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Relay's Survivors and Caretakers Dinner tonight

■ *Scholarship winners to be announced, Sackett, Brames to make appearances*

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The Relay for Life Survivors and Caretakers Dinner is tonight, and local American Cancer Society chair

and Relay for Life organizer Christy Robinson can't wait.

"We've been working on this for a while now," she said. "This is something that we do for the survivors and the caretakers, and we love to do it

every year."

The dinner, which is sponsored and catered by Pampa's local Altrusa Club, is set for 6:30 p.m. at Briarwood Church. Lynn Hancock, Briarwood's head pastor, will announce the winners of three Relay for Life scholarships — two from Clarendon College for \$500 and one backed by M&H Leasing for \$1,000 — during the dinner.

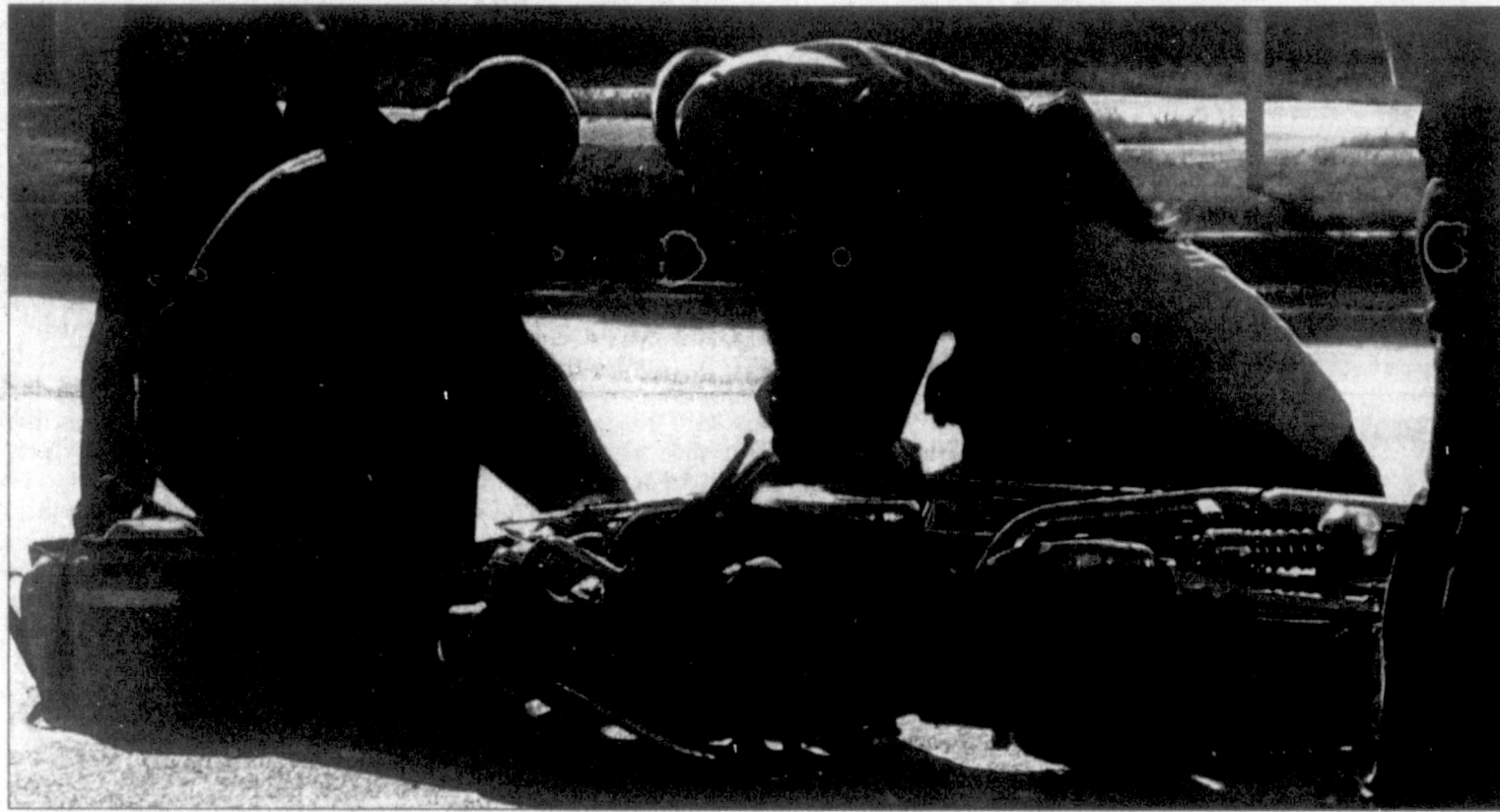
This is the first year that the scholarships will be part of the Relay tradition,

and Robinson is excited to reward the winners.

"I think (the dinner) is going to be a great success because of having the scholarships," she said. "That's something new and it's something we just jumped off and tried, and of course, the town was so receptive to it and honored it. We offered them to anyone in Gray County, which is Lefors and McLean also, and so that worked out really well because that drew them into it."

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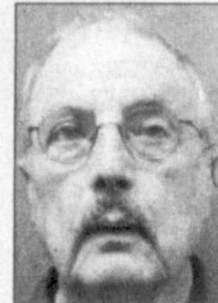
staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

Authorities and first responders tend to a downed motorist after a two-vehicle accident between a motorcycle and a white Honda Accord at the intersection of Francis and Ward near downtown Pampa on Sunday. The motorcyclist was reported unconscious after the wreck and was taken from the scene by an ambulance; those involved in the accident were still unidentified as of press time. More on the accident in the Tuesday edition of The Pampa News.

Oklahoma man nabbed with drugs

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Texas Department of Public Safety officers arrested an Oklahoma man for drugs Thursday morning following a traffic stop.



Murphy

Around 11 a.m., DPS officers pulled over a vehicle for a traffic violation, and asked for consent to search. When the driver, Earl Murphy, 69, of Norman, Okla., denied the search, officers used a K-9, which then located marijuana in the vehicle.

Murphy was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, in an amount of five pounds or less but greater than four ounces.

He remains in custody on a \$7,500 bond.

Proactive parents can help combat childhood obesity

(Editor's Note: This article is the first in a weekly series, "Eye on Health," in which local health care professionals will discuss common medical issues, their treatments, prevention measures, and other relevant topics.)

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Childhood obesity has more than tripled in the past 30 years, with 20 percent of kids in the United States obese in 2008, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Pediatrician Dr. Freeman-Ladd, of the Pampa Regional Medical Center, attributes this problem to a changing society, where exercise is minimal and exposure to fast foods and unhealthy diets has gone way up.

"A lot of the kids are prob-

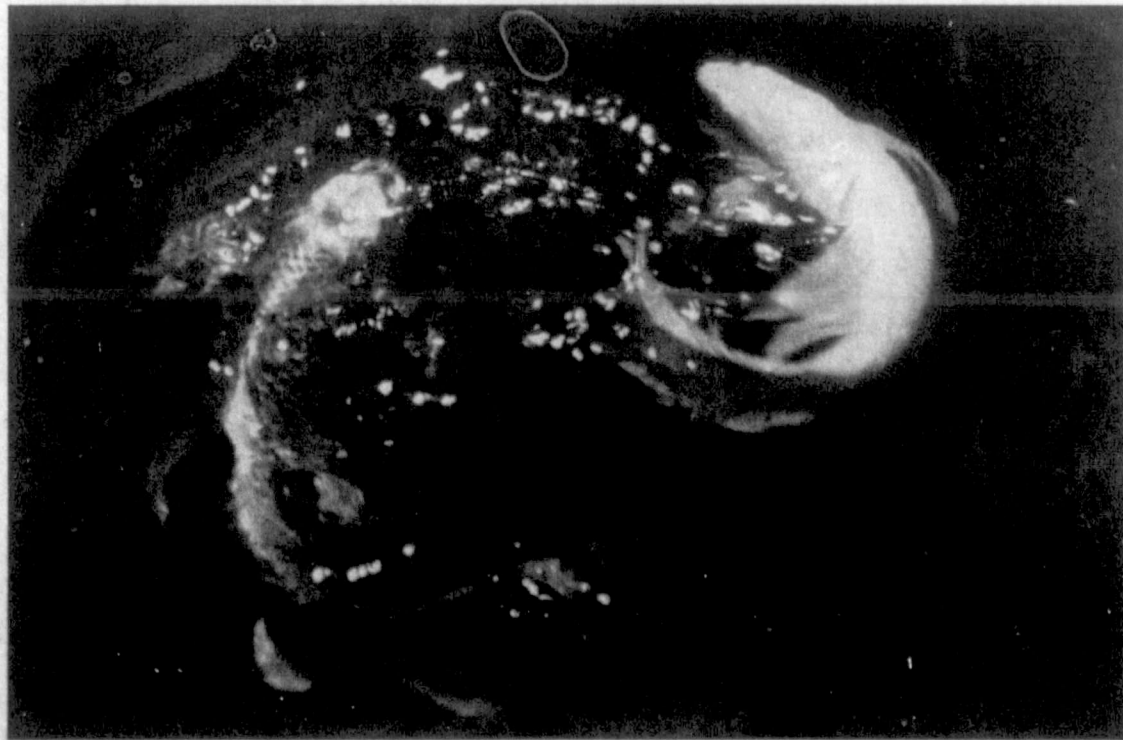


ably exposed to eating out more, because before, where there may have only been one parent providing and working in the house, now you have both parents (working), so there's no one there per se to cook, so you have to go out a little bit more often," she said. "It's easier to have a box of pizza and go by McDonald's than cook a home-cooked meal."

"I think another thing that influences (childhood obesity) is the technological world," she added. "...I think overall, our kids are lazier, and their eating habits are poorer than before, so that tends to increase obesity."

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KOI, OH KOI



staff photo by **Bernie Frazier**

A pair of flame-colored koi carp frolic in a pond at the home of Phil and Gladys Vanderpool. The Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society held its annual koi pond tour benefit on Saturday; more photos from the homes on the tour can be found in Tuesday's edition of The Pampa News.

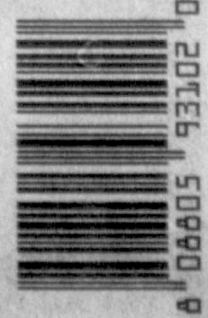
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
		
High 97 Low 70	High 92 Low 66	High 89 Low 67

Today: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 70. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 92. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 89. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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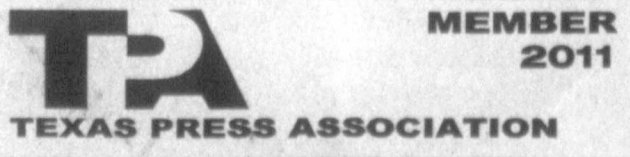
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Stiff winds fueling Colorado wildfires

DENVER (AP) — Crews in northern Colorado are facing powerful winds as they battle a blaze that has scorched about 86 square miles of mountainous forest land and destroyed at least 181 homes, the most in state history. Meanwhile, local authorities are focusing on another concern — looting.

The destructiveness of the High Park Fire burning 15 miles west of Fort Collins surpassed the Fourmile Canyon wildfire, which destroyed 169 homes west of Boulder in September 2010.

More than 1,630 personnel are working on the Fort Collins-area fire, which was sparked by lightning and is 45 percent contained.

Julie Berney with the Larimer County Sheriff's Office said firefighters can expect winds of 30 mph with gusts of up to 50 mph Sunday. Some rain moved through Saturday evening, but it wasn't enough to quell the fire.

"The problem is that when you have a fire like this, even if it rains it evaporates before it hits the ground," Berney said.

On Sunday afternoon, high winds prompted fire managers to ground all helicopters working on the blaze and to send 96 notices to residents, ordering the immediate evacuation of the Hewlett Gulch Subdivision in the Poudre Canyon area north of the fire. It was unclear how many homes were affected.

A red flag warning has been issued for the area until 8 p.m. Sunday, and temperatures could reach 90 degrees, the hottest day since the fire was reported June 9.

But incident commander Bill Hahnenberg said he was pleased with the firefighters' progress, while also acknowledging that high winds could be a test.

"A scenario could be we'll lose some line, and then we just go after it the next day and the next day," he said. "We're going to do everything we can to protect facilities, and we're prepared to do that."

As firefighters try to get the upper hand on the blaze, which has burned large swaths of private and U.S. Forest Service land, local authorities have dispatched roving patrols to combat looting.

On Sunday, deputies arrested 30-year-old Michael Stillman Maher, of Denver, on charges including theft and impersonating a firefighter. The sheriff's department said Maher was driving through the fire zone with phony firefighter credentials and a stolen government license plate.

His truck was later seen near a bar in Laporte, and investigators say they found a firearm and stolen property in the vehicle.

"There's a handful out there that are taking advantage of others," said Sheriff Justin Smith, adding that "if somebody's sneaking around back there, we're going to find them."

Also Sunday, a fire erupted in the foothills west of Colorado Springs, prompting the evacuation of some cabins and a recreation area near the Elevenmile Canyon Reservoir. U.S. Forest Service spokesman Ralph Bellah told The Gazette (<http://bit.ly/MiQvne>) that the fire was reported at about 12:30 p.m. and quickly grew to up to 100 acres.

Meanwhile, a fire near Pagosa Springs in the southwestern part of the state has grown to 11,617 acres and is 30 percent contained. Hot, dry conditions Sunday are expected to fuel the fire, which was sparked by lightning May 13.

Across the West:

• **California:** Authorities are evacuating homes in eastern San Diego County as firefighters battle a 100-acre wildfire that has destroyed one structure. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection says the fire began Sunday afternoon in a rural area northeast of Campo and near the Golden Acorn Casino.

• **New Mexico:** A wildfire in southern New Mexico has destroyed 242 homes and businesses, and firefighters are working to increase containment and keep an eye out for possible lightning.

The 59-square-mile Little Bear Fire in Ruidoso is 60 percent contained. Dan Bastion, a spokesman for crews fighting the fire, says most of the fire is in the mop-up stage, but crews need to build more containment on the fire's active west side to deprive it of fuel.

• **Arizona:** Firefighters are focusing on protecting electrical transmission lines near a 3,100-acre blaze on the Tonto National Forest in northern Arizona. Officials say hot weather and steep slopes remain a concern, and firefighters are on the alert for thunderstorms and possible lightning strikes. The fire is 15 percent contained.

Parents of shot Texas teen plead for help

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The parents of a Texas high school graduate shot to death outside a Florida nightclub are asking for the public's help in finding out what happened to their son.

The Orlando Sentinel reported the family of 18-year-old Dino Cannon made a tearful plea for information Saturday.

Cannon, who graduated from Killeen High School in Texas less than two weeks ago, was celebrating his graduation with his family in Orlando when he was shot outside the Limelight club early Friday.

Investigators say an argument took place inside the club earlier in the evening. A man was escorted from the venue but then waited out-

side for Cannon to leave.

Daphne Cannon said her only son was shot protecting one of his four older sisters, according to a report by the Killeen Daily Herald. The mother said the man accosted one of her daughters inside the club. Dino responded, a fight broke out and the man was kicked out.

"(The shooter) came upon them in the alley and began to try to hit my daughter again and my son went up there to stop them, from my understanding, and this guy pulled out his gun and shot him twice in his heart," Daphne Cannon said. "That was always Dino's thing — he was always so protective of his sisters. That was just his personality."

Cannon's parents are asking anyone who may have seen the fight or

shooting to contact police. No arrests have been made.

About 100 stunned friends and classmates gathered Friday afternoon in the Killeen High School auditorium, where school administrators and counselors were made available.

Dino Cannon was a Texas Scholastic graduate and two-year letterman on the Kangaroos football team.

"He's a model of our school. He was the kind of kid other kids looked up to," said Michael Sibber-son, Killeen High School principal. "I'm sick. It's not been a good thing for me all day to think someone that had so much potential — because he was headed places — is not with us anymore."

Obituaries

Irene Vitela, 60

PORTLAND — Irene Vitela, 60, died Thursday, June 14, 2012, in Corpus Christi.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Vitela was born October 30, 1951 in Petersburg. She had been a resident of Portland since 2009, moving from Perryton.

She is survived by four daughters: Josie Braddock of

Pampa, LaVern Gonzales and Molly Valenzuela, both of Perryton, and Crystal Sheets of San Antonio; a son; Rene Valenzuela of Taylor; three brothers: David Vitela of Austin, Felix Vitela and Ernest Vietla, both of Portland; five sisters: Stella Alonzo, Christina Flores and Isabel Vitela, all of Big Spring, Ada Trevino of Portland, and Mary Vitela of Sherman; 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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For the record

Police Department

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

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 16 animal-related incidents.

Pampa PD reported 10 traffic-related incidents.

Pampa EMS responded to one medical call.

Thursday, June 14

Criminal mischief oc-

curred at the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 600 block of North Hobart.

A dumpster fire occurred at the 1000 block of Sir-roco.

A theft occurred at the 800 block of North Nelson.

A threat occurred at the 1400 block of North Banks.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 400 block of Pitts.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block

of South Nelson.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 700 block of North Russell and the 100 block of Village.

Friday, June 15

A threat occurred at the 1100 block of South Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Foster and Starkweather and the 1000 block of Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1200 block of South Finley.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, June 14

Earl Wayne Murphy, 69, was arrested by DPS officers for possession of marijuana.

John Allen Jeffries, 22, was arrested by deputies for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Terry Joe Miller, 51, was arrested by deputies for theft of property.

Francisco Perez Torres, 28, was arrested by deputies on a probation violation of driving while intoxicated.

Eduardo Enrique Quezada-Muro, 21, was arrested by deputies on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.

Ashley Dawn Ragan, 34, was arrested by police for stalking.

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Fort Hood suspect's hearing set

FORT HOOD (AP) — A pretrial hearing has been rescheduled for Tuesday in the murder case against an Army psychiatrist charged in the Fort Hood shooting rampage.

According to a Sunday statement from Fort Hood, a judge will consider whether to postpone Maj. Nidal Hasan's trial from Aug. 20 until Dec. 3.

The trial judge, Col. Gregory Gross, called off a June 8 pretrial hearing after Hasan appeared in court wearing a beard. He said Hasan's appearance violated Army regulations and was considered a disruption to the proceedings.

Hasan faces the death penalty if convicted of 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 attack.

Two killed in Fort Worth crash

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two women were killed when one motorist stepped from a disabled sport utility vehicle and was hit by another SUV, which then slammed into the disabled vehicle.

The strange sequence unfolded just before 4 a.m. Sunday on Interstate 820 in far western Fort Worth. Officer Daniel Segura says a woman lost control of her SUV, which struck a guardrail and spun 180 degrees.

The driver stepped out and was standing in the highway when another SUV struck and killed her before slamming head-on into her SUV. The woman at the wheel of that vehicle died in the crash.

Okla. employment hits high

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission says the state reached an all-time high of more than 1.7 million persons employed in May.

Commission officials say Oklahoma's jobless rate fell to 4.8 percent from 5 percent in April. Statistics show 85,120 people were unemployed last month.

May's rate also is below the 5.9 percent jobless rate in May 2011.

Officials say seasonally adjusted non-farm employment dropped by 1,900 jobs.

Among the super sectors, mining and logging gained 1,300 jobs; construction added 800 jobs and 600 jobs were gained in the educational and health services. But 2,100 jobs were lost in the professional and business services super sector; 1,400 were lost in trade, transportation and utilities and leisure and hospitality lost 500 jobs.

Nationwide, the unemployment rate is 8.2 percent.

Prison worker caught smuggling

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico authorities say a female prison employee was caught bringing large amounts of heroin and cocaine to an inmate that she identified as her fiancé.

Corrections spokeswoman Rosie Sais declined to release the employee's name, her position or say how many drugs were involved in the bust.

She says that information is being withheld until a Monday news conference in downtown Albuquerque.

She also says that the employee was not arrested but that charges against her were pending.

Sais says that the bust is the largest drug bust at the Southern New Mexico Corrections Facility, near Las Cruces, and one of the largest in department history.

Sais says police will provide photos of the drugs and an audio clip of a phone call between the employee and the inmate.

N.M. ends straight ticket voting

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A fixture on ballots for decades, the option to vote a straight party ticket is disappearing in New Mexico and won't be available when people head to the polls in November.

Voters historically could easily choose to support a party's entire slate of candidates by making just one mark on the ballot or pressing a single button or level on a machine. But Secretary of State Dianna Duran has decided not to allow that in this year's general election because there's no provision in state law specifically authorizing it.

"Her job is to follow the law," said Ken Ortiz, the secretary of state's chief of staff.

What remains unclear is whether elimination of the straight-ticket option will disproportionately help or hurt Democratic or Republican candidates.

"This could have major implications," said Brian Sanderoff, an Albuquerque pollster and longtime observer of New Mexico elections.

One killed, one jailed in wreck

DALLAS (AP) — Police are blaming a wrong way driver for a deadly four-vehicle crash on a freeway north-west of downtown Dallas.

The crash happened about 7:30 a.m. Sunday on Interstate 35E northbound at Texas 356. A police statement says a car driving south in northbound lanes of the freeway slammed into at least three other vehicles, killing the driver in one vehicle that was hit broadside. The statement identified her as 33-year-old Maria Vasquez.

Santiago Morin-Gonzalez has been charged with intoxication manslaughter as the wrong-way driver. The 21-year-old Dallas man is jailed without bond. No attorney is listed for him in jail records.

JUNETEENTH BARBECUE



Keith Watie tosses his wings during the Juneteenth celebration at the Southside Senior Citizen Center on Saturday.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

Cartel laundering cases tough but critical

McALLEN (AP) — When it comes to arresting drug traffickers and dismantling organized crime, the investigation into a U.S. horse racing operation allegedly laundering money for one of Mexico's most powerful cartels is rare — and difficult to prosecute.

Unlike most drug busts, the backbone of sophisticated money laundering cases is a complicated trail of paper — reams of bank, tax and property records — that usually take years to track. But hitting organized crime where it hurts the most — the money flow — is the most effective way to shut the crime networks down, investigators say.

"The money is much more valuable to the trafficker than the drugs are," said John Kirby, a former federal prosecutor in San Diego, who worked on money laundering cases against the Arellano-Felix cartel, among others. "If you want to hurt these guys that's how you do it, because that's the end product. That's what they really want. And if you can try to take that away, then you're really having an impact."

During his 10 years in the U.S. Attorney's office, Kirby said he prosecuted hundreds of drug traffickers. "I had eight good money laundering cases. They're just hard."

Chasing organized crime's money flow isn't a new tactic. The same racketeering laws being used against Mexican cartels today are the ones that targeted the mafia in the 1970s. Money laun-

dering was spelled out as a federal crime with a 20-year maximum sentence per count in 1986 as law enforcement officials increasingly recognized that just seizing the drugs wasn't enough to bring down traffickers.

In this latest case, federal agents raided an Oklahoma ranch, a New Mexico quarter horse race track and sites in Texas on Tuesday, alleging a brother of a leader in the Zetas drug cartel was using a horse-breeding operation to launder money. Millions of dollars went through the operation, which bought, trained, bred and raced quarter horses throughout the southwest United States, the indictment says.

Eight people were arrested, including Jose Trevino Morales and his wife in Oklahoma. Two of his brothers and four others remain at large.

"That case will be a model, a blueprint for a long time to come of how we need to take on these 21st-century criminal techniques," said Douglas Leff, who was chief of the FBI's Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Unit before recently returning to New York. He expects more cases because of a 2010 Mexican banking law that makes it difficult to deposit U.S. dollars into accounts across the border. That means cartels will do more money laundering in the U.S., he says.

"If we can follow the

money successfully, that's going to be the avenue that leads us to the top of the food chain rather than somebody who's just a trusted manager," said Leff, who spent some time on the case while at headquarters.

The government's investigation into the horse operation began in January 2010 with a tip from an informant in Mexico that two Trevinos at the top of the Zetas organization were the real buyers behind two quarter horses that sold for more than \$1.1 million at an auction in Oklahoma City, according to court records. The IRS had its own investigation of Jose Trevino, and the investigations merged in February 2011.

Usually the drug cash was smuggled back into Mexico and run through currency exchanges for an initial rinsing. Then the Trevino brothers recruited Mexican businessmen to wire payment or write checks for horses bought in the U.S. to make the transactions appear legitimate. They would reimburse them in cash. At other times, workers for the Zetas' Dallas cocaine distributor passed drug cash directly to Jose Trevino — at least once at a Wal-Mart outside Dallas — cutting out the return trip to Mexico, court records say.

One informant told investigators that he distributed \$4 million in

horse-related expenses in one year for the Zetas and all the money came from drug proceeds.

Kenneth Rijock, who was a banking lawyer in Miami before spending a decade as a money launderer for Colombian drug traffickers, noted the Zetas' scheme had a number of flaws. Jose Trevino's ranch stood out among his neighbors. And Rijock called the fact that Trevino and his wife reported a combined income of \$58,000 in 2009 — the same year Trevino was telling people he bought a winner of a horse for \$25,000 — "insane."

"That guy should be making half a million dollars or more," said Rijock, author of "The Laundry Man," who since serving a federal prison sentence has trained law enforcement agents and banking officials in money laundering detection.

"In the world of money laundering you're only limited by your imagination," he said. "And what money launderers do is they stay up nights and weekends just to find new targets of opportunity."

Any business from perfume to race horses has potential to be a front for organized crime. Some are natural fits, such as art and antiques where people are private about transactions, willing to accept cash and don't keep good records for tax purposes.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, June 18, the 170th day of 2012. There are 196 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 18, 1812, the War of 1812 began as the United States Congress approved, and President James Madison signed, a declaration of war against Britain.

On this date:

In 1778, American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary War.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.

In 1873, suffragist Susan B. Anthony was found guilty by a judge in Canandaigua (kan-an-DAY'-gwuh), N.Y., of breaking the law by casting a vote in the 1872 presidential election. (The judge fined Anthony \$100, but she never paid the penalty.)

In 1908, William Howard Taft was nominated for president by the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

In 1912, the Republican National Convention, which would nominate President William Howard Taft for another term of office, opened in Chicago.

In 1940, during World War II, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill urged his countrymen to conduct themselves in a manner that would prompt future generations to say, "This was their finest hour." Charles de Gaulle delivered a speech on the BBC in which he rallied his countrymen after the fall of France to Nazi Germany.

In 1945, William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was charged in London with high treason for his English-language wartime broadcasts on German radio. (He was hanged in January 1946.)

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower expressed support for his chief of staff, Sherman Adams, who was accused of improperly accepting gifts from a businessman. (Adams resigned in September 1958.)

In 1972, 118 people were killed in the crash of a Brussels-bound British European Airways Hawker Siddeley Trident 1C shortly after takeoff from London Heathrow Airport.

In 1979, President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev signed the SALT II strategic arms limitation treaty in Vienna.

In 1983, astronaut Sally K. Ride became America's first woman in space as she and four colleagues blasted off aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Georgia v. McCollum*, ruled that criminal defendants could not use race as a basis for excluding potential jurors from their trials. Entertainer Peter Allen died in San Diego County, Calif., at age 48.

Ten years ago: A Palestinian detonated a nail-studded bomb in a Jerusalem bus, killing 19 passengers and himself. President George W. Bush sent to Congress his detailed proposal for creation of a new Homeland Security Department. Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura announced he would not seek a second term.

Five years ago: Nine firefighters died in a fire at a furniture store and warehouse in Charleston, S.C. Yahoo Inc. Chairman Terry Semel ended his 6-year tenure as chief executive officer, handing over the reins to co-founder Jerry Yang. Vilma Espin Guillois, wife of acting President Raul Castro and a former rebel fighter, died in Havana, Cuba, at age 77.

One year ago: President Hamid Karzai acknowledged that the U.S. and Afghan governments had held talks with Taliban emissaries in a bid to end the nation's nearly 10-year war. British singer Amy Winehouse was heavily booed for being late and displaying erratic behavior on stage during a concert in Belgrade, Serbia. Yelena Bonner, 88, a Russian rights activist and widow of Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakharov, died in Boston. Clarence Clemons, the saxophone player for the E Street Band who was one of the key influences in Bruce Springsteen's life and music, died in Florida at age 69.

Today's Birthdays: Rock singer-composer-musician Sir Paul McCartney is 70. Movie critic Roger Ebert is 70. Actress Constance McCashin is 65. Actress Linda Thorson is 65. Rock musician John Evans (The Box Tops) is 64. Actress Isabella Rossellini is 60. Actress Carol Kane is 60. Actor Brian Benben is 56. Actress Andrea Evans is 55. Rock singer Alison Moyet is 51. Rock musician Dizzy Reed (Guns N' Roses) is 49. Country singer-musician Tim Hunt is 45. Rock singer-musician Sice (The Boo Radleys) is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nathan Morris (Boyz II Men) is 41. Actress Mara Hobel is 41. Rapper Silk the Shocker is 37. Actress Alana de la Garza is 36. Country singer Blake Shelton is 36. Rock musician Steven Chen (Airborne Toxic Event) is 34. Actor David Giuntoli ("Grimm") is 32. Actress Renee Olstead is 23.

Thought for Today: "Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking." Bernard M. Baruch, American businessman and statesman (1870-1965).



Mark Hanna, unfortunately, was right

Mark Hanna, the Cleveland industrialist who managed the winning presidential campaign of his fellow Ohio Republican William McKinley, offered this timeless insight: "There are two things that are important in politics. The first is money, and I can't remember what the second is."



MARK SHIELDS

Today, well over a century later, Hanna is sadly still right. After the Watergate and fundraising scandal of Republican Richard Nixon's 1972 winning re-election campaign, Americans adopted a reform law under which presidential candidates who complied with limits on their campaign contributions and expenditures receive public matching funds for their primary campaigns. Under the same law, the presidential nominees of the two major parties would, as long as they pledged not to collect any private contributions, received a lump sum grant to run their general election campaigns.

Critics of the reform law condemned the public funding as "food stamps for politicians." But Ronald Reagan in his three White House bids abided by the law's limits on what his campaign could receive and on what it could spend. The Gipper (whom no one accused of being a closet socialist) cashed checks from the U.S. Treasury to finance completely both his winning presidential campaigns.

George H.W. Bush did the same. So, too, did Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, Michael Dukakis, Bob Dole, Al Gore, John McCain and Walter Mondale. George W. Bush accepted pub-

lic funding for both of his winning general-election campaigns.

The stated intention of the reform law was to create a "level playing field" by limiting the influence of and the candidates' reliance upon big money. The reform law in the eight presidential elections from 1976 up until 2008 guaranteed financial parity for the post-convention campaigns of the Democratic and Republican nominees. Because Republicans are the more anti-regulation, pro-private-sector party, with greater claim upon the deepest pockets of American business, the reform law's "level playing field" deprived the GOP of a major fundraising advantage.

As uncomfortable as it is for Democrats to admit, Barack Obama in 2008 chose to ignore the reform law and instead to become the first presidential nominee since Richard Nixon to run his general election -- with no spending limits -- exclusively by raising private money. And raise it he did. According to the final reports, the 2008 Obama campaign outspent Republican John McCain by better than two to one, \$745 million to \$368 million.

But 2008 was the aberrational political year, when the Obama campaign became for millions a crusade. That was then. This is

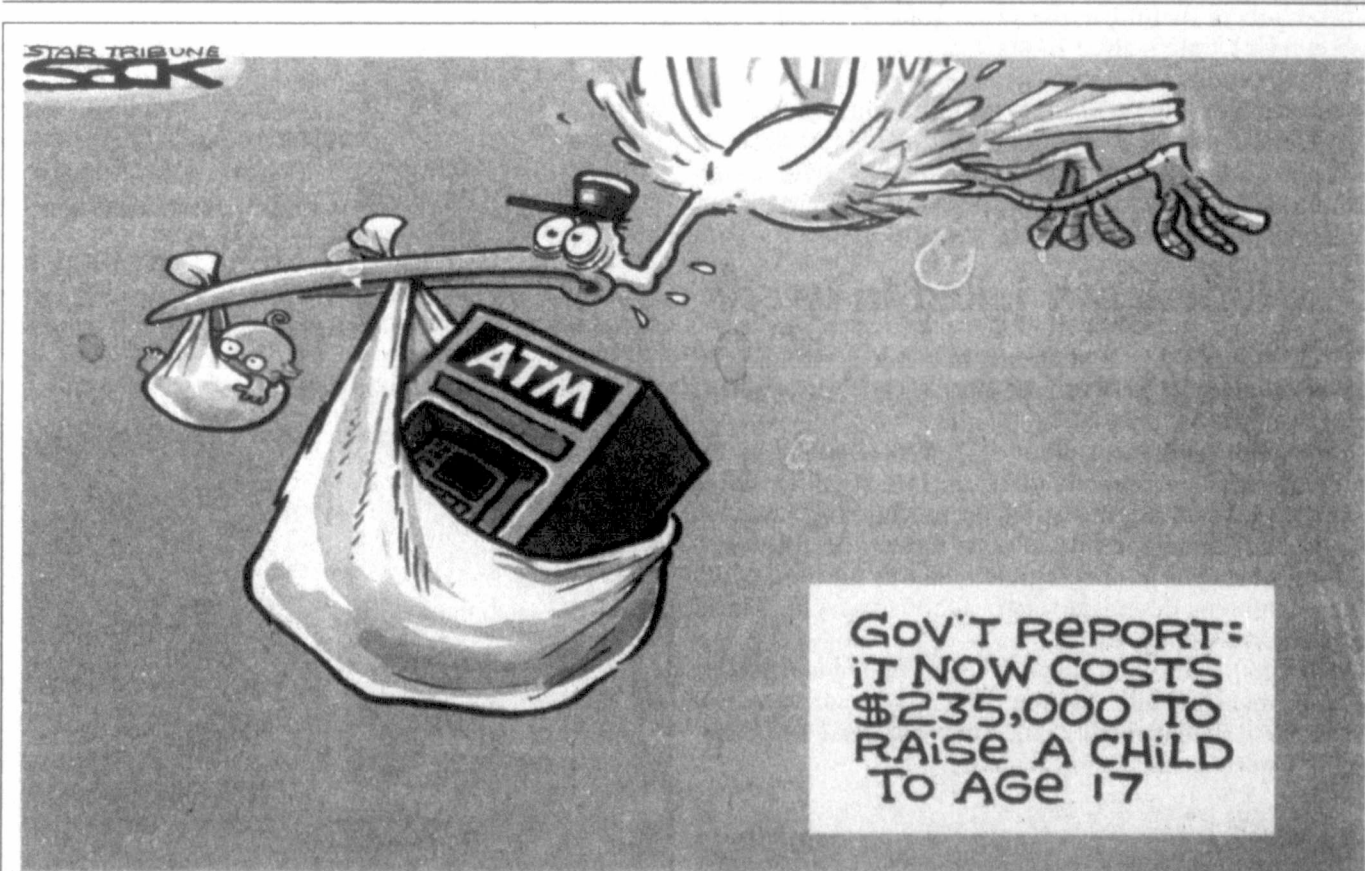
now. As the incumbent president continuing to wield executive power, Barack Obama is still able to raise a lot of "protection" contributions from business interests. But whoever captures the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination will be at an enormous fundraising disadvantage against the Republican nominee when the corporate and financial crowd will be free to give, with impunity, to the GOP.

Add to this the senseless Supreme Court decisions that, for the first time since Teddy Roosevelt's presidency, enable corporations to spend directly -- and even anonymously -- to back or attack candidates and make America safe for millionaires to donate millions to phony, so-called "independent" groups that are frequently operated by the candidate's closest supporters.

According to the trusted Center for Responsive Politics, "Business interests dominate, with an overall advantage over organized labor of about 15 to one."

Then we have the new celebrity donors, such as Las Vegas-Macau casino billionaire Sheldon Adelson, who has already donated \$35 million to Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney. The "level playing field" lasted only 32 years. When money speaks, the truth is silenced.

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Ronnie Wood (from left), Bryan Guymon, Scott Hahn, Duane Harp, Richard Morris, Barb Hahn, Sheila Webb, Darville Orr, Keith Demetriades, and Ken Rheams welcome Demetriades as an Edward Jones advisor at the office at North Hobart.



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Darville Orr (from left), Pat Mitchell, Charles Henry, Braxton Reagan, Graysen Reagan, Loyd Waters, Britteny Reagan, Mike Keagy, Sheila Webb, Louise Kephart, Roy Morriss, Morgan Reagan, Ronnie Wood, Talon Caldwell, Pat Montoya and Jim Kephart are present as the Top O' Texas Goldcoats visit U-Top-It at 1122 Alcock.

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Teen in video beating case arrested (again)

HOUSTON (AP) — As he testified last month at the first of potentially several trials of ex-Houston police officers accused of beating him during a 2010 burglary arrest, Chad Holley explained to jurors that his brush with the law was an aberration and that he was planning to go to college to get his life on track.

But less than two months after Holley, now 18, finished probation for that burglary, he has been accused of committing another one. His latest arrest could be problematic not just for him but for prosecutors, who have indicted three other officers for their roles in the teen's alleged beating, which was captured on videotape.

In the first trial, a jury acquitted ex-Houston police officer Andrew Blomberg on a misdemeanor charge of official oppression, prompting black community leaders to criticize the verdict by an all-white jury as unjust and racist. Blomberg's defense attorneys had said he never kicked Holley, who is black, but was only trying to secure a potentially armed suspect. Holley testified he wasn't resisting arrest.

In a statement, Harris County District Attorney Pat Lykos declined to comment on how Holley's new arrest might affect how prosecutors proceed, saying she doesn't want publicity resulting in the pending trials being moved to another jurisdiction.

But some legal experts say while Holley's new arrest doesn't derail the criminal cases against the three other indicted ex-officers it will make it harder for prosecutors to prevail.

"Most of the citizens of Harris County don't want to punish a police officer if they think that they were doing God's work in their duties and if they think, 'Well you know Mr. Holley is a burglar and the other officer has already been acquitted.' I think it makes it difficult to get a conviction," said Keith Hampton, a Houston attorney familiar with the case.

The 2010 videotaped arrest of Holley, who was 15 at the time, prompted fierce public criticism of the Houston police department by community activists who called it an example of police brutality against minorities.

In the video footage from a security camera, Holley is seen falling to the ground after trying to hurdle a police squad car. He is then surrounded by at least five officers, some who appear to kick and hit his head, abdomen and legs.

Four officers, including Blomberg, were fired and later indicted on various misdemeanor charges. Holley was convicted of burglary in juvenile court in October 2010 and placed on probation, which ended in April.

On Wednesday, Holley and three others were arrested on suspicion of burglarizing a home. Holley, who made a court appearance Friday, has been released on bond.

Quanell X, the community activist who released the video of the alleged beating to the media, said he was disappointed by the new arrest. He said Holley is dealing with an undisclosed mental illness and had stopped taking medication for it.

"We are not going to throw this young man in the garbage pail. He needs help," he said after Holley's court appearance.

Benjamin Hall, an attorney representing Holley and his family in a pending federal lawsuit filed against Blomberg, the other fired officers and the city of Houston, said while the teenager will have to face the consequences of his actions, the new arrest should not be part of the pending trials.

"I'm sure the judge will instruct (jurors) accordingly that the only conduct that is to be viewed is the criminal conduct these police officers did two years ago," he said.

But attorneys for two of the fired officers yet to be tried say the new arrest is something they will try to get admitted into evidence. Their trials have yet to be scheduled.

"It helps in regard that we've been trying to portray him as a person that is not a law-abiding citizen, and he's simply a dangerous person and continues to act in the same manner," said Carson Joachim, an attorney for ex-officer Drew Ryser.

Joe Ownby, an attorney for ex-officer Raad Hassan, said the defense is entitled to bring up this new arrest because it speaks to Holley's credibility.

Joel Androphy, another Houston attorney familiar with the case, said he doesn't think the judge presiding over the pending trials will allow jurors to hear about Holley's new arrest because it's not relevant to the alleged beating.

"But the jury is going to know about it. It's going to be problematic for the district attorney's office," he said. "Jurors are going to look at this as a problem young man and (could give) the officers more wide latitude in justifying how they arrested him."

Relay

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Robinson is also excited for the return of Skellytown's Debbie Brame and her husband, Bruce, the Hero of Hope Caretaker for this year's Gray County Relay. Debbie is a survivor of ovarian cancer and the 2011 Hero of Hope for the Texas Panhandle, and together with Bruce, she's coming back with a positive message for Pampa.

"He has a great speech that he gives and talks about how (cancer) affects the family and how it affects the spouse," said Robinson. "They do a little skit, a Sonny and Cher skit that they did at the kickoff. They're just great people. You couldn't ask for a better, more inspirational family."

This year's Gray County Hero of Hope, recent Pampa High School graduate Ashtin Sackett, will also be attendance. Sackett is currently battling Stage

3 osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer.

Robinson is hoping that the scholarships and special guests this year will help continue the event's steady momentum. Turnout at the Survivors and Caretakers Dinner has grown steadily over the years, and Robinson said she's looking forward to meeting some new friends and seeing some familiar faces.

"Our attendance has probably doubled (over the last few years)," said Robinson. "It's huge. We had about 180 last year at our Survivors Dinner, and it's great to see people coming back. ... You know, we have some cancer survivors here in Pampa who have been survivors for 45 years. We're just hoping to see even more this year and show people that we can beat (cancer)."

The "ex" factor: divorce and Social Security

TOM MARGENAU
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Social Security and you

Q. My brother recently got a divorce. His ex-wife must have had a better lawyer than he did because she inserted language into the divorce decree specifying how much of his Social Security she will get. I believe it's an extra \$500 per month, and this is over and above what she will get through regular Social Security law on his account. Is there anything my brother can do to get out of this financial obligation?

A. Your brother has nothing to worry about. And your former sister-in-law really didn't have a better lawyer — just a very naive one.

There is no language that an attorney can scribble into a divorce decree that takes precedent over federal law. And that law prescribes exactly who is eligible for benefits as a divorced wife and how much she will get.

In a nutshell, the rules say that a divorced woman will be eligible for somewhere between one-third to one-half of her ex husband's Social Security benefit (depending on her age when she files for benefits) if she is at least 62 years old; if her husband is at least 62 years old; if she was married to him at least 10 years; if she is currently unmarried; and if she is not due higher benefits on her own Social Security record.

So your ex sister-in-law won't get a nickel more of your brother's Social Security than what the law allows her to receive — no matter what the divorce decree says.

This situation is a bit of a twist on a much more common divorce decree issue I've dealt with many times in past columns. Normally, I hear from a divorced woman, who tells me that her husband inserted language into the divorce decree that says something like this: "My wife will not be eligible for any benefits as a former wife on my Social Security account."

Once again, that clause isn't worth the paper it's printed on.

A divorced wife will get exactly what Social Security law says she will get.

But these greedy husbands may be relieved to hear that any benefits paid to their ex-wives do not take anything away from their own retirement payments. Nor if they remarried does the money paid to an ex offset any spousal benefits the new wife might be due on their accounts.

One final point: Social Security also pays benefits to divorced husbands. But they rarely get such payments because their own Social Security retirement benefit is generally higher than anything they might be due from an ex-wife.

Q. I was married to my ex husband for 30 years. I have not remarried, although he did. (He married the woman he was sleeping with while we were married!) Since our divorce, he has gotten a much higher paying position — through his new wife's family's influences. I never worked outside the home because he wanted me to be home with our kids. So I don't have a Social Security account of my own. He says he won't sign up for Social Security until he's at least 70 because he doesn't need the money. But I do. So I have two questions. We are both 62 now. Do I have to wait until age 70 to get any of his Social Security? And whenever I do get it, will my benefits be based only on the income he had during the years we were married?

A. I've got good news for you — and then even better news! And I hope this double dose of happy news makes up for that bad news husband you were married to!

The first bit of good news is

that you are eligible for benefits right now on his Social Security account. The law normally says that a woman can't get dependent wife's benefits from her husband until he is getting benefits. But the rules were liberalized for women just like you — divorced women whose former husbands are intent on sticking it (Social Security-wise) to their ex. The law says you can get a divorced wife's benefit on his record even if he isn't getting benefits himself. He just has to be old enough to qualify for Social Security. And he is. You said he is 62.

The second bit of good news is that your benefit rate will be based on his entire earnings history — not just the period of time that you were married. So at least in a small way, you'll share in the bounty he's received from his former mistress's family!

Q. I am 65 years old. My husband recently died. We were married only 8 years. Friends tell me that I had to have been married for 10 years to qualify for widow's benefits. Is this true?

A. No, it's not true. The 10-year duration of marriage rule applies only to claims for benefits as a divorced wife or widow. But you were still married to your husband when he died, so you are eligible for widow's benefits right now.

You should contact your local Social Security office to file an application right away. Call them at 800-772-1213, or file online at www.socialsecurity.gov. And if you were married before, you will possibly have two options. You are certainly due widow's benefits from the man you were recently married to, but if you can get higher benefits from a prior husband's Social Security account, you will get those benefits instead.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Teacher allegedly had children hit bully

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texas teacher will lose her job after ordering more than 20 kindergartners to line up and hit a classmate accused of being a bully, a district spokesman said Friday.

The teacher at a suburban San Antonio school is accused of orchestrating the slugfest after a younger teaching colleague went to her last month seeking suggestions on how to discipline the 6-year-old, according to a police report from the Judson Independent School District.

Both teachers at Salinas Elementary were placed on paid administrative leave, though the one who allegedly arranged the punishment will not work for the district next school year, said district spokesman Steve Linscomb. Prosecutors are reviewing the allegations and will determine whether formal charges will be filed in 30 to 60 days.

The police report alleges the teacher chose to show the child "why bullying is bad" by instructing his peers to "Hit him!" and "Hit him harder!" It also states that the second teacher intervened only after one of the children hit the boy hard on his upper back.

"Twenty-four of those kids hit him and he said that most of them hit him twice," Amy Neely, the mother of 6-year-old Aiden, told KENS-TV. She did not specify what injuries her son may have received.

Neely said her son is not a problem child and that this was the first she'd heard of teachers having issues with him. She said she wants to make sure the teacher who ordered the hitting does not work in a classroom again.

"She doesn't need to be around any children," Neely told the television station.

The mother added — and the police report confirmed — that some of Aiden's classroom friends told him they didn't want to hit the boy but did so because they were afraid not to.

She said she learned about what happened to her son after a teacher who witnessed the incident and intervened went on to report it two weeks later. Linscomb said Neely filed an official oppression complaint against the teachers with the district police department earlier this week.

A message left by The Associated Press with Neely was not immediately returned Friday afternoon.

Linscomb said other students had perceived the boy as being a bully. That's when the teacher went with her students to a nearby classroom and sought disciplinary advice from her colleague, he said.

The district placed both teachers on paid administrative leave and launched an investigation on May 18. District officials have not released the names of either teacher. The one who asked for help disciplining the boy and then waited to report the incident after witnessing it was reprimanded.

"We can't have teachers acting like a loose cannon," Linscomb said of the teacher who orchestrated the hitting incident. "Doing something that's this far off the charts, doing what they feel like is teaching (students) a lesson; we're not going to tolerate that."

Health

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Childhood obesity can increase the risk of other health problems, including high blood pressure, hypertension, joint problems, heart disease and diabetes. The rate of children with pre-diabetes has soared during the last decade, to 23 percent in 2008, according to the journal *Pediatrics*.

"We're starting to see more and more childhood Type 2 diabetes, and having more kids with blood pressure problems," said Freeman-Ladd. "The problem with having early Type 2 diabetes is it comes with complications which include renal complications and other types of complications that could be more long term."

Freeman-Ladd encourages parents to take an active role in their children's health by promoting exercise and a healthy diet.

"I think, number one, the parents need to get involved, encouraging their kids to get up and move and exercise, whether it's putting them on a plan to walk 30 minutes a day

or some type of exercise for 30 to 60 minutes a day," she said. "I think we need to reevaluate the foods that we're giving our children, and even though you can't put kids on a diet, you can watch and make sure that when they get a snack, instead of getting a bag of potato chips, they get a fruit instead."

Freeman-Ladd recommends parents make a weekly meal plan to help cut down on grocery bills, as well as money spent on eating out.

"One thing parents can do is take time to sit down and make a menu and plan for the week instead of necessarily worrying about what they need to do for one day at a time," she said. "Then they can plan what kind of food needs to be cooked for the child, so they can have a healthier diet."

Freeman-Ladd suggests parents exercise with their kids, making it a fun time to spend together, rather than a chore.

"One way that they can do it is participate with their kids, for

instance, take them to the park or for a walk," she said. "I think they can get involved in the participation of the sport itself, and that would encourage their child to do it."

Setting up a schedule for exercise is another way to promote an active lifestyle.

"The whole problem with life today is things are so busy sometimes," she said. "We tend to get overwhelmed, instead of taking time to just plan things out. I think that if we take the time and plan the meals, plan the exercise out, it will take a little effort to do that and probably be a little bit difficult at first, but I think once you get on a schedule, it'll help."

"I think we need to be proactive when it comes to our children's health," she added. "A lot of parents are so quick to bring them to the doctor when they're sick, instead of taking the same initiative to prevent the diseases and to make sure they try to stay healthy."

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"Mommy does the squeaky squirrel voice a lot better than that, Daddy!"

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 19, 2012:

This year you are resilient and capable of changing your life. You might even choose to head in a new direction, if you so desire. You also could opt to revitalize a certain facet of your life. You experience others' caring and receptivity to your ideas and personality. If you are single, you might be taken back by someone quite exotic. Be careful about putting this person on a pedestal. If you are attached, curb a tendency to become too me-oriented. Yes, it is an exciting year, but you also have a partner to consider. **CANCER** is moody at times. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Get something off your chest first thing in the morning, and let a key person know how you feel; otherwise, your message will not be as clear. Matters involving real estate and/or your domestic life will become prominent in the afternoon. Do not attempt to postpone an important conversation. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Make sure to pay that bill you've been putting off, and verify that your budget is alive and well. You quickly could be overwhelmed by calls and information heading your direction. Prioritize and perhaps even screen calls. Be willing to say "no." Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A new Moon in your sign announces a change in the near future. A new beginning becomes possible if you kick back and relax. Think about what you would like to change. Have a long-overdue conversation about a long-term desire. Tonight: A must show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might move slowly in the morning, but once you get going, no one can stop you. You have a lot on your mind, and perhaps you need to share some random ideas with a key person in your life. Trust this person's feedback. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Use the morning to the max, when you draw more positive results. You could actually pave the way to a new beginning involving a friendship. Listen to your instincts. Midday on, you will have a lot to ponder. Get feedback, but don't do any decision-making today. Tonight: Share news

with a trusted friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might experience unexpected pressure or stress in the morning. Prioritize and focus as soon as possible. Your organization is imperative in setting and executing a plan. Use these abilities to choose the appropriate direction. You know what you want — go for it. Tonight: Only where there are crowds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening behind the scenes with an important community or work-related matter. By detaching some, you will gain an unusual perspective. Follow through on a hunch. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be taken back by someone's choices. Still, you do not have time and/or the determination to change directions. You gain a new perspective as the day ages. You'll want to think rather than react today. Tonight: Where there is music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might feel as if you are fighting an uphill battle in order to accomplish more of what you need. Others know about your abilities, and they want your help. Practice saying "no" for now; you have a lot to do. Tonight: Hang out with a close friend or loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your vision of what might be possible could change midday. You have more energy, and you discover a new path early on. As a result, you are willing to go along with someone's idea. Screen your calls, as it appears your popularity is too high to get anything done. Tonight: Catch up on others' news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to move in a new direction. Act quickly in the morning. A new beginning becomes possible if you let go of an innate resistance or judgment. Organize and focus if you want to finish up a project. Tonight: Go till the wee hours if you need be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ If you can get a slow start this morning, it might be a good idea. Whether you're involved with a creative project or just coming up with a dynamic idea, you will be busy this afternoon. Others share their ideas, too. Tonight: Enjoy what you are doing.

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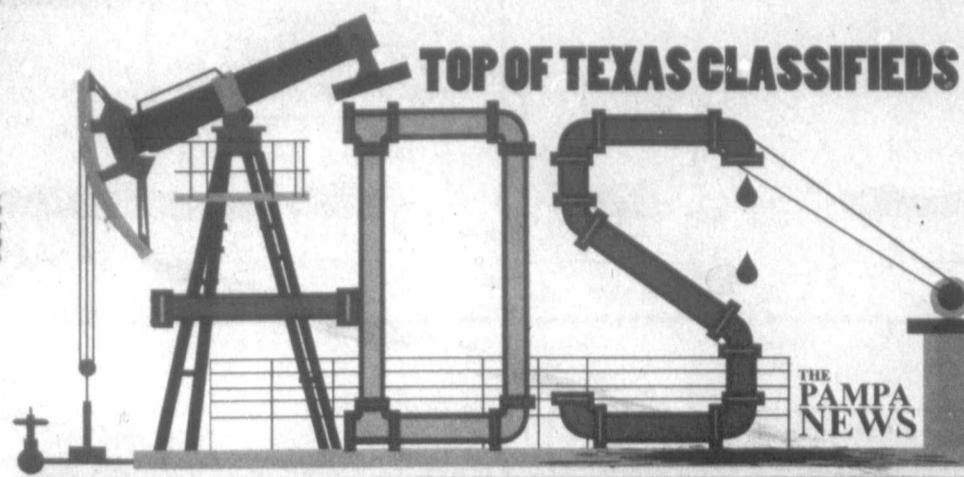


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1130 Williston St.....	\$139,500	4/2/2	2711 SF/GCAD
2541 Christine St.....	\$129,500	3/1.75/2	2050 SF/GCAD
2511 Charles St.....	\$127,500	3/1.75/2	1537 SF/GCAD
1510 N Wells St.....	\$118,000	3/1.75/2	1544 SF/GCAD
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1435 Alcock St.....	\$135,000	2	Bldg. 3,200 SF/GCAD; 1,020 SF/GCAD
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Sports

Pampa boys basketball team meshes well during camp

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The Pampa High School boys basketball team only returns four next season. Seniors Tyler Powell and Jonathan Cox got a head start in playing with their new teammates during a team camp at Gruver on June 7 and 8.

"We are starting to figure out where everyone is going to be at," Powell said. "We are figuring out everyone's role on the team. It was good practice, everyone got good minutes. We are starting to learn how to play together."

Of the two returners who didn't participate, senior Derrek Pollard is playing on a traveling team in Amarillo and wasn't at the camp, and senior Ty Hutto was injured.

Cox said despite missing their big man, the team played well.

"(Pollard) is going to be our top scorer next year and we still won a lot of games (without him)," Cox said.

Pampa played against teams from Texhoma, Sunray, Gruver, Panhandle and even briefly played district rival Perryton. Powell said he was impressed with how last season's junior varsity, played especially sophomore forward Cory Ponce.

"They are all stepping up really well," Powell said. "I would like to compliment Cory Ponce. He impressed me the way he rebounded the ball. He handled himself very well. As far as everybody else, they

totally improved."
Cox said he thought the returning players meshed well.

"We've played together since junior high," Cox said. "We'll play good together."

Cox said this year's team has more size, changing the way it plays.

"We won't be able to run on guys as much," Cox said. "We will be able to post up and get inside a lot more."

Cox said it feels "weird" being a senior.

"Being a senior comes up on you so fast," Cox said. "It's going to be weird being looked up to but I'm kind of excited about that."

Junior Trey Miller said the camp helped him prepare for the season.

"I think it was a great experience to get me ready for this upcoming season and to get to know my teammates," Miller said.

Miller said he is a little nervous about succeeding his older brother, Reid.

"I'm replacing a key part of last year's team," Miller said. "It makes it a little bit more pressure when it's your own brother."

Members of the team will play in a team camp at Oklahoma University, Saturday and Sunday.



Cox



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Then-junior Tyler Powell looks for a rebound in a Dec. 1 game against Sanford-Fritch. Powell said the players from last season's junior varsity are stepping up.

BIG 12 ATHLETICS

Study: Many players on Big 12 sports teams have same majors

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — An analysis of Big 12 athletics finds its common-place for athletes to cluster in majors, which isn't against NCAA regulations but has generated concerns among some experts.

The Lawrence Journal-World (<http://bit.ly/OZ2hol>) reported that the most popular majors for University of Kansas men's basketball players are communications, African and African-American studies and American studies. Sixty-one percent of the 43 players who've indicated a major in media guides majored in one of the three from 2004 to 2012.

Often only a small percentage of non-athletes majored in programs popular among athletes. Take Texas A&M, where 37 percent of men's basketball and football players majored in agricultural leadership and development, compared to less than 1 percent of non-athletes.

The focus is simply to keep the big-time athletic prospects on the field, said Jason Lanter, a psychology professor and president of the Drake Group, which helps "faculty and staff defend academic integrity in the face of the burgeoning college sport industry."

"The coach says, 'I don't care, make them eligible,'" said Lanter of some coaches' attitudes toward academics.

The result is that players spend their time on campus, and maybe get a degree, but it's in a field that doesn't interest them and presents little future opportunity, Lanter said.

Peter Finley, a professor at Nova Southeastern University, who has conducted studies of clustering, said athletes "become a pawn," Finley said. "They're

there to play the sport and major in eligibility."

For certain popular majors in college athletics, "sometimes you'll find that students in those programs can have lower GPAs, take fewer high-level courses and 'create' their own program, which allows them to target more professors who are 'friends of the program,'" Finley said.

Paul Buskirk, an associate athletics director at the University of Kansas, defended the advising process and discounted the idea that some of the popular majors for athletes contain "easy" classes.

"There is no degree on this campus that's a cake walk," he said, emphasizing that the majority of courses a player takes in his or her college career are not from one major. "There's no place to hide."

Buskirk said the department monitors clustering for potential problems but hasn't found any issues.

"It's an honest program," he said.

Texas A&M, which is joining the Southeastern Conference next school year, declined to discuss with the Lawrence Journal-World the high numbers of athletes majoring in agricultural leadership and development. Instead, the school released a written statement.

"There are a number of agriculture majors who are doing well in their respective fields and careers. The variety of these degree paths provide many options for our students, as well as our student athletes," said John Thornton, interim director of athletics, in the statement. "It is not the specific degree that makes the student, but it is what the student does with that degree."

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