the machines and facilities.

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Lady Harvesters feel good heading into bye week

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Saturday, the Pampa Lady Harvesters closed the regular season by playing competition to prepare them for the playoffs. Starting the bye week on Monday, Pampa feels like it got a head start on preparing for the area round.

"It let us know where we stand with faster speed of pitching and tighter defense than we are used to," junior Claire Hopkins said.

The Lady Harvesters (22-8) beat Randall 8-6 and lost to Canyon 9-2. Head coach Bobbi Gill said she was pleased with how her team competed.

"Offensively in the first game, we caught (Randall) on their heels," Gill

said. "We put up runs early. I was very pleased with getting to see different competition heading in. It was a good day.

Senior catcher Alanna Stephens said she felt good about how they played.

"Canyon didn't go



Stephens

how we would have liked it to," Stephens said. "I feel we were a bit tired after playing Randall. I feel we will be better in playoffs."

Stephens said she feels that the team is better entering the bye week than they Hopkins

were last year. "I think we are more ready and more focused on it," Stephens said. "We want

it more than we did last year." Gill said the team learned from last year

on how to handle the week. "The bye week killed us last year," Gill

said. "We are ready to play." Last season Midland Greenwood swept Pampa in the area round, its earliest exit since 2004. Hopkins said it's easier this time because they know class 3A better.

"We are working quicker to that goal we need to get to," Hopkins said. "I think we are looking stronger offensively and defensively.'

Stephens said the team can prepare better this year.

"We know what (having a bye) feels like," Stephens said. "We will be more experienced."

Pampa will face either the runner-up of District 4-3A or the third place team of District 3-3A next week.



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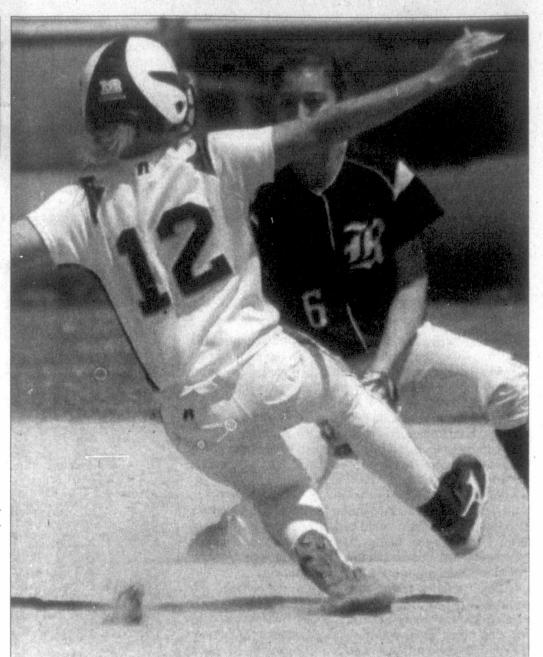


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Junior Francheska Bridwell slides into second for a steal against Randall Saturday. Pampa played Randall and Canyon to warm-up for the playoffs. The Lady Harvesters play in the area round next week.

Longtime catcher Rodriguez returns to Arlington to retire

time, the 14-time All-Star catcher said he has played his last game.

Calling it a very hard day after a great run, his eyes glistened and Rodriguez spoke slowly at first Monday as he announced his retirement. It came nearly 21 years after the fan favorite known as Pudge made his major league debut as a 19-year-old with the Rangers before later playing with five other teams.

Rodriguez was surrounded at the podium by his wife and his three children, including his 19-year-old son who is a prospect in the Minnesota Twins organization. He thanked his parents and brother who sat in the front row for supporting him since he started playing baseball at age 5 in Puerto Rico.

Rodriguez was back in Texas again. This in baseball in some capacity. Rangers president Nolan Ryan said there have already had some preliminary discussions with him about what that might be in the organization.

"I'm always going to be in baseball the rest of my life," Rodriguez said. "I'll be in baseball, and I'll be active and I'll be doing things, you'll definitely see me

Rodriguez caught a major league record 2,427 games, surpassing Carlton Fisk's record of 2,226 during a game for the Houston Astros three years ago at Rangers Ballpark. It was later that season that Pudge returned briefly to the Rangers, the team he played for the first 12 of his 21 seasons.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez said he planned to remain Pudge's career and be involved in it at had and have the impact on the organizathe start and see the player that he grew to be and the impact that he had on our organization," said Ryan, the Hall of Fame pitcher who was still playing when Rodriguez made his major league debut on June 20, 1991.

Rodriguez hit .296 with 311 home runs and 1,332 RBIs in 2,543 games overall with Texas (1991-2002, 2009), Florida (2003), Detroit (2004-08), the Yankees (2008), Houston (2009), and Washington (2010-11). His 13 Gold Gloves were the most for a catcher.

"The first time I threw to Pudge and saw him, I really thought he was going to be a good receiver, and he had a great arm, we all knew that," Ryan said. "I never anticipated or expected, I don't "It was interesting to have witnessed think, for him to have the career that he

tion that he had. It was really exciting and fun to watch."

Rodriguez, who didn't take questions during the news conference, was part of the Rangers' first three AL West titles in a four-year span in the late 1990s. He later appeared in two World Series, with the champion Florida Marlins in 2003 and Detroit in 2006.

Texas won its first three AL West titles in a four-year span in the late 1990s, but didn't win a playoff series then. Rodriguez hit .332 with 35 home runs and 113 RBIs in 1999, when he was the American League MVP.

The two-time defending AL champion Rangers have no immediate plans to retire his No. 7 jersey, but have discussed

Clemens' second perjury trial selects jury and alternates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The parties in the Roger Clemens perjury trial Monday settled on 12 jurors and four alternates who are mostly female and not baseball

There were 10 women and six men. They included a Nuclear Regulatory Commission analyst who grew up down the street from a New Jersey house rented by Yankee Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris; a supermarket cashier; an occupational therapist who once saw a game at old Griffith Stadium; an environmental lawyer who ran track in high school; a roughly 80-year-old retired college professor who was born in Germany; and a prejudicial toward Clemens,

Treasury Department official.

It was not immediately clear which ones were the alternates.

The legendary pitcher is accused of lying to Congress in 2008, when the baseball star testified that he never took steroids or human growth hormone.

On another topic, U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton ruled that former Clemens teammate Andy Pettitte will not be allowed to testify that he got his human growth hormone from Brian McNamee, the former Clemens trainer who says he provided Clemens with steroids and HGH. The judge said that would be

Clemens arrived in court with his wife, Debbie, who had not been allowed to attend his first trial during jury selection because she was to be a witness in her husband's defense. This time she stayed for that process.

Wearing a pinstriped suit, white shirt and silver-striped tie, the seven-time Cy Young Award winner took notes as his lawyers, the prosecutors and judge debated what evidence could be introduced.

Earlier Monday, the judge considered whether the defense can challenge the legitimacy of the congressional hearings. He said that if that happened, "it opens up the door to a lot of information that

would not otherwise come into evidence" from the government, including other players who admitted using performanceenhancing drugs. He said he didn't want to force the government to fight with "one hand behind their back."

Clemens chief lawyer Rusty Hardin said it was premature for Walton to rule until Hardin raised questions about the hearings. Hardin also said he wasn't challenging the legitimacy of the hearings, only their focus on Clemens' drug use, which he called a "show trial." Walton deferred a ruling on the matter.

Walton hopes to get to the first witness in the case Tuesday.



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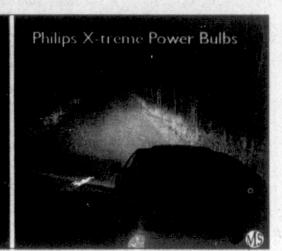
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State FarmTM estimates that 2.3 million collisions between deer and vehicles occurred in the United States during the two-year period between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2010. That number marks a 21.1 percent increase in the number of incidents from statistics gathered just five years earlier. West Virginia and Iowa rank first and second, respectively, as the states where a driver is most likely to collide with a deer.

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> · Keep in mind that deer are most active between 6 and 9 p.m. At dusk, they may be harder to see.

· Take note of posted deer crossing signs. These are erected in places where deer are most actively crossing.

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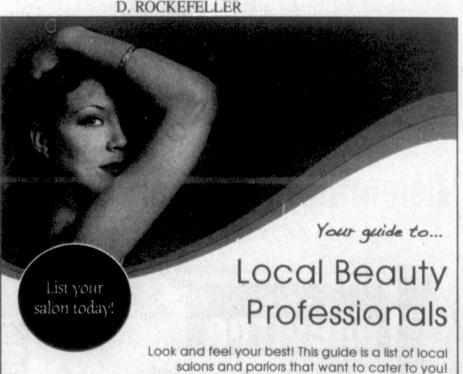
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

ABBY: Two you to do. weeks ago I got a memorial tattoo done for my beloved grandma. It's on my arm and says "in loving memory" at er yard tools so they can make the top. Gram's portrait is underneath, and a beautiful poem my grandpa wrote for do? - LOVE THY NEIGHher is under the portrait. The BOR tattoo artist did a phenomenal job! It looks just like her and I How responsible are the was thrilled with the results.

a picture on Facebook of the distant cousin sent me a meswas "selfish and attentionseeking behavior"! He said he one because of it.

I love this tattoo. I wanted to appreciation. honor the woman who meant so much to me. Did I honor worker "Oscar" is a grouchy, upon, bring headphones, if her the wrong way like he bitter man. His cubicle is it's allowed, so you won't be says? Was I selfish? I'm so close to mine, so I can hear subjected to the daily dose hurt, I guess I'm just looking everything he says. He con- of negativity. for some input into this. My stantly talks about other emfriends and family say he's jealous and not to give it another thought, but I'm obsessing. Please help. - HONOR-ING GRANDMA

HONORING DEAR **GRANDMA: Please accept** my sympathy for your obviously heartfelt loss. Your family and friends are correct that your cousin's comments are out of line. You are not responsible for your cousin's feelings, so stop obsessing. Whatever has hurt him "in more ways than one" is not your tattoo, or anything you posted on Facebook.

You say he is distant. Keep it that way and concentrate on something positive like the fact that you have honored your grandmother's memory. Then go on and build a happy and constructive life. I'm sure that is what she would want DEAR ABBY: My neighowners of the company.

bors' teenage sons ask to borrow our lawn mower and othmoney cutting the grass for other neighbors. What do we

NEIGHBOR: DEAR boys? If they can be trusted KY. The problem is, I posted with your lawn mower and other yard tools and you're TIVITY: The first thing tattoo, and out of the blue a kind-hearted, allow them to use the items with the unsage telling me that the tattoo derstanding that they will be returned to you in the same condition in which was hurt in more ways than they were borrowed. Then have them cut YOUR lawn Abby, I don't understand. as a way of showing their

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Yesterday's Answer: OCCULT, UNWRAP, AUGUST,

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Oscar's general bitterness and poor attitude constantly bring me down. I have tried tuning him out, unsuccessfully. I don't like being subjected to this daily, but I don't know what I can do about it. Please help. — NEEDS POS-ITIVITY IN LEXINGTON,

DEAR NEEDS POSIyou should do is tell Oscar that you can hear every word he's saying because he may not know that he's being overheard. Tell him his conversations are distracting and ask him to stop. If he does not comply, complain to a supervisor. And if your complaint is not acted

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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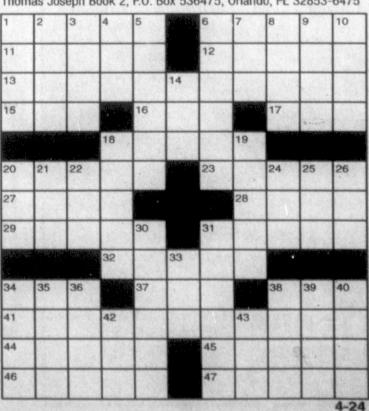
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Highway hypnosis can be dangerous



Road trips are a popular getof accidents for a number of

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off of the road.

According U.S. Department main cause of roadway departure crashes is driver drowsifatigue is often caused by and get some fresh air. highway hypnosis.

away once the weather warms known as "white line fever," up. People take to the roads in occurs when someone has droves, whether for vacations been driving a vehicle along or simply to enjoy the scenery a long stretch of roadway for along the way. With more an extended period of time. people on the highways, there The monotony of a long drive could be a heightened risk can induce sleepiness or forgetfulness. It can lull the brain into a sort of trance, and the Though road rage, driving body is essentially operating while intoxicated and other on auto pilot while the mind is road dangers are well docu- off somewhere else. Highway mented, many people do not hypnosis is most common know about something called during the late-night hours highway hypnosis — which when the time of day also

The concept of highway Think about a time when hypnosis is nothing new. In you were behind the wheel of fact, engineers who created a car on a long stretch of road, the Indiana Toll Road in 1957 such as an interstate. Perhaps designed curves every two you lost track of the exits you miles on average to allow for passed or wondered how you a variation in the road condiended up in a particular loca- tions. Many other roadways tion when you don't remem- are built with rumble strips or ber getting there. Maybe you other variations in the scenery actually fell asleep or drifted to reduce the monotony of the road.

the Highway hypnosis occurs of more than people would like Transportation's Federal to believe. However, there are Highway Administration, the ways to help prevent highway hypnosis.

· Take frequent rests on a ness and inattention. Driver long trip to stretch your legs

• Try not to drive during the

Highway hypnosis, also hours that you are normally sleeping.

> · Bring a road trip partner along and make conversation. · Don't eat a big meal before

beginning a long car ride. · Open the windows and get circulation going."

· Keep your eyes moving between your mirrors and the road to improve conscious thought.

· If you are still unable to fend of feelings of drowsiness or some of the other symptoms of hypnosis, pull over and take a long rest until you feel more capable to drive.

What to do with a cracked windshield

spreading.

The scenario is all too common. Drivers are traveling down the road, and a pebble gets kicked up and hits into their windshield, causing a small chip to appear. Slowly but surely that chip turns into a spreading, snaking crack that only gets worse with each bump and

Having a broken windshield is not only unsightly and a big inconvenience, it can also be illegal. That's because the crack reduces the efficacy of the window safety composition, meaning it may shatter in the event of an impact accident and cause extensive injuries. The crack also may impede a driver's ability to see the road clearly.

It's important to note that liability car insurance typically doesn't cover a cracked windshield that occurs in a collision. Instead, drivers hoping to be covered need to have collision insurance on their vehicle. However, not all windshields crack in a car accident. Many are damaged in nonaccident related circumstances, whether this be a tree branch that falls on the car or a rock kicked up from the roadway. It's important to read an insurance policy thoroughly to be sure that nonaccident related cracks to the windshield will be covered.

Even if the damage is covered, it may not be worth the expense of paying the insurance deductible and filing a claim, which may end up raising your rate in the long run.

Many small nicks can be repaired easily with a kit purchased from an automotive sup-

ply store. Inexpensive and user-friendly, the instructions guide users through the process

of sealing the crack and preventing it from

If the crack is beyond the scope of a doit-yourself fix, a windshield repair service that specializes in this type of work might be necessary. These companies use products that harden quickly and reglaze the windshield so that the crack may not even be noticeable

Upon inspection, a mechanic or a windshield replacement company may determine that the crack is not something that can be mended. The entire windshield will have to be replaced at this point. In some cases the windshield can be removed and replaced in the same day.

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Finding your way Today's drivers rely heavily on GPS technology, or

global positioning system devices. GPS has revolutionized the way people drive and use maps and directions.

While there are no hard statistics on the number of people who own GPS devices, thousands of people have either a GPS device that comes pre-equipped in a car that they purchased or a stand-alone device that was bought after the fact. These devices come pre-loaded with maps that work with satellites in space. The GPS receiver figures out the distance to each and uses this information to deduce the location of the device in a process called trilateration.

GPS devices have made paper maps obsolete for many people. While GPS devices can be very convenient, especially on road trips, there are some tips to keep in mind.

 Place the GPS device where it won't obstruct your vision or take your eyes off of the road for a good deal

• Don't treat the GPS as if it is infallible. Even with map updates and other accessories, a GPS can still make mistakes. Use common sense, especially where it would seem the GPS is guiding you in the wrong way.

If you need to adjust something on the GPS, do so only after pulling over to a safe area.

· Have a general idea where you are going so you'll know if the GPS is potentially guiding you in the wrong



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