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Bennigan's still a green light

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Contrary to a rumor that's been circulating around town, financing for the Bennigan's in Pampa has not fallen through, said franchisee Nimit Patel.

"There has never been an issue with the financing," Patel said.

Ladd Biro of Champion Management in Plano confirmed the rumor is false. Champion is a public relations firm in Plano that represents the Dallas-based restaurant franchise.

A groundbreaking for the new restaurant was held May 14, but construction has still not begun.

Patel, who is new to the restaurant business, said unexpected delays are

not unusual for a big project. "It's better to do it right the first time than have to go back and fix things," he said. "There is a lot that has to go into effect to have an establishment like this. It is a prototype so a lot has to go into the design."

Patel said the old utility lines that serviced the former Pampa Middle School have to be torn out and replaced with new lines, and he has no control over when that will happen.

The Bennigan's will be built on Peryton Parkway in a new commercial and residential development called Edwin Park.

Though Patel could not give a specific date on when they will "turn dirt," he

did say construction will begin soon. "Everything is coming along great," he said.

Patel is a 1999 graduate of Pampa High School and owns Paradigm Hospitality LLC.

He said employment opportunities are available and inquiries can be sent to benniganspampa@gmail.com. You also can call Paradigm Hospitality LLC at 806-881-8441.

Bennigan's is currently seeking people for all positions, including bar managers, kitchen managers/cooks and servers.

Patel, who will be the manager when the restaurant opens, said he is looking

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Image courtesy of Bennigan's Franchising
 The Bennigan's in Pampa will be the first of a new prototype for the franchise, which is reinventing itself with a new floor plan, menu and a worldwide expansion.

NOT AS SERIOUS AS IT LOOKS



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

A Suburban driven by a woman was involved Tuesday morning in a single-vehicle crash on State Highway 273 between Pampa and Lefors. The woman was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center for non-life-threatening injuries, said Joe Millican with the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department. There were no passengers in the vehicle. For a complete story, see page 6.

City's emergency drill helps prepare citizens for disasters

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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Fred Courtney, Emergency Management coordinator for Pampa, and the rest of the emergency management team held an emergency drill on Tuesday morning in which they trained volunteers to be prepared for what they can do to help out the community in the event of a disaster.

Courtney said it is important to have volunteers who know the roles of city employees so that they are able to jump in and help side by side with them when needed, as these disasters can affect city employees, too.

For this drill, unaffiliated volunteers, or people that who are not obligated to lend a hand, came

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Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

The simulated volunteers waited outside the Lovett Memorial Library on Tuesday for the emergency disaster drill to begin.

6-month extension granted on prairie chicken listing

Fish and Wildlife Service seeks additional information from public, scientific community.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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A decision by the federal government on the fate of small, reclusive grouse that lives throughout the Great Plains will be postponed for six months.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced Monday a six-month extension of the final determination of whether to provide protection under the Endangered Species Act for the lesser

prairie chicken. The USFWS is taking this action to solicit additional scientific information and public comment before making a final listing determination. The final determination will be extended from Sept. 30 to March 30, 2014.

H. Wayne Hughes, executive vice president of the Panhandle Producers and Royalty Owners Association (PPROA), said he was pleased by the news.

"This gives us some breathing

room," he said Tuesday. "It gives us an opportunity to inject more science into the mix."

The PPROA is a trade association representing independent petroleum producers, service companies and mineral royalty owners in the Texas Panhandle, western Oklahoma and southwestern Kansas.

Hughes said this gives the PPROA and other parties who oppose the listing more time to make their case that the chicken is not in as much peril as other special interests groups claim.

"We have a well-thought approach that would save the fed-

eral government money in a time when they are strapped for cash. I can't imagine the reason why they would not want the respective state agencies to manage the habitats. We want to keep the chicken from being added to the burden of federal oversight."

He added he doesn't want to speak ill of the USFWS, but "our direct concern is the attitude at Fish and Wildlife that it is a foregone conclusion that it will be listed. At every turn we are hitting some kind of bureaucratic road block. Hopefully, we can

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File photo
 A lesser prairie chicken.

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Thursday: Sunny with a high of 98. Winds south at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:37 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 71. Winds south at 12 mph. Sunset at 9:01 p.m.

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Obituaries

Georgia Pauline Thomas

Services for Georgia Pauline (Davenport) Thomas, 88, of Canadian, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 11, 2013 at the First Christian Church with John Miller, former minister, of Yukon, Okla., officiating and Jerel Norris of Canadian, assisting. Burial will follow in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home of Canadian.



Georgia Thomas

Georgia passed away Sunday, July 7, 2013 in Piedmont, Okla. Georgia was born April 16, 1925 in Paden, Okla., to the late Mr. Celia Davenport and Mrs. Florence (Betts) Davenport. She spent most of her lifetime in Canadian, TX. Georgia married Homer L. Thomas on January 18, 1942 in Arnett, Okla. He preceded her in death on June 9, 1999. To this union was born six children, H.L. Mary, John, Sandie, Rocky and Frankie. She was a member of the First Christian Church. She was very active in the youth programs; she was a Girl Scout Leader, member of the Rebekah Lodge, the Extension Club. She was also known for her work cataloging the cemeteries in Hemphill County. Georgia was loved by so many for the good deeds she did in her lifetime. She was a mother, friend, mentor and most of all a Mamaw to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be missed by so many. She was a blessing to those who knew her and the memories she made will last a lifetime in so many hearts. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Frankie Thomas; three sisters, Clara, Iva and Joye; four brothers, Wayne, Eddie, Jimmie and Bobby; two grandchildren, Rusty Milburn and Menda Thomas and her son-in-law, Wayne Milburn.

She is survived by three sons, H.L. Thomas and wife Joyce of Lake Tawakoni; John Thomas and wife Donna of Lake Brownwood; Rocky Thomas and wife Belinda of Pampa; two daughters, Mary Milledge and husband Frank of Piedmont, OK; Sandie Milburn of Canadian; three sisters, Doris Cook of Bethany, Okla.; Willa Fitch of Locust Grove, Okla.; Maxine Larsh of Iowa Park; 13 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

The family would like to thank all of her caregivers in

her final days — the ones from Crossroads Hospice, in Oklahoma. P.J. Storey and Frances Wimberley and others. But especially to her daughter-in-law, Belinda, our God sent angel.

The family suggests memorials to Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery, Hemphill County Library, Genealogy Department, 500 Main St., Canadian, TX 79014 or your favorite charity.

You may send condolences online at www.hughsfuneralhome.com.

Karmen (Hampton) Hill Gray

Karmen (Hampton) Hill Gray, age 62, passed away on Friday, July 5, 2013, at her home in Denton, after a courageous battle with cancer.



Karmen Hill Gray

She was born in Pampa, on June 13, 1951. She graduated Pampa High School in 1969. She married Michael Hill on June 7, 1969, and was married to him until his death in 2003. She married Dennis Gray on Sept. 9, 2009, and was married to him until his death in 2010. Karmen worked for most of her life as a medical billing coder and/or office manager. She was an adoring mother and served as a 4-H leader for several years. Karmen was retired and spent the past two years caring for her cherished

granddaughter.

Karmen is preceded in death by her parents, J.L. and Lois (Cain) Hampton; her husband of 33 years, Michael Hill; and her husband of 1 year, Dennis Gray.

Karmen is survived by her two children, Kelly Hill Nymeyer and her husband Michael of Denton; John Hill and his wife Melyssa of Amarillo; her granddaughter Mavyn Nymeyer; her sister Helen Whittle and her husband Larry of Yukon, Okla.; her brother Jim Hampton and his wife Brenda of Howardwick; her nieces and nephews; her special friend Bill Lane of Denton; and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration honoring her life will be held at the VFW Hall at 1401 SW 8th Ave. in Amarillo, on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013, at 6 p.m..

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Singer Randy Travis in critical condition in Texas

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music singer Randy Travis was listed in critical condition a day after being hospitalized in Texas with heart problems.

A news release from the singer's publicist says the 54-year-old Travis was admitted to the hospital Sunday in Dallas and was in critical condition Monday evening.

Travis was being treated for viral cardiomyopathy (kahr-dee-oh-my-OP-uh-thee), a heart condition caused by a virus, according to his publicist, Kirt Webster.



Randy Travis

It harder for the heart to pump blood and carry it to the rest of the body. It can lead to heart failure. Treatments range from medications and surgically implanted devices to heart transplants.

The illness is a continu-

ation of a tough run for Travis after a handful of recent high-profile appearances, including a performance during the Country Music Association Festival's nightly concert series and George Jones' funeral.

Long a popular figure in country music, the North Carolina-born singer has been trying to put his life back together after a series of embarrassing public incidents involving alcohol.

Travis pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated in January following his arrest last year

when he was found naked after crashing his Pontiac Trans Am.

Travis was sentenced to two years of probation, fined \$2,000 and given a 180-day suspended jail sentence. He was required to spend at least 30 days at an alcohol treatment facility and complete 100 hours of community service.

The multiple Grammy Award-winning singer rode his alternately mellow and majestic voice to stardom in the 1980s and '90s with hits like "Forever and Ever, Amen" and "Three Wooden Crosses."

King appointed to statewide energy council

SUBMITTED
AUSTIN — State Rep. Ken King (R-Canadian) was appointed to the Texas Energy Council (TEC) recently by Speaker Joe Straus.

"I am pleased to appoint Representative King to the Energy Council," Speaker Straus said. "He will provide a much-needed Panhandle perspective on critical energy issues." The Texas Energy Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of professional and educational societies



Ken King

dedicated to serving the energy industry in Texas. The Council was originally founded in 1988 as the Dallas Energy Council and changed to the North Texas Energy Council in 1996, and changed to the Texas Energy Council in 2007.

"I am honored to serve

on this Council, and thank Speaker Straus for his consideration of me for this appointment," stated King. This Council facilitates cooperation in national energy policy matters among the energy-producing states of the Southwest, including Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming, plus the province of Alberta, Canada.

The membership is comprised of over 5000 members from various organiza-

tions, and is headquartered in Dallas, Texas. The TEC provides a forum for all energy-related professional societies and educational institutions to communicate issues and transfer technology among its members and the general public.

"The development of competent energy policy plays a crucial part in the future of Texas," King said. "I am fortunate to be a part of that process and look forward to working with the members of the Texas Energy Council."

Sec. of State John Kerry's wife hospitalized in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Teresa Heinz Kerry, the wife of U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, is hospitalized at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

A spokesman for John Kerry says Heinz Kerry

was flown to Massachusetts General Hospital on Sunday night after being stabilized by doctors at Nantucket Cottage Hospital.

The 74-year-old Heinz Kerry was taken to the

emergency room in Nantucket, accompanied by her husband, after 3:30 p.m. Sunday. A hospital spokesman said she arrived at that facility in critical condition before being stabilized by doctors.

No additional details about Heinz Kerry's condition or illness have been released.

Heinz Kerry is the widow of former U.S. Sen. John Heinz, heir to the Heinz ketchup fortune.

'BB Gun' wins cherry-pit spitting contest in Mich.

EAU CLAIRE, Mich. (AP) — Matt "BB Gun" Krause won his first-ever International Cherry Pit Spitting Championship on Saturday, returning the crown to a family that has dominated the annual competition in southwestern Michigan for four decades.

Krause was crowned the most "spit-tacular" competitor at the championship event held at Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm, just north of the Indiana border.

But to be the champ, the 30-year-old Krause first had to beat out a competitive field that included fellow family members, who also were members, champions. Krause's father, Rick "Pellet Gun" Krause, and older brother, Brian "Young Gun" Krause, had won 24 of the previous 39 championships.

But Matt's 41 foot-six-and-a-half-inch launch was enough to claim the crown for the Dimondale resident.

Matt's win made it 25 of 40 for the Krauses since owner Herb Teichman launched the tournament in 1974 as a lark — but also to mark the region's tart cherry harvest.

Teichman's daughter-in-law, Monica Teichman, said spitters braved a serious headwind Saturday, causing them not to "get any serious length" to their attempts.

Still, she said the Krause family was "really excited"

Matt won. Second place went to Mark Yelo of Oswego, Ill., who competition spokeswoman Lynne Sage said visited the farm to pick fruit with his family and ended up coming about a foot short of taking home the pit-spitting title.

After his victory, Matt Krause was presented with the trademark championship belt by last year's winner, Ron Matt of Chicago.

Rumor

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for an assistant manager who can run the store when he's not there.

While he has had several inquiries, he is still seeking qualified applicants, he said.

All management positions require a two-month training program provided by Bennigan's. Patel said all training and accommodations during the training

are paid for by the company.

"Bennigan's corporate has been great with their continued support and they have given me the utmost respect," he said.

Patel concluded that he wants to thank everyone for their continued and committed efforts for making Bennigan's become a reality.



Image courtesy of Bennigan's Franchising

An artistic rendering of the interior of the new Bennigan's in Pampa.

Jury selection begins in Fort Hood murder trial

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — An Army psychiatrist going on trial in the deadly 2009 Fort Hood shooting wants to tell potential jurors that he's being forced to wear a military uniform he believes represents "an enemy of Islam," he told a judge Tuesday.

Hours before jury selection was to begin in Maj. Nidal Hasan's court-martial, last-minute issues were addressed at a morning hearing. It's unclear if the judge, Col. Tara Osborn, will allow him to make that statement to potential jurors.

Hasan, an American-born Muslim, must wear a uniform during his murder trial. Military defendants usually wear a dress uniform during a court-martial.

However, both sides and the judge have agreed

that Hasan can wear a camouflage uniform worn by troops in combat because it better meets his health-related needs as a paraplegic.

Hasan was paralyzed from the abdomen down after being shot by police the day of the rampage.

Hasan, 42, faces execution or life without parole if convicted in the rampage that killed 13 and wounded nearly three dozen on the Texas Army post.

Potential jurors, who must be of Hasan's rank or higher, have already filled out a questionnaire prepared by prosecutors and the defense. The first pool of 20 potential jurors — three majors, five lieutenant colonels and 12 colonels — were to be brought in Tuesday afternoon from Army posts nationwide.

Drill

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to the Lovett Memorial Library for a simulation.

First, simulated volunteers got a script and a made up name with accompanying faux driver's license. After checking in, registering and filling out necessary forms, they moved onto the interview stage where they spoke about their interests in order to find the volunteer role most suitable for them.

Various volunteer slots include blocking off intersections, training and volunteering at The Red Cross Association, and pet care at the Pampa Animal Shelter, Courtney said.

At the third stage of the drill, volunteers received a referral and their jobs were assigned based on the input gained from the interview portion of the drill.

Next, there was a safety briefing in order to further inform simulated volunteers about their roles and lastly, they were issued official volunteer identification cards for their characters.

One previously selected volunteer moved on to another stage of the drill in which he was staged to find out where he was working and what he would be doing in the event of a disaster.

The purpose of the drill was to practice disaster control, something Courtney is not alone in talking about passionately.

Jim Barringer, a safety manager at Cabot Corp., said that many of the Cabot employees volunteer because they feel as members of the community it is their duty to try to give back when they can. Although some of the Cabot volunteers do not live in Pampa, they still consider themselves members of the Pampa community as they work here, and they are eager to help out.

Barringer also said that he got started volunteering in emergency management through a fellow employee, Jeff McCormick, who is a representative in the emergency planning organization.

For more information about emergency management, call 806-669-5820.

Dozens are feared dead in Quebec oil train derailment

LAC-MEGANTIC, Quebec (AP) — Blackened debris, twisted metal and gas leaks hampered rescue workers' search for perhaps dozens of bodies Tuesday, three days after a runaway oil train smashed into this small lakeside town and incinerated much of its downtown.

Thirteen people were confirmed dead and nearly 40 others were still missing in a catastrophe that raised questions about the safety of transporting oil by rail instead of pipeline.

Investigators zeroed in on whether a blaze on the train a few hours before the disaster set off the deadly chain of events.

Rescue workers labored to reach the bodies believed to be in the ruins.

"This is a very risky environment. We have to secure the safety of those working there. We have some hotspots on the scene. There is some gas," Quebec Provincial Police Sergeant Benoit Richard said.

He said recovery efforts had to be halted briefly Monday for health reasons, and some officers had to be removed from the scene. He did not elaborate. The bodies that have been recovered were burned so badly they have yet to be identified.

The Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway train broke loose early Saturday, speeding downhill nearly seven miles (11 ki-

lometers) and jumping the tracks at 63 mph (101 kph) in Lac-Megantic, near the Maine border, investigators said. All but one of the 73 cars were carrying oil. At least five exploded.

The blasts destroyed about 30 buildings, including the Musi-Cafe, a popular bar that was filled at the time, and forced about a third of the town's 6,000 residents from their homes.

Rail dispatchers had no chance to warn anyone during the runaway train's 18-minute journey because they didn't know it was happening themselves, Transportation Safety Board officials said Tuesday. Such warning systems are in place on busier lines but not on secondary lines, said TSB manager Ed Belkaloul.

Resident Gilles Fluet saw the approaching train just before the derailment and explosions.

"It was moving at a hellish speed," he said. "No lights, no signals, nothing at all. There was no warning. It was a black blob that came out of nowhere."

He had just said goodbye to friends at the Musi-Cafe and left.

"There are those who ran fast and those who made the right decision. Those who fooled around trying to start their cars to leave the area, there are probably some who burned in them," Fluet said. "And some who weren't fast enough to escape the river

of fire that ran down to the lake, they were roasted."

The same train caught fire hours earlier in a nearby town, and the engine was shut down — standard operating procedure dictated by the train's owners, Nantes Fire Chief Patrick Lambert said.

Edward Burkhardt, president and CEO of the railway's parent company, Rail World Inc., suggested that shutting off the locomotive to put out the fire might have disabled the brakes.

"An hour or so after the locomotive was shut down, the train rolled away," he told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

Lambert defended the fire department, saying that the blaze was extinguished within about 45 minutes and that's when firefighters' involvement ended.

"The people from MMA told us, 'That's great — the train is secure, there's no more fire, there's nothing anymore, there's no more danger,'" Lambert said. "We were given our leave, and we left."

Transportation Safety Board investigator Donald Ross said the locomotive's black box has been recovered.

"The extent to which (the fire) played into the sequences of events is a focal point of our investigation," Ross said, but he cautioned that the investigation was still in its early stages.

Court on BP settlement

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court is wading into a high-stakes dispute over the terms of a multibillion-dollar settlement of claims arising from BP's massive 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is scheduled to hear arguments Monday by attorneys for the London-based oil giant and for Gulf Coast businesses that say the nation's worst offshore oil spill cost them money.

BP asserts that the judge who approved the deal and a court-appointed claims administrator have misinterpreted the settlement, allowing thousands of businesses to secure hundreds of millions of dollars in payments for inflated and fictitious losses.

"The result is that thousands of claimants that suffered no losses are coming forward in ever-increasing numbers, seeking and obtaining outrageous windfalls and making a mockery of what was intended to be a fair and honest court-supervised settlement process," company attorneys wrote in their brief for the hearing.

BP says it could be forced to pay billions more in "capricious awards to uninjured claimants" if the 5th Circuit doesn't overturn rulings on the issue by U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier.

Plaintiffs' attorneys who brokered the deal last year counter that BP undervalued the settlement and underestimated how many claimants would qualify for payments under the terms they negotiated.

Chicken

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postpone this and stop it altogether," he said.

On Dec. 11, 2012, the USFWS proposed to list the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species primarily due to habitat loss and fragmentation from the conversion of grasslands to agricultural uses; encroachment by invasive woody plants; wind energy development; petroleum production; and the presence of roads and manmade vertical structures.

Officials in Texas and other prairie states insist that landowners and energy producers — not the federal government — are the best stewards of the Plain's vast grasslands, and that can be accomplished through voluntary agreements between private industry and the parks and wildlife agencies from the respective states.

During the initial public comment period, the USFWS held four public hearings in Woodward, Okla.; Garden City, Kan.; Lubbock; and Roswell, N.M.

On May 6, the service reopened the public comment period to gather additional public comments on the Dec. 11, 2012 listing proposal.

The USFWS also opened a commenting period that closed June 20 for a conservation plan that would allow state wildlife agencies where the bird has known habitats — Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colo-

rado and New Mexico — to manage those habitats instead of the federal government.

Recently, U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz of Texas were among six senators who sent a letter to Daniel Ashe, director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, requesting a 60-day extension of the comment solicitation period and a six-month extension of any final decisions. The other senators were Jim Inhofe and Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, and Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran of Kansas. All six senators are Republicans.

Panhandle lawmaker Mac Thornberry of U.S. Congressional District 13 also has penned letters requesting deadline extensions. The congressman from Clarendon favors keeping the bird off the threatened or endangered list.

Thornberry said there are three actions the USFWS could take: Listing the bird as endangered, which would seriously restrict activity on private property; listing the bird as threatened, which would restrict activity but not as much as endangered; or not listing the bird at all.

Though it is possible the bird could be designated as endangered, Thornberry said an action that drastic is unlikely.

The 30-day comment period, which began Monday, will begin with the publication of this announcement in the Federal Register to ensure the public has full access to, and an opportunity to comment

on, all the available information we have received since the second comment period closed. The Service is soliciting input from concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry or any other interested party.

The USFWS said in a released statement it continues to work with the five range states to encourage voluntary conservation of the species and its habitat. Conservation agreements are currently in place in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Additional partnerships between federal agencies and private landowners are contributing to restoring, reconnecting and conserving habitat for the lesser prairie chicken. Most significantly, the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative has provided funding and technical assistance to private landowners seeking to improve habitat for the prairie chicken.

More information on the species, its habitat, the voluntary conservation agreements and the benefits they provide for landowners can be found at www.fws.gov/southwest/es/LPC.html.

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Museum Musings

Railroads big part of Southwest's history

The influence of the railroad in Pampa has left its mark since the 1800s. The rail not only brought settlers to Pampa but also business, goods and other necessities for settlers' survival in the area.



COURNEY OXLEY

"The story of the Santa Fe Railway is the story of the Southwest. It mirrors the same spirit of the early pioneers who ventured into this developing territory, their wagons and pack mules loaded down, their dreams of prosperity propelling them forward. The Santa Fe was said "to

start nowhere and go nowhere," but as the nation's second transcontinental rail line, it eventually would connect the growing towns in what are now Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas to the Pacific Coast and parts of the Midwest," according to "The History and Legacy of the BNSF Railway".

The Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, which was subsidized by Santa Fe Railway and was commonly known as the Santa Fe, constructed a roadbed from Miami to Panhandle City in 1887. The line did not operate trains, except for construction purposes, until Jan. 15, 1888.

"On that date the only thing that resembled a structure of any kind at the station designated as Glasgow (now Pampa) was a boxcar intended to be used as an "open station," according to BNSF. An open station is basically a station that is open for people to come in and take care of their business themselves. In February 1892, the railroad officially named the station Pampa and with that name improvements to the station began.

On May 26, 1898, George Tyng wrote, "The Southern Kansas Railway Company is having loaded here at Pampa, **RAILROADS** cont. on page 6

Obama embarrassed by Obamacare

Barack Obama assured us that, after his signature legislation Obamacare went into effect, we would surely like it. Now Obama has decided he doesn't want us to find out how it affects us until after the 2014 elections.



PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

Obama-care is designed to force employers of 50 or more full-time employees to provide comprehensive health insurance that includes a mandate to pay for an abortion-inducing drug. The penalty for non-compliance is a tax of \$2,000 per fulltime employee per year (beyond the first 30), and the Internal Revenue Service was supposed to start collecting the penalties on Jan. 1.

Obama apparently thinks he can conceal the mess he created, which even the Democrats who voted for it now call a "train wreck," by simply postponing the effective date of the employer mandate one year. But the Obamacare law, as upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, unambiguously states: "EFFECTIVE DATE ... The amendments made by this section shall apply to months beginning after December 31, 2013."

Obama has no authority to alter the timetable of the law's implementation. Maybe he should actually read the 2,700 pages of text in the Obamacare law and its 20,000 pages of regulations.

Obama doesn't seem to care whether his order to delay Obamacare is lawful or not. He wants to avoid the trouble the destructive employer mandate would cause for Democratic candidates before the next election of the House of Representatives, an election he deems critical to his plan to "fundamentally transform the United States."

The postponement of the employer mandate is not the first setback to the Obamacare timeline. A few months ago, the Obama administration quietly announced that the federally run state-level exchanges will not offer a choice of plans to employees of small

businesses until after the 2014 elections.

The one-year extension for employers will create havoc in the exchanges where individuals are supposed to buy next year's health insurance. The government admitted July 5 that it won't be able to verify whether applicants qualify for the subsidies that are supposed to make the required coverage "affordable" but plans to give out the subsidies anyway.

Meanwhile, Obamacare's expansion of Medicaid is being rejected by the states. After the Supreme Court's June 2012 decision in NFIB v. Sebelius gave states the OK to reject this expansion, 27 of 50 states did not implement Obamacare's Medicaid plan.

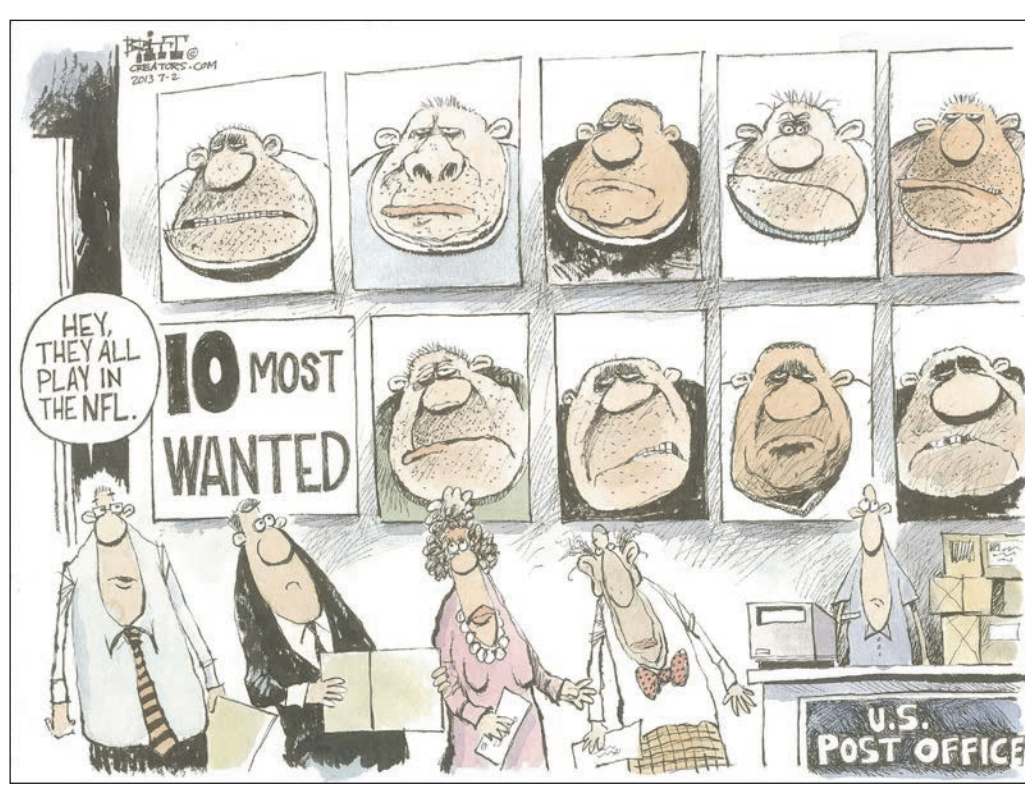
States were wise to reject this very expensive Medicaid expansion.

Obama-care required that anyone with income below 133 percent of the poverty level would be eligible for Medicaid and sought to expand eligibility to able-bodied, non-elderly, childless adults, that is, to people without dependents who were able but perhaps unwilling to support themselves.

In addition to having sections of Obamacare postponed and rejected outright, Obamacare is also failing to fulfill Obama's promise that it would decrease the deficit. The funds that were supposed to pay down the deficit included the money anticipated to flow from the penalty payments made by employers who refused to obey the mandate to provide comprehensive healthcare to their employees.

Now that employers will not be required to pay those fines in 2014 for violating the mandate, and indeed will not even be required to report whether they are complying, it is obvious that Obamacare will not produce the promised deficit reduction.

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Letter to the Editor

Former Pampan shares memories of Coach Woldt

My name is Steve Molberg I played for Coach "Deck" Woldt in 1965, his last year coaching the Harvesters. My sister, Nelda, lives in Pampa and sent me a copy of your article about Coach Woldt (Saturday, June 29). I enjoyed it very much, because our family got to Pampa for the same reason as Coach Woldt. My dad, Max Molberg, pitched for the Oilers and was a good friend of Deck. I was drafted by the Astros in 1965, mainly because of the things I learned from my dad and coach. At every reunion we talk about how blessed we were to have had great teachers and coaches at PHS.

I would like to share a story with you about

Coach Woldt and my dad. In 1965, Lubbock Monterey was the district favorite, as they were nearly every year. They were coached by Bobby Moegle, who recently was inducted to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. We were considered a good contender for the district title. Our opening games were in Lubbock, at Lubbock High and Monterey.

When the Monterey game was about to start, we were short an umpire. Coach Woldt and Coach Moegle were at home plate with the one umpire, trying to decide what to do.

My dad had driven to Lubbock to watch us play and umpired in Pampa for years in every league there was. Coach Woldt

told them that there was one of the best umpires in the Panhandle sitting in the stands, but there was one problem. He had two sons playing in the game. My bother, Gary, was the starting shortstop.

Coach Moegle asked Coach if he was fair, and the reply was "yes." Well, my dad umpired the bases in a key district game with two sons playing, based on the integrity and respect of Coach Woldt.

We lost the game and ended the season 11-3. Monterey was 12-2. We lost district by one game. In those days the second place team did not advance to the playoffs. I'm not much into "what if's," but what if we had won? What if there was a close play on

the bases that could have determined the outcome of the game. Every time I think of this, I think of what a tough spot my Dad was placed. However he was a hard nosed Pampa Oiler and I know he would have done the right thing.

On behalf of a lot of guys who truly admire and respect Coach Woldt, thank you.

By the way, Lubbock Monterey had Coach Moegle, and PHS had Coach Woldt. It's a personal opinion, but I think if Coach Woldt had coached as many years as Coach Moegle, we would have had two coaches in the Texas Sports Hall of Fame!

**Steve Molberg
Duncanville**

Problems with meddling overseas

You pay taxes? You contributed to the \$2 billion your government gave



JOHN STOSSEL

Egypt this year. And last year. And every year — for 30 years. Most of it went to Egypt's military. How's that worked out?

Now our government will "cautiously" support anti-government rebels in Syria, even though some are openly allied with al-Qaida. Years before, we paid to arm and train the Mujahedeen, the Islamic holy warriors battling the Russians in Afghanistan. That conflict led to the rise of al-Qaida. One of the Mujahedeen factions went on to become

the Taliban, with whom we now fight.

Advocates of foreign intervention argue that our government must aid friends and fight obvious foes, and that the world would be in worse shape had we not intervened. They say it's important that America send soldiers overseas to acquire "influence" in the world.

I don't buy it. It's important to defend ourselves. We were right to retaliate after 9/11 and after the Japanese bombed Hawaii. But often politicians think: When in doubt, America must "lead." I wish they thought: When in doubt, stay out.

Political essayist Randolph Bourne famously wrote, "War is the health of the state." He was right. Whenever there is war, gov-

ernment grows in power, as he saw happening in the U.S. during World War I. The public longs to be led to safety. People will tolerate sacrifices and civil liberties violations in wartime that they never would tolerate in peacetime.

Once they acquire political power, even silly leftists embrace military action. After Sept. 11, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., declared that the "era of a shrinking federal government is over." In fact, government had never shrunk. For politicians like Schumer, a terrorist attack was another excuse to spend more.

Most Americans didn't object — anything to stop terror. Political and military leaders often exaggerate threats. Adm. Mike Mullen, a chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under both

George W. Bush and Barack Obama, said of the post-9/11 world, "This is the most dangerous time I've seen growing up the last four decades."

This the most dangerous time? More than when Soviet nuclear missiles were pointed at us? That's absurd.

9/11 was horrible. But it was an unusually successful attack. Even if there were a similar attack every decade, that would kill far fewer Americans than house fires. Or stairs. Or bathtubs even. Of course, our brains are wired to react more strongly to the dramatic attack. But that fear leads us to spend big on things that don't add to our safety.

Some current Egyptian protesters are angry at America — not because they are Islamists who **MEDDLING** cont. on page 6

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Pampa Faith

We need to become like the epileptic boy

Have you ever known anyone with epilepsy? Ever personally witnessed one of their seizures? Did the violence of the seizure frighten you? It does most folks. The example we look to in this article is that of a young boy who was possessed by an evil spirit that made him mute and inflicted him with violent seizures. His story can be found in Mt 17:14-23; Mk 9:14-32; Lk 9:37-45.

A man in the crowd called out, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child." He approached Jesus and knelt before him. "Lord, have mercy on my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. Whenever the spirit seizes him, he suddenly screams; it throws him, to the ground into convulsions. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. I brought him and begged your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not." "From childhood it has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him."

How driven would you be if that was your child? If that had been you when you were a young boy or girl, how strongly would you have yearned for help? This boy was no different than you would have been; he craved with all his heart for someone to help him.

Even though they weren't totally confident, the father and son came

looking for Jesus. Any port in a storm. Since Jesus was on the mountain for the transfiguration, the father cried out for help to the nine disciples left at the foot of the mount. The nine were frustrated; they had cast out demons before, but not so this time. When Jesus arrived and called out for the boy, the demon went NUTZ and threw the boy into a convulsion.

Then suddenly in the midst of the boy's writhing, "Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up. He was healed from that moment. Jesus gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God."

How about we try and put a price tag on what that boy and father owe Jesus. Can you come up with an adequate figure? Me neither. There is no way to put an appropriate value on exchanging the insane life you've lived for a "normal" one.

So what can we learn from what the boy understood? 1. From his dad he knew that he was loved, that he hurt with him and that he would do anything to help him. 2. From the disciples he learned that sometimes Jesus' helpers (apostles, preachers, pastors, etc.) want to help, but can't. 3. From the years with the demon he understood better than most people just how cruel, mean, hurtful, evil and REAL Satan is. 4. And from Jesus the boy came to know that no hurt or tribulation in his life was too big for Jesus.

We need to learn what the boy learned.

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MIKE SUBLETT

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

God's word on marriage hasn't changed

After the recent Supreme Court ruling to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act, I've been looking for a way to offer my perspective without sounding too "preachy." In my view, the decision is



CHRIS ELY

wrong because it violates the teachings of the Bible — that marriage is between one man and one woman.

People say this definition of marriage is outdated. They say we must "evolve" as a society to be more tolerant. They say times have changed, and we need to support the marriage of two people of the same sex. Times have changed. But God and His word haven't.

We can debate the issue in our courts and the public square, but we can't deny what God has declared in His Word. The Bible clearly says homosexual relationships are wrong. This isn't a gray issue. It's a sin issue. Romans 1:27 spells it out plainly. It says, "In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error."

I'm not the arbiter of right and wrong. Neither is the U.S. Supreme Court. God is the ultimate judge, and He already gave

us His plan for marriage. It will never change.

As I listened to all the bickering on TV about the decision, Mike Huckabee's commentary stood out as the most logical and well-reasoned. In it, he said, "I can't defy the definition of marriage any more than I can defy the law of gravity. God created both and at the point I decided to follow Him in my Christian commitment, my life nor its rules belong to me any more."

For all true believers, there's only one position to take on the issue of marriage. We must take God's position.

Huckabee ended his commentary with this: "Courts said in 1857 that black people weren't fully human and they were wrong. They said in 1962 that we couldn't pray in school and they were wrong. In 1973, they said unborn children were disposable and expendable, and 56 million dead children later, they were wrong. And this week, for those of us who believe God created male and female, and who believe what Jesus said that a man shall leave his father and mother and a woman shall leave her home and the two will become one flesh, they were wrong again."

The Supreme Court had its say, but God has the final decision.

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Through sessions of football, basketball, soccer, cheer, cooking, and drama, kids will discover that Jesus wants to help them break free from things holding them back in life and sports.

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For more information, call children's pastor Karen Putman at 665-7201.

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McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church. The

Pastor is Ronnie Ferguson. Worship services and children's ministry are on Sundays at 2 p.m. only. The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.

The church offers a variety of Bible studies and special events. The church also offers a drug and alcohol recovery group that meets twice a week and is based on the teachings of the Bible.

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Railroads

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a steam engine, boiler and derrick for putting in a well and pumping station upon the success of which, it is said, other improvements will follow.

"In 1905, the Santa Fe Railway built the first real depot in Pampa. The building was said to be 24 by 42 feet. Located near the cattle loading chute, the depot was between West Atchison and the railroad on the west side of Cuyler Street. The depot, which had serviced both the Santa Fe and the Wells Fargo Freight Company, was destroyed by fire in 1914.

In 1908, the Santa Fe rebuilt its entire line to Panhandle and on into Amarillo. The White Deer Land Company had to give additional right of way for the part of the line that crossed the property of the land company. The Santa Fe then abandoned its tap line that had been constructed in 1888 to connect the Santa Fe at Panhandle with the Fort Worth and Denver at Washburn.

Between the years 1886 and 1914, the Santa Fe built a fabulous railroad empire in the Panhandle and South Plains of Texas. This was done by purchase, by piecemeal construction of segments of track and by putting together the segments as purchased and constructed. In 1995 Santa Fe merged with Burlington Northern Railroad to form Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway.

To learn more about the railway or the importance of the railway to the White Deer Land Museum, please visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com.

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Woman injured in crash on S.H. 287

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A woman was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center Tuesday morning after the Chevrolet Suburban she was driving left the road on State Highway 273 and crashed into an area with several trees.

The single-vehicle collision occurred around 6:40 a.m. as the woman was driving west on S.H. 273, said Joe Millican, chief of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department.

Millican said his department assisted other agencies at the scene, including the Gray County Sheriff's Office and the Lefors Volunteer Fire & EMS Service.

"We did extrication on the female victim but didn't have to use the jaws of life," Millican said. "We put her on a back board and carried her to the Lefors ambulance."

Millican said the woman was coherent and was speaking to EMS personnel, but he didn't know her name. He said she was transported to PRMC.

Millican said the woman's injuries were non-life-threatening.

"She went off the highway and was airborne and then struck some trees," he said. "She broke off several trees that were about three inches in diameter and then a larger one stopped her movement."

The crash happened about half way between Pampa

and Lefors near a bridge that goes over a creek that runs under the highway.

Later in the day, a woman named Xenia Leann posted on The Pampa News Facebook page to thank others who had posted for their concerns.

"I am OK and I was the only one in the vehicle," she wrote.

Women in kidnap case thank public for support

CLEVELAND (AP) — Three women who police say were held captive in a Cleveland home for about a decade have issued a video in which they thanked the public for the encouragement and financial support that are allowing them to restart their lives.

Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight broke their public silence in the 3-minute, 30-second video posted Monday night on YouTube.

They said the support and prayers of family, friends and the public are allowing them to rebuild their lives after what Berry called "this entire ordeal."

The women had gone missing separately between 2002 and 2004, when they were 14, 16, and 20 years old.

In the video, none of the wom-

en had any visible scars of the abuse they said they suffered at the hands of Ariel Castro, who has pleaded not guilty to a 329-count indictment alleging he kidnapped them off the streets and held them captive in his two-story home. They were smiling and appeared upbeat.

Castro, a 52-year-old former bus driver, fathered a 6-year-old daughter with Berry and is accused of starving and punching Knight, causing her to miscarry. He was arrested May 6, shortly after Berry broke through a door at the home and yelled to neighbors for help.

Berry, the only one of the three women whose photographs have appeared publicly since her release, had shorter hair with a blonde streak in it. Knight, who authorities said had been taken

captive first, wore glasses, had closely cropped hair and spoke a bit haltingly.

Knight said in the video that she is building a "brand new life."

"I may have been through hell and back, but I am strong enough to walk through hell with a smile on my face and my head held high," she said, reading from a prepared statement. "I will not let the situation define who I am. I will define the situation. I don't want to be consumed by hatred."

DeJesus' parents, Felix DeJesus and Nancy Ruiz, thanked the public for donations to a fund set up to help the women. In addition, Ruiz encouraged parents with missing loved ones to reach out for assistance. "Count on your neighbors," she said. "Don't be afraid to ask for the

help because help is available."

Kathy Joseph, Knight's attorney, said in a statement that the three women wanted to "say thank you to people from Cleveland and across the world, now that two months have passed."

She said they're being recognized in public, "so they decided to put voices and faces to their heartfelt messages."

James Wooley, an attorney for Berry and DeJesus, also issued a statement saying Knight and his clients thank people for the privacy they've been given and do not want to discuss their case with the news media or anyone else.

The video was filmed July 2 and released by a public relations agency on the women's behalf with the cooperation of their lawyers.

Judge sets resentencing in Kan. hunting camp case

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday set a resentencing date in the case of two Texas brothers who ran a hunting camp in Kansas where hunters paid thousands of dollars to illegally shoot deer.

U.S. District Judge Monti Belot scheduled James and Marlin Butler's sentencing for Aug. 28 in the wake of an appeals court ruling overturning their prison terms.

Belot told attorneys in a letter that he would hear testimony at the resentencing about the fair market price of wild deer parts such as antlers and mounts.

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, in its decision last year, said the district court made a mistake in 2011 in calculating sentences on the full price of a guided hunt, rather than the actual value of the animals.

The Butlers, of Martinsville, Texas, ran Camp Lone Star near Coldwater, Kan. James Butler owned the camp and was initially sentenced to 41 months in prison and ordered to pay a \$25,000 fine and \$25,000 in restitution to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Marlin Butler, who worked as a guide, was initially sentenced to

27 months in prison and ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine and \$10,000 in restitution.

In September, the appeals court threw out the prison terms and sent the case back to the district court in Kansas for resentencing.

The federal investigation into Camp Lone Star is believed to be one of the largest criminal prosecutions involving the illegal taking of deer. The Butler brothers were convicted under the Lacey Act, a federal law that prohibits interstate transport of any wildlife taken in violation of state regulations. Search warrants

were executed in Louisiana, Kansas and Texas.

At least 25 hunters were eventually sentenced on lesser charges connected to activities at the hunting camp.

The brothers pleaded guilty in 2011 to felony charges of conspiracy to violate the Lacey Act and violation of the Lacey Act. James Butler also pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice.

The appeals court took issue with U.S. District Court Judge Wesley Brown's valuation of the animals involved. Brown valued them at \$120,000, a figure that resulted in an eight-level enhancement

to the guideline range sentence.

The appeals court said the district court must ascertain the actual retail market value of the deer in calculating a new sentence. However, James Butler still will be required to pay \$25,000 in Kansas, the appeals court said.

Prosecutors said the Butler brothers charged out-of-state hunters \$3,500 per hunt with archery equipment and \$5,000 per hunt with a firearm for guided hunts at Camp Lone Star and some 50,000 nearby acres leased for hunting activities in Kansas.

Meddling

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support terrorism, but because they support secular, classical-liberal figures like the late Mohammed Noah, who encouraged free markets and outreach to Israel. They resent the U.S. government for backing people like former Egyptian president Mohammed Morsi.

John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on the Fox Business Network.

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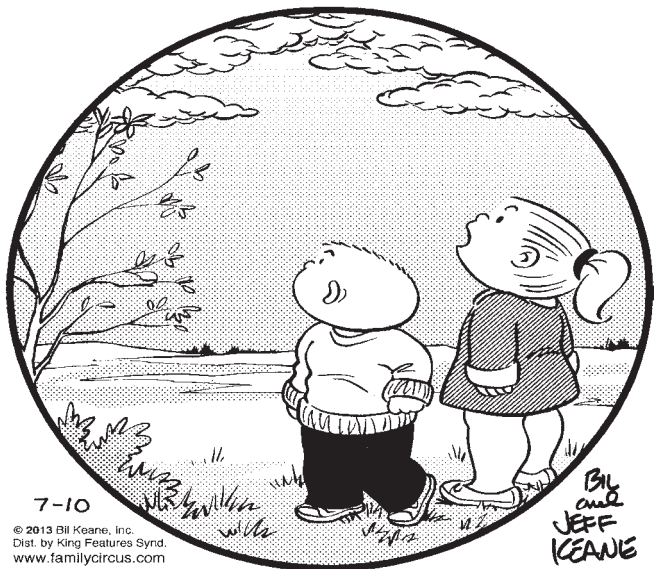
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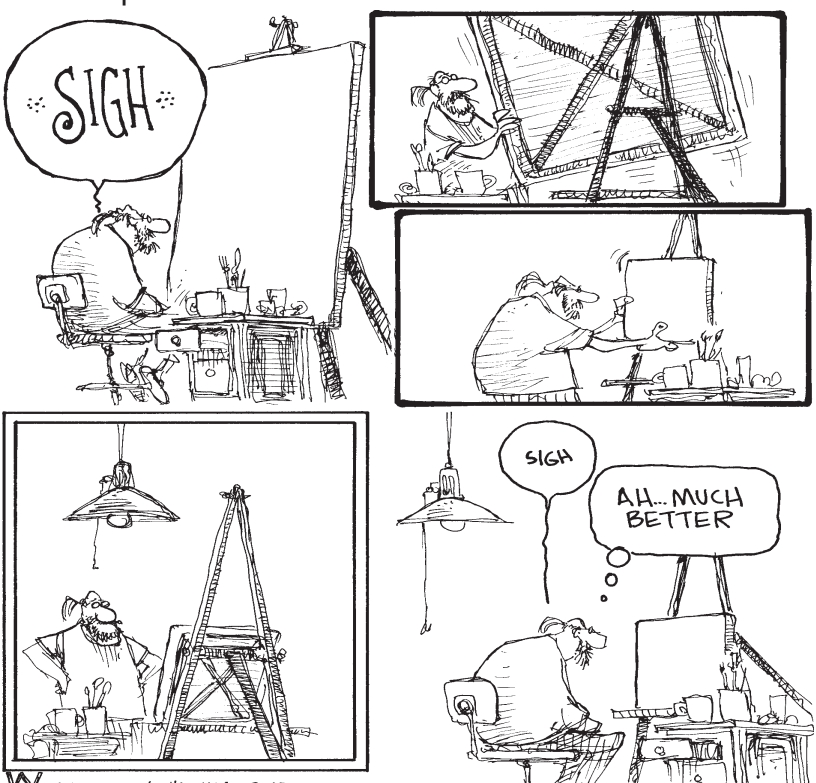


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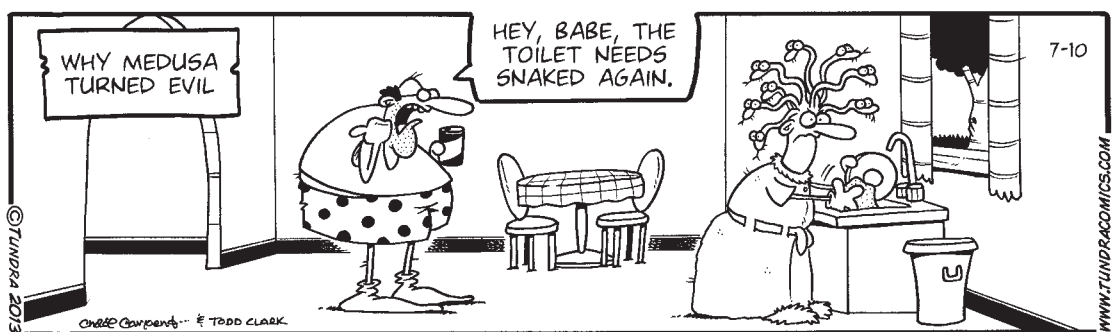
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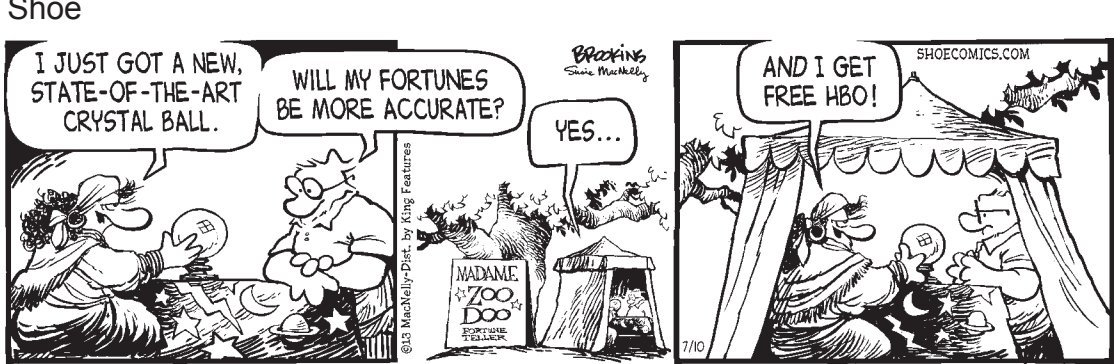


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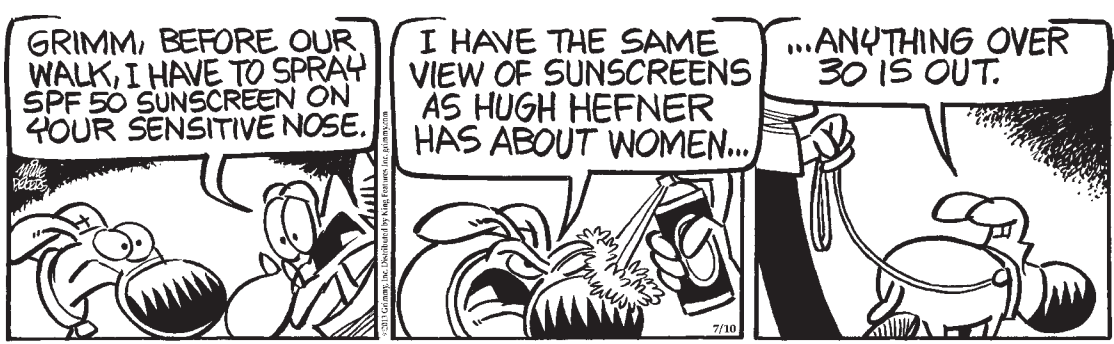
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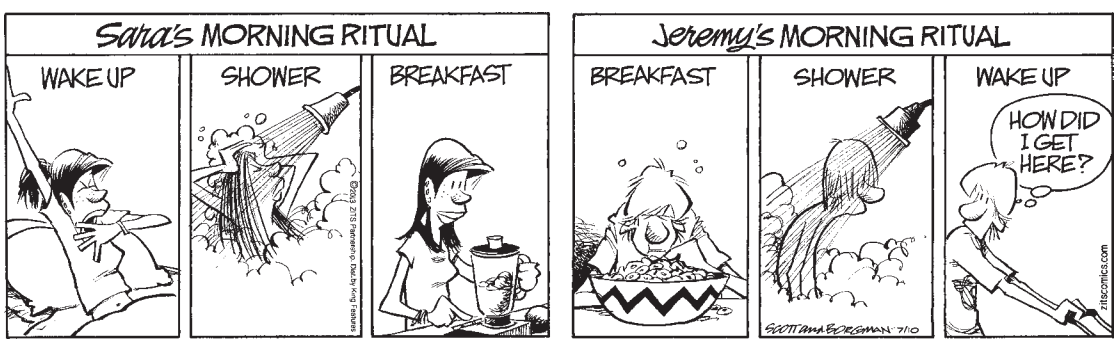
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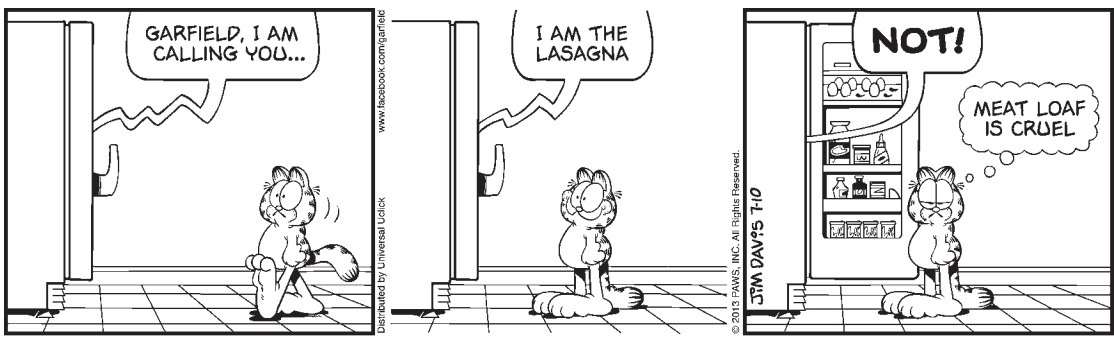
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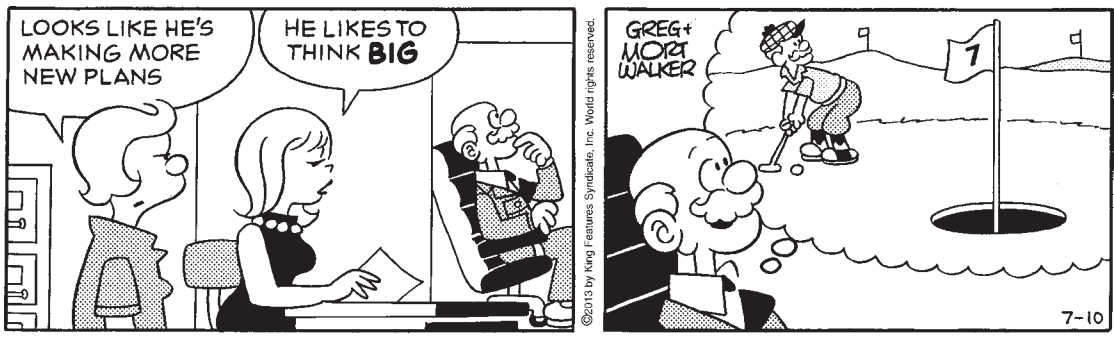
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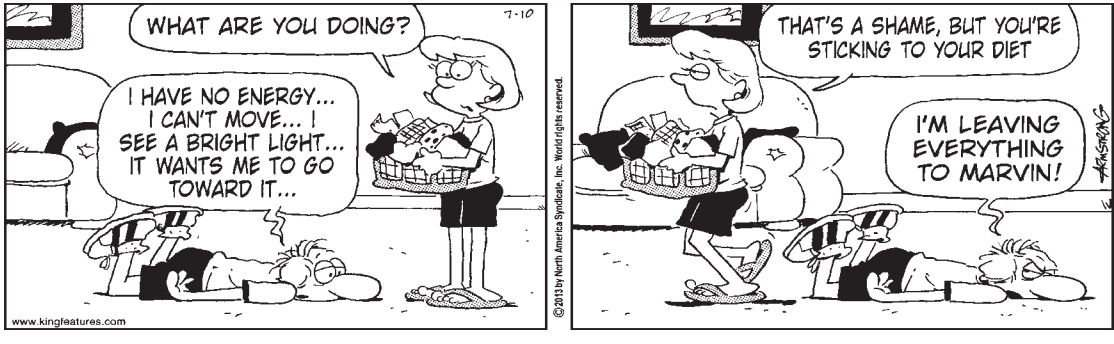
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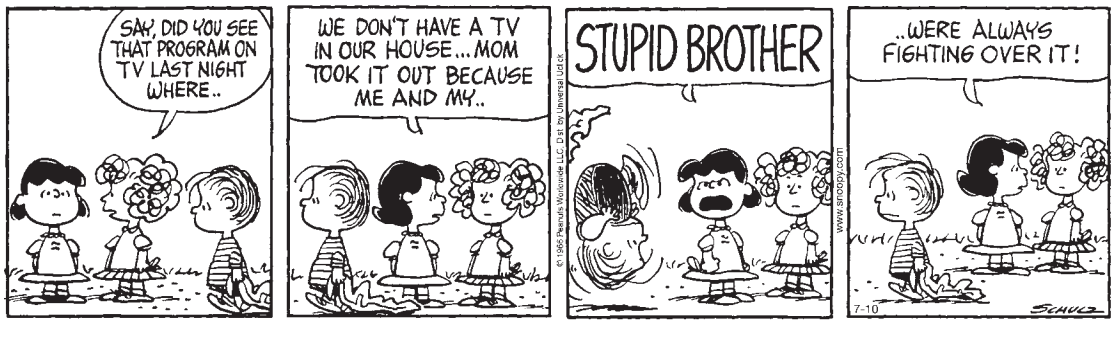
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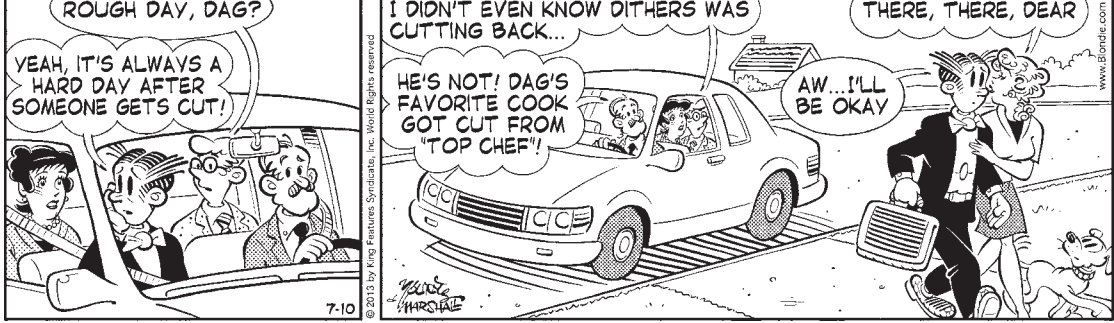
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 11, 2013:
This year your temper could be an issue, as you'll learn to express your feelings in a way that others can understand. You tend to have a sweet tooth, and will want to indulge yourself more as a result. The best part of this year begins in late fall. If you are single, someone important could become a part of your life history. If you are attached, your charisma increases -- and with it, your attentiveness to your sweetie. **VIRGO** can be fussy and critical at times.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might want to make a tremendous effort to complete a project that has been on the back burner for a while. People sense your confidence, and they will make the decision to go along with your ideas. You finally feel supported! Tonight: Any reason works for celebration.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might not have to venture far. You could do your shopping via the Internet and enjoy the luxury of taking your time. Your creativity surges to an unprecedented level. You feel good no matter what you do. Tonight: Totally in the moment and ready for the weekend.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might need more feedback. You know what you want, and you are likely to pursue it impulsively, without thinking first. If someone points out a potential liability, listen carefully. You will see the problem once it is identified. Tonight: All smiles, and happy to be home.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might be trying to get the best price possible for a particular item. Try to postpone your decision for a while, because there could be a sale in the near future. Communication picks up in the afternoon; you'll like what you hear. Tonight: Think "weekend."
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Put the finishing touches on a project. Move quickly and efficiently, as by late afternoon, you might need to handle a financial situation or follow through on a hunch. Do not allow someone to distract you. Tonight: Take care of an errand or two on the way home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might be doing more than your usual amount of questioning. You have a drive to launch a project but, for whatever reason, you have done little so far. A meeting proves to be very important. You will feel a sense of camaraderie. Tonight: Where your friends are.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could feel a little tired and overworked. You have a way of making your mark. Your insightfulness comes from asking questions -- just make sure they're the right ones. Your power of observation will come through. Tonight: All eyes turn to you. Now what are you going to do?
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Deal with a partner who is determined to share his or her viewpoint. Later, when you stop to ponder where this person was coming from, you will see the rationale behind his or her thoughts. Be sure to keep an open mind. Tonight: Consider a getaway this weekend or next.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Others seek you out. In order to accomplish what you desire, you might want to screen your calls. Listen well to a partner who can help you carry out a certain project much faster. This likely will be the only person you should open the door for. Tonight: Wind down with a friend.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Dive into work; the grueling details of a meeting need to be handled quickly. By midafternoon, you will reach out to someone with whom you want to speak. Hopefully you have some extra time in your schedule. Tonight: Continue an important conversation over dinner.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ When you defer to others, you seem to have better results. Push a creative concept forward before lunch, if possible. Others will hear you better then, though it might take a day or two for them to make an assessment. Deal with a partner directly. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Getting going might be difficult in regard to a personal situation. You might believe that you can handle it right now if you could stop and make the time. Tap into your creativity, and request the help of a close friend. This person's ideas could help. Tonight: Let more fun in.



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Venom blow past the Bombers to advance to championship game

■ **Venom to host Rattlesnakes on Saturday.**

BY JOHN LEE
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The Amarillo Venom won in the first round of the Lone Star Football League play-offs, defeating the Abilene Bombers and securing the championship game to be played in Amarillo.

The opening quarter was all Amarillo Venom as the Venom used their first drive to go down the field and score a touchdown from quarterback Nate Davis to wide receiver Raymond Johnson Jr. Putting the Venom up 7-0. The rest of the quarter was dominated by the Venom defense, forcing a turnover on downs and two fumbles, with the Venom scoring on each of the drives that ensued. By the time there was just over 5:36 to play, the Venom led the Bombers 28-0. The Bombers didn't score until running back Jermaine Blakely ran in a touchdown, but they failed on the two-point conversion. The Venom answered the score with one of their own, with Davis finding Johnson again, mak-

ing the score 35-6.

The second quarter opened up with the Bombers having the ball and driving it in for a touchdown when quarterback Byron Ingram ran it in himself. Davis had a pass tipped for an interception on the following drive, and Abilene used that opportunity to run in another touchdown this time on the legs of wide receiver Jeremiah Turner. Davis redeemed himself on the following drive, finding Doug Williams on a seven-yard pass, making the score 42-20. The Venom and the Bombers exchanged scores after that, with Davis finding Williams again and the Bombers returning a kick return for a touchdown. At the half the score was 49-26.

The third quarter started with the Bombers trying to close the gap, and scoring a touchdown off a Turner scamper, but again missing the two-point conversion making 49-32 Venom. The Venom scored 18 unanswered points after that, with wide receiver Alex Watson running it in, followed by Venom defensive lineman Jared Williams sacking Ingram for a safety, and then Davis finding Williams again early in the fourth

quarter. 65-32 Venom. In the fourth quarter, the Venom defense got its second safety, padding the lead 67-32. The Bombers finally got another touchdown on a pass from Ingram to running back Jairius Jarvis, making the score 67-40 after successfully converting the two-point conversion. The Venom scored a field goal after that, but the Bombers fumbled on the ensuing kickoff and the Venom recovered. The Bomber defense had seen enough, though, as they stopped the Venom in their own end zone on the ensuing drive, forcing a safety in the closing seconds of the game.

Venom quarterback Nate Davis finished 23-38 with 217 yards and seven touchdowns and two interceptions. Wide receiver Doug Williams led the team in receiving with 133 yards and five touchdowns, with Raymond Johnson catching three balls for two touchdowns. The Venom defense had two sacks, both for safeties. The Amarillo Venom will host the Laredo Rattlesnakes on Saturday for the Lone Star Football League Championship. The teams are 2-2 in four head-to-head contests during the regular season.

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Former NFL player sues Redskins over injury

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former NFL player is suing the Washington Redskins and former assistant coach Gregg Williams, saying a career-ending knee injury is the result of a bounty program where Redskins coaches encouraged players to intentionally injure opponents.

Barrett Green, a linebacker who played for the Detroit Lions and the New York Giants between 2000 and 2005, says a career-ending knee injury during a game on Dec. 5, 2004 was the result of a bounty program and a "unusual,

outrageous, and an obvious cheap shot."

After leaving the Redskins and spending one season with Jacksonville, Williams became defensive coordinator for the New Orleans Saints in 2009 and was considered the mastermind behind the bounty scandal that led to unprecedented sanctions from the NFL. He was suspended for one year by the league and is now a senior defensive assistant with the Tennessee Titans. The lawsuit also names former Redskins player Robert Royal, the tight end who

hit Green.

Redskins coaches and players told The Associated Press in 2012 that Williams also offered cash rewards for big hits and other plays — a violation of NFL rules — when he was coaching Washington's defense from 2004-07. But they differed on whether it was a true bounty scheme that targeted specific players. The NFL investigated Williams' conduct with the Redskins and with other teams where he had coached, but he was sanctioned only for his actions while with the Saints.

Sports Briefs

Phillies' Ryan Howard needs knee surgery

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — There's a reason why Ryan Howard was limping around the field.

The Philadelphia Phillies' slugger needs surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee and will miss at least six to eight weeks. An MRI on Monday confirmed the tear in his knee. A date for surgery hasn't been set.

"It could have been much more significant damage," general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. said.

"We don't want any of our players on the DL. But we know what it is and it's treatable. Hopefully we can get him back in time to play this year."

NH gets traffic plans Sunday NASCAR race

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — New Hampshire police and transportation officials are planning to handle thousands of NASCAR race fans by making changes to traffic control patterns near the Loudon track.

The Camping World RV Sales 301 race is Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and the NASCAR Sprint Cup Race is expected to draw over 100,000 spectators in nearly 38,000 vehicles. The race is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

Cavs' offer Bynum deal

CLEVELAND (AP) — Andrew Bynum has a new team waiting for him.

The enigmatic free-agent center, who didn't play a single second for Philadelphia last season because of knee injuries, is mulling a two-year offer from the Cleveland Cavaliers, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Cleveland made the offer, which includes a team option in the second year, during his visit to the Cavs' facility. Bynum did not work out but the team examined him thoroughly.

The person with knowledge of the negotiations spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks. Yahoo! Sports first reported the offer and said it was worth \$24 million.

Broncos exec. arrested on suspicion of DUI

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. (AP) — Denver Broncos director of player personnel Matt Russell apologized Monday for his arrest over the weekend on suspicion of driving under the influence.

The Colorado State Patrol said Russell was arrested Saturday after rearending a Breckenridge police officer's SUV that was stopped on the shoulder of Colorado 9. The

officer, suspecting Russell was drunk, had pulled over to wait for Russell to pass, troopers said. Russell and the officer were taken to hospitals and released.

Town spokeswoman Brodie Boilard said Russell also was in a minor accident earlier Saturday, and the other driver called police after suspecting Russell was intoxicated.

Russell was arrested on charges of DUI, no proof of insurance, careless driving causing injury, and having an open container after colliding with the officer's vehicle. He was freed on bond Sunday.

The Broncos said in a written statement Monday that the team was "extremely disappointed and concerned."

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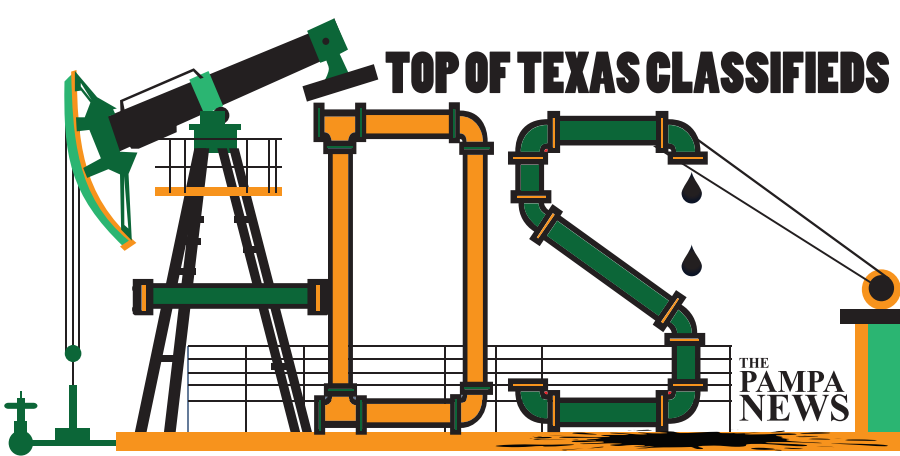
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A XYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-10 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl who has been in a relationship for a year and a half with "Richard." I love him with everything in me, but he is mentally and physically abusive. He is also addicted to cough medicine. I knew I should have stopped talking to him before we started dating, but he was such a mess I thought I could help him — and I did. He's no longer an alcoholic. He went to jail for seven months because of our age difference, but I refused to testify, so he got out. While he was in there I thought he had changed and wouldn't hit me anymore, but he still does. Anyone in their right mind would get up and leave, but the one time I did, he pretended he didn't care and I attempted suicide. I don't know what to do. I love him, but I know I shouldn't. — ABUSED TEEN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR TEEN: I'm glad you wrote. Richard may no longer be drinking liquor, but cough medicines contain alcohol, which means he's still an alcoholic. His violence toward women will probably never stop unless he is incarcerated for it, and even then there is no guarantee. Regardless of how much love you give him, you can't fix what's wrong with him or make him love you back because he isn't capable of it. Because you are so emotionally fragile, you should seek refuge with relatives who can help you heal physically and emotionally from this experience. If that's not possible, then contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline. Its website is www.thehotline.org, and the toll-free phone number is 800-799-7233. Ask for a referral to a women's shelter where

you can receive counseling and support. Help is available for you if you are open to it. Staying where you are is not an option because if you do, this man could kill you. DEAR ABBY: While riding with my new boss to a sales appointment, he needed some information from his company-issued iPad. He asked me to turn it on and gave me the passcode. When I did, up popped a porn site. He almost wrecked the car grabbing the iPad from me. Not another word was said until we arrived at the appointment and he looked up the item prior to going in. Nothing has been said about this incident since. Every time I think about my boss having gone to that porn site before I touched the iPad, I get sick to my stomach. HE makes me sick. Do I resign or stay? — GROSSED OUT IN OHIO

DEAR GROSSED OUT: If the nausea is affecting your ability to perform your job, you should quit. But before you do,

be sure you have another one lined up. And when you interview, as tempting as it may be, refrain from saying anything negative about your boss because to do otherwise will reflect poorly on you. DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend wants to open the door for me when I am the one driving. I'm thrilled that he wants to be a gentleman, and I love when he opens the door for me when I am in the passenger seat or in front of any other door, as he always does. I am just not comfortable with it when I'm the one who's driving. It seems awkward to me. Your thoughts? — AT A LOSS IN COLORADO

DEAR AT A LOSS: Your boyfriend may do this because he wants to please you, or he was raised this way. Personally, I think what he's doing is endearing. However, because it makes you uncomfortable, explain that it "isn't necessary" and you would prefer he not do it when you are the driver.

BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the words below can be turned into another word on the list by changing one letter and then rearranging them all to form a new word. For example, REGIMENT can be turned into STEERING by changing the M to an S.

- COEDIT Pairs
- HEREOF
- REFUSE
- TRIODE
- COOTIE
- SECURE
- POETIC
- ECHOER

Yesterday's Answer: HOOF, COYOTE, YOGI, HIE, CAT, FEE, GEA

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Poet Van Duyn
 - 5 Years gone by
 - 9 Left on a boat
 - 11 Book after Jonah
 - 12 Decimal fraction
 - 13 Florida city
 - 14 Important age
 - 15 Month of fasting
 - 17 Strict disciplinarians
 - 19 Annoy
 - 20 "— evil"
 - 21 Crested bird
 - 22 River part
 - 24 Pi follower
 - 26 Darling
 - 29 Flamboyant wrap
 - 30 Open-sided shelters
 - 32 Protective wall
 - 34 Nest egg choice: Abbr.
 - 35 Concede
 - 36 Trip around the world
- DOWN
- 1 Alma —
 - 2 Verdi creations
 - 3 Generic
 - 4 Gallery fill
 - 5 Print unit
 - 6 Maine park
 - 7 Pay
 - 8 Show gratitude to
 - 10 Royal roost
 - 11 May honorees
 - 16 "... and — short"
 - 18 Make over
 - 21 Coffee, slangily
 - 23 Small drum
 - 24 Band aide
- 38 Long attack
- 39 Piglet's creator
- 40 Towel word
- 41 Entreats

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Yesterday's answer

10 Royal roost

25 Carpenter's need

27 Like some mushrooms

28 Bold

29 Audacious

30 Assess

31 Fills up

33 Litter members

37 Umbrella part

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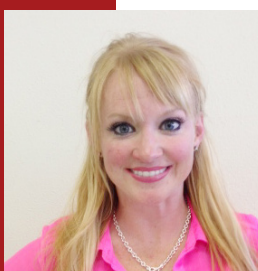
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