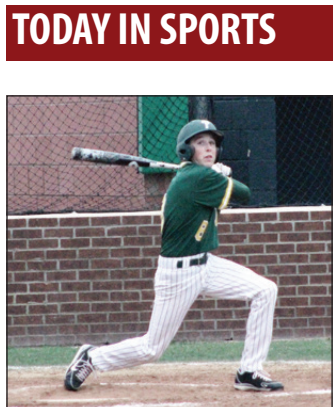


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BAD CRASH WITH NO INJURIES



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

A two-vehicle crash occurred Thursday around 3:30 p.m. at Price Road and Kentucky Avenue, the intersection where Mikey's Liquor Store is located. Despite extensive damage to both vehicles, all three occupants walked away from their vehicles and refused medical treatment. One vehicle was a 2009 Kia Soul with one occupant and the other was a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado with two occupants, according to the Pampa Fire Department. The Silverado was flipped on its side while the front end of the Kia was smashed. Two units and six personnel from the PFD responded, along with personnel from the Gray County Sheriff's Office and Pampa Police Department. The officers diverted traffic around the crash site while firefighters removed hazardous fluids. The PFD did not have information on which direction each vehicle was traveling before they collided and a collision report from PPD was unavailable due to the Good Friday holiday.

5K to raise money for pregnancy support center

STAFF REPORT

The second annual 5K Colorific Run & Walk 4 Life will be held Saturday, April 26, beginning at 210 N. Ward St. This event will be fun for the entire family while helping to raise funds and awareness of the Pregnancy Support Center and Hope House Maternity Home. Registration, event bags and T-shirt can be picked up Friday, April 25 at the Pregnancy Support Center from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m., or on event day from 6:30-7:30 a.m. The 5K begins at 8 a.m. and will wind through most of the downtown. There is no entry fee required for children 7 years and under. With a parent, the entry fee for children 8-12 is \$20. The \$40 adult entry fee will be waived for anyone getting \$100 or more of pledged sponsors. At the finish line there will be water bottles donated by Culligan Water and granola bars donated by United Supermarkets. The support center would also like to thank all of our T-shirt sponsors for helping make this event possible. Last year's event drew 150 participants, said Executive Director Monica Galloway. "It was a lot of fun," she said. "We gave out event bags with a lot of stuff contributed by local businesses. For more information, call Galloway at 806-440-2859.

Texas unemployment rate dips to 5.5 percent

■ All 11 major industries post positive annual growth rates.

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AUSTIN — The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Texas fell to 5.5 percent in March, down two-tenths of a percentage point from February's rate of 5.7 percent. The unemployment rate in Texas remains well below the national rate of 6.7 percent. Employers in Texas added 9,100 jobs in March for a total of 310,000 jobs added over the year. The annual growth rate for total nonagricultural employment has remained at or above 2.6 percent since January 2012. "The Texas economy continues to move in the right direction with Texas employers adding 310,000 jobs over the year," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "All 11 of the major industries experienced annual job growth, with five industries exceeding growth rates of 3.0 percent." Employment in Texas continued to grow across a wide range of industries, with seven of the 11 major industries adding jobs in March. Professional and Business Services added 5,600 jobs in March, more than any other major industry. "Many industries in Texas continue to post impressive annual growth, including Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, which added 73,400 jobs over the last year," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Texas job seekers looking to tap into careers in this and other thriving industries should take advantage of the training opportunities provided through Workforce Solutions and our education partners." The Information industry also posted strong monthly growth with 2,300 jobs added in March. This was the best start to a year for the Informa-

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ART CLUB PREPARES FOR SPRING EXHIBIT



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

The Pampa Art Club will hold a preview of its spring exhibit from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, May 5, at the White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler St. There will be wine and cheese to kick off the event. This year the art club is not mailing out invitations, but is inviting everyone to attend through the newspaper. The exhibit will continue at the museum 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, then during regular museum hours, which are 1-4 p.m., until May 19. In the photos, members of the art club are working on their projects for the upcoming exhibit. Left, Jany Warnica is left front, Carol Peet is left back and Linda Johnson is front right. Right, Pat Kindle is left, Madelyn Gawthrop is right front and Virginia Dewey is right back. For more information, call 806-665-4626.

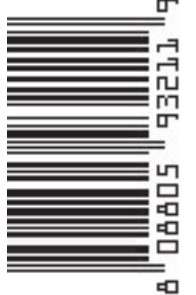
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tion industry since 2000, with 2,400 jobs added in the first quarter of 2014. The industry grew by 3.2 percent over the year and added 6,400 jobs.

"In Texas, we acknowledge that it is our employers, both small and large, that are the economic engine of this great state,"

said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. "Private employers added 278,400 total jobs over the last year for an annual growth rate of 3.0 percent."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest March unemployment rate in the state at 2.7 percent. The Odessa MSA had the second lowest at 3.3 percent and the Amarillo MSA was third at 3.8 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Pampa Fire Department call log — April 16-18

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

April 16

- At 8:48 a.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
- At 10:54 a.m. to a

medical assist in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

- At 6:03 p.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of West Harland.

- At 8:33 p.m., two units and six personnel to a good intent call in the 500 block of South Gillespie.

April 17

- At 11:56 a.m., to a medical call in the 2500

block of Christine.

- At 1:21 p.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of North Wells.

- At 2:13 p.m., four units and eight personnel to a smoke scare in the 1100 block of Starkweather.

- At 3:28 p.m., two units and six personnel to a motor vehicle accident, no injuries, in the 1300 block

of Price Road.

- At 6:02 p.m., to an unauthorized burn in the 500 block of Doyle.

April 18

- At 7:35 a.m., to a lift assist in the 1700 block of North Dogwood.

- At 8:41 a.m., to a medical call in the 200 block of North Sumner.

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University overstated fiscal health by some \$23M

DENTON (AP) — Financial documents released by the University of North Texas show accounting irregularities that have overstated the university's financial position by as much as \$23 million.

Audits conducted by the university and a private firm show misleading budget entries made

since 2012 to account for unresolved collections, but they were registered as accounts receivable, which are often recorded as assets. The university's budget in 2012 was \$520 million.

The documents were obtained by the Denton Record-Chronicle through an open records request.

The audit by the private firm also found UNT inflated the amount of cash it had by \$5.9 million.

The developments are another financial setback for UNT. In an unrelated matter, the university may have to repay millions for inappropriately using state money to pay some employee benefits.

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High 77 Low 51	High 77 Low 50	High 77 Low 49

Today: Mostly cloudy with a high of 77. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 22 mph. Sunrise at 7:06 a.m.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 51. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south at 19 mph. Sunset at 8:20 p.m.

Sunday: Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 77. Chance of rain: 50 percent. Winds west-southwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:05 a.m.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 50. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds northwest at 8 mph. Sunset at 8:21 p.m.

Monday: Mostly sunny with a high of 77. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north-northeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:04 a.m.

Monday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 49. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds east at 10 mph. Sunset at 8:22 p.m.

Obituaries

Carolyn Gerik

Carolyn Gerik, 73, died Thursday, April 17, 2014, in Pampa.

Graveside services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Carolyn Gerik

Ms. Gerik was born May 8, 1940 in Pampa and was a 1958 graduate of Pampa High School. She worked for Cabot Corp. in Pampa and Houston for many years. After returning to Pampa from Houston, she worked for Curt Beck, Professional Engineer, for several years. She was a Catholic. Carolyn was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She loved her dogs, genealogy, and playing Scrabble on the computer. Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, James and Grace King, and by a daughter, Carolyn Melinda "Mindy" Hutchins, in 1996.

Survivors include two sons, David Gerik of Pampa and Paul Gerik of Iowa Park; a brother, Mike King of Pampa; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065 or a favorite charity.

Michael K. Gage

Michael K. Gage, 53, of Canyon, died April 6, 2014 in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, with Glen Walton, associate minister of San Jacinto Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gage was born June 29, 1960 in Amarillo. He was a former resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1978. Michael attended Eastern New Mexico University where he studied drama. He had been a resident of Canyon for the past several years. Michael worked for Sonic Drive In in Raton, N.M., Bosque Farms, N.M., Canyon and Hereford for 34 years, retiring in 2009. He was a member of the Church of Christ. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Roena Gage.

Survivors include an uncle, Paul Gage of Hemet, Calif.; an aunt, Doris Gage of Garland; and numerous cousins in

Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia and California.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, Texas Division, 5429 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, Texas 75240, or the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Robert N. (Bob) Dorris

Robert N. (Bob) Dorris, 98, formerly of Mansfield, Arkansas and Pampa, Texas passed away in Fort Smith on April 16. Robert went to join his beloved wife and daughter as he was surrounded by his loving family. He was born Dec.



Robert N. Dorris

21, 1915 in Hendersonville, Tenn. He spent much of his youth in Tennessee and Ohio. Bob was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Signal Corps and later as an MP guarding German prisoners of war at Ada, Oklahoma and McLean, TX. It was in McLean, Texas that he met the love of his life, Helen. They were married on July 16, 1943. He was a member of James Fork Baptist Church, Reid Lodge #163 F&AM in Mansfield and

life member of the American Legion.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Helen (Allen) Dorris; a daughter, Norma Gay Dorris; his father, George L. Dorris and his mother, Florence Henry. He is survived by a son, George A. Dorris and wife, Ann; a daughter, Marsha K. Maness and husband, Richard; grandsons, Michael Dorris and wife, Shelia and Blair Ward; granddaughters, Sarah Craig and husband, Blain, Jessica Simmons and husband, Josh and 10 great grandchildren. Bob was loved and respected by all those who knew him.


Funeral service will be 2 p.m., Saturday, April 19, 2014 at James Fork Baptist Church in Mansfield with burial at Hartford Memorial Park under the direction of McConnell Funeral Home of Greenwood. Viewing will be Friday from 1-8 p.m. at the funeral home, where the family will visit with friends from 6-8 p.m.

Pallbearers will be Roger Edwards, Lewis Edwards, Michael Dorris, Blair Ward, Melvin Simpson and Josh Simmons. Honorary pallbearers will be members of James Fork Baptist Church.


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For the record

Pampa man arrested for driving while intoxicated

- STAFF REPORT**
- Ryan Allen Arreola, 21, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated.
 - James Dean Lee, 34, Borger, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for forgery of a financial instrument, a blue warrant.
 - Brandi Bernise Davison, 26, Tulsa, Okla., was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for insufficient bond — possession of a controlled substance, insufficient bond — possession of a prohibited substance in a corrective facility, insufficient bond — theft of property — between \$1,500 and \$20,000.
 - Christopher Leal, 40, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for forgery of a financial instrument.
 - Kathy Sue Cuellar, 59, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for
- insufficient bond — manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance — between four and 200 grams.
- Justin Billy Adams, 31, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for theft of property, violation of probation — possession of a controlled substance.
 - Juan Anguiano, 36, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for resisting arrest.
 - Joseph Adam Wilson, 26, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for failure to appear — criminal mischief.
 - Jacob Hernandez Vargas, 18, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for minor in possession of tobacco, failure to appear.
 - Amber Loree Caviness, 31, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for an open container.
 - James Calvin White, 23, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear.

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Bouncin' Around A different kind of hero

We hear a lot about heroes and courage. The soldier, firefighter, police officer, anyone who puts his or her life on the line for others is, indeed, a hero. But I have met some people lately whom I would also consider to be heroes.



JUDITH SMITH

The mother who has stood with her autistic son through fifteen years of education and insisted on a quality education for him—she is a hero. That same young man recently addressed a group of fellow advocates to practice lobbying for quality education, stressing the importance of meaningful employment training for disabled people. He also advocates for the homeless and hungry through projects in the community.

This young man is a hero. The young woman who has a three-year-old son with epilepsy — she is a hero. Her child suffered a stroke in the womb, and has been diagnosed with

autism. She has fought for recognition of her son's disabilities, she is fighting for proper care, and she has started a website for other parents of children with similar health conditions. Parents who choose to home school their children because they feel the school system is short-changing the kids — they are heroes. All parents, especially those raising children in today's world, face difficulties; but the parents of children with special needs have the particular goal of helping the world see their children as... children.

They want their children to be treated as "normal" children, but they also want their kids to receive the special care they need to grow into adults who are a part of society, and not on the outskirts of society. Webster's Dictionary defines "hero" as "a (person) of extraordinary courage" and "one who fights valiantly for a cause." The parents I mentioned here fit that definition, as they have put their own lives on hold to advocate for their children and for all children with special needs.

They fight to keep their children from being marginalized or labeled as

somehow less than human. They deal with medical professionals who don't listen to them. The mother of the little boy with epilepsy was told to take parenting classes, as her son was only "acting out."

The young man who spoke to the legislature is intelligent and on the brink of a professional career where he will be a vital contributor to society. He is sharing his experiences so that other children will have the same opportunities. All children are important, vital, and deserving of all the love and opportunities we can provide them. These parents I've mentioned here are only a small percentage of those who are advocating for their children. They would be the first to say that they don't consider themselves heroes; they just love their children. April is Autism Awareness month, and I ask you to join me in saluting those heroic parents who are changing things for the better for all children.

Judi Smith resides in Pampa and can be reached at jsmith46@aol.com.

Pastor's Point Resurrection!

Our Christian faith is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. His resurrection teaches us at least four exciting truths. First, it teaches us that good is stronger than evil. The forces of evil

were responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus, but they did not triumph.

Second, it teaches us that truth is stronger than falsehood.

The resurrection itself is the final guarantee of the indestructibility of the truth. Third, it shows us that love is stronger than hatred.

Even as He was dying Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

Finally, the resurrection teaches us that life is stronger than death.

When we accept Christ into our lives, we know we have been given the gift of eternal life. That means that even when our bodies die, our spirits will live on.

Just remember! All that is good, all that is true, all that is loving, and all that points to life itself will triumph. The Resurrection of Jesus is the good news on which we can base our lives.

Dr. Lewis Holland is the Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Pampa.

Letter to the Editor

Rabbit had a guardian angel, maybe

As everyone knows, all Easter rabbits are not white with pink ears, and since it's almost Easter again — let me tell you a true story about a local bunny that lived years ago — 79 to be exact. The same year of the big duster that every old-timer still talks about.

Now this long eared fellow was not your ordinary Easter type bunny by any means. His home was about eight feet above the garden produce department of Albertsons grocery store. You remember when the slop was cut away eight to 10 feet to make the floor level where the new store stands. The only building in the whole area then was the little house where the Soloman family lived, and it was three-quarters of a mile north of town.

This jack rabbit had it all — high I.Q., long legs and the speed like you wouldn't believe. He finally became the most sought after trophy in the area for all young nimrods. No one's fast dog could get close to him. None of the many would-be hunters could shoot fast enough to get him, or when we did get lucky, we always seemed to just powder the dust behind him. You could always bet

on him jumping from the same bear grass thicket and would soon be doing 50 miles per hour when we passed the spot where the youth center is today.

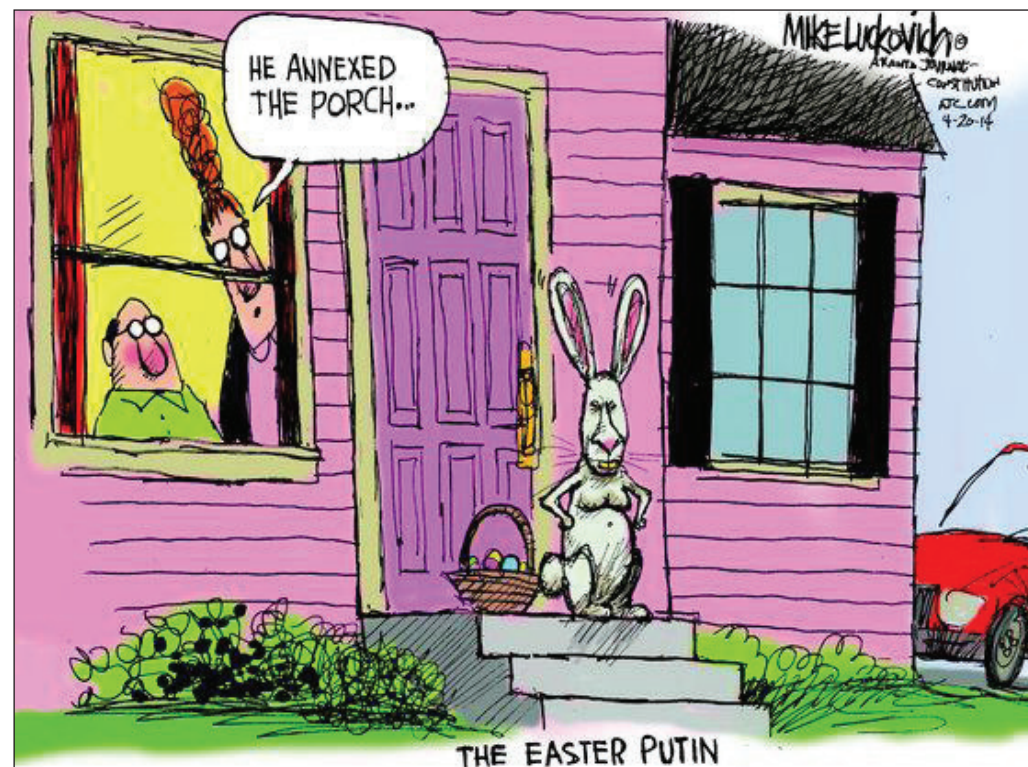
Some of you would recognize the name of the boys who chased this long eared trophy with me during that season — Robert Duvall, Pat Massey, Jr. Williams, Charlie Jordan, Don Foster, Mage Kaiser and I think Don Childers and Warren King.

Now, I don't think most rabbits have guardian angels, but this one had all odds against him, yet he came out untouched the whole year.

I don't know what ever happened to him. Maybe the big duster did him in. But most likely by now he has gone to the big rabbit thicket in the sky. Now, I'm not into rabbit reincarnation, but did you ever notice when you went by the lettuce and carrot tray in Albertsons — if you listen closely overhead you could sometimes hear a fast crunchy sound like a rabbit chewing.

Well, anyway, it makes me wonder, but it does make a good Easter story. Have a good Easter!

**Bob Childers
Pampa**



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Facts and fallacies about paycheck fairness

President Barack Obama and his feminist friends have been trotting out their



PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

tiresome slogan that women are paid only 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. Every reputable scholar who has commented has

proved that this is a notorious falsehood that anyone should be embarrassed to use.

U.S. law calls for equal pay for equal work, but the feminist slogan is not based on equal work. Women work fewer hours per day, per week, per year. They spend fewer years as full-time workers outside the home, avoid jobs that require overtime, and choose jobs with flexibility to take time off for personal reasons. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, men are twice as likely as women to work more than 40 hours a week.

Women place a much higher value on pleasant working conditions: a clean, comfortable, air-conditioned office with congenial co-workers. Men, on the other hand, are more willing to endure unpleasant working conditions to earn higher pay, doing dirty, dangerous outside work.

In 2012, men suffered 92 percent of work-related deaths.

If a man is supporting his family, at the peak of his career, he often works longer hours to maximize his earnings. By contrast, a successful woman who reaches a high rank in her career is more likely to reduce her working hours.

All these reasons for women voluntarily choosing lower pay are now beyond dispute among those who have looked at the facts. But even those explanations for the alleged pay "gap" are still only part of the story.

Perhaps an even more important reason for women's lower pay is the choices women make in their personal lives, such as having children. Women with children earn less, but childless women earn about the same as men.

Another fact is the influence of hypergamy, which means that women typically choose a mate (husband or boyfriend) who earns more than she does. Men don't have the same preference for a higher-earning mate.

While women prefer to HAVE a higher-earning partner, men generally prefer to BE the higher-earning partner in a relationship. This simple but profound difference between the sexes has powerful conse-

quences for the so-called pay gap.

Suppose the pay gap between men and women were magically eliminated. If that happened, simple arithmetic suggests that half of women would be unable to find what they regard as a suitable mate.

Obviously, I'm not saying women won't date or marry a lower-earning man, only that they probably prefer not to. If a higher-earning man is not available, many women are more likely not to marry at all.

In colleges, there are no gender separations in courses of study, and students can freely choose their majors. There are no male and female math classes. But women generally choose college courses that pay less in the labor market.

Those are the choices that women themselves make. Those choices contribute to the pay gap, just as much as the choice of a job with flexible hours and pleasant working conditions.

The pay gap between men and women is not all bad because it helps to promote and sustain marriages. Since husband and wife generally pool their incomes into a single economic unit, what really matters is the combined family income, not the pay gap between them.

In two segments of our population, the pay gap has

virtually ceased to exist. In the African-American community and in the millennial generation (ages 18 to 32), women earn about the same as men, if not more.

It just so happens that those are the two segments of our population in which the rate of marriage has fallen the most. Fifty years ago, about 80 percent of Americans were married by age 30; today, less than 50 percent are.

Just a coincidence? I think not. The best way to improve economic prospects for women is to improve job prospects for the men in their lives, even if that means increasing the so-called pay gap.

The real economic story of the past 30 years is that women's pay has effectively risen to virtual parity, but men's pay has stagnated and thousands of well-paid blue-collar jobs have been shipped to low-wage countries. Nobody should be surprised that the marriage rate has fallen, the age of first marriage has risen, and marriage, in general, has become more unstable.

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Lesley Ball, 13, won third place in the Pampa Pride photo contest for kids. She submitted a picture of her sister, Hannah, gazing through the mouth of the a giant dinosaur skeleton at the Albuquerque Museum. Pampa News circulation manager Beverly Taylor is presenting a \$20 check to Lesley.

PAMPA RESIDENT WINS GOLD



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PJHS CHOIRS



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The seventh and eighth grade choir students competed in the UIL Choir Competition March 27 and 28. All three choirs won straight ones - Sweepstakes. Congratulations to all of them. Tammy May is the director.

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TREBLE CHOIR II



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Treble Choir II: First row from left, Taylor Ramming, Gracie Little, Brynna McKinney, KiYa Rodriguez and Tara Goldsmith. Second row, Samantha Bai, Ailene Cabrales, Kristin Robinson, Andrea Cotter and Maria Ramirez. Third row, Aubrey Pickrell, Alli Hampton, Harper Kelly, Indy Sullivan and Madison Floyd. Back row, Alyssa Salvato, Kyra Moyer, Rylee Novian, DJ Ford, Sarah Gordzelik and Nikki Anderson.

The Harold Pacheco Family would like to thank everyone for caring about Harold and for sending flowers and food at our time of loss. *Thank!*

PHS CONCERT CHOIR



Submitted photo

The Concert Choir, Concert Men and Concert Women, are: First row from left, Ashlyn Paronto, Kelly Silva, Tianni Costley, Delaney Riggs, Katie Beth Forester, Greg Smith, Bryson Munselle, Shattner Reeve and Chris Smith. Second row, Genesis DeLaTorre, Kiana Scoggins, Makeia Scoggins, Macy Cochran, Bennett Cambern, Gage Greenhouse and Josh Hernandez. Third row, Emilee Frost, Reata Collins, Cherub Whittington, Harley Elliott, Ally Roberson, Corby Snapp, Morgan Hookings, Erick Kuehne, Tyler Luckey and Ethan Hunt. Fourth row, Iris Pepi, Jacie Studebaker, Mackenzie Parks, Kindle Hunt, Jenna Gee, Jose Sanchez, Michael Mechelay, Chase Cree and Anthony Villanueva. Back row from left, Sydney Taylor, Nia Leatherwood, Brooke Woelfle, Lora Potter, Shinyce Ware, Ben Karson, Bryson Burrell, Aaron McKinney and Logan Turley.

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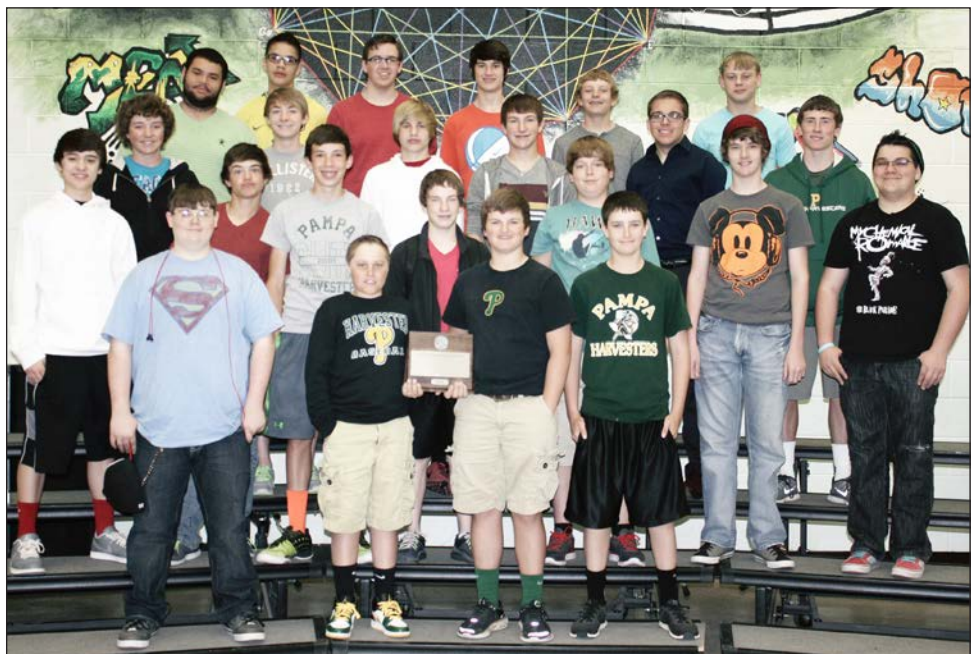
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NON-VARSITY MEN'S CHOIR



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Non-Varsity Men's Choir: First row from left, Drake Estep, Ethan Brock, Kade Hood, and Carson Eubank. Second row, Brandon Sieck, Brendon Woelfle, Jordan Moore, Brett West, Braden Kidd, Brady Albert, and Braydon Mendoza. Third row, Brandt Logan, Nick Stevens, Greyson Wilson, Derek Norris, Jett Richards and Ryan Roden. Back row, Nicholas Thomas, Uriel Soto, Drew Miller, Jonah Munsell, Bryson Paronto and Garrett Ely.

TREBLE CHOIR I



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Treble Choir I: First row from left, Mercedes Munguia, Chaine Corley, Montasha Brown, Johana Pacheco and Katya Madrid. Second row, Jennifer Chairez, Bailey Joyce, Kami Ware, Breanna Keeling, Carly Crockett and Elizabeth Olivas. Back Row, Sierra Hughes, Glenda Culver, McKinley Nunn, Alli Whitson and Sienna Albers.

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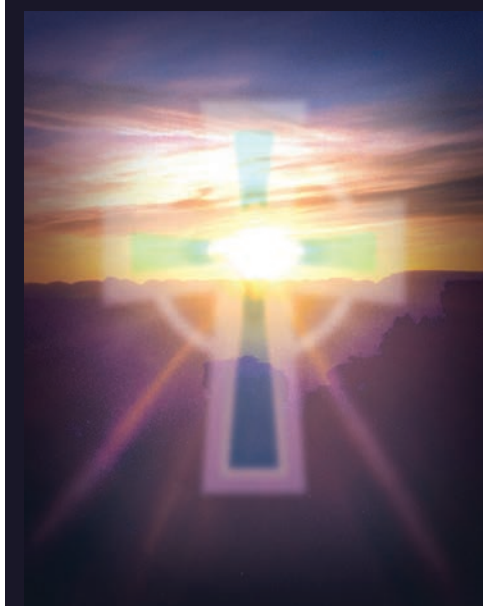
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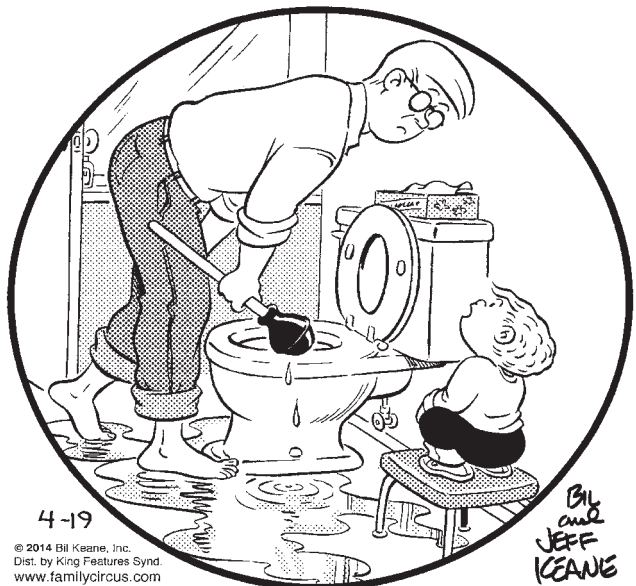
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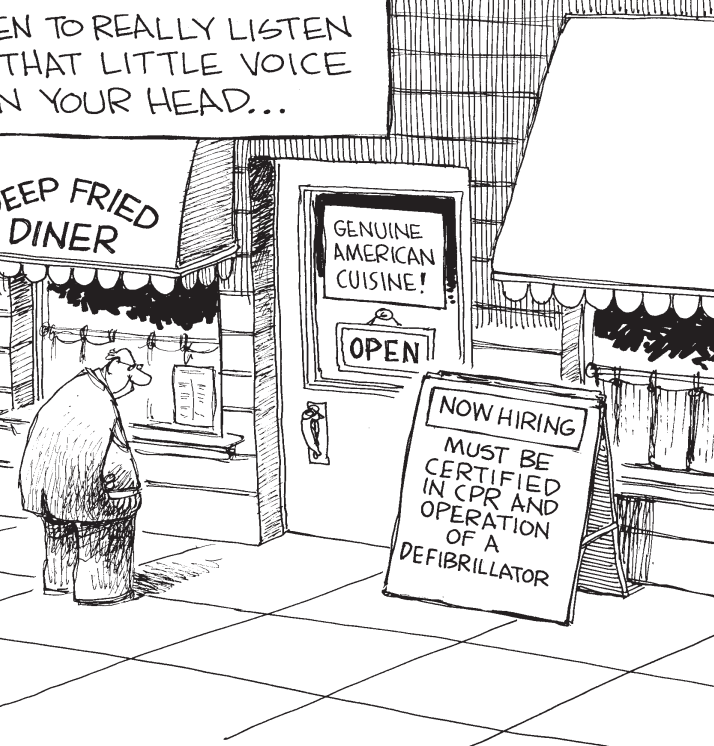
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 21, 2014:
 This year you are able to fulfill a wish, mainly because of an artistic or creative friend who walks into your life. This person will encourage you to liberate yourself and develop a talent that has remained hidden until now. If you are single, you often will feel as if you have met The One, only to discard that person later in order to meet someone better. Trust that you will know when you have found Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, your significant other might be distant. You will want to draw him or her closer to you. Know that someone will only change when he or she is ready and willing. **CAPRICORN** often keeps you anchored and helps you see the big picture.

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 sense that someone's eyes are on you. A partner could be unusually touchy or difficult. Do not allow this behavior to color a project. Be willing to make a necessary adjustment, but realize that you might want to hold back your feelings. Tonight: Out late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ Make the effort to get past a hassle. You could feel as if you are at an impasse. Understand what is happening with a partner who might be depressed or withdrawn. You might feel stuck, but know that you are about to have a breakthrough. Tonight: Find a good friend to hang with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ Deal with a loved one directly. Recognize what is happening behind the scenes with a money matter. Walk away from a controlling individual who makes your life more difficult. Ultimately, you will be happier if you do. Tonight: Play it nice and easy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ Listen to feedback from someone you respect. This person might be very different from you, but because of that fact, he or she will present a different way of thinking about life. Allow a child a little more freedom if you do not want to get into a power play. Tonight: As you like it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ You have certain matters to handle immediately. You might want to relate to someone on a one-on-one level. A domestic situation could be weighing you down. Understand that working through

this problem will take patience. Tonight: Stop at the gym on the way home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Where others get stuck, you seem to make it through because of your resourcefulness. You recognize the importance of following through. Honor a need to be somewhat reclusive. You might not always understand your feelings, but trust them. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ You will be more grounded than you have been in a while. Consider moving in a new direction. Make a point to recognize your limits, especially when it comes to your finances. Honor boundaries, and you will find a way to remove them. Tonight: Head home

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Someone might want to spend time with you, but you'll have little choice, as you likely already have established plans. You might not want to reveal everything you are thinking right now. Be sensitive to your schedule and its limitations. Tonight: Try not to be controlling.

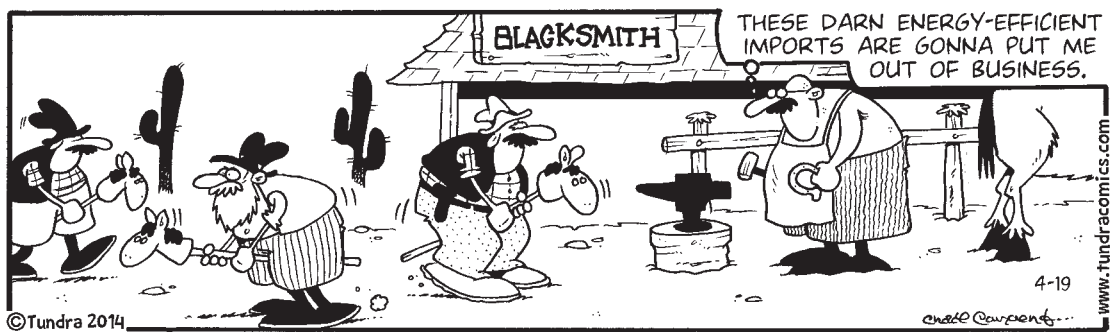
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ You could be overserious about a money matter and its implications to you. Recognize what needs to happen in order to gain greater strength professionally. A family member will remain receptive to your ideas. Do nothing halfway. Tonight: Balance your budget, then pay bills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ You could go over someone's head if you so choose. You could be a bit more tied to a problem than you realize. When you have to make a herculean effort to maintain the status quo, you will see how attached to the issue you really are. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Your intuition could be unusually accurate with money and risk-taking. You might be reacting to a boss far more than you realize. Someone could be pushing you beyond your limits, so you might want to change how you approach this person. Tonight: On top of your game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ A meeting could play a bigger role in your day than you might have intended. Seeking out new information could be difficult, as you can't seem to touch base with someone who often offers you his or her perspective. Use caution with a decision. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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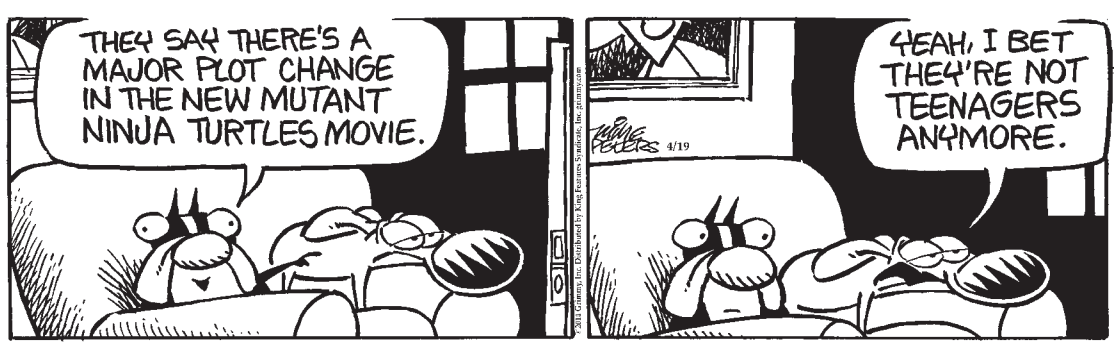


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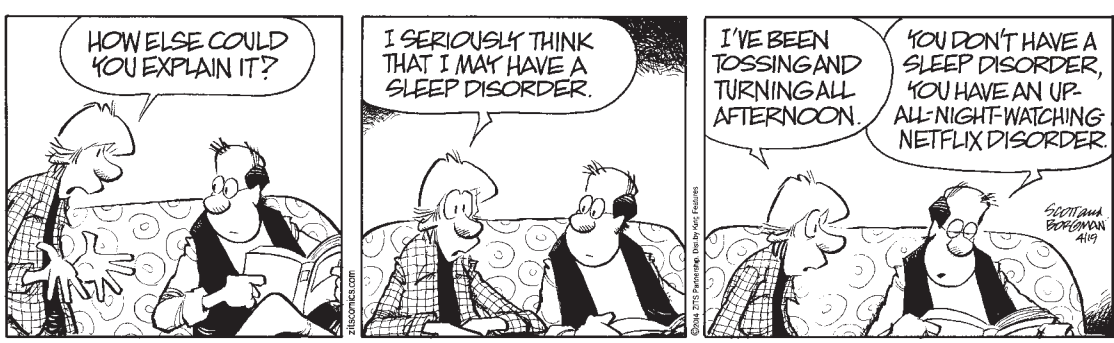
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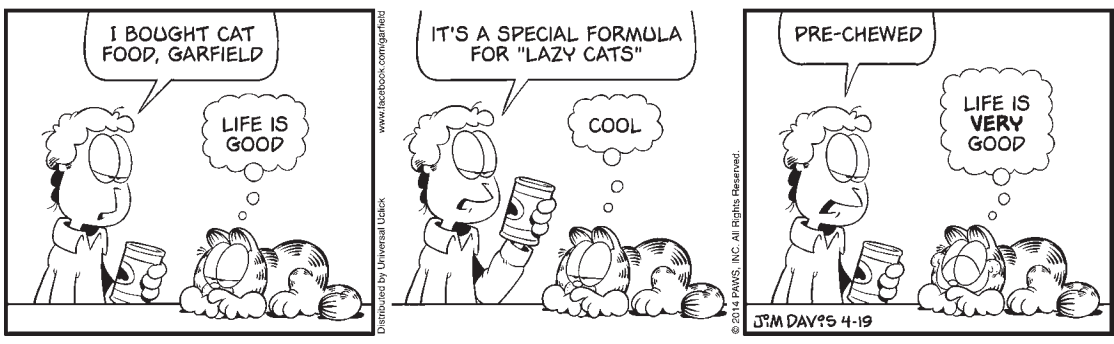
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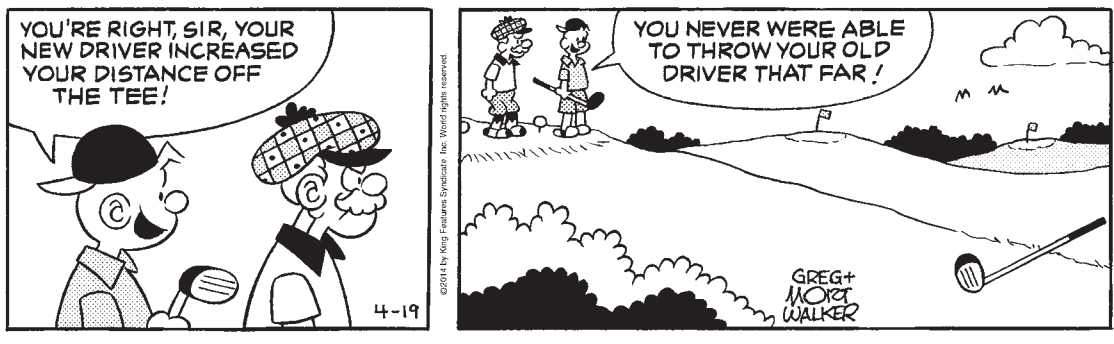
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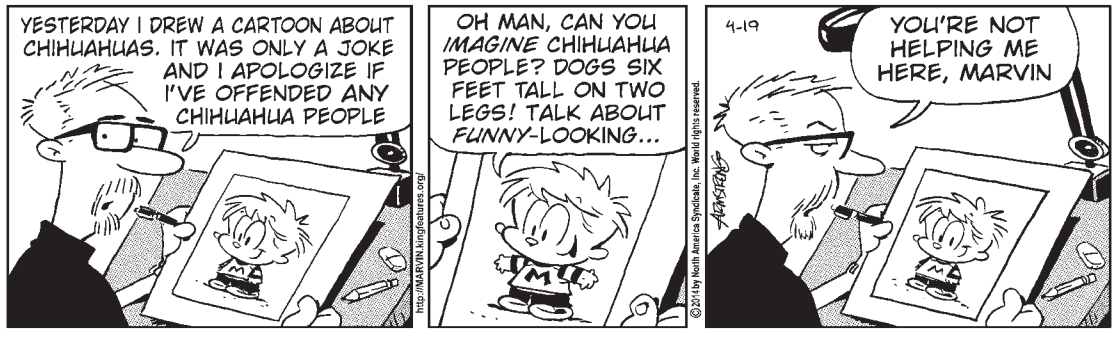
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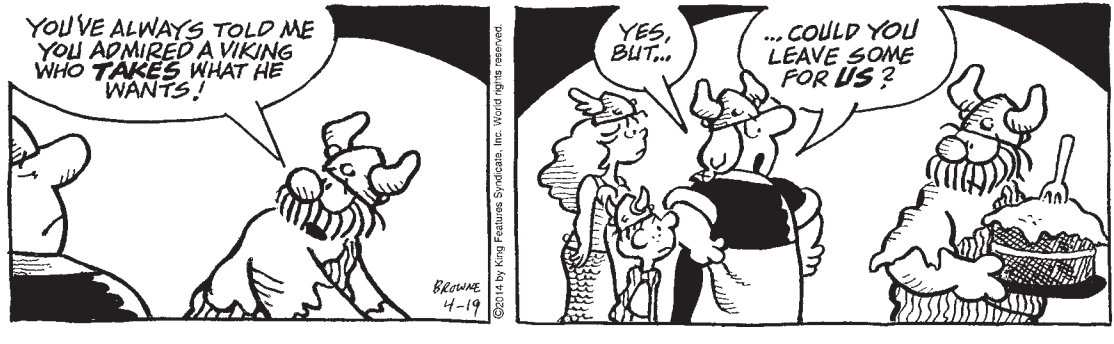
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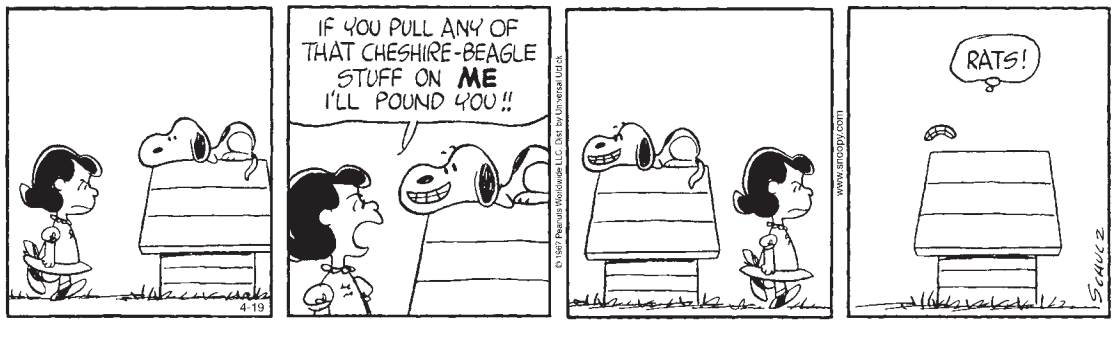
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sunday horoscope

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 20, 2014:

This year you often put in extraordinary effort to make your dreams a reality. The toll that these efforts take on you could be high. You love living life to the fullest when you feel like you're 100 percent on. Others find your energy contagious and exciting. If you are single, your ability to communicate attracts many different types of people. You will note that one of them could become more than a friend. Why not find out? If you are attached, make an effort where you have not before. You know your gesture would make your significant other happy. **CAPRICORN** is stern but alluring.

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)

★★★ Someone you look up to could make you feel rather tense. Use your instincts when dealing with this person. If you must make plans, go to a movie where you can be together without sticking your foot in your mouth. Tonight: In the limelight.

This Week: Unique thinking surrounds you Tuesday on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Keep conversations moving. Make calls in the morning to check in with family and friends. Someone at a distance could be unusually controlling. The unexpected might occur. Aim for what you want. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?

This Week: Reach out to someone you care about and respect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Be aware of the costs of having a lack of discipline. You will use any excuse that might work. You can't keep juggling your finances. Know your limits. Someone whom you look up to likes how you present yourself. Tonight: Go along with someone else's wishes.

This Week: A partner has a lot to share. Listen, and then make your decision.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might want to take off. Go on a hike or catch a baseball game. Others seem to seek you out with so many invitations that you could be overwhelmed. Don't let a domestic matter interfere with your plans. Tonight: Return calls.

This Week: Work with one individual at a time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might be exhausted by the hectic pace. A loved one knows

how to energize you. Your resilience comes through, no matter what, yet you still could become cranky. An older relative will make a gesture that allows you some free time. Tonight: On center stage.

This Week: Dive into work Monday, as you will want to socialize after Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could be taken back by a loved one's efforts to distract you. You might be worried about meeting a pal, so just call and make an excuse. Detach from a situation, and you will feel much better. Consider scheduling a trip soon. Tonight: Act like the weekend is beginning.

This Week: Your creativity flourishes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might feel pressured by a domestic matter. What is clear is that nothing is going to change quickly. A loved one might be unpredictable and impulsive; this behavior is not new. Make an effort to avoid a fight. You could be vague about plans. Tonight: Take a step back.

This Week: Work from home, if possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ A conversation in the morning points to plans involving a child. Choose an environment where you both can relax. Screen calls, as they seem to come in quickly. Don't get involved in anything stressful today. Tonight: Let a loved one make the first move.

This Week: Your words might seem harsh to some, but they are honest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might decide that you are not going to rein in your impulsiveness today. When your

friends discover that you plan on having a free day, they might decide to join you. Honor your limits, as you know what is good for you. Tonight: Buy a token of affection.

This Week: Focus on your budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be distracted wherever you are. Try to bring what you are thinking about into reality, and know that your goals are very possible to attain. A parent could have some sharp words if you forget to touch base with him or her. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

This Week: You will peak Monday. Curb your spending midweek.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might not want to be found, so take this day for you. Know that you will need to recharge your batteries, as the next few weeks could be hectic. Indulge in a special pastime or a favorite treat. Tonight: Mystery works.

This Week: Tuesday on, you have to be at peak condition and ready for anything.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Reach out to a friend. You might not like the plans that he or she has in place, but you do enjoy spending time with this person. Go off and join him or her. You will have a good time, no matter what the two of you do. Open up to change. Tonight: Go where the fun is.

This Week: Be proactive Monday and Thursday. Vanish in between.

BORN TODAY

Actor George Takei (1937), actress Jessica Lange (1949), U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts (1936)

Weekly Menus

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MONDAY, April 21
Pig in a blanket or chicken nuggets, spinach, mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges

Breakfast - French toast sticks

TUESDAY, April 22
Taco salad or steak fingers, black beans, celery sticks, pineapple tidbits

Breakfast - Biscuit, gravy

WEDNESDAY, April 23
Mini twin cheeseburgers or pizza dippers, green beans, baby carrots, diced carrots

Breakfast - Cinnamon tasteries

THURSDAY, April 24
Chicken fajitas or pizza, corn, tossed salad, mixed fruit

Breakfast - Pancake n' sausage on a stick

FRIDAY, April 25
Macaroni & cheese or hot dog, french fries, cucumbers, applesauce

Breakfast - Cereal, toast

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, April 21
Swedish meatballs over noodles, lima beans, carrots, applesauce

TUESDAY, April 22
Chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, mixed vegetables, pineapple

WEDNESDAY, April 23
Sausage/rice casserole, green beans/tomatoes, pears, cornbread salad

THURSDAY, April 24
Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli, Jell-O

FRIDAY, April 25
Ham salad/bread, celery/carrots, cherry tomatoes, Watergate salad

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, April 21
Chicken fried steak or chicken & ham tetrazini, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, Northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, red velvet cake, lemon pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, April 22
Chicken breasts/dressing or hamburger steak, Au Gratin potatoes, buttered broccoli, carrots, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, Boston cream pie, cherry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, April 23
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green beans, fried squash, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, strawberry shortcake chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, April 24
Chicken strips or liver 'n onions, tater tots, boiled cabbage, cream corn, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, cinnamon rolls, butterscotch icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, April 25
Cod fish/hushpuppies or spaghetti & meatballs, potato wedges, Italian bland vegetables, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, walnut brownies, coconut cream pie, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

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Area support groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, and at 2 p.m., Fridays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 192 Hilton Road.

■ **Cancer Support** meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 806-359-4673. Ext. 235.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **AI-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.

■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

■ Accolade Home Care sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. For more information, call Lindsey Been at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

Russell Baker and me

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

I just finished reading (or actually re-reading) Russell Baker's memoir, "Growing Up." For those of you who don't know him, Russell Baker is a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer who worked for many years as a columnist for the New York Times. He and I have several things in common.

No, this little column of mine has never won a Pulitzer Prize. And the closest I've ever come to writing for the New York Times is scribbling in the answers (well, at least some of them) each Sunday in their ubiquitous crossword puzzle.

Instead, what Russell Baker and I have in common is a similar family history — just one generation apart.

Baker was born in 1925. I was born in 1949. He had two sisters. I had two brothers and one sister. His parents were poor. My parents were poor. His father died when Russell was just a young boy. My father died when I was just a young boy. His mother struggled to make ends meet, taking on any job to help pay the rent and put food on the table. My mother struggled to make ends meet, taking on any job to help pay the rent and put food on the table.

In his memoir, Baker tells the heart-wrenching story



of how his mother had to make a decision no parent should ever have to make. She had to decide which one of her three children to give up after her husband died — because she realized she was never going to have enough money to raise all three kids. She eventually decided to put the baby, Audrey, up for adoption. Baker vividly describes the poignant and heartbreaking scene when he watched a car pull up to their apartment, saw some people get out, listened to them as they exchanged a few pleasantries with his mother, and then cried as they took little Audrey away forever.

And this is where our life stories become different. For you see, my mother never had to decide which of her children to give up for adoption. She was able to keep her family together. It wasn't because my dad left behind a pension or a big life insurance policy. It wasn't because friends or relatives came to our aid. It was all because of Social Security.

Russell Baker's father died in 1930, just five years before the Social Security Act was passed. When my dad died, he had been

paying into the Social Security system for 20 years or so. It was enough time to build up a small account so that my mother received monthly checks for all four of her children. To be sure, those checks weren't much. But they were enough to supplement the money she was making from her job to keep a roof over our heads and food on the table. And, thankfully, it was enough to keep us all together.

Survivor benefits for children are a big part of the Social Security program that people generally don't think about. Currently, there are 1.3 million boys and girls getting a monthly check from Social Security because their mother or father has died. They each get an average of \$796 per month.

This is something I'm always reminding my own kids about, both of whom have their own children now. My son and daughter are 30-somethings. And like most people their age, they mutter a little expletive every time they look at their paystubs and see the "Social Security Tax" deduction. Also, like most people their age, they wonder if Social Security will be there when they need it. That's why I ask them: "When will you need it?" I remind them

that their grandmother needed it when she was in her early 40s. And their father needed it when he was just 8 years old!

One more point about the "Will it be there when I need it?" issue. Whenever young people ask me that, I tell them they are asking the wrong question. The real question is "How will Social Security change?" Social Security isn't going away. But over the next decade or so, the program will change, just as it has changed many times during the past 80 years. But I can assure you that no matter what happens, benefits to the surviving children of deceased workers will always be a core part of our Social Security system.

Q: Can you tell me what FICA is? I am 29 years old. I hear my dad always talking about FICA when he is referring to Social Security taxes. When I look at my paystub, I don't see FICA. I see Social Security tax.

A: FICA is an old term that is slowly dying away. In fact, it might already be dead, except in the minds of old folks like your dad.

FICA stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act. It's the law that authorized payroll deduc-

tions to cover taxes owed for Social Security and, eventually, Medicare. So for decades people who looked at their payroll stubs and W-2 forms saw a box labeled FICA with the combined deductions for those two big government programs. They were lumped together because the taxes for each program were withheld from the same amount of earnings.

But then, in the 1990s, Congress eliminated the maximum wage base for the Medicare tax, while maintaining it for the Social Security tax. It meant that people earning over that wage base (currently \$117,000), would continue to pay Medicare taxes but would no longer have to pay Social Security taxes. For that reason, the tax deductions could no longer be combined in one box under the FICA heading. So employers started showing the Social Security and Medicare deductions in separate boxes labeled "Social Security Tax" and "Medicare Tax."

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

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After a perfect district run, the Lady Harvesters are staying focused while awaiting playoffs

BY JOHN LEE
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team made one goal before the season started, just go undefeated through district. While to most teams across any sport that seems out-of-reach, the Lady Harvesters went 7-1 through district last year, with a lone loss to Dalhart.

“Well this group of seniors, that district loss last year (at Dalhart), was the only loss they had on their record,” head coach Bobbi Gill said.

“They definitely didn’t want to repeat that, they wanted to finish 8-0 and wanted to be un-flawed because that would carry us into the playoffs with good momentum. It’s easy to keep them focused when they want to be focused, when they have a purpose in mind and they want to accomplish certain things. It’s not tough to keep a group focused when they have a goal before the season even started, you just have to remind them of what they wanted.”

The Lady Harvesters had a 7-0 record and had the District 1-3A title wrapped up heading into Dalhart, which is almost two hours away from Pampa. But the team didn’t want to have the blemish on their record that the Lady Wolves left last year.

“After losing to Dalhart last year we didn’t want it to happen again,” catcher Bailey Dixon said.

“Even though it didn’t matter (in district standings), it mattered to us.”

B. Dixon’s sister, Jessie, echoed that feeling.

“It’s kind of like a pride thing, we didn’t want to lose to them again,” J. Dixon said.

The team is made up of six seniors: Jazmyn Hair, Alexa O’Brien, Bailey Wichert, Bailey Dixon, Jessie Dixon and Mattie Eldridge. With the experience, the Lady Harvesters know what the taste of a premature exit in the playoffs tastes like. But that has not affected the confidence that the team has heading into the playoffs after a game at Randall next week.

“We’ve actually done better this year than we have any other year,” pitcher Alexa O’Brien said.

“If we win one more game we will have the best win-loss record Coach Gill has ever had. I am just really proud of everybody and feel like we can be the team that takes it pretty far this year.”

Speaking of that date with the Lady Raiders, the Lady Harvesters all feel that, even though it has no playoff implications, it is still an important game.

“Mainly we are going to take reps, and that’s mainly what we are working on,” O’Brien said.

“It’s another game we don’t have to win, but of course we want to. Just mentally prepare, Randall’s a good team and they will give us a run for our money.”

Coach Gill reinforced the situational reps, expressing that it is almost more important than a basic practice.

“I want everyone to get situational reps. You can’t get those reps in practice,” Gill said.

“Anytime this time of year you can play instead of practice it preps you a little bit better. Softball is a little bit different because we don’t have pitching rotations like baseball. But [it’s about] getting those pitchers reps and getting our kids good situational reps at the plate and seeing defensive situations that we need to see.”

About the senior class

While about a third of the team is made up of seniors, they are also made up of different types of leaders. O’Brien has always considered herself a lead-by-example type of leader to the other pitchers.

“I don’t really tell them a lot, I try to lead by example, I am not a very vocal leader,” O’Brien said.

“I just try to keep them confident because confidence is what they (the other pitchers) need. She (Brittney Gonzalez) will definitely be an ace next year, I have no doubt about that.”

The Dixon sisters, on the other hand, try to give pointers and encourage the underclassmen in practice and games.

“Try to push them in practice and if they mess up in games tell them it’s alright,” J. Dixon said. “They have the skills, it’s just a matter of keeping their heads up. Because as freshmen, sophomores and juniors, it’s really easy to get down on them-

selves.”

Second-baseman Bailey Wichert said that this is how it has been for a while now.

“We just lead other people the way the previous seniors led us and it’s just a tradition we carried on forever,” Wichert said.

The sport of having fun

If there is one thing the Lady Harvesters should remember, it is to relax and have fun. That, along with making the routine plays while playing strong defense, may be the key to the Lady Harvesters’ success.

“When they are relaxed and just having fun, they play great,” Gills said.

“So you just tell them to have fun and relax. The farther you go the more serious it gets, but it’s still a game. It’s a game they enjoy playing, and when they enjoy playing the game, the outcome’s always a lot better.”

If going 8-0 through District 1-3A play wasn’t enough for the Lady Harvesters to feel like they deserve to be in the playoffs, the 25-6 overall should.

“It lets us know that we are good enough to be there (in the playoffs) and we do deserve to be there,” J. Dixon said, followed by B. Dixon saying, “It means that we stepped up from where our seniors were last year, because we had good seniors last year.”

The Lady Harvesters continue their season on Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Randall High School.

Watch the Pros SATURDAY

- Baseball**
 - L.A. Angels at Detroit Tigers.....FS1 noon
 - Arizona Diamondbacks at L.A. Dodgers.....FS1 7 p.m.
 - Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers....FSSW 7:05 p.m.
 - College Lacrosse**
 - Maryland at Notre Dame.....ESPNU 11 a.m.
 - College Football**
 - Alabama Spring Game.....ESPNU 1 p.m.
 - College Softball**
 - LSU at South Carolina.....ESPNU 3 p.m.
 - Florida vs. Texas A&M.....ESPNU 5 p.m.
 - College baseball**
 - Baylor at Kansas State.....ESPNU 7 p.m.
 - Golf**
 - The Heritage.....Golf noon
 - The Heritage.....CBS 2 p.m.
 - Champions Tour: Greater Gwinnett Championship.....Golf 2 p.m.
 - LPGA Lotte Championship.....Golf 5:30 p.m.
 - Racing**
 - Horse Racing: Lexington Derby.....TVG 3:30 p.m.
 - Horse Racing: Illinois Derby.....TVG 4:30 p.m.
 - MMA/Boxing/etc.**
 - UFC: Werdum vs. Browne.....FOX 7 p.m.
 - Boxing:Hopkins vs. Shumenov (lt. heavy)...SHO 8:30 p.m.
 - Hockey**
 - Chicago Blackhawks at St. Louis Blues.....NBC 2 p.m.
 - Columbus Blue Jackets at Pittsburgh Penguins...NBCSN 6 p.m.
 - Minnesota Wild at Colorado Avalanche.....NBCSN 8:30 p.m.
 - Soccer**
 - Tottenham vs. Fulham.....OLN/NBCSN 6:40 a.m.
 - Cardiff vs. Stoke.....OLN/NBCSN 8:55 a.m.
 - Chelsea vs. Sunderland.....NBC 11:30 a.m.
 - Chicago vs. New England.....NBCSN 3 p.m.
 - Basketball**
 - Brooklyn Nets at Toronto Raptors.....ESPN 11:30p.m.
 - Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers.....ESPN 6 p.m.
 - Memphis Grizzlies at Oklahoma City Thunder...ESPN 8:30 p.m.
 - Golden State Warriors at L.A. Clippers.....ABC 2:30 p.m.
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Photo by Charla Shults

Front row from left, Britney Gonzalez, Jacie Studebaker, Shiann Regalado, Cameron Schaub, Ally Roberson and Kassie Jerome. Middle row, Coach Stephanie Cameron, Kaylee Arzen, Tory Robles, Cheyanne Lockhart, Kylie Kreider, and manager Corby Snapp. Back row, Coach Matt Embry, Bailey Dixon, Jessie Dixon, Bailey Wichert, Alexa O'Brien, Mattie Eldridge, Jazmyn Hair and Coach Bobbi Gill.

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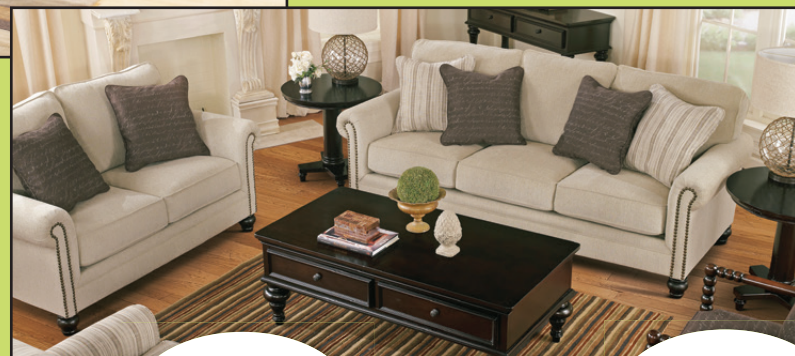
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11 Harvesters and Lady Harvesters going to regionals

STAFF REPORT

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters competed in Lubbock this past week with 11 athletes qualifying for regionals.

First off, breaking the area record in both the shot put and the discus was Cheyenne Williams throwing 40'6.25" in the shot and 117'4" in the discus. In the 100-meter dash, Brittney Gonzalez qualified (13.02, 2nd). Savannah Hulsey qualified in the 100-meter hurdles (15.4, 4th). Taylor Giles (48.22, 3rd) and Hulsey (46.93, 1st) both qualified in the 300-meter hurdles. Taylor Eubank qualified in the 200-meter run (26.97, 4th).

The Lady Harvesters also qualified in the 4X200 relay (1:46.6, 1st) with Eubank, Gonzalez, Giles and Keisha Daniels and in the 4X100 relay (51.14, 1st) Hulsey, Eubank, Kirsten Hood and Ty'Randa Johnson qualified.

In the wheelchair shot, Lauren Pingel threw the shot seven feet, three inches.

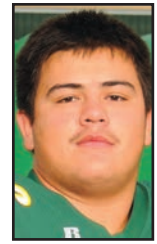
For the Harvesters, there were two area champions: Kody Maddox in the 100-meter dash (10.86) and Isidro Estrada in the shot put (43'5").

Other qualifiers, the 4X100-meter relay (43.47, 4th) with Maddox, Adriam Elam, Brendan Ponce and Bryce Parker and in the 4 X 200-meter relay (1:30.07, 4th) with Chance Douglas, Elam, Maddox and Ponce. Ponce also placed fourth in the 200-meter dash (22.98).

Look for full results next week in The Pampa News. The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters will compete at Texas Tech next weekend on April 25-26.



Cheyenne Williams



Isidro Estrada



Kody Maddox

Tulsa businessman Kaiser joins OKC Thunder ownership

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Tulsa businessman George B. Kaiser has joined the Oklahoma City Thunder's ownership team.

Thunder chairman and CEO Clayton I. Bennett made the announcement Friday.

Kaiser is president, CEO and primary owner of GBK Corp., parent of Kaiser-Francis Oil Company, which he has managed for 40 years.

He also is chairman of the board and majority shareholder of BOK Financial Corp. and a major

shareholder in several energy, oil and gas, mining and technology companies.

He is purchasing the ownership interest of Tom L. Ward.

In addition, through a transaction approved by the NBA Board of Governors, Bennett, Aubrey K. McClendon, William M. Cameron and Jay Scaramucci have each purchased ownership interests from G. Jeffrey Records Jr. Records remains a significant owner of the team, and MidFirst remains a major sponsor.

Making a pit stop

As there is not a Sprint Cup race this weekend, "Green-White-Checkered" will return next week with a recap of the previous races and a preview of Richmond. Until then, have a Happy Easter.

Watch the Pros SUNDAY

- Baseball**
Baltimore Orioles at Boston Red Sox.....ESPN 6 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers.....FSSW 2:05 p.m.
- College Baseball**
Georgia at Florida.....ESPNU 11 a.m.
Kansas at Oklahoma St.....FS1 1 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Arkansas.....ESPN noon
- College Softball**
Syracuse at Florida St.....ESPNU 2 p.m.
- Golf**
The Heritage.....Golf noon
The Heritage.....CBS 2 p.m.
Champions Tour: Greater Gwinnett Championship.....Golf 2 p.m.
- Soccer**
Norwich vs. Liverpool.....OLN 5:55 a.m.
Hull vs. Arsenal.....OLN 8 a.m.
Everton vs. Manchester United.....OLN 10:05 a.m.
- Hockey**
Philadelphia Flyers at New York Rangers....NBC 11 a.m.
Detroit Red Wings at Boston Bruins.....NBC 2 p.m.
Tampa Bay Lightning at Montreal Canadiens.....NBCSN 6 p.m.
L.A. Kings at San Jose Sharks.....NBCSN 9 p.m.
- Auto Racing**
NASCAR Sprint Cup from Charlotte.....ABC 7:30 p.m.
- Basketball**
Dallas Mavericks at San Antonio Spurs.....TNT noon
Charlotte Bobcats at Miami Heat.....ABC 2:30 p.m.
Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls.....TNT 6 p.m.
Portland Trail Blazers at Houston Rockets.....TNT 8:30 p.m.
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PampaSports

Harvesters drub Woodward, Okla. on Senior Day

By JOHN LEE
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The weather was indicative of a typical Pampa home baseball game, cold and dreary. But that didn't keep the Pampa Harvesters from recognizing their three seniors, Ethan Hunt, Ryan Powell and Brandon Stokes, for Senior Day. Even better, the Harvesters were able to put together 12 hits in the 8-2 win over Woodward, Okla. to advance to 8-14-1.

"Our kids played well. I think we had one error and that was it and we had 12 hits," head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said.

"We had a great pitching performance. For us to fin-

ish our home season with a win was very exciting. I am very excited for our kids. For our seniors to finish with a home win is a big deal."

The Harvesters best inning came in the bottom of third, which was started when freshman Brendon Woelfle reached first base on an error. Powell hit a double to left field on a hard ground ball which put Woelfle in scoring position at third. Hunt was next at bat and was walked, loading the bases for sophomore Adam Zuniga.

After getting hit by the pitch, Zuniga took the RBI, scoring Woelfle. Sophomore Colton Thompson

doubled to center field on a hard ground ball, which scored Powell and Hunt, extending the Harvesters lead to 4-1. Thompson scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the second after an error from the third baseman.

Hunt also doubled to left field on a hard ground ball in the bottom of the fifth, which scored sophomore Cade Engle and Powell, each of whom reached base on singles.

Already leading 6-2, the Harvesters scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth as Engle tripled to right field, scoring Woelfle (who had also just tripled) and Powell who grounded out to

short stop, allowing Engle to score. This rounded out the scoring for the Harvesters at 8-1.

In his second start at the mound, Engle pitched 6.1 innings, with three hits, two runs scored, two earned runs, five walks and five strikeouts.

At the plate, Brendon Woelfle was 1/4 with two runs scored; Cade Engle was 2/4 with two runs scored and an RBI; Ryan Powell was 3/4 with two runs scored and an RBI; Ethan Hunt was 1/3 with a run scored and two RBIs; Adam Zuniga was 1/3 with an RBI; Colton Thompson was 2/2 with two RBIs; Ty Hooper had a run scored

and a walk and Jacob Nelson went 1/3. Hunt and Thompson also had walks.

"I think I did pretty good at short stop, but I made an error there towards the beginning of the game," Woelfle said.

"But that set me up to do the best I can at the plate."

The Harvesters return to action on Friday at Perryton to finish off their district schedule.

"We are just going to relax and take a couple days off, just regroup and come back and get ready for Perryton at their place," Snelgrooves said.

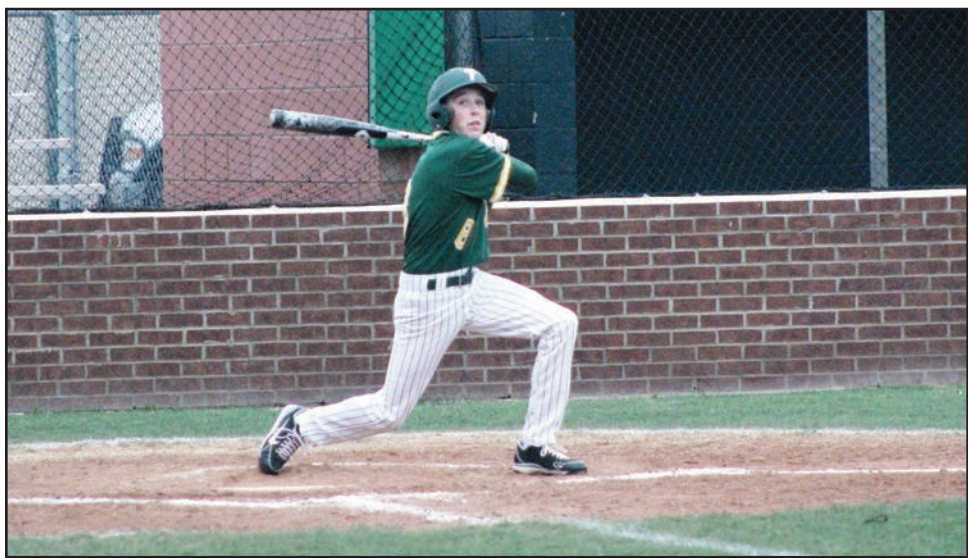
"As far as district standings go it doesn't mean a

whole lot for us to make a playoff run. But we are going to go out and try to get the win, but it's not do or die for us."

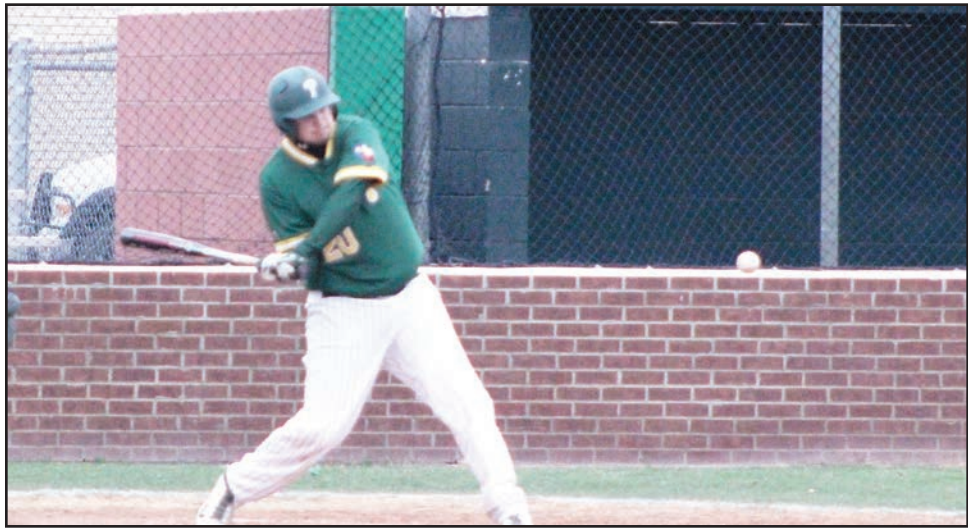
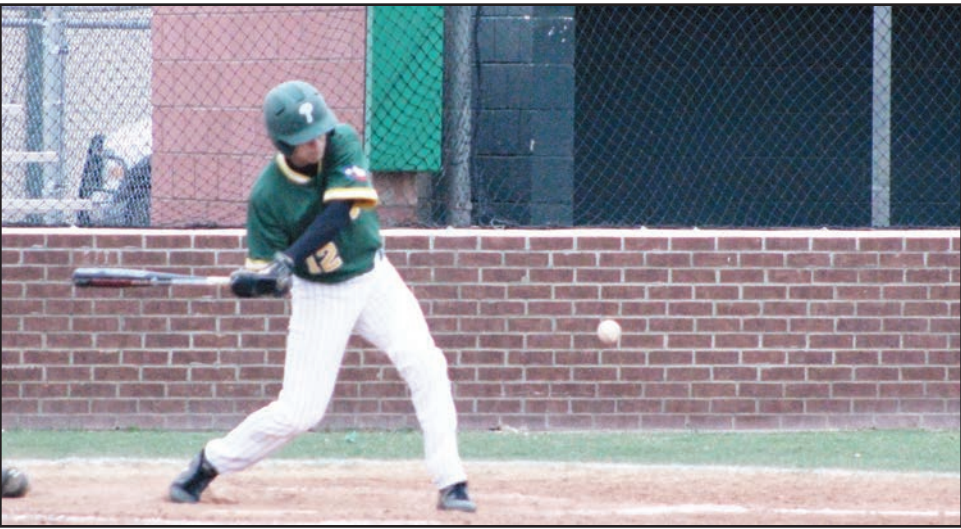
About his seniors, Snelgrooves had this to say:

"We are losing key guys in our program. They have left us in a good place, though," Snelgrooves said.

"Ethan (Hunt) has been a three-year starter for us, Ryan (Powell) has been a three-year starter for us, Brandon has been in the program for four years. We are losing great guys who we are going to truly miss. They have shown these underclassmen the ropes, the goods, the bads and the what-not-to-dos."



Above left, from left, Brandon Stokes, Ethan Hunt and Ryan Powell received a reception in their honor after the game. Above right, Stokes analyzes a fly ball while determining if he will run to first base. Below left, Ryan Powell hits the ball during his at bat. Below right, Ethan Hunt hits the ball during the early stages of the game. The Harvesters return to action on Friday at Perryton.



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NBA playoffs looking more wide-open than expected

MIAMI (AP) — Before the season started, a poll suggested that the Miami Heat were the overwhelming favorite to win the NBA title, collecting a whopping 76 percent of ballots cast.

The voters weren't some know-nothings, either. No, this was a polling of NBA general managers.

Things seem quite a bit different now. The Heat don't seem like locks for a third straight title anymore. San Antonio and Indiana are top seeds. Brooklyn, Chicago, the Los Angeles Clippers, Oklahoma City, Golden State, Houston, Portland and the Heat all figure to have a legitimate chance at being the club to hoist the Larry O'Brien Trophy in a couple of months.

Usually, the NBA playoffs aren't so wide open. Things might change over

the next couple of months. "There are 16 teams that have a chance to win it," said Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks, whose team is seeded No. 2 in the West. "If you're in the playoffs, you have a chance. There are some good teams. Any team can beat each other. The West is deep. There are two teams that are really good that didn't make it and had great years. It's definitely open. There's a lot of good basketball teams that are fighting for the championship."

For as good as San Antonio and Indiana were all year — well, for most of the year in Indiana's case, before the Pacers faltered down the stretch — it's never a certainty that the No. 1 seeds reach the NBA Finals. It's happened that way only 11 times in the last 35 years.

Then again, the last time

that there wasn't either a No. 1 or a No. 2 in the title series was 1978. So while upsets can happen, it's not all that common to see bracket craziness — akin to a No. 7 and No. 8 seeds Connecticut and Kentucky playing for the NCAA title earlier this month — happening in the same NBA playoff season.

"It is going to be tremendous from a fans' standpoint, watching," Golden State coach Mark Jackson said. "It going to be a lot of fun." Brooklyn's Jason Kidd has plenty of postseason experience as a player. He believes the NBA championship is up for grabs, but also probably knows history doesn't favor his sixth-seeded club.

Since 1979, only five teams seeded No. 4 or lower in their conference have reached the finals.

But Kidd sees reason for hope.

"It's always wide open," said Kidd, the first-year coach of the Nets — a veteran-laden team put together to win a title this season. "You guys sometimes limit it to just two teams but guys that are playing on a daily basis in the Western Conference and the Eastern Conference feel like they've got a chance."

This year, that doesn't just seem like coach speak.

Take the East. On paper, the biggest mismatch is No. 1 Indiana against No. 8 Atlanta, especially because the Hawks are the only sub-.500 team in the playoffs. And just a couple weeks ago, the Hawks went to Indianapolis and absolutely embarrassed the Pacers, running out to a 32-point halftime lead in

one of the more stunning games of the entire NBA season.

"There's some good teams out there," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. "Every team in the playoffs have given us some problems. We've been able to win against them as well. But it's certainly shaped out to be a good conference."

No. 5 Washington won the season series over No. 4 Chicago. Out West, the third-seeded Clippers and sixth-seeded Golden State split four meetings. Memphis ousted Oklahoma City a year ago and those clubs meet in the first round. And San Antonio's quest to avenge last year's loss in the NBA Finals starts against Dallas — the last team to beat Miami in a seven-game series, winning the title in 2011.

So there are some good stories, and there's intrigue with every first round series.

That doesn't mean everyone in the league thinks it'll be a year laden with surprises. Philadelphia coach Brett Brown put it simply — to him, the game changes in the playoffs, period.

"The regular season and the playoffs are like two different sports," Brown said. "If you put me in a bubble and you drag me out in May, I can say this is different than the game I'm seeing in November. It's just entirely different."

That's why Brown, a former Spurs assistant, thinks there's a very small number of teams capable of winning it all.

"To be the last man standing is so ridiculously hard," Brown said. "People have no idea what it's like to play in June."

Manning holds on to heartache of Super Bowl

DENVER (AP) — Broncos fans may want to move on from Denver's Super Bowl debacle. Not Peyton Manning. He's holding on to the heartache to stoke his competitive fire.

In his first public comments since the highest-scoring team in NFL history was destroyed by Seattle from the opening snap two months ago, Manning said the Broncos' 43-8 loss will

serve as motivation in 2014.

"I don't really have a word for it. Obviously it was disappointing and we'll use that to fuel us this offseason and hopefully it'll make us better," Manning said Wednesday prior to giving the keynote address at the Boy Scouts of America Sports Breakfast in Denver.

"I know the front office has addressed some offseason needs in free agency and

of course the draft's coming up and now it's up to the players to put in the hard work in the weight room, the film room and on the practice field to try to be a better team this year and that all starts Monday."

The Broncos gather next week for the official start of offseason workouts with a roster that looks a lot different from the one that lost by five TDs to the Seahawks.

Gone are Champ Bailey, Eric Decker, Wesley Woodyard, Zane Beadles, Knowshon Moreno and Chris Kuper, whose departures cleared cap space for the additions of DeMarcus Ware, T.J. Ward, Aqib Talib and Emmanuel Sanders.

"Eli told me he was excited about DeMarcus leaving his division; he can no longer hit him. And I'm glad he's on my team," Manning said of

the former Dallas Cowboys pass-rusher who headlined John Elway's offseason makeover.

Manning gave his blessing to the promotion of second-year running back Montee Ball to primary ball carrier.

"There's no question with the loss of Knowshon, who was just nothing short of awesome this past year, and was a great teammate ... Montee's going to have more

responsibilities and I think he's going to answer that challenge," Manning said.

Although Sanders joined Demaryius Thomas, Julius Thomas, Bubba Caldwell and Wes Welker at Manning's annual passing camp at Duke last week, which the five-time MVP QB called a "good kick-start to the offseason," the official start of offseason workouts is Monday.



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Nadal ousted by Ferrer in Monte Carlo quarters

MONACO (AP) — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal lost to Spanish compatriot David Ferrer 7-6 (1), 6-4 in the quarter-



David Ferrer

finals on Friday, his earliest exit at the Monte Carlo Masters in 11 years.

While he beat Nadal just last year, Ferrer hadn't beaten him on clay since 2004, in the first of their 27 career meetings.

The sixth-seeded Ferrer next faces third-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka, who reached his first semifinals since winning the Australian Open after beating

eight-seeded Milos Raonic of Canada 7-6 (5), 6-2.

A day after becoming the 11th man in the Open era to reach 300 wins on clay, Nadal committed 44 unforced errors and was broken four times in the face of Ferrer's relentless attack. Ferrer lost his own serve three times in the 2-hour, 13-minute match.

"It was a tough loss, all losses feel bad but especially on clay," Nadal said. "I didn't play the right way, I didn't have the intensity in my legs."

"I played too short. I give him the chance to have the control of the point almost all the time. The feeling on court was not the best one."

Nadal won eight consecutive Monte Carlo titles from 2005-12 before he lost last year's final to Novak Djokovic.

"Rafael is difficult to beat on a clay court, but not only on clay court, on all the surfaces," Ferrer said. "He's not a machine, no? Sometimes he can play not so good. Maybe today he doesn't play his best tennis, and I played very good."

Nadal struggled badly on his serve, facing 10 break points in an attritional match where the first six games alone took 45 minutes.

"I'm not playing well right now and I'm not happy with how I'm playing," said Nadal, who has also lost his last three matches against Djokovic in straight sets.

He dropped his opening service game, broke back in a game lasting 16 minutes, double-faulted to lose his next serve, and broke Ferrer again with a cross-court winner. Nadal saved break points in the next game, too, before making it 3-3.

The tiebreaker was all about Nadal's mistakes. He lost it by making three straight unforced errors. At one point, he threw the ball down in frustration. The first set-statistics make for ugly reading, with Nadal making only 54 percent of his first serves, and hitting a meager five winners on his normally trusty forehand.

Ferrer broke him with a neat pass down the line and held for 3-1 in the second set to seize control. A dependent Nadal then hit a sloppy forehand long to trail by 5-2.

"He played better than me. I played entirely wrong in the second set," Nadal said.

Serving for the match, Ferrer rushed his shots and Nadal broke back and held in a rare spell of pressure.

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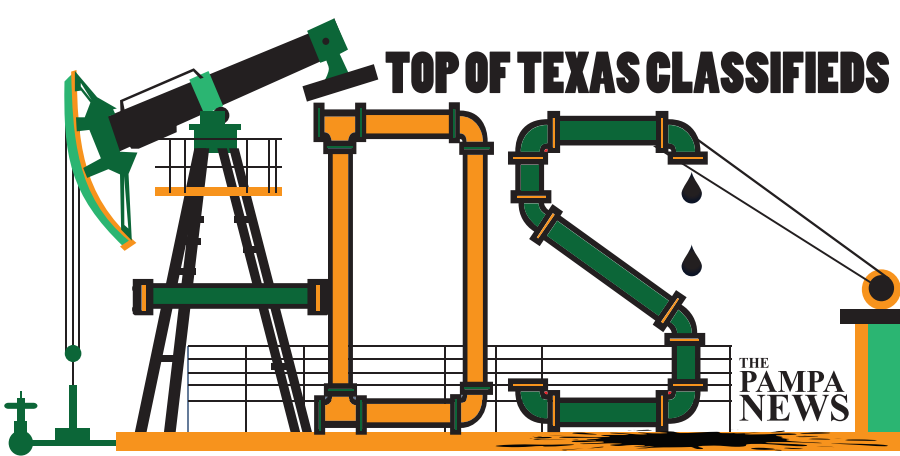
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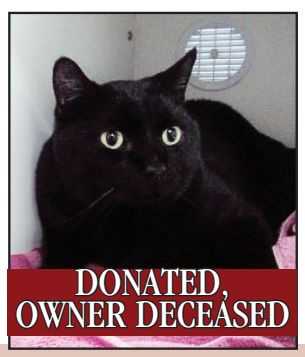
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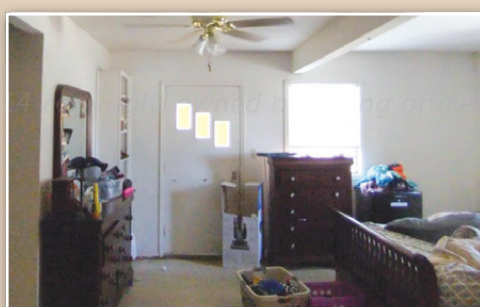
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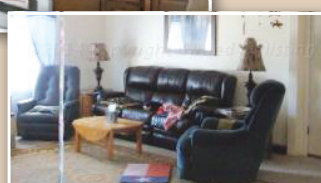
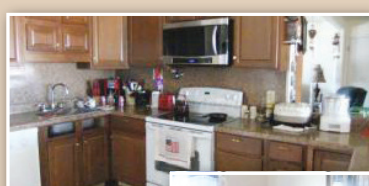
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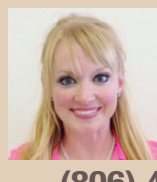
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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce

building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

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White House updating online privacy policy

A new Obama administration privacy policy released Friday explains how the government will gather the user data of online visitors to WhiteHouse.gov, mobile apps and social media sites, and it clarifies that online comments, whether tirades or tributes, are in the open domain.

"Information you choose to share with the White House (directly and via third party sites) may be treated as public information," the new policy says.

The Obama administration also promises not to sell the data of online visitors. But it cannot make the same assurances for users who go to third-party White House sites on Facebook, Twitter or Google Plus.

There will be no significant changes in actual practices under the new policy. But legal jargon and bureaucratic language has been stripped out, making it easier for readers to now understand that the White House stores the date, time and duration of online visits; the originating Internet Protocol address; how much data users transmit from WhiteHouse.gov to their

computers; and more. The administration also tracks whether emails from the White House are opened, forwarded or printed.

The updates were needed because "Our old privacy policy was just that - old," blogged Obama's digital director Nathaniel Lubin.

After coming to office in a campaign lauded for its online savvy, President Barack Obama's White House has quickly adapted to online engagement since taking office in 2008, embracing using the Internet in all of its manifestations.

The first administration with an Office of Digital Strategy, Obama's online strategy now includes a platform, live online chats and more than a dozen social media sites including Google Plus, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Instagram, Vine, MySpace and seven different Facebook pages including La Casa Blanca and Education to Innovate.

Visitors who link to those social media sites are advised: "Your activity on those sites is governed by the third-party website's security and privacy poli-

cies," which frequently allow those companies to sell users' data. In addition, the White House archives Twitter, Facebook and Google Plus content to comply with the Presidential Records Act.

The policy says Obama will keep some information — automatically generated email data, Mobile App use data and some cookie data — until the end of the current administration.

The White House is also explicit about what it doesn't do, including collecting geolocation information from mobile-app users or sharing information for commercial purposes.

The policy is being released at a time when the administration is facing unprecedented criticism over disclosures from former intelligence contractor Edward Snowden that expose sweeping U.S. government surveillance programs. The policy aims to address at least some of those concerns.

White House spokesman Matt Lechrich said they also do not give third parties, including the political organization Obama for America

or the U.S. National Security Agency, access to their email database or other systems.

"Within the White House, we restrict access to personally identifiable information to employees, contractors, and vendors subject to non-disclosure requirements who require access to this information in order to perform their official duties and exercise controls to limit what data they can view based on the specific needs of their position," the policy says.

For example, if someone gives the White House a telephone number or email address, staffers might respond to the message or petition, providing information or even services if appropriate. They might also take messages, comments, Twitter replies and Facebook comments to use for public advocacy, like promoting Obama's health care overhaul.

If a user asks the White House a question that is really about homeland security, the user's information may be shared with that agency. And if someone is trying to report a federal

crime, or threatening someone, that person's information may be passed on to law enforcement.

Lechrich said that when people share comments or sign online petitions through the We the People platform, it's with the understanding that it is public information.

Reviews from privacy experts — who have been watching the privacy-policy revisions closely — were mixed.

The biggest problem, said Jeramie Scott, national security counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, D.C., is not what happens when users are on WhiteHouse.gov, but when they click onto the White House's third-party social media sites that don't abide by Obama's own privacy rules and may sell personal data they glean from users.

"Interacting with the White House and its different sites is inherently political, and that type of thing shouldn't be used for commercial gain," Scott said.

Mark Jaycox, a legislative analyst at the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San

Francisco, said the new policy underscores the administration's ongoing interest in collecting data.

"You see it across the board. You saw it in the campaign. You see it in the White House petitions. This is just one more step toward amassing more information," he said.

Jaycox said the new policy is not explicit enough about what the White House does with information it gathers.

"The onerous thing is we don't know what they're doing on the back end with all of this data," he said.

But several privacy experts praised the new policy as more explicit and understandable.

"It's a nice gesture by the White House," said Federation of American Scientists secrecy expert Steven Artgerood in Washington. "I think the move reflects a heightened public awareness of privacy concerns, which is commendable."

Consumer Watchdog Privacy Project director John Simpson said that in terms of pure disclosure, "this seems to be one of the better policies, a model perhaps for others."

US arrests about 80 immigrants at Texas camp

McALLEN (AP) — At least 80 immigrants suspected of entering the United States illegally were arrested in a makeshift encampment in suburban South Texas.

They were found in an undeveloped patch of scrub near an abandoned tennis club in McAllen.

They were camped under tents and huts camouflaged with mesquite branches and cacti. Some told authorities they had been there sleeping on pieces of cardboard with little food and water for at least a week.

It was unclear whether any of those arrested Thursday afternoon were guides suspected of guard-

ing the immigrants, Border Patrol spokesman Danny Tirado told The McAllen Monitor.

A short time later, Border Patrol arrested 132 immigrants found in two buildings on a property in Alton, about 8 miles west of McAllen, according to KRGV-TV.

The Border Patrol made more than 154,000 arrests on the section of the U.S.-Mexico border in southernmost Texas last year, more than anywhere else on the Southwest border. The majority of the immigrants come from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

Guides typically lead the

immigrants across the Rio Grande in smaller groups and then mass them in so-called stash houses on the Texas side of the border until their transportation can be arranged for the next leg of their journey.

"We ate one burrito per day," said Alfredo Espinoza Rivera, who was arrested at the camp. He said he had left El Salvador about six weeks earlier, paying \$7,000 to a smuggler. The 37-year-old said he was trying to reach his father, a U.S. citizen, in Los Angeles.

"I'm scared to go back to my country," he said. "There's a lot of crime and it's hard to live there."

Christie's to auction portrait of Malala by Yeo

NEW YORK (AP) — A portrait of a Pakistani teenager shot by the Taliban for championing education for girls will be auctioned next month.

The oil painting by Jonathan Yeo shows Malala Yousafzai (mah-LAH'-lah YOO'-suhf-zeye) doing her homework.

It is being donated by the artist to benefit the Malala Fund, which campaigns for girls' education.

Christie's New York is offering the portrait on May 14. It's expected to bring \$60,000 to \$80,000. It was painted months after the then-15-year-old Malala was shot as she

traveled to school in 2012.

President Barack Obama called Malala the "bravest girl in the world."

She now lives in England. Yeo is a portrait painter. His works are in the Royal Collection and the National Portrait Gallery in London, among others.

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Lent devotional

By Mike Sublett

Day 40 – Saturday - blood
 Scripture: Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John. 19:28-34, 36-37

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found

that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken" and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced." (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: It has always been considered by humans as priceless, and essential to life – blood. Most adults have about six quarts flowing through the veins of their body, one-and-a-half

gallons of liquid life. The rule is simple: lose the blood, lose your life.

So what of this blood splattered all over the cross? What of the blood that had soaked into the ground around the cross? What was the value of each drop that had been beaten out of Him by the Roman soldiers outside Pilate's courtroom? What significance was there to every drop that decorated the path from downtown Jerusalem out to Mount Calvary? What was the price tag of each drop on the hammer? How about the blood on the spikes after they were removed? What then is the conclusion of the blood?

Revelation 1:5-6: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Hebrews 9:22: In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Acts 20:28: Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.
 Hebrews 9:14: How much

more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

1 Peter 1:18-19: For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

1 John. 1:7: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and

the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, I could never put a price on the blood You voluntarily shed for me. No man took Your life, You gave it freely – for me. Thank You for being and doing what I never could. May I never live a day of my life outside of Your blood. Receive my confession of falling far short and my pledge that with Your power I will do much better at stepping where You step. I can't ever thank You enough for the blessings You have poured into my life during this season of Lent. To You be the glory in all things. Amen.

In China, jar of French mountain air fetches \$860

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing artist Liang Kegang returned from a business trip in southern France with well-rested lungs and a small item of protest against his home city's choking pollution: a glass jar of clean, Provence air.

He put it up for auction before a group of about 100 Chinese artists and collectors late last month, and it fetched 5,250 yuan (\$860).

"Air should be the most valuable commodity, free to breathe for any vagrant or beggar," Liang said in an interview. "This is my way to question China's foul air and express my dissatisfaction."

Liang's work is part of a gust of recent artistic protest — and entrepreneurial gimmickry — reflecting widespread dissatisfaction over air quality in China, where cities often are immersed days on end in harmful pollutants at levels many times what is considered safe by the World Health Organization. The chronic problem has spurred brisk markets for dust masks and home air purifiers.

China's senior leaders have pledged to clean the air, partly in response to a citizenry increasingly vocal about environmental issues. But it is a daunting task that must be balanced with demands for economic development and employment crucial to maintaining stability.

In February, 20 artists wearing dust masks lay on the ground and played dead in front of an altar at the Temple of Heaven park in a performance art protest in Beijing.

In March, independent artists in the southern city of Changsha held a mock funeral for what they imagined would be the death of the city's last citizen because of smog.

"If smog cannot be effectively cleaned up, what it will leave us is death and cities of death," artist Shao Jiajun said.

Liang's contribution is a

short, ordinary glass preserves jar with a rubber seal and a flip-top. It has three small, handwritten paper labels: one with the name and coordinates of the French village, Forcalquier, where he closed the jar; one saying "Air in Provence, France" in French; and one with his signature in Chinese and the date — March 29.

The auction closed on the night of March 30, and Chengdu-based artist and entrepreneur Li Yongzheng was the highest bidder.

"I have always been appreciative of Kegang's conceptual art, and this piece was very timely," Li said in a telephone interview. "This past year, whether it was Beijing, Chengdu or most Chinese cities, air pollution has been a serious problem. This piece of work really suits the occasion."

Liang is not the only one to make money from China's air-pollution angst. Entrepreneurs also see the potential, and so do tourism officials in parts of the country where skies are clear.

Chinese President Xi Jinping joked to Guizhou province delegates during last month's National People's Congress that the scenic southwestern province could put its air up for sale. Days later, the province's tourism bureau announced plans to sell canned air as souvenirs for tourists.

"Canned air will force us to stay committed to environmental protection," provincial tourism director Fu Yingchun said recently.

In central Henan province, local tourism authorities promoting a resort scooped up mountain air and gave away bags of it in downtown Zhengzhou, the provincial capital. City dwellers greedily inhaled the air, and some said they planned to visit the mountain resort to get more than a lungful.

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Storms threaten 2nd launch try to space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — SpaceX returned to the launch pad Friday in hopes of finally delivering supplies to the International Space Station, but stormy weather threatened to interfere.

NASA's commercial supplier was foiled by a leaky rocket valve during Monday's launch attempt. The valve was replaced, and the company aimed for a liftoff at 3:25 p.m. Friday. Forecasters put the odds of acceptable weather at 40 percent.

The unmanned Dragon cargo ship contains 2½ tons of station supplies, including material originally intended for urgent spacewalking repairs coming up in just a few days.

A critical backup computer failed outside the space station last Friday. Astronauts will replace it as early as Sunday; the timing for the spacewalk depends on when the Dragon flies.

The primary computer is working fine, but numerous systems would be seriously

compromised if it broke, too. A double failure also would hinder visits by the Dragon and other vessels.

"It's imperative that we maintain" backups for these external command-routing computer boxes, also called multiplexer-demultiplexers, or MDMs, said flight director Brian Smith. "Right now, we don't have that."

NASA decided late this week to use the gasket-like material already on board the space station for the repair, instead of waiting for the

Dragon. Astronauts trimmed the thermal material Friday to fit the bottom of the replacement computer, and inserted a fresh circuit card.

Much-needed food is also aboard the Dragon, along with a new spacesuit and spacesuit replacement parts. NASA wants these things at the space station as soon as possible.

The shipment is already more than a month late. Initially set for mid-March, the launch was delayed by extra prepping, then damage to an

Air Force radar and, finally on Monday, the rocket leak.

As the countdown entered its final few hours, NASA's space station program manager Mike Suffredini said an investigation continues into the reason for last summer's spacesuit failure. The helmet worn by an Italian astronaut filled with water from the suit's cooling system, and he nearly drowned during a spacewalk.

Routine U.S. spacewalks are on hold until engineers are certain what caused the

water leak. The upcoming spacewalk by the two Americans on board is considered an exception because of its urgent nature; it will include no unnecessary tasks, just the 2½-hour computer swap.

NASA is paying the California-based SpaceX — Space Exploration Technologies Corp. — and Virginia's Orbital Sciences Corp. to keep the orbiting lab well stocked. The Dragon also can bring items back for analysis. Russia, Japan and Europe also make periodic deliveries.

Texas town honors 15 killed in year-ago explosion

WEST (AP) — Rev. Terry McElrath heard the deafening boom. The pastor spun around and saw a column of smoke billowing into the sky above his small Texas town. He immediately thought, "Somebody has died tonight."

A spiraling fire inside the fertilizer plant in West had ignited 34 tons of ammonium nitrate, creating an explosion so powerful that it killed 15 people, leveled nearby homes and schools, and left a crater where West Fertilizer Co. once stood. Debris was strewn miles away.

"It's hard to believe that in one moment, so much damage could be done," McElrath told hundreds of people crowded in a pavilion at the local fairgrounds Thursday night, the one-year anniversary of the explosion.

A moment of silence at

7:51 p.m. marked the exact time of the leveling blast in a town that is recovering but still has a long way to go. Photos of the 15 victims were shown on a large screen, including Joey Pustejovsky, a 29-year-old married father who was among several volunteer firefighters killed.

"I called one of the firefighters at 2 a.m. that night. I said, 'Tell me, I want to know.' And he did," his brother, Brad Pustejovsky, recalled Thursday night. He told his father, and they decided not to tell his brother's wife and their mother for about three days, "but I knew," he said.

Yet soon after, Joey Pustejovsky's son, who was only 4½ years old at the time, raised \$83,000 by selling hotdogs to build a park honoring his father.

Organizers were hoping to focus on those kinds of

efforts Thursday, honoring the past but looking to the future. The ceremony featured a choir singing "Amazing Grace" on a stage decorated with ferns and flickering candles on which middle school students scrawled messages such as "Rise Up, West" and "Pray for West."

West was settled by Czech immigrants more than a century ago, and some of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren still call the town home. Its Czech bakeries are well-known among drivers on Interstate 35 between Dallas and Austin.

The signs of the town's physical progress are obvious: Gone are the dozens of wrecked homes with tongue-in-cheek "For Sale!" messages spray-painted on their walls, and about 70 homes are finished or in the process of construction. Two new replacement schools and a nursing home will soon be built.

But residents are clear-eyed about the challenges ahead.

Payments from the city's long-term recovery fund, which received about \$3.6 million in donations, have been delayed as organizers deal with unforeseen paperwork and federal regulations.

The city's go-to person

for that sort of work was the city secretary, Joey Pustejovsky.

West Mayor Tommy Muska said he's closely watching the emotional toll the blast has taken on the city's 2,800 residents, especially for some of the more than 200 people hurt in the blast who are still recovering.

Muska said Thursday afternoon that the town was considering rebuilding the plant, noting it was central to West's economy — but he acknowledged it was a highly controversial idea. He also said he was negotiating with a flag manufacturer and a recycling company to set up operations in West.

Holly Harris, whose husband, Dallas Fire-Rescue Capt. Kenneth Luckey Harris, died in the explosion, is among local residents who say they have chosen to push forward. They don't want to dwell on unanswered questions, such as what sparked the fire or what firefighters knew going in — or what could have been done to prevent it.

"It's just a choice that we've made that we're not going to be sad," she said before Thursday's ceremony. "I mean, we are sad at times, but we're going to try to make everything a happy situation and try to get on with our lives."

Advice to Democrats: Don't say 'recovery'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Election-year memo to Democratic candidates: Don't talk about the economic recovery. It's a political loser.

So say Democratic strategists in a blunt declaration that such talk skips over "how much trouble people are in, and doesn't convince them that policymakers really understand or are even focusing on the problems they continue to face."

In addition, Stan Greenberg, James Carville and others wrote that in head-to-head polling tests the mere mention of the word "recovery" is trumped by a Republican assertion that the Obama administration has had six years to get the economy moving and its policies haven't worked.

Coincidentally or not, Democrats have largely shelved the "R" word.

President Barack Obama's only utterance of it in recent weeks was on April 8, and it was in the context of accusing Republicans of blocking progress on issues that "would help with the economic recovery and help us grow faster."

Additionally, at a news conference on March 26 where they announced a campaign-season agenda, neither Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., nor most of the other five lawmakers present uttered the word "recovery."

The strategic advice comes at a time Democrats are working to maximize turnout, particularly among women, for the fall elections, when they face a determined challenge from Republicans vying to add control of the Senate to their seemingly secure House majority.

Simultaneously, Democrats are struggling to respond effectively to persistent Republican attacks on the nation's health care law.

Turnout in midterm elections is customarily lower than in a presidential campaign. This year numerous polls indicate that Democrats, particularly women, are less motivated to go to the polls than Republicans who are eager to demon-

strate opposition to "Obama-care," or the Affordable Care Act.

In their memo for Democracy Corps and the Women's Voices Women Vote Action Fund, the authors propose that to boost turnout among their target groups Democrats should back an economic agenda that "puts working women first," and says that incomes are soaring only for CEOs and the top 1 percent of the country.

"As a start, Democrats should bury any mention of the recovery. That message was tested ... and it lost to the Republican message championed by Karl Rove," they wrote.

By traditional measurements, an economic recovery has been underway since partway through Obama's first year in office.

The economy was shrinking when he was sworn in but turned positive in the third quarter of 2009. It has been growing since, although barely so at times. Unemployment, measured at 7.8 percent when Obama took office in January 2009, rose to 10 percent in October of that year until it began declining. It now stands at 6.7 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

At the same time, though, many of the jobs that have been created are lower-paying than the ones that preceded them. Long-term unemployment is at historically high levels, another factor that does little or nothing to reassure hard-pressed men and women that any recovery is helping their own pocketbooks.

Page Gardner of Women's Voices, listed as a co-author of the memo, said in an interview that for unmarried women and other key parts of the Democratic coalition, "a message about the benefits of a recovery doesn't really reflect their lives currently. The power of the women's economic agenda and talking about equal pay for equal work, paid sick leave, and messages that go to their ability to make it themselves and help their families make it is very powerful, and that's what they want to hear."



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