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Baseball legend 'Bobby V' coming to Pampa

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Former Texas Rangers manager to speak to Pampa Optimist Club.

> By John Lee jclee@thepampanews.com

The region of the country a fan lives in normally determines which teams and players they cheer for or against. Very few players are all-around cheered earn the pure respect of the fans. Bobby Valentine falls into the latter category. He will be in Pampa at 7:15

p.m., Thursday, July 18 speaking to the Optimist Youth Club.

Bobby Valentine, nicknamed "Bobby V," is a former baseball player and manager. He played baseball for 10 years and his statistics are not flashy, having only hit 12 home runs with 157 runs batted in. Where he gets his fame is all his years managing, throughout his career.

Valentine's first managing gig was with the Texas Rangers in 1985. He took over a 9-23 team and eventually finished 62-99, going 53-76 under Valentine. The following season the Rangers finished 87-75 and finished second in their division, the American League West. After a couple of mediocre seasons, the Rangers let Valentine go and he spent a few years with the Mets, managing their Triple-A

or booed, and even less just having managed 2,351 games affiliate, the Norfolk Tides, and even managing the Chiba Lotte Marines, of the Japanese Pacific

After returning to the United States and being promoted to the manager of the Mets in the 1996 season, the Mets started a reemergence as a strongly competitive team. In each of Valentine's first two seasons with the Mets, they finished 88-74. The third season as manager in

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TURTLE TRACK



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A turtle race track similar to the one that will be used for next Saturday's races.

It's time to turtle race

First-ever event in Pampa will be held July 20.

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Turtle races are coming to Pampa. The races are a popular annual

event in nearby Canadian, where there are held every Fourth of July. They have been growing in popularity throughout the United States and Canada. The races will be held in front of

Bandon's Flowers on North Cuyler Street beginning at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 20, as part of the Downtown Business Association's "Sizzlin' Summer." There will be trophies and prizes

for children and adult divisions. Age groups are 3-6, 7-10 and 10-14. Adult division is 15 and up. Rental turtles will be available for \$1. No snapping turtles will be permitted and costumes for turtles and participants are welcome. Other events that day include a

smoke-off, splatter run and a mo-

torcycle show. The run starts at 7:30 a.m. and

the rest of the events are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. There are opportunities for downtown sidewalk sales and vendors. Turtle races begin with the turtles

all being placed in the center of a large circle, and the first to pass outside of the circle is deemed the Laurie Brown, administrative

assistant at the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office, has been organizing the turtle races in Canadian for several years. She said they always get a great

turnout.

"You just can't imagine the crowd," she said. "I think it's something that kids are doing that their parents did and their grandparents did, too." She said the races are always

held at the courthouse. Last year when the courthouse was being remodeled, residents were concerned the races might be canceled.

"People kept asking, 'You are still going to hold the turtle races, aren't you?" she said. To make sure they didn't have a lot of unhappy people on their hands, the races were moved to the city's tennis courts, she said.

Brown said most of the turtles in the races are box turtles found in the wild. Kids and adults will find them

outside, and then bring them indoors and feed them.

She said there are no snapping or water turtles in their races. This year, there were 157 turtles

entered. Last year the number was only 74 because the weather conditions were so dry, making it difficult to find turtles, Brown said. Turtle racing initially became a

popular pastime in The Bahamas in the early 20th century, according RACE cont. on page 3

Chamber preparing for Country Fair

■ Will Bannister to headline.

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is up to some funny business and awesome music making in preparation for the 2013 Country Fair.

This year's theme is "Clownin' Around at The Country Fair" and Will Banister and the Mul-

berry Band will be the musical headliner. A native of Portales, N.M.,

Banister grew up singing Merle Haggard, Hank Williams and all the great country classics, songs perfectly suited to his smooth voice. In February 2012, Will Banis-

ter and The Mulberry Band performed at the Festival of Country Music at London's Wembley

Arena with country greats Charley Pride, Reba McEntire and Ricky Skaggs.

Tickets will go on sale in late August for \$30 per person.

The chairman for this year's Country Fair is Kerrick Horton, who has recruited a great group of people to serve on the committees. They held a kick-off luncheon recently at the cham-

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Will

Bannister

Crosspointe Church hosting barbecue, family events

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE thowsare@thepampanews.com

Eating good barbecue may not get you into Heaven, but it will make your taste buds happy, and there's no sin in that.

On Saturday, Crosspointe Church at 711 E. Harvester Ave. is holding its first-ever Holy Smokes barbecue competition.

The barbecue will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on the church grounds.

Pastor Charles Lowry said the event is being sponsored by Celebrate Recovery, a nationwide ministry that has a local ministry at Crosspointe.

"There will be teams coming from all over, including Amarillo and Canyon," he said. "Some of these teams are on a regular competitive circuit."

Lowry said this barbecue is not a certified event, but several of the judges are certified BARBECUE cont. on page 3









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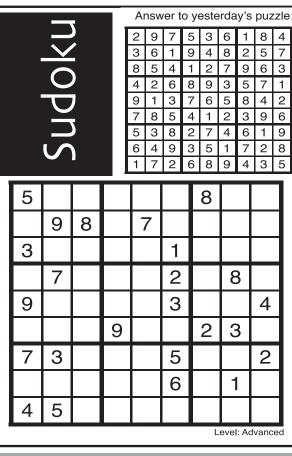
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17-year-old arrested for drug paraphernalia

STAFF REPORT

arrested Thursday by Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Victor Hugo Martinez, 31, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by Pampa Pampa, was arrested Thursday by Police Department for capias pro fine — failure to maintain financial responsibility (car insurance).

•A 17-year-old male, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for insufficient bond – possession of a controlled substance and possession of

drug paraphernalia. •Jared Christopher Newman, 20, GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Aaron Zachery Sackett, 18, Pam- failure to use seatbelt.

•Carl Derand Win, 38, Pampa, was pa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Ciera Williams, 18, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for disorderly conduct —language.

•Anthony Dewayne Dunn, 29, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for evading arrest, detention with vehicle and capias pro fine -

Tourism & Preservation Round-up, Aug. 7-8

Texas Country Reporter Bob Phillips is going to headline.

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The Texas Plains Trail Region, a heritage tourism initiative of the Texas Historical Commission, will host its 5th annual Tourism & Preservation Round-up Aug. 7-8, 2013, in Canadian, Tex.

The two-day event, with optional pre- and post-activities, helps prepare community professionals and volunteers alike to promote heritage tourism, historic preservation, and economic development in their hometowns and beyond. Representatives of partner organizations, and

individuals, are welcome to register.

The Round-up will kick off Wed., Aug. 7, with a reception at the Citadelle Art Foundation, which is cur- to gather in historic Canadian durrently hosting an exhibition of Marc Chagall works, and will wrap up with "An Evening with Bob Phillips" at Canadian's historic Palace Theatre. In between are sessions including preservation and the arts can do "Through Time and the Canadian River Valley: Writing the Stories of Your Place" with John Erickson, author of the Hank the Cowdog series and other Texas books; "Bringing History to Life: A Performance and Ideas for Your Community," with Ride into History (entertainers and educators Dr. Joyce Thierer and Bob Phillips" will also be avail-Ann Birney); "Rescuing the Hotel able to the public after July 15. For Settles: A Landmark Lives Again," with Hotel Settles director Bill Cole; 806.747.1997.

and other educational and cultural activities.

"The Texas Plains Trail is thrilled ing our 10th Anniversary year,' said TPTR executive director Barbara Brannon. "The city stands as an amazing example of what historic even in a small community."

Conference sessions are held at the Canadian Elementary School 500 Dogwood, where a vendor fair will also be held. Registration for the main conference is \$75, with additional events and exhibitor booths extra. Tickets to "An Evening with more information, call TPTR at

Missouri disasters cost \$36M; less than expected

and stockpiled tax reve- get and Planning. nues two years ago while Joplin tornado and widespread flooding.

spent — nor needed for disaster aid.

Missouri's final tab from a disastrous 2011 totaled a little over \$36 million, according compiled figures The Associated Press by the state's budget chief. That's merely a quarter of the amount Nixon had committed.

The rest of the money about \$114 million went to other government we thought at the time purposes, though exactly that the numbers were what it was used for is not too high, and it turned clear.

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"It would have gone House Budget Committee state's disaster-aid com-(AP) — Confronted by a into the big budget pic- Chairman Rick Stream, mitment to \$150 million spate of natural disasters, ture," said Linda Lueb- a Republican from the while citing growth in Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon bering, the director of St. Louis suburb of Kirkcut funding for education Nixon's Division of Bud- wood.

to respond to the deadly the leftover disaster mon-

The cuts to colleges As it turns out, most never specifically were of that money never was restored. The money simply got absorbed into the pool of general revenues spent on government operations and services durbering said.

> vided an "I-told-you-so" moment for some lawmakers.

> "To me, it was an — nothing illegal or unout that they are," said

sight, the administration the Missouri River. wouldn't have done anything differently.

She said the state's costs were lower than exinsurers and the federal government paid more ing 2012 and 2013, Lueb- than initially anticipated.

That revelation pro- tions Committee Chairman Kurt Schaefer said Nixon's \$150 million set-aside was "absurd" and a prime example of on the nearly 20,000 inoverreach on his part the Democratic governor's "budget manipulaethical about it — (but) tion practices" that have allowed him to redirect of the \$1.5 billion to \$2 money as he wishes.

> objective evidence that ment had predicted in there was any reasonable July 2011. basis to withhold that Republican from Columversity of Missouri.

struck. In May 2011, he pledged \$25 million to help recover from flooding in southern Missouri. do killed 161 people and paid so far. injured hundreds of others in Joplin. Nixon raised his disaster-aid pledge to \$50 million while cutting a roughly equal amount of general revenues from surplus. education and other state services out of the upcoming budget.

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state revenues. At the time, cleanup was

A Nixon spokesman de- ongoing in Joplin and the There was no dollar- clined to comment, but federal government had committing \$150 million for-dollar accounting of Luebbering said even declared another disaster with the benefit of hind- because of flooding on "At that time, we were

just trying to be conservative and make sure that we were prepared to cover pected, in part, because it," Luebbering said. "We didn't scientifically come up with the number.'

For the Joplin tornado But Senate Appropria- alone, insurers reported losses of over \$2 billion, according to the state department, insurance which quit collecting data surance claims last Octo-

That's at the upper end billion of claims that the "There simply was no state insurance depart-

The federal governmoney," said Schaefer, a ment's share of the costs from the 2011 tornadoes bia, the home of the Uni- and flooding stands at \$250 million, compared The governor was quick with \$36.4 million for the to act when disasters state and \$27.6 million for local entities, according to figures from Nixon's budget office.

Of the state's share, Later that month, a torna- just \$7.6 million has been

> Since the disasters, Missouri's finances have improved.

> The state began a new budget this month with a

> Yet the public colleges

and universities that lost money in 2011 because When that new budget of the anticipated disaster began on July 1, 2011, costs never specifically Nixon again raised the had that money restored. **EXPERIENCE**

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Texas Senate prepares final vote on abortion bill

tee approved the measure the bill Friday afternoon licans and Democrats acknowledged there is little to stop it from becoming law this time.

Lt. Gov. David Dew-



Dewhurst

for Friday

less than two weeks GOPled Senate failed finish work on bill the

during a chaotic end to the first special session. Senators were expected to offer amendments and debate the virtues and dangers of imposing some of the toughest abortion restrictions in the here because I wanted to

It could be Saturday morning before senators actually cast their votes if debate lingers through the

During the Health and Human Services Committee hearing Thursday, Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, offered amendments that would have added exceptions in cases of rape or incest and helped keep open clinics that also provide other women's health services, such as checkups and contraception. The Republican majority rejected each amendment, just as it has rejected any attempt to modify the bill since it was introduced.

As senators on the committee cast their votes, a group of protesters began singing, "No, we're not going to take it," the refrain from a 1984 rock song by Twisted Sister. State troopers escorted them out of the hearing as the senators finished the 6-3 vote along strict party

Democrats acknowledge House Bill 2 will become law, saying there is little they can do to stop the Republican majority. But groups will challenge the law's constitutionality in federal court.

"We do not have the numbers to stop it," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas. "As soon as it's signed by the governor, it will be challenged ... we believe the whole bill is unconstitutional."

Republican Sen. Jane Nelson, who chairs the committee, said she expected a lengthy debate on the Senate floor on Friday afternoon, and she hoped there would be no interruptions. On the final day of the first special session, the Republican majority cut short a filibuster by Democratic Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth, triggering a 20-minute protest in the gallery that prevented the bill from becoming

Nelson rejected criticism that the bill was part of a "war on women."

"This bill is trying to end a war on babies that is taking place," Nelson said.

There are 20 days left in the current special session, so there is no possibility for a filibuster and

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poised to cast a final vote the state to break quorum. on tough new abortion re- However each of the 31 strictions after a commit- senators may speak on Thursday, and top Repub- and the gallery holds 467 people.

The Department of Public Safety has more than doubled security at the Capitol and Republican hurst scheduled the vote leaders have said they will clear the gallery if anyone afternoon, tries to disrupt the Senate

"I hope we don't get to after the that point but if we do, we do. This is a democracy and we will not be interrupted from doing the people's work by an unruly mob," Dewhurst said.

Also on Thursday, Dewhurst welcomed support from former GOP presidential candidate Rick Santorum, who visited the Capitol to express support for the measure.

"I wanted to come down stand with these men and women who are doing something great for our country, shining a light into this darkness," Santorum said. "The country Senate is watching ... and I think many around the world are watching.'

If passed today, the bill immediately goes to Gov. Rick Perry for his signabill a priority, calling two special legislative sessions to pass it.

Distant quakes can affect oil, gas fields

LOS ANGELES (AP) The powerful earthquake that rocked Japan in 2011 set off tremors around a West Texas oil field, according to new research that suggests oil and gas drilling operations may make fault zones sensitive to shock waves from distant big quakes.

It's long been known that large quakes can trigger minor jolts thousands of miles from the epicenter. Volcanically active spots like Yellowstone National Park often experience shaking after a large

distant event. Less is known about the influence of remote quakes on fault lines that have been weakened by man-made activity like the deep disposal of wastewater at the Texas oil field. A new study led by researchers at Columbia University and published Friday in the journal Science suggests a strong quake that strikes halfway around the globe can set off small to mid-size quakes near injection wells in the U.S. heartland.

"The seismic waves act as the straw that breaks the camel's back, pushing the faults that last little bit toward an earthquake," lead researcher Nicholas van der Elst said in an email.

There has been heightened scrutiny in recent years of quakes near industrial areas as drilling is ramped up to satisfy the country's energy hunger. Research has shown that wastewater disposal — the process of pumping fluids deep into the ground at high pressures — can weaken nearby fault lines and even produce quakes big enough to be felt. The controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing, or

— The Texas Senate was suggestion that they flee pressure mixtures of water, sand and chemicals to extract natural gas or oil, also can trigger quakes, but they're typically microquakes — smaller than magnitude-2.

By poring through the quake archives, van der Elst and colleagues found evidence that faults near wastewater injection sites were loaded with stress when ripples from a faraway earthquake traveled around the planet.

They contend: • The magnitude-9 Japan quake set off a swarm in the West Texas town of Snyder, where oil extrac-

tion has caused shaking in the past. • The magnitude-8.8 Chile quake in 2010 triggered a magnitude-4.1 in

active injection wells. • The Chile quake also set off a series of small quakes in the Colorado town of Trinidad near the New Mexico state line known for extracting natural gas from coal beds.

In those instances, the triggered seismic activity was followed months later by a moderate quake and researchers say that could be a warning sign of stress on the fault. The triggered events are too ture. Perry has made the small to relieve all the stress and some of that stress can be transferred to nearby faults, making a future larger event more likely, said van der Elst.

Not all sites near injection wells showed increased shaking after a strong distant quake. The team found the most affected areas were places where pumping has been going on for decades.

University of Utah mechanical engineer Sidney Green called the results interesting but "rather speculative" and said they need more study.

If the observations bear out, it could help oil and gas operators know 'where it's safe to inject and where it's not," said Julie Shemeta, a geophysicist and president of Colorado-based MEQ Geo Inc., a consulting

Despite a history of man-made quakes near wastewater injection sites, only a small number of the country's 30,000 disposal wells are a problem, said U.S. Geological Survey seismologist William Ellsworth, who published an article in the journal reviewing the state of research.

Ellsworth said fracking does not pose a high risk for triggering quakes strong enough to feel. The largest man-made quake linked to fracking was a magnitude-3.6 in British Columbia in 2009.

In a third quake-related paper appearing in Science, researchers at the

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) Democrats have dismissed fracking, which uses high- University of California, Santa Cruz, found increased seismic activity over a 30-year period around a Southern California geothermal plant located near the San Andreas Fault. The plant pumps water in and out of an underground reservoir to make steam that drives turbines.

Lead author ily Brodsky said she has come up with a way to determine the rate of quakes from pumping at the site and plans to test the method at other geothermal

Corn harvest estimates downgraded slightly

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture slightly lowered its estimate of the corn crop on Prague, Okla., home of Thursday, a reflection of late planting in the Corn Belt due to the wet spring.

Farmers are now expected to harvest about 13.95 billion bushels, 55 million fewer bushels than predicted in June. That still beats the 2009 record by about 858 million bushels. A bushel of corn, when on the ears, weighs about 70 pounds.

The USDA also said farmers are now expected to harvest about 89.1 million acres of corn, down from the 89.5 million acres expected a month

For many farmers in Iowa and surrounding states, the rainy spring left fields soggy for weeks, causing them to delay planting weeks later than normal and, in some cases, re-plant because seeds had rotted.

"We're probably sitting on some of the worst crops in the country," said Chad Hart, an agricultural economist at Iowa State University. "We have drowned out spots and we have holes in our fields we don't like to see there. But when you look at the corn that did take off and start to grow, it's looking a lot better now than it did two or three weeks ago.

Hart said the corn that was most affected by all the rain stretches along Interstate 35 from Minnesota through Iowa and Missouri and over into Kansas and Colorado.

That would Chris Edgington's farm, which he operates with his son, his father and a brother in north central Iowa near St. Ansgar.

This is the first year in more than 60 that an entire crop couldn't be planted on the family's 2,000 acres, he said. Just a third of the normal corn crop was planted this year and they took crop insurance payments for the remaining two-thirds.

"Not only is it a financial decision you have to make but it's an emotional one as well," Edgington said.

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1999, the Mets finished 97-66 with a wild card playoff berth. They made it as far as the National League Championship series, falling to their rival Atlanta Braves in six games 4-2.

The Mets won the National League Championship the following season, but lost the 2000 World Series to the New York Yankees. Valentine returned to the Chiba Lotte Marines in 2004 and won the Japan Series and the inaugural season of the Asia Series. After returning to the

United States again, Valentine made his broadcasting debut for ESPN on Baseball Tonight 2003. He fielded several managerial interviews in June 2010 before ending up on the Boston Red Sox as manager in November 2011.

His only season with the team was filled with injuries and public disagreements. The team finished 69-93 and Valentine was released. He is currently the athletic director at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

At the speaking event there will be 10 teams, three from Arkansas, one from Mississippi, one from Louisiana and five Texas

Tickets are \$20 and proceeds all go to the Pampa Optimist Youth Club for their capital projects. The event is being held at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium, 1100 Coronado Drive.

Barbecue

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through the Kansas City Barbecue Society. He said there also will be

a "People's Choice" award, in which the people chowing down on the different entries get to vote for their favorite.

The pastor said there will be other activities, such as bounce houses, a kids sing along, a fire truck on display from the Pampa Fire Department and a visit by McGruff the Crime Dog.

The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under for all you can eat.

"We are working really hard to make this a fun family event," he said.

For more information about Celebrate Recovery, visit www.celebraterecovery.com.

Race

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to online encyclopedia Wikipedia.

The earliest known turtle race to occur in the United States took place in Chicago in 1902. Dubbed "The Strangest Race Ever Run" by the Chicago Daily Tribune, seven turtles raced across a lawn while being ridden by small children. Although spectators attempted to lure them toward a finish line with cabbages, they were not able to coax the turtles to move in a straight line.

For more information about the July 20 turtle race, call Callie Odell at 806-662-8595 or email codell@thepampanews. com.

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ber. Each committee is busy working hard to help make this a fun and successful event. They are very excited and hope you will join them for dinner, auctions and the

The Country Fair will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19 at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. For more information. contact the chamber office at 669-3241 or email at admin@pampachamber.com or follow the





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Sunday 2:00 4:30 & 7:30 Monday 7:30 & 10:00 Grown Ups 2 (PG-13) Friday - Sat 2:00 4:30 7:30

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Did Zimmerman profile Martin — or the other way around?

Why did the Trayvon Martin-George Zimmerman case become a national obsession?

After all, about 14,000 murders take place every year in America. In just



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President Barack Obama's adopted hometown, murders are on pace to reach around 400, down 27 percent

one city,

Chicago,

from last year but on par with 2011. In 2012, only 26 percent of homicides were "cleared," meaning the case was closed, with or without the killer being arrested or charged.

That Martin, a black person, was killed by Zimmerman, described as a white Hispanic, is rare. Most homicides are samerace crimes. Most black killers kill other blacks. Most white killers kill other whites.

So why this case? For many, Martin's death illustrates how young black men are unfairly 'profiled" by cops, security officers and society in general. The unfair criminal stereotype of black men, they say, results in false

But in the end, the Zimmerman trial is a he-said/ he's-dead case. The only person who was there tells a far different story. Zimmerman had a swollen, if not broken, nose, cuts on the back of his head and black eyes. The defense argues that this shows Zimmerman, in fear for his life or serious bodily injury, defended himself by shooting and killing Martin.

Defense witnesses, who came across as credible, have refuted every witness for the prosecution.

Was it Trayvon Martin's voice on the 911 tape, screaming for help, relevant in trying to determine who started the fight? Or was the voice that of Zimmerman, a man in reasonable fear of death or serious injury? Audio experts came to different conclusions, so the judge disallowed any audio expert testimony.

Martin's mother said the voice was her son's.

belonging to Trayvon. Testimony was given by Zimmerman's friends, including one who saw combat in Vietnam. The vet said he'd heard men screaming on the battlefield. Knowing Zimmerman's voice and having heard how people sound under extreme stress, he could confidently say the voice belonged to Zimmerman. The most important witness was Trayvon's friend, the young lady he was speaking to on his

cellphone shortly before he was shot. The prosecution needed her to establish that Zimmerman was the aggressor, and that Trayvon felt stalked and threatened. Rachel Jeantel, a

19-year-old high school senior, said Trayvon told her that a "creepy-ass cracker" was following him. She said he also referred to Zimmerman as a "n—ger."

Doesn't this, suggested the defense, show that Martin was the one doing the racial profiling, a teenager with a chip on his shoulder, spoiling for a fight? No, said Rachel. Neither "cracker" nor the "n" word is a "racial comment." Both words, she said, are simply descriptive race-neutral words.

Really? So had Zimmerman used the "n" word to describe Martin in his police call, this would have been a nonevent?

For years, major police departments have required officers to record the race of every person they stop, including in cities like Los Angeles, Chicago and New York

Tragically, an unarmed teenager, returning from a convenience store with Skittles and iced tea, is dead. Understandably, many people want someone held responsible. This does not, however, make Zimmerman a criminal, let alone a racist wannabe cop who profiled and murdered an innocent black 17-year-old.

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How you give money to your kids as important as how much

Dear Carrie: My husband and I would like to establish college funds for each of our three grandchildren and for any grandkids to come. Our eldest son has two children. Our

middle daughter has one child, and our youngest isn't married yet. Is it best to split the money equally between the families, or is it OK to give more to the family with more children? — A reader

SCHWAB-POMERANTZ

Dear Reader: This is a great question that raises some interesting issues.

When it comes to family dynamics, even the most generous intentions carry the potential for misunderstanding or even resentment. So you're wise to consider the "how" as well as the "what" before you finalize your plans. Be clear about your intention

You mention the possibility of giving money to each family. For

me, that brings up a question: Are you giving the money to your kids or your grandkids? That's important. If you want to give money to your kids, an equal amount to each sibling would probably be the fairest. (You can currently give up to \$13,000 a year to any number of individuals without incurring a gift tax. A couple sharing gifts can give up to \$26,000.) The problem with this approach is that even though you can explain that the money is intended for your grandchildren's education, you lose control. This approach also has some sticky issues because of the difference in family size and marital

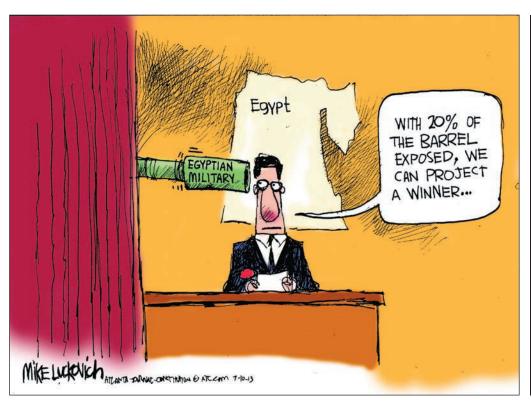
Therefore, if your genuine desire is to help pay for your grandchildren's college tuition, it probably makes more sense to set up a specified college account for each grandchild. That way you know the money will be used solely for their education. Decide how much to give

Ideally, it would be good to give an equal amount to each grandchild. If the kids are relatively the same

age, that should be fair. Each account would have about the same time to grow. However, if, for instance, your son's children are considerably older, you could give a proportionately larger amount to them since they'll need it sooner.

Talk frankly with your family The most important thing here is to talk openly with all of your children both married and unmarried about your goal. Let them know that you want to help provide a college education for all of your grandchildren. Discuss the best type of account to open. For instance, a 529 Savings Plan, which is controlled by you and has certain tax advantages when used for qualified education expenses, is one option. (Note that you can front-load a 529 Plan with five years' of contributions without incurring gift tax. You can also avoid the gift tax by paying the tuition directly to a school.)

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Why the Right doesn't own the Stars and Stripes

Like many men who volunteered for the U.S. Army in World War II, my late father never boasted about his years in



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uniform. A patriot to his core, he nevertheless despised what he called the 'jellybellied flag flappers." But in the

decade or so before he passed away, he began to sport a small, eagle-shaped pin on his lapel, known as a "ruptured duck." Displaying the mark of his military service said that this lifelong liberal loved his country as much as any conservative and had proved it.

Are such gestures still necessary today? For decades, right-wingers have sought to establish a near-monopoly on patriotic expression, all too often with the dumb collusion of some of its adversaries on the left. But on July 4, when we celebrate the nation's revolutionary founding, I always find myself pondering just how fraudulent and full of irony this right-wing tactic is. It is only our collective ignorance of our own history that permits conservatives to assert their exclusive franchise on the flag, the Declaration of Independence and the whole panoply of national symbols, without provoking brutal mockery.

But we need not play their style of politics to argue that the left is equally

entitled to a share of America's heritage — indeed, in the light of history, perhaps more entitled than its rivals. So let's begin, in honor of the holiday, at the

official beginning. Although "right" and "left" didn't define political combat at that time on these shores, there isn't much doubt that behind the American Revolution, and in particular the Declaration of Independence, was not only a colonial elite but a cabal of left-wing radicals, as well.

What other description would have fitted such figures as Samuel Adams and Thomas Paine, who declared their contempt for monarchy and aristocracy? Their wealthier, more cautious, colleagues in the Continental Congress regarded Adams as a reckless adventurer "of bankrupt fortune," and Paine as a rabble-rousing scribbler. Popular democracy was itself a wildly radical doctrine in the colonial era, tamed in the writing of the Constitution by the new nation's land-owning elites and slaveholders.

The right-wingers of the Revolutionary era were Tories — colonists who remained loyal to the British crown, fearful of change and, in their assistance to the occupying army of George III, the precise opposite of patriots. Only from the perspective of two centuries of ideological shift can the republican faith of the Founding Fathers be described as "conservative."

The Civil War, too, was a struggle between left and

right, between patriots and ... well, in those days, the Confederate leaders were deemed traitors (an epithet now usually avoided out of a decent concern for Southern sensibilities). Academics will argue forever about that war's underlying economic and social causes, but it was the contemporary left that sought to abolish slavery and preserve the Union, while the right fought to preserve slavery and dissolve the Union. Today, reverence for the Confederacy remains the emotional province of extremely right-wing Southern politicians and intellectuals (as well as the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi skinheads, and not a few members of the tea party). These disreputable figures denigrate Lincoln, our greatest president, and wax nostalgic for the plantation culture.

At the risk of offending every furious diehard who still waves the Stars and Bars, it is fair to wonder what, exactly, is patriotic about that?

Yet another inglorious episode in the annals of conservatism preceded the global war against fascism. The so-called America First movement that opposed U.S. intervention against Hitler camouflaged itself with red, white and blue but proved to be a haven for foreign agents who were plotting against the United States. While Communists and some other radicals also initially opposed American entry into World War II for their own reasons, the broadbased left of the New Deal

coalition understood the Axis threat very early. Most conservatives honorably joined the war effort after Pearl Harbor, but more than a few on the right continued to promote defeatism and appeasement even then. And with all due respect to neoconservatives and other latearriving right-wingers, the historical roots of postwar conservatism — the "Old Right" of Joe McCarthy and Pat Buchanan, the Buckleys and the Kochs can be traced to those prewar sympathizers of the

The criminal excesses of the Cold War in Vietnam and elsewhere, so eagerly indulged by the right to this day, alienated many Americans on the left from their country for a time. Conservatives seized the opportunity presented by flag-burning protests and other adolescent displays to marginalize their ideological opponents as un-American, although only a tiny minority dove off that deep end.

It is a lesson we didn't learn in time to save us from another debacle in Iraq, when dissent was again vilified — and again proved more sane and patriotic than the bloodlust of the chicken-hawks.

Yet somehow our wingers always manage to wrap themselves in Old Glory, as if it belongs to them alone. But on this holiday, and every day, it assuredly does not.

To find out more about Joe Conason, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.cre-

Singer Randy Travis recovering from brain surgery

(AP) — Country music stars and fans joined together to urge prayers for Randy Travis overnight as he recovered from brain surgery following a stroke at a Texas hospital.

Travis remained in critical condition after surgery Thursday morning to relieve pressure on his brain, publicist Kirt Webster said. The 54-year-old Grammy Award-winning singer had been improving while being treated for heart failure caused by a viral infection when he had the stroke.

Stars including Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum and Martina McBride and the Grand Ole Opry used Twitter to express their concerns and join Webster's call for prayers for Travis, a popular and pivotal figure in country music. Hundreds posted messages with the hashtag PrayforRandv.

"We're all pulling for you Randy," Brad Paisley said via Twitter.

The setback occurred hours after doctors said Travis was showing signs of improvement since the start of treatment Sunday for congestive heart failure and the insertion of a pump to help his heart increase blood flow.

His doctors said Wednesthat his heart problem stemmed from an upper respiratory infection caused by a virus, but they have not released any informa-

Infections, both viral and bacterial, may start elsewhere in the body but heart, either because the in-



Travis

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ditis, and there's no way to predict who is at particular risk, said Dr. Justine Lachmann talized, when he contracted of Winthrop University Hospital in Mineola, N.Y. When younger people deally for this reason.

number rapidly develop life-threatening illness weakens the heart muscle, leading to congestive heart failure, in which the heart can't pump properly. Doctors treat them with supportive care, trying to allow the heart muscle to rest and recover, sometimes by inserting devices such as the one Travis received to help the heart pump.

His heart problems in turn led to the stroke and can cause other complica-

of stroke Travis suffered. The most common type of clot that travels to the brain. The other kind happens when a blood vessel in the head bursts or leaks. Stroke quickly are usually given funeral. a drug to dissolve the clot that caused the stroke.

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and cause a video statement earlier Wednesday, noting his condition had stabilized and he A b o u t had "shown signs of improvement."

Hours later, he was in including the operating room. Docthe flu, can tors had not yet addressed lead to this Travis' current condition

The "Three Wooden Crosses" singer was in good health until three weeks before he was hospia viral upper respiratory infection, Gray said.

Travis was admitted to velop heart failure, it's usu- Baylor Medical Center McKinney near his home Most people recover from in Tioga, about 60 miles myocarditis, but a small north of Dallas, through the emergency room Sunday. He was transferred to The experiencing a domino ef- Heart Hospital Baylor Plafect as the inflammation no after having the pump installed via catheter.

Travis' illness comes as he's been trying to put his life back together following a series of embarrassing public incidents involving alcohol. Travis pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated in January following an arrest last year and received two years of probation and a \$2,000 fine. He was required to spend at least 30 days at an alcohol treatment facility It was not clear what kind and complete 100 hours of community service.

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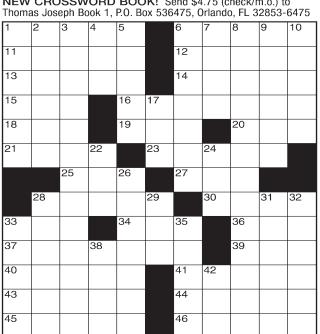
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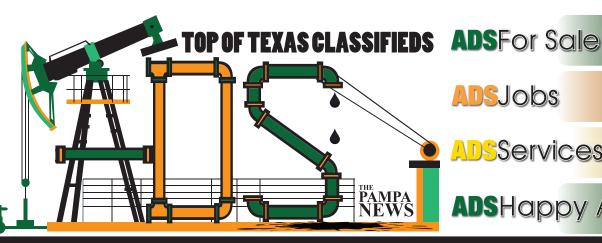
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some friends from work and meeting **chapter**, **visit pflag.org**.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is in is it appropriate to disclose that I am Afghanistan for a year. When he re- 32-year-old who lives across the turns, I want to ask him to get tested country from my family. I have two I have tried online dating on trans- for STDs before we have sex. I do sets of grandparents who both send friendly websites, as well as visited not have any specific reason to think me birthday and holiday cards conthe local transgender bar, but those he would be having sex with some- taining checks. men tend only to be looking for sex, one while deployed, but let's face it. and I am looking for more than that. He's a man, and a year is a long time figures, which is far more than my I would love your advice on the mat- to abstain when there are females grandparents' income in retirement, - STARTING MY JOURNEY present. I have seen text messages and I have only myself to support. I **DEAR STARTING:** For your from his buddies that read, "What typically shred their checks when I safety, it is important that you happens on deployment stays on de-receive them. disclose your status early, before ployment," regarding them cheating there is any sex involved. If you on their spouses.

act violently and possibly put you the most effective way? I know that card would be fine? — SECRETLY when I do, he will be mad, but it's SHREDDING IN SEATTLE At this point, it would be a good not the first time that STDs have and Gays) because it can put you HEALTH

in touch with resources to help you through your journey. The largest HEALTH: One would think that lution to tell them you no longer increase in new individuals reach- a man who loves his wife would need the checks is a good one. ing out to PFLAG is now among want to be absolutely POSITIVE people with "trans" issues — and that he wouldn't give her a sexual-

this includes both trans individu- ly transmitted infection. However,

because your husband has given transgender woman who has just It is critically important to seek you one before, it is perfectly logistarted her journey. Feeling more out a culturally competent thera- cal that you tell him it is the reason comfortable in my skin, I have been pist to help you with specific is- you want him to be tested before going to some local hangouts with sues. To find referrals and a local resuming your marital relationship.

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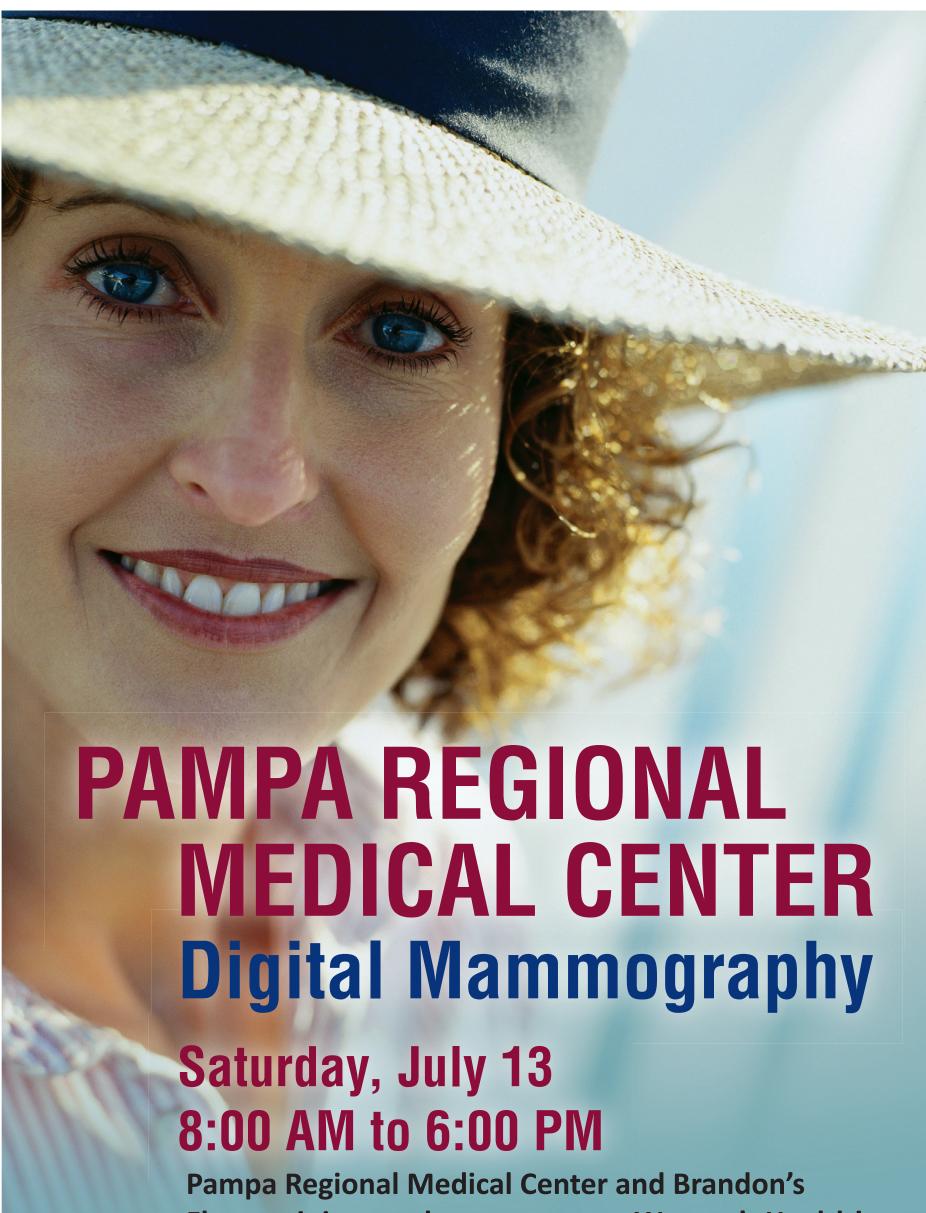
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Pampa All-Stars wins state

All-Stars could advance to Cal Ripken World Series with tournament win next weekend.

By John Lee

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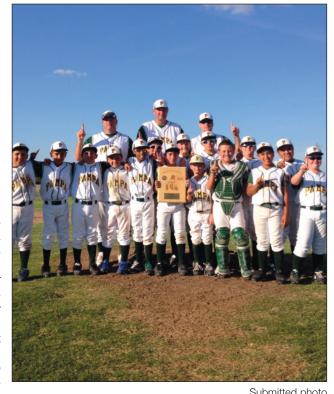
The Pampa All-Stars 9-10-year-olds' team won state championship this last weekend in Muleshoe. The All-Stars played four games and won each, including a 25-2 romp over the Muleshoe All-Stars.

The team had three great pitchers over the weekend. Dylan Booth pitched two games and had 11 strikeouts with 99 strikes delivered. Damian Anguiano had five strikeouts with 67 strikes in two games, while Armando Miranda had four strikeouts and 19 strikes in relief pitching.

"Our pitching and fielding has been the key to our success," Pampa coach Ryan Cloud said. "Damian and Dylan have been lights out whenever we need them. When the pitchers believe in the defense behind them, it makes your pitchers more confident. Even if we make an error, we never make two in a row. We never let it snowball out of control. I'm very proud

"Defensive standouts were Isaiah Velasquez who had many great plays and Kyler Cook who was solid behind the plate. The vocal leader, 1st baseman Joey Hill was also solid with several digs in the dirt.''

Batting and scoring runs was not an issue for



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The Pampa All-Star team holding their state championship after their tournament win.





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All-Star

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the Pampa All-Stars. Their lowest score of the weekend was six runs in a 6-1 win over the Andrews All-

"During the Muleshoe game our bats came alive," Cloud said. "It was a great way to start the tournament. Our confidence at the plate carried over through the tournament to each game."

Cloud said the 14 errors his team had over the weekend is the main focus of what they need to work

"Even though our defense played great, we still need to have less errors," Cloud said. "Runs are gonna be few and far between in regionals.

"We can't give them any free runs or extra outs. Another part that needs improvement is hitting with runners in scoring position. every second. Come game nament."

The Pampa All-Stars get to return home now, this game is played between time to play in the regional the lines, not on paper. Our tournament taking place maturity and mental toughnext weekend on July 19-"Coming home for re-

fan support could easily be regionals." the X-factor that puts us over the top.'

embrace the festivities but group of kids. find a way to stay humble and focused.

the tournament festivities,"

We can not leave runners time, I know our boys will on second and third bases be focused and ready to durring this regional tour- represent Pampa. We have a very humble team.

"They know that the ness is the best thing we've got going for us. We are super confident but at the gionals is a blessing," same time every kid knows Cloud said. "We couldn't we can be beat at any moask for a better situation. ment. The kids have played We need the support from extremely hard up until the the community. That ad- last out of every game. I do vantage will be huge. Great not expect that to change at

Cloud's final message to the community: Come out The Pampa All-Stars will and support this special

"These boys are becoming young men right in 'We are going to embrace front of our very eyes,' "I'm very Cloud said. Cloud said. "We will stay proud and thankful I get loose and have fun. This to be a part of that. This is a once in a lifetime op- is a very special group of portunity for these boys young men. Please come and we are going to enjoy out and support them."



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PAMPA (HOMECOMING)	RIVER ROAD *	RIVER ROAD *	PAMPA	PAMPA
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PAMPA SR. NIGHT	DALHART *	DALHART *	PAMPA	PAMPA

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Submitted photos

Top left, After a passed ball, Isaiah Velasquez dives for home to just beat the tag of the muleshoe pitcher. Pampa went on to win 25-2. Top right, Dylan Booth delivers a pitch against Seminole in a 12-2 win. Bottom left. Kyler Cook hits a home run in the championship game against Andrews. Bottom right, Damian Anguiano delivers pitch.



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Baseball union head on drug inquiry

NEWYORK (AP) — The York. Braun was inter- mid-July, but is not sure head of the players' union said Thursday baseball's drug agreement could be undermined by leaks to the media about whether play- clean game and they deers are cooperating with an mand a testing program investigation by the commissioner.

Ryan Braun are among the each player due process players being interviewed rights accompanied by as part of Major League strict confidentiality pro-Baseball's inquiry into Biogenesis, a closed Florida anti-aging clinic accused of no information about the distributing banned perfor-

mance-enhancing drugs. "Repeated leaks threaten to harm the integrity" of the drug agreement, union of the year investigatexecutive director Michael Weiner said in a statement. He added that the leaks "call into question the required level of confidentiality needed to operate a successful prevention pro-

Braun is among several players who refused to answer questions about their dealings with Biogenesis, which was first reported Wednesday by ESPN and the Daily News of New the player interviews in

interviewed Friday.

"The players want a that is not only the toughest in professional sports, Alex Rodriguez and but one that guarantees visions," Weiner said.

> The union said it has source of the leaks or any indication that MLB is the source.

> MLB has spent most ing about 20 players for their links to Biogenesis, including Rodriguez and Braun, both former MVPs. Miami New Times reported in January the clinic had distributed banned drugs to major leaguers.

> Braun and Rodriguez have said they didn't do anything that merits discipline. MLB aims to complete

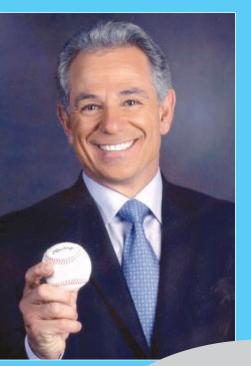
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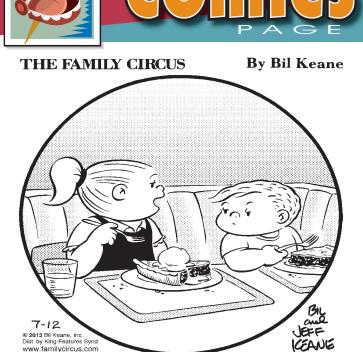


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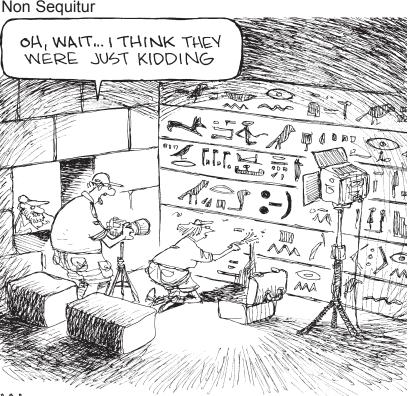
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to follow instructions. ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take care of any major chores and/or errands before noon. Listen carematter. You might discover that your opinions about this issue also are strong. A discussion will be important, as it signifies taking the first step. Tonight: Time

to relax. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Your ideas seem to be coming from out of nowhere. Listen to news more openly. When you work with the facts, your chances of success are much higher. Someone might be a little harsh in his or her tone. Do not allow it to get to you. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ How you deal with an important matter could change. Stay open in a discussion. You are likely to make a major purchase. Be careful, because once you start buying this or that, self-discipline goes out the window. Nevertheless, you will have a great time. Tonight: Your

treat. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You suddenly feel more energetic, and you might wonder what prompted this change. You'll become more assertive, which could be problematic, as others seem to be taking this transformation personally. If you can, try to sit on your feelings for now. Tonight: All smiles. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

find your emotions keep emerging, even if you thought you had suppressed them. You will get an opportunity to work through some difficult feelings in a way that someone else can respond to. Balance your budget. Tonight: Out and continue.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A provocative friend might energy, which will point you toward a get you going. Recognize what is happening with this person. A conversation could prove interesting, but know that it is necessary. Trust your judgment, and allow this individual to work through what is bothering him or her. Tonight: Add some romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might want to understand more of what is going on around a particular opportunity. Listen to news in a more open manner, and try to understand what your sweetie. VIRGO can be counted on is expected from you. A family member or close loved one could be difficult. Tonight: Expect to be on center stage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to somefully to a loved one about a personal one at a distance, even if you don't feel as comfortable as you would like. You could enter a phase of rapid changes, where you barely can keep up with others. You might opt to take a trip or move in a new direction. Tonight: Follow the

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might be more visible than you would like. A family member seems to push the limit, which forces your hand. You won't want to say anything publically, but it very well could happen anyway. Listen to your inner voice more often. Tonight: A force to behold.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

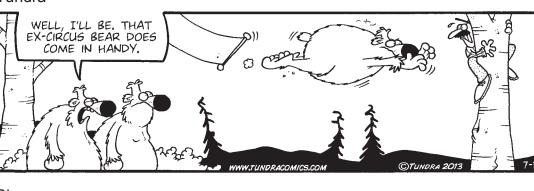
★★★★★ Someone who is close to you is being quite assertive. You might not realize how important a situation is, but the way you respond could help point the way to a new path. Make a point to appreciate this person's boldness. Tonight: Go along with someone else's idea. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might feel as if someone is pushing you very hard to achieve more of what you want. Understand what you want for yourself. If you can funnel this person's energy in a constructive way, you will like the results. Tonight: Honor your energy level and feelings.

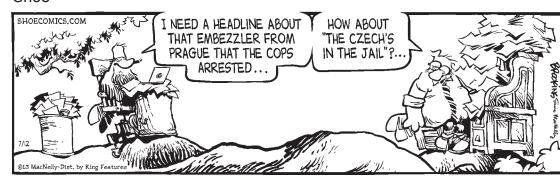
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your imagination will come ** You enter a period where you out more, and you'll start sharing your ideas with a new friend or a loved one. What happens could change how you feel about this person in general, and vice versa. You are like two kids frolicking around together. Tonight: Let the fun

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Summer Reading Program ends



Pictured are certificate winners for the Lovett Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program.

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The Lovett Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program recently came to a close.

Throughout the course of the program, 5,143 books were read, (Lamar Elementary, 510 books; Wilson, 575 books; Travis, 620 books; Austin, 1123 books; Christian Community School/homeschool/out of town, 2,315 books).

First, second and third place prizes were given in each age category.

Walmart gift card, second place received a \$25 Walmart gift card and third place received a swim pass to H20 Waterpark.

Winners are as follows: Infant - Pre-K

First place: Kimi Lee, 532 books; second place: Stanford Corse, 219 books; third place Etta Corse, 147 books.

Kindergarten

First place: Chloe Coster, sen, 37 books. 105 books; second place: McKenzie Woods,

Estrada, 27 books.

First grade

First place: Bryson Epperson, 97 books; second place: Molly Culpepper, 39 books; third place: Joseph Furgason, Rachel Rollins, 32 books.

Second grade

First place: Joshua Lee, 536 books; second place: Klee Clardy, 81 books; third place: Yena Christian-

Third grade

First place received a \$50 books; third place: Isaiah First place: Izaak Lee, 536 books; second place: Savanna Garza, 224 books; third place: Sykora Guy, 92 books.

Fourth grade

First place: Haylee Nelson, 38 books; second place: Maverick Heiskell, 32 books; third place: Cassie Estrada, 28 books.

Fifth grade

First place: Dominick Heiskell, 32 books; second place: Audrey Cotton, 30 books; third place: Kaycee Windsor, 28 books.

Asiana passengers called 911 begging for help

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Passengers who called 911 minutes after a Boeing 777 crashed at San Francisco International Airport said not enough help had arrived and they were doing their best to keep the critically injured alive, according to 911 calls that portray a scene of desperation.

Asiana Airlines Flight 214 crash-landed Saturday when it came in too low and too slow, killing two passengers and injuring others as it skittered and spun 100 feet. Most of the injured suffered minor injuries.

"We've been on the ground, I don't know, 20 minutes, a half hour," one woman said in a 911 call released late Wednesday by the California Highway Patrol. "There are people laying on the tarmac with critical injuries, head injuries. We're almost losing a woman here. We're trying to keep her alive."

Another caller told a dispatcher: "There's not enough medics out here. There is a woman out here on the street, on the runway, who is pretty much burned very severely on the head and we don't know what to do."

The dispatcher told the caller: "OK. We do have help started that way. You said that they're there, but there's

not enough people, correct?" "Yes," the caller said. "She is severely burned. She will probably die soon if we don't get help."

The dispatcher responded: "We are working on getting additional ambulances to you."

San Francisco officials said ambulances could not come too close out of concern that the plane would ex-

Authorities have said that during the chaos, one of the emergency response trucks might have run over one of the two Chinese teenagers killed in the crash.

Meanwhile, federal investigators are examining the cockpit interaction of two Asiana Airlines pilots who had taken on new roles before the crash of Flight 214 one of whom had seldom flown a Boeing 777 and an instructor who was on his first training flight.

There were four pilots on board, but the National Transportation Safety Board is focusing on the working relationship between Lee Gang-kuk, who was landing the big jet for his first time at San Francisco International Airport, and Lee Jeong-Min, who was training him.

While the two men had years of aviation experience, this mission involved unfamiliar duties, and it was the first time they had flown together.

The pilots were assigned to work together through a tightly regulated system developed after several deadly crashes in the 1980s were blamed in part on inexperience in the cockpit, NTSB chairman Deborah Hersman said Wednesday.

Harry Potter series favorite at CIA black site

WASHINGTON (AP) — Confined to the basement of a CIA secret prison in Romania about a decade ago, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the admitted mastermind of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, asked his jailers whether he could embark on an unusual project: Would the spy agency allow Mohammed, who had earned his bachelor's in mechanical engineering, to design a vacuum cleaner?

The agency officer in charge of the prison called CIA headquarters and a manager approved the request, a former senior CIA official told The Associated Press.

Mohammed, who also was a fan of the Harry Potter series, had endured the most brutal of the CIA's harsh interrogation methods and had confessed to a career of atrocities. But the agency had no long-term plan for him. Someday, he might prove useful again. Perhaps, he'd even stand trial one day.

And for that, he'd need to be sane.

"We didn't want them to go nuts," the former senior CIA official said, one of several who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk about the now-shuttered CIA prisons or Mohammed's interest in vacuums.

So, using schematics from the Internet as his guide, Mohammed began re-engineering one of the most mundane of household appliances.

That the CIA may be in possession of the world's most highly classified vacuum cleaner blueprints is but one peculiar, lasting byproduct of the controversial U.S. detention and interrogation program.

By the CIA's own account, the program's methods were "designed to psychologically 'dislocate'" people. But once interrogations stopped, the agency had to try to undo the psychological damage inflicted on the detain-

The CIA apparently succeeded in keeping Mohammed sane. He appears to be in good health, according to military records.

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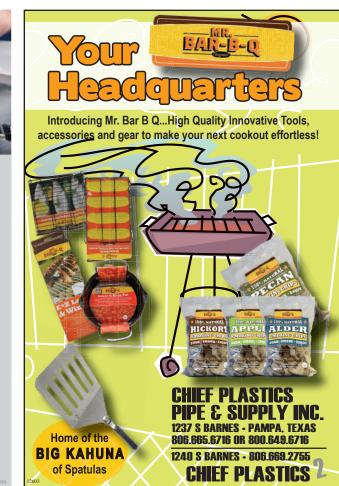


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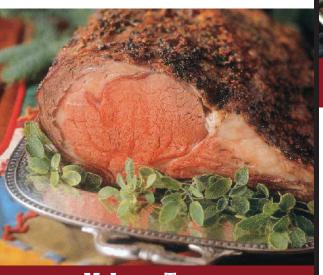
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