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Former bar owner claims he was illegally forced from business, residence

Trucking business owner denies all allegations made in court document.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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The former owner of JC's Sports Bar, Daniel Allison, is alleging that he was illegally forced to close the bar and that his residence behind the bar, a mobile home that included all of his belongings, was illegally destroyed by Rick Chester of Pampa, who has purchased the property from Barbara and Lupe Martinez to build a truck stop.

Barbara and Lupe Martinez had originally sold the property to Allison on Oct. 1, 2011 for \$28,000 plus interest,

according to a copy of a signed contract between the couple and Allison.

The petition was filed on Nov. 22 in the 223rd District Court of Gray County. The property's address is 11386 W. U.S. Highway 60 near the Hamburger Station.

Chester owns a trucking business on land adjacent to the property.

Allison's attorney is Thomas A. Koskoska of the Warner Law Firm and Chester's attorney is Mark Buzzard of the Buzzard Law Firm. Both firms are located in Pampa.

Both Chester and Barbara Martinez were served with copies of the petition,

but so far only Chester has responded.

Chester and his attorney have filed in district court a general denial in which they deny each and every allegation. Buzzard said Wednesday the case has not progressed and denies all allegations against Chester. Buzzard said he could offer no further comment as it may prejudice the case.

If Martinez fails to respond to the petition, under Texas court procedures, a default judgment can be filed against her by the plaintiff.

The petition states that Allison was to

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Site work is being done on this property on U.S. Highway 60 near the Hamburger Station for a proposed truck stop.

BIG HISTORY AT WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Courtney Oxley, curator of the White Deer Land Museum, gave a presentation about the historical museum Wednesday at the Pampa Rotary Club meeting. Oxley has worked at the museum for about a year, and writes a weekly column for The Pampa News on the history of Pampa and Gray County. Oxley said there are about 20,000 artifacts at the museum, and the staff has begun the process of creating a digital archive. The museum takes its name from the White Deer Land Company, which sold much of the range land in this area during the late 1800s and early 1900s. The museum is planning a huge exhibit for the D-Day anniversary, which in June 6. D-Day is when the Allied troops invaded Normandy, France in World War II, turning the tide in favor of the Allies. Many Pampans had served in the invasion, she said. Oxley did not want to give away all the details, but did say a temporary theater showing movie footage would be part of the exhibit.

Lee Roessler to play in Pampa tonight

By **LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**
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Lee Roessler, a Christian rock singer who plays shows and major conferences all over the country, will perform at the St. Vincent de Paul Church Education Center from 7-9 p.m. tonight.

Pampa resident Sarah Stockman had the privilege of meeting Roessler in Florida when he was playing the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, and the two got to talking.

One day recently, Roessler called Stockman and told her that the band had a free day after a concert in Lubbock and that he would like to come play in Pampa at no charge.

Stockman said that Roessler has an awesome story of his journey to finding Christ, and he enjoys sharing his story with all who are willing to listen. After a trip to Uganda, Africa in 2009, Roessler was inspired to lead a life serving others and to encourage others to do the same.

Along with the concert tonight, there will also be a testimony and prayer session. It is the first concert that St. Vincent de Paul Church has been able to support, and the

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Parking lot renovations on the way at PRMC

Hospital to get cardiologists from Amarillo heart groups.

By **JOHN LEE**
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There is a lot of development going on at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

The hospital is continuing its plan to make the property more aesthetically pleasing and safer for staff, visitors and patients by improving the parking lot.

"When we bought the hospital, the back parking lot was in shambles and a huge safety risk. We didn't know if somebody was going to twist their ankle (because of potholes in the lot) and the hospital staff was parked back there, and we didn't think that was any good," PRMC CEO Brad Morse said. "When John Workman came we started a program on completely redoing the back parking lot."

PRMC facility director, John Workman, said the hospital plans to eventually making the entire parking lot concrete because of concrete's durability versus asphalt's. The durability

will help the concrete sustain the heavy trucks that come and make deliveries to PRMC.

Many of the renovations done prior to the parking lot itself came as a way to filter water away from the parking lot and onto open land.

"We could fix them, but not long-term," Morse said. "So we put in some French drains to get the water away from the hospital and onto the parking lot and dug out some culverts to get the water out of the parking lot and onto the land that we own behind the hospital."

The next phase of the project is to take down the old lights and put up new ones. Workman is excited about the lighting project.

"The lighting project will be a very visible thing for the community," Workman said. "Prime is really big into energy conservation and updating their facilities to conserve

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Pampa Regional Medical Center hopes to turn lots, like this one, into a concrete lot so the need for re-patching which was needed recently, won't be recurring.

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Concert

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church is looking forward to a good turnout for the event.

This concert is free to the public. However, donations will be accepted for a love offering to Roessler on behalf of the church. For more information about the Lee

Roessler concert tonight call Sarah Stockman at 806-662-4312.

Roessler will also be playing on April 25 and 26 at the Amarillo Civic Center for the 2014 Diocesan Catholic Youth Rally.

In addition to holding the Lee Roessler concert, St. Vincent de Paul Church will be having a Jamaica Event from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday, April 27.

Admission is only \$1 for the event, which will have music, booths, auction items, a raffle, water balloons, hamburgers, fruit, tacos and tamales.

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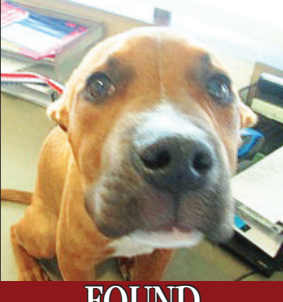




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Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 59. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 18 mph. Sunset at 8:25 p.m.

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Obituaries

Jane "Baby Jane" Kane Dedrick

Jane "Baby Jane" Kane Dedrick, 41, died Saturday, April 19, 2014, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2014 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with Bishop Bryan Guymon, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.



Jane Dedrick

Mrs. Dedrick was born Feb. 21, 1973 in Groom to Ernest and Susan Kane. She attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1991. She married Steven Dedrick in 1992, and he preceded her in death in 2000. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Jane worked for the Pizza Hut for several years. In her spare time, she liked to play slot machines and spend time with her family. She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, and friend.


Survivors include her fiancé, Jerry Little of the home; a son, Anthony Dedrick of Pampa; three daughters, Kayla Dedrick of Elk City, Okla., Amber Dedrick of Pampa, and Kimberley Carter of Holdenville, Okla.; her mother, Susan Kane of Pampa; a sister, Donna Kane of Pampa; five brothers, Jerry Kane and wife Hannah, Charles Kane and wife Kathy, and John Kane, all of Pampa; James Kane and wife Ranea of White Deer; and Leonard Kane of Fort Stockton; a sister-in-law, Gina Kane of



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Pampa; and by five grandchildren. Jane was preceded in death by her father, Ernest Kane, and by a grandson, Ernest Travis, III.

The body will lie in state at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home until noon on Friday, April 25, 2014.

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

Chadwick Wayne "Chad" Van Houten

Chadwick Wayne "Chad" Van Houten, 36, died April 22, 2014 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2014, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. C.W. Parker of Harvest Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at the family ranch near Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Van Houten was born Jan. 28, 1978 in Sonora. He graduated from Borger High School in 1997 and had been a resident of Amarillo for the past ten years. Chad co-owned and operated RC Auto Glass in Amarillo with Ryan Olson. He loved to hunt

and fish.

Survivors include his father and mother, Don and Cheri Van Houten of Pampa; his mother, Brenda O'Connor of Dublin; paternal grandmother, Darlene Hale Stewart of Odessa; step-grandfather, Fred Brown of Lefors; four brothers, Rikke Van Houten, and Chris Van Houten and wife Jessikah, all of Pampa, Andrew Van Houten and wife Alyssya of Amarillo, and Urvish Trivedi of Copenhagen, Denmark; two sisters, Samantha Van Houten and Sammie Stone, both of Pampa; his two dogs, Bill and Rebel; and special friends, Kendl McNatt and Ryan Olson, both of Amarillo.

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Tales from the Final Frontier

Marvel Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. taking advantage of the Marvel Universe.

For a while it seemed like “Marvel Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” was on the dreaded TV bubble that fans of Joss



JOHN LEE

steps it needs to buy it a couple more

seasons of life. As long as they are making Marvel superhero movies, Agents of Shield should thrive because it happens in the same Marvel Universe.

In recent weeks, Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. has built what could be a durable storyline following the rebirth of Hydra, the underground terrorist organization made famous by the Captain America movies.

With their infiltration and destruction-from-within of S.H.I.E.L.D., viewers have no idea who they can trust on the show. The name-dropping of different Avengers characters throughout the series and the cameo appearances by Maria Hill, played by Cobie Smulders, is enough to keep fans of the Marvel movies interested.

What I think turned the general public off to the film is the fact that it isn't a weekly appearance of Iron Man, Captain America, Nick Fury

and other box-office hitters, but instead a crime-drama (for lack of better terms) with a Marvel tie-in. Basically, instead of the classic “who dun it” that crime-fighting shows like the CSI series and “Criminal Minds” possess, Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. deal with beings who wield superhuman abilities and could potentially use them for evil.

None of the primary cast has superhuman abilities, which is likely what turned a lot of people off. As I stated earlier, in recent weeks the show is thriving on the difficulty of trusting any character.

We already know we can't trust Agent Ward on the show, but is he going to be able to persuade Skye to join Hydra?

What is Phil Coulson, Fitz, Simmons and Trip going to do now that their giant plane is gone? What is Agent May going to tell Maria Hill and what is Hill going to do to help S.H.I.E.L.D.?

Send me your theories and your thoughts on the show.

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Senators at play

With luck, Michelle Friedland, a highly qualified appointee to



SUSAN ESTRICH

the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, will be confirmed when the Senate returns from its two-week recess on April 28.

Actually, if the Senate were comprised of grownups who work for us, instead of grownups who act like children, she would have been confirmed before the recess, but that's not the way things are going in the Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid had hoped to hold the vote on Thursday, April 10, but under the rules, Republicans can insist on 30 hours of debate per nominee, which they now are doing routinely to punish the Democrats for pushing through the new rule that a judicial or executive nominee can be confirmed by a majority vote. “We have not yielded back post-cloture time on judicial nominations since the so-called nuclear option was triggered last November,” Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley said. “We have followed the rules of the United States Senate.”

In Friedland's case, that would have meant a vote at 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11, not April 10. But the fact is, the Republicans were not actually planning to use the time to have a debate on this nomination. They were planning to leave town for the two-week recess.

Reid tried to claim the high ground for Democrats, but that wasn't exactly true, either. “I'm so sorry for the inconvenience ... but Republicans know, for them, it's pretty easy. They can just walk out of here. It's our burden to run the country. We're not going to be able to do that. We're going to have to vote and approve these two people. ... We've been elected to be U.S. senators.”

Not so fast. Late that Thursday night, Reid postponed the vote on Friedland to April 28 because, as one Senate aide told the press, everyone left town, including the Democrats.

Friedland really is very lucky. I know any number of nominees, especially to ambassadorships, who may never reach the floor of the Senate, even though no one is opposing their

nominations. The administration and Democratic Senate leaders are, for obvious reasons, focusing on judges, who will serve long after President Obama leaves office. That leaves a lot of other folks waiting in the wings for an opportunity that may never come.

Do all of these people deserve to be confirmed? Not necessarily. Before the nuclear option was invoked, some of them would have been voted down, or never brought up for a vote, because of legitimate questions about their qualifications.

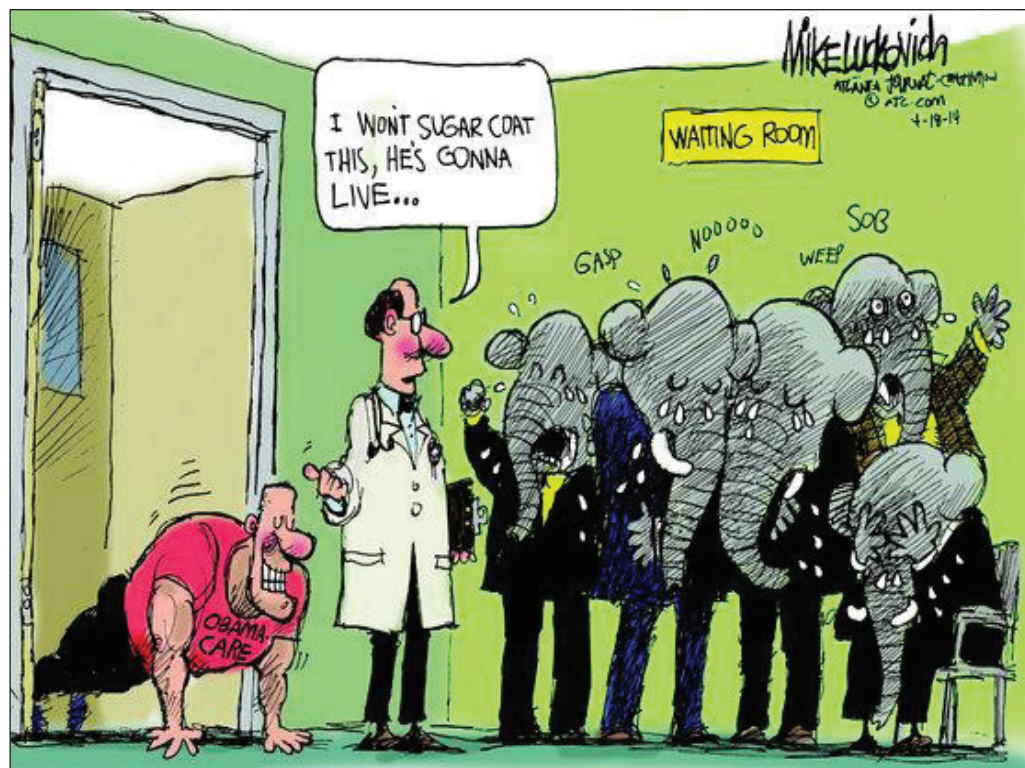
The tradition of appointing major fundraisers to plum ambassadorships is an old one. I remember campaign officials in the first Bush administration complaining that not enough of their big donors had gotten the plums they'd been promised (including one, a New Hampshire car dealer, who was probably about as knowledgeable about foreign affairs as Sen. John McCain's favorite whipping boy, the nominee to serve in Norway who didn't know that Norway is a monarchy). Grownups might agree that ambassadors, for instance, should have visited the country where they will serve before coming up for a vote and should know who the leader is (a test candidate George W. Bush once failed, as I recall, when asked by a Boston reporter, but that's another story).

But this isn't about fairness. It isn't an exercise of logic. This is politics, played at the schoolyard level, with people's lives and reputations held in the balance.

Republicans say that Democrats started it by changing the rules to allow 51 votes to confirm instead of 60. Democrats say they had no choice because Republicans were being obstructionist — and now Democrats say Republicans are being obstructionist. Meanwhile, important posts go unfilled, and nothing gets done. If the Republicans controlled the White House and the Senate, does anyone doubt that they would be doing just what the Democrats are doing, and that the Democrats would be following the Grassley playbook?

If our kids played this way, we'd call a timeout and tell them they need to “grow up.” But what do you say to the grown-ups?

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I see rich people

In the “Star Trek” movies, San Francisco serves as headquarters of Starfleet



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Command. This cracks me up to no end, as I cannot imagine the Board of Supervisors approving construction of Starfleet Academy or the oddly shaped high-rises you see in the background. And if City Hall somehow did approve the project, you know there'd be some ballot measure to kill the deal. The grounds could be endless: No photon torpedoes. Too many techies already. What about affordable housing?

In many ways, San Francisco is a museum. It's a city that continually attracts new waves of people who are drawn to what the city has represented, and therefore they want to keep it a museum.

When Apple announced plans to build a Union Square store where Ruth Asawa's San Francisco Fountain is perched, the all-powerful tech giant had to back off. Last year, after the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission approved condominiums at 8 Washington, voters passed a ballot measure that torpedoed the project. The same activists who killed 8 Washington are pushing a new ballot measure to establish a height limit on waterfront development.

Despite his vow to oversee the construction of 30,000 new homes by 2020, Mayor Ed Lee dares not oppose Proposition B.

It's also a city in which I cannot afford to live. When my husband and I moved here in 1992, we rented a flat in Noe Valley. But when it came time to buy, we moved to Oakland. We've been in the East Bay ever since. And guess what. It's not Siberia. You still find good coffee, ample parklands, tony eateries and fun little stores — but with fewer panhandlers on the sidewalk and more parking spaces.

And that's OK, because though I love the city, there is no right to live in San Francisco. Advocates argue that the city benefits when nurses, teachers, police and, yes, journalists own homes in the Special City. I don't disagree. But San Francisco has been more accommodating to the affluent than it has the middle class since the gold rush, and I don't think any enlightened policies are going to change that for the majority of would-be San Franciscans.

Middle-class workers who want to live in the city can make certain trade-offs — sparse square footage, lots of noise, living in the fog belt. Otherwise, about the only thing that can make San Francisco more affordable for working folks is an economic downturn.

Kim-Mai Cutler of TechCrunch wrote a provocative piece, “How Burrowing

Owls Lead to Vomiting Anarchists (Or SF's Housing Crisis Explained),” that chronicled how no-growth politics and demographic changes have pinched Ess Eff's housing stock. Cutler smartly rips into the no-growth spirit that suggests, as “48 hills” blogger Tim Redmond put it, “We can't build our way to affordability.” The law of supply and demand says otherwise.

Cutler also supports proposals to make it more expensive and difficult for owners to evict paying tenants. There's a price for that approach. In a city with more renters than homeowners, do you want to be the chump who buys a duplex when City Hall can tell you what you can and cannot do with your own property? (Keep in mind that this City Hall won't let retailers give away paper bags.)

Groups such as the Mission Yuppier Eradication Project stage protests to send this loser message: “The Yuppier dot-com lifestyle must be fought and eliminated, because if it is left unchecked, it will eventually ruin our neighborhoods, our cities, and our planet.” They ignore the fact that the Mission is happening now in part because of the influx of tech money.

Most working people want to live in a neighborhood where residents spruce up buildings and keep the streets clean. Who is likeliest to do that? Homeowners.

Let me posit that I don't think a more market-minded approach to politics is likely to cheapen the cost of living in San Francisco — or at least by much. This is a perfectly situated city with its own special style, and people from all over the world want to live here, so rent will be pricey.

But I don't think it would hurt for San Franciscans to reorient their thinking to make this town more livable for the middle class. Last week, I walked from City Hall down Market Street at dusk with a friend from out of town.

It stank; the police had a couple of people in handcuffs; and the mood was downright eerie. Yet the left in this town thinks Twitter is bad for San Francisco.

People pay top dollar to live near what only can be called squalor. Those yuppies whom anarchists hate pay \$700,000 for a condo in a neighborhood where they have to step around street people on their way to work. And the yuppies rarely complain until a neighbor wants to rent to out-of-towners through Airbnb. Then suddenly they are outraged, and their quality of life is threatened.

Sometimes I don't understand this town.

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A special visit from 'Squeaky'



"Squeaky" visited Mrs. Hernandez' pre-k class. The whole school has enjoyed having him here every day!



Above: 1st through 8th grade performing at the Annual Banquet in March. Below: the kindergartners performing at the banquet.



Easter picnic and egg hunt

Right: fifth grade students and "friend".



Above: the 8th grade girls enjoy the Easter picnic.

POW! Our Superheroes



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Late rally by Lady Raiders push them past the Lady Harvesters 10-9

BY JOHN LEE
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AMARILLO — The Lady Harvesters' softball team fell to the Lady Raiders 10-9 after a five run rally in the bottom of the ninth pushed Randall to victory. The Lady Harvesters fall to 25-7 after the playoff tune-up game.

"I was extremely proud of the girls' offensive performance today. I couldn't have asked for a better offensive performance from them. We had a few defensive snafus late in the game and they hit the ball well and you can't give them extra opportunities," head coach Bobbi Gill said.

"I think it's a great tune-up for what we are fixing

to see. I just didn't think it was a good game for us to pick up late in the year."

Senior Jessie Dixon had two home runs in the game. The first coming in the top of the third was a grand slam which scored sophomore Cameron Schaub, senior Mattie Eldridge and sophomore Kassie Jerome and extended the Lady Harvesters' lead to 7-0. The second, a two-run homer, came in the top of the sixth to extend their lead to 9-2.

The Lady Harvesters controlled much of the game, starting in the first when senior Bailey Wichert was walked. After working the bases and eventually reaching third, senior Bailey Dixon singled to left field,



Photo by Charla Shults

Jessie Dixon greets assistant coach Stephanie Cameron as she circles the bases after one of her home runs. Dixon had two home runs in the game.

scoring Wichert and giving the Lady Harvesters the 1-0 lead.

Before J. Dixon's grand slam, in the top of the third, junior Kylie Kreider reached first base on an error and worked the bases. Sophomore Brittney Gonzalez was walked, and sophomore Jacie Studebaker was brought in as a courtesy base-runner. Wichert singled to left field, scoring Kreider and making it a two-run game at 2-0.

Later in the inning, with one out, senior Alexa O'Brien reached first base by a fielder's choice, and Schaub was brought in as a courtesy runner. Shortly after, B. Dixon was walked, loading the bases with one out. Jerome singled to left field which scored Wichert and making it 3-0 with the bases loaded and one out, which set the stage for J.

Dixon's grand slam, which made it 7-0. J. Dixon also had another home run later in the game which made it 9-2 after the homer.

The Lady Raiders nicked and dined the Lady Harvesters the rest of the game scoring two runs in the fourth, three runs in the sixth and five runs in the seventh to push them to the 10-9 victory. The Lady Harvesters finished the game with 12 hits and four errors, the Lady Raiders finished with nine hits and two errors.

Bailey Wichert went 1/3 with two runs scored, an RBI and a walk; Bailey Dixon went 2/3 with an RBI and a walk; Kassie Jerome went 1/4 with a run scored and an RBI; Cameron Schaub went 1/1 with two runs scored; Jessie Dixon went 2/3, both home runs, with six RBIs and two runs scored; Shiann Regalado went 2/3; Kylie Kreider and Mattie Eldridge both had a run scored.

Alexa O'Brien pitched four innings with five hits, two runs, an earned run, a walk and eight strikeouts. Brittney Gonzalez pitched two innings with seven hits, eight runs, eight earned runs, five walks and a strikeout. Both pitchers were showing clear aches and pains from the long season, but Gill said there is nothing to worry about.

"They're tough kids, they'll fight through it and we will give them some rest this week and have them ready for Friday," Gill said.

The Lady Harvesters return to the diamond on Friday evening in Lubbock at Lubbock-Coronado High School for the first of a best-of-three series. The first game is Friday at 6 p.m., the second game is Saturday at 6 p.m. and the third, if necessary, will be 30 minutes after the second game.

From the Press Box

■ NFL schedule release promises some exciting match-ups.

The NFL schedule comes out Wednesday night. While this column is being written and published



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before its 7 p.m. release on ESPN2, we already know what to look forward to at some point next season. The one many fans, including myself, is excited to find out when it happens is a Super Bowl rematch. Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos will be traveling to Seattle to take on the defending Super Bowl champs, maybe this time we will get the game we expected to see in February. It was being thrown around that this match could be the season opener, but that has been swatted down. Personally I expect San Francisco at Seattle to be the season opener.

Speaking of the 49ers, the Denver Broncos will also be hosting them during the season, in a game that fans have been salivating for as a Super Bowl match-up for the last two years.

In, what could be (again) Manning's farewell tour, we will get another round of Manning vs. Tom Brady and Manning vs. Andrew Luck.

New England will be traveling to Green Bay next season, which poses perhaps the greatest-ever, Brady, versus the best

current quarterback, in my opinion, Aaron Rodgers.

We will get to see Brady vs. Luck again, but we also get to see some other up-and-coming quarterbacks take on Brady. Andy Dalton, Jay Cutler and Matthew Stafford all get to travel to Gillette Stadium to take on the Patriots.

Going back to Aaron Rodgers and the Packers, they have their work cut out for them. They host Atlanta (who will surely be on the rebound), Carolina and Philadelphia. They go on the road to Seattle (this time with regular officials) and New Orleans on top of their NFC North opponents.

The Dallas Cowboys, with Tony Romo being 34 and having already had two back surgeries, get to host the Arizona Cardinals, New Orleans, Indianapolis and San Francisco along with their NFC East rivals. They only have two truly difficult road teams, Seattle and Chicago. But they also get St. Louis, Jacksonville (London) and Tennessee.

I am going to be an optimist and say that Rob Marinelli finds a way to improve their defense and avoid the injury bug and say the Cowboys finish 9-7, but it will be a very difficult season. Matches against New Orleans, San Francisco and Seattle will be very difficult for America's team, however.

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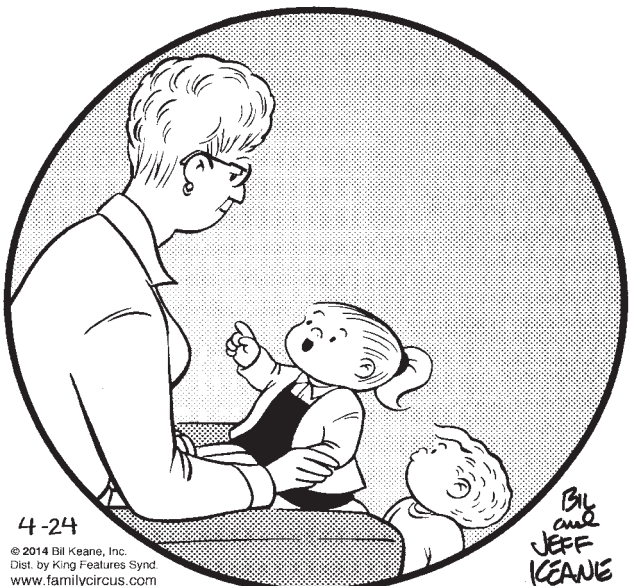
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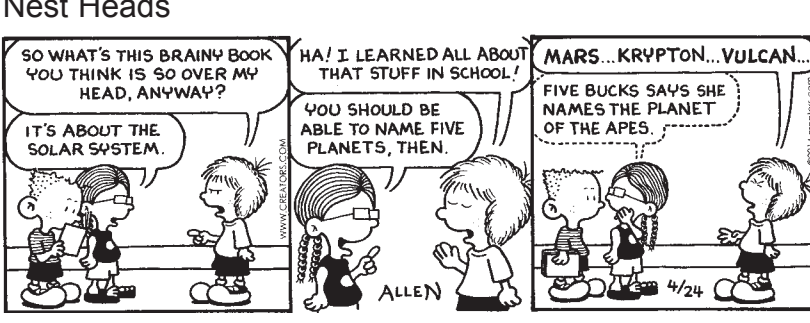


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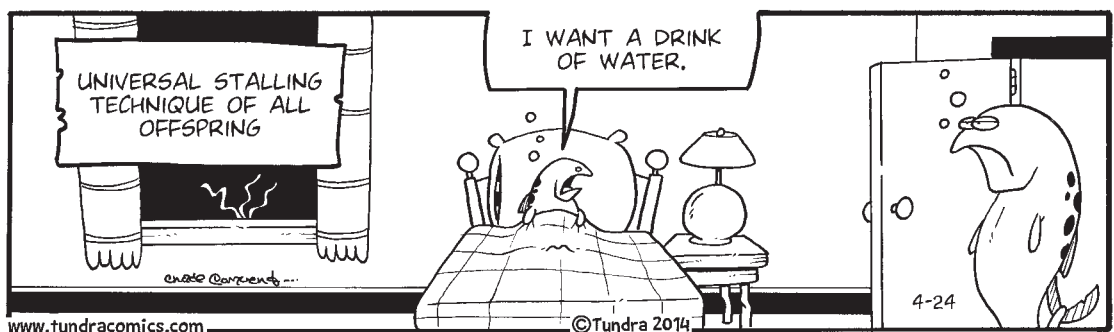
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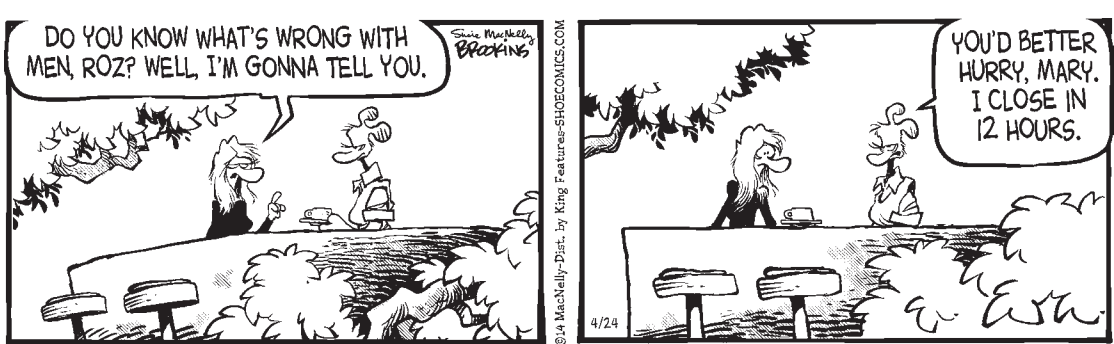
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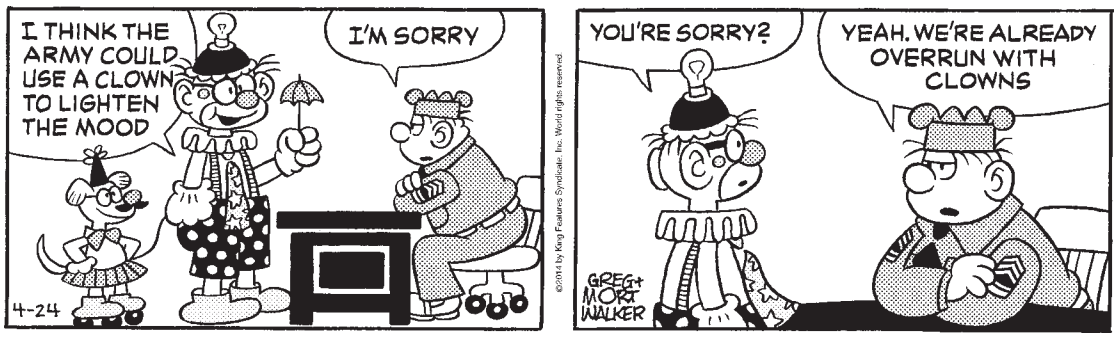
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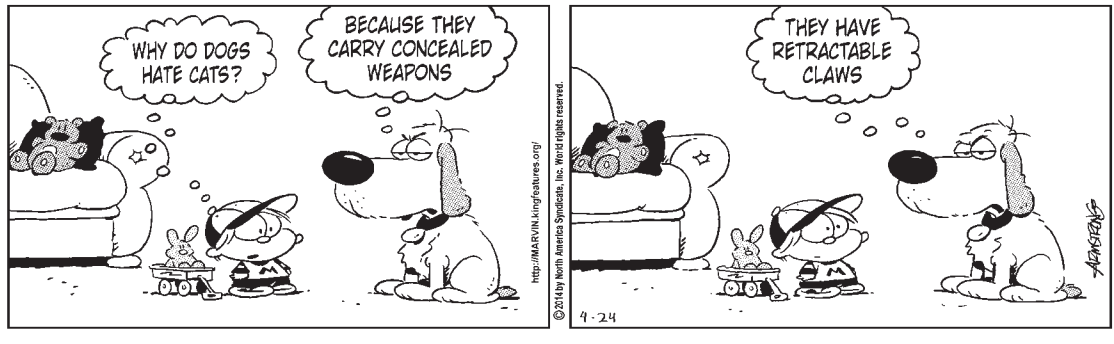
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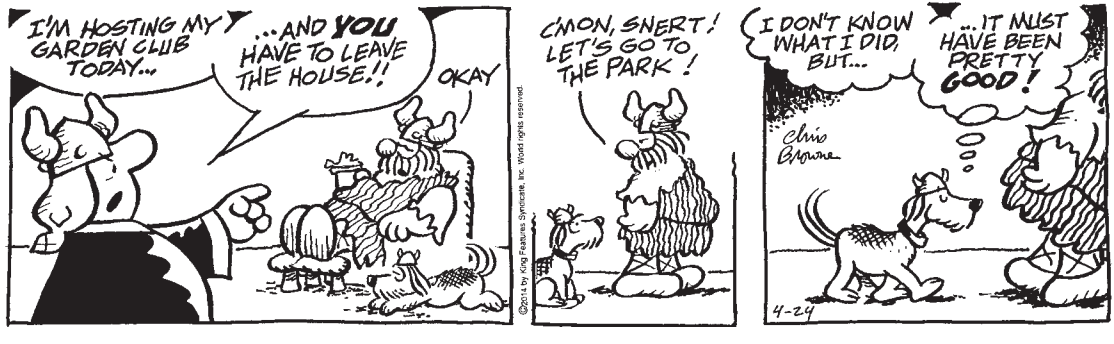
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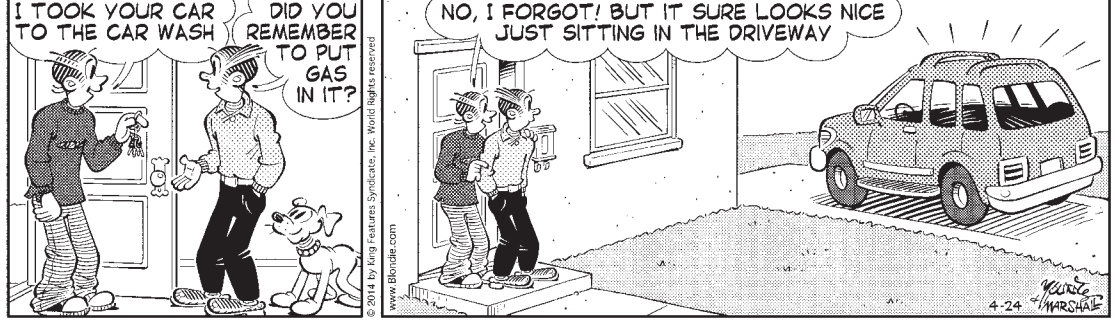
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 25, 2014:
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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'll wake up feeling as if you can't be stopped. You will feel centered and ready to initiate a new beginning. If you can, hold off; more news or key information is likely to head your way. A discussion finally could become much easier. Tonight: Vanish with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You could discover that others are there for you, rooting you on. Your words and ideas will be expressed so clearly that there will be no room for confusion. Others will relate far more easily as a result. Tonight: Play out a dream.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A gathering might be intended for business matters, but it might transform into something else. You will meet new people and be able to open doors that previously had been closed. Others admire your communication and leadership style. Tonight: Could be late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone you have not spoken with in a while, who presents a wonderfully different perspective. Laughter will surround you, which will remind you of the weekend. Make sure to confirm plans before you walk out the door. Tonight: Only what you want to do!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Deal with someone directly, and understand that he or she might not be sharing everything. You can't change this person. Someone close to you has your respect. Know that your caring means a lot. Tonight: TGIF! Invite a dear friend or loved out to join

you.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to someone you care about. If you really want to make this person feel more included in a project, let him or her take the lead. Communication could seem serious and heavy. As a result, you might decide to put off an important talk. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might want to pace yourself and not push so hard. You need to cover a lot of ground, and you could feel as if there is not enough time. Consider asking someone to delegate some of your responsibilities. Tonight: What starts out as light and fun could evolve into an important talk.

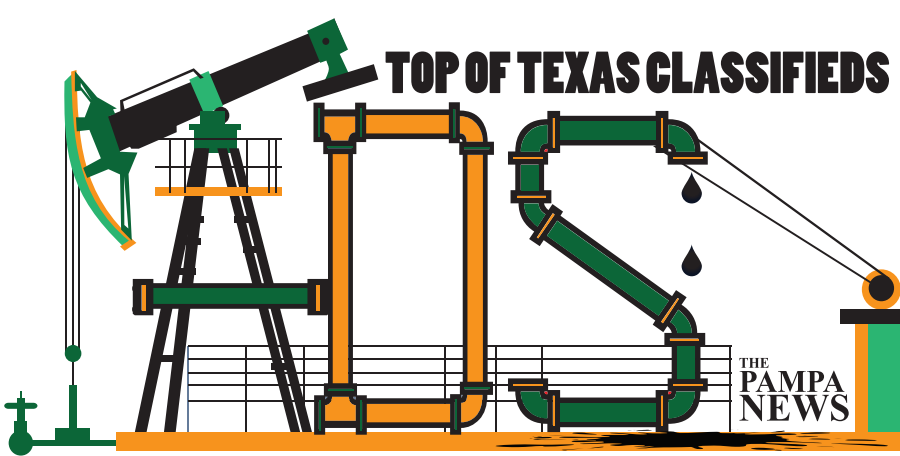
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Others will respond to your serious tone. If you want to close the distance between you and a loved one, you will have to make the first move. A child or loved one could be far more caring and sensitive than you originally had thought possible. Tonight: Bring on the weekend!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Listen to news with an open mind. Your personal life might come up as a topic for scrutiny, which could make a difference. Honor a change, and let go of some anxiety. A partner will share a lot more than he or she has in the past. Tonight: Relax with favorite people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Speak your mind, but be ready to get feedback from others. In a discussion with a friend, you would be wise to go over what has occurred with a mutual interest. Understand that you could get a totally different perspective as a result. Tonight: Zero in on some fun times with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Use care with your finances, as you easily could go overboard. Your home is very important to you, and you might decide to make a purchase to add to the quality of your life. Buy a card or a token of affection for a loved one. Tonight: Make it OK to be a little wild.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will be energized, and you might want to help a friend get past a problem. A conversation with someone you care about, but who is very stoic, finally will occur. You'll see doors open that could point to a better relationship. Tonight: As you like it.



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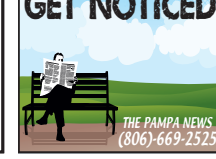
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resources. We are replacing 49 400-watt light bulbs with 49 168-watt LEDs. It's really more than a 50 percent decrease in consumption. And they let off a totally different color being that they are LED, so it will add a whole other hue to the facility."

Morse said that the weather has been one of the culprits in the demand for new lights.

"It is important to know that the lights we have out there right now because of our weather have become somewhat feeble," Morse said. "We wanted to go with a new material that won't rust, and new lights that are brighter and more cost-effective."

The final phase is to re-stripe and replace the signage, which will help beautify the property.

As if the changes in the landscape of PRMC is not exciting enough, the hospital will have cardiologists from the Cardiology Center in Amarillo as well as the Amarillo Heart Group.

Dr. David G. Brabham of the Cardiology Center in Amarillo, as well as Dr. Agustin Cabrera-Santamaria and Dr. Rajesh Nambiar of the Amarillo Heart Group, will be coming to Pampa.

Dr. Cabrera-Santamaria and Dr. Nambiar will be here on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dr. Brabham has already done his first cardiac cath here in Pampa.

The frequency of these doctors coming to Pampa opens doors for Pampa residents.

"Just like with a lot of our other services, the same quality of work that is done in Amarillo is done here," Morse said.

Morse added that, while PRMC hopes to find a cardiologist to live in Pampa full time, the facilities the hospital is investing in allows for more doctors to come to Pampa.

"With the hospital putting an investment in the building and a new cath lab, and bringing that part of our physical plan up to date has been helpful in making this happen," Morse said.

"As well as our hospitalist group is used to working with both of the groups and they are very comfortable working with them."

For more information on Pampa Regional Medical center, visit www.prmctx.com or call 806-665-3721.

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make monthly payments of \$500 a month starting on Feb. 1, 2012. Allison also was to be responsible for the property taxes starting on Jan. 1, 2012.

The court document shows that Allison was not in default on either the monthly payments or the property taxes.

The petition, also called a complaint, further alleges that Allison never received notice from the Martinezes that the property was being sold to Chester.

When a property is under contract to one party, it cannot be sold to another, according to state statutes.

One of the defendants named in the petition, Lupe Martinez, died on Oct. 6, 2013 after a terminal illness. On the next day, his wife Barbara Ellen obtained a release of lien from the person who lent funds to her to purchase the property, according to the complaint.

On or about Oct. 3, 2013, Chester posted notice on the door of JC's Sports Bar purporting to

give Allison three days to vacate the premises, the complaint states.

Chester had advised Allison that he could remove his personal effects from JC's Bar and the mobile home, the complaint states.

Allison began to remove his items, but less than 24 hours later, Chester locked Allison out from the bar and barred him from the property, preventing JC's Bar from operating, which necessitated canceling bands booked to play that weekend, the complaint states.

Allison said shortly thereafter he found three-ring binders for JC's Sports Bar's books and records in the trash with pages torn out and removed, the complaint states.

Because Allison was barred from his home, he had to rent a home temporarily until he could move the mobile home, according to the complaint.

When Allison attempted to remove his property from JC's Bar and the mobile home on or about Nov. 1, 2012, Chester harassed him and sought to have him arrested for trespassing, which the Gray County Sheriff's Office refused to do after examining the

circumstances, according to the complaint.

On Nov. 4, Chester demolished Allison's mobile home, including all of the Allison's belongings, according to the complaint.

The complaint alleges that Chester should have known that Allison operated the bar on the property, but willfully and intentionally interfered with the business, causing Allison actual damages and loss, and that Allison had made significant improvements to the property at his own expense.

It also alleges that all three defendants engaged in "self-help repossession of the Subject Property," which is unlawful under the Texas Property Code.

The complaint states Allison is entitled to the return of his property, along with actual and statutory damages.

Allison also is entitled to recover court costs and attorney's fee through the final judgment, according to the complaint.

Attempts to reach Chester by phone were unsuccessful, as the phone number on file with the newspaper, which is the same one posted on the Internet, may no longer be a working number.

Pampa Fire Department call log — April 21-22

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 21

• At 12:05 p.m., two units, six personnel to a motor vehicle accident in the 1100 block of McCullough Street. No one in vehicle when personnel arrived.

• At 2:05 p.m., to a lift assist in the 1700 block of Chestnut.

April 22

At 2:25 a.m., one unit, four personnel to a medical assist in the 100 block of South Russell.

• At 8:26 a.m., one unit four personnel to a medical assist in the 400 block of North Russell.

• At 4:01 p.m., one unit four personnel to a medical assist in the 800 block of South Banks. Canceled en route.

• At 6:25 p.m., one unit, four personnel responded to a medical assist in the 200 block of Canadian.

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High court tosses \$3.4M award to child porn victim

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a plea to make it easier for victims of child pornography to collect money from people who view their images online, throwing out a nearly \$3.4 million judgment in favor of a woman whose

widely seen on the Internet.

Two dissenting justices said Congress should change the law to benefit victims.

The justices said in a 5-4 ruling that a 1994 federal law gives victims the right to seek restitution from offenders, but only to the extent that the

victim's losses are tied to the offenders' actions.

In this case, Doyle Randall Paroline was held liable by a federal appeals court for the entire amount of the woman's losses, though his computer contained just two images of her, among more than 150 illicit photographs.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My 23-year-old son, "Wayne," who is single, has a 3-year-old son. We didn't learn about the child until he was more than a year old, when Wayne was asked to take a paternity test. Luckily, we have been able to form a good relationship with our grandson's mother and see him often. However, our son has shown no interest. He pays child support, but has little interaction.

Wayne is an only child. I love him, but I never wanted another one. I was never comfortable around or interested in young children except for my own son. Could he have gotten this from me?

Friends and family have commented on Wayne's lack of interest in his son, and I'm tired of making excuses or telling people to mind their own business. Wayne says he feels resentment and doesn't want to be around this child. I have tried to explain that he'll regret it in years to come, but he won't listen.

My husband is appalled that our son would act this way, but he seems to forget that I was the one who did everything with Wayne. I did the Boy Scouts, movies, horses, trips, etc. He did almost nothing with Wayne and his friends. At this point, I don't know what to do and would like some advice. — MOM IN ILLINOIS

DEAR MOM: Your son is displacing his anger at himself onto his son. He should have used birth control and he knows it. It's not fair, but Wayne does not appear to be the most mature of 23-year-olds.

Rather than blame yourself for the fact that he wants no involvement, consider that children usually model themselves after their same-gender parent. Because your

husband was so uninvolved with Wayne, it is possible that Wayne has no idea of what a father's role ought to be. A parenting class could fix this — if your son is willing to take one.

Until then, continue to be the supportive and loving grandparents your grandson needs because, aside from his mother, it appears you're all the backup the little boy has.

DEAR ABBY: I come from a troubled family. I am just now realizing that there is more to life than posting bond for family members and getting people out of jail at 3 a.m. I got my GED and started college this year. Although I try to keep them at bay, they call me with one family crisis or another, and it's putting stress on everyone around me.

I'd love to have a positive relationship with my family, but drama seems to follow them everywhere. Should I just let them go and move on with my life, or continue doing the same as always? Must I drop ev-

everything I'm doing to jump and run every time the phone rings? — FAMILY DRAMA IN TEXAS

DEAR FAMILY DRAMA: Every time you come to the rescue, you further enable your relatives to do whatever it is that has gotten them in hot water. That you have managed to separate yourself to the extent you have, and achieve to the level you have reached, is admirable. But if you're going to continue to accomplish your goals, you cannot allow your family to distract you from your studies. Set limits. Let them know when you can't be disturbed and turn your phone off. They'll survive and you'll thrive. *****

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Each of the following seven-letter sets can be rearranged to spell out a common word that starts with **MI** or **PR**, and/or ends with **SM** or **ST**.

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Yesterday's Answer: HALL, MAID, STAIRS

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Play makeup

5 Big party lairs

10 Massenet opera

12 Aerie builder

13 Thumper's pal

14 Grove sight

15 Pharaoh's symbol

16 Tracy/Hepburn film

18 Service for a social

20 Clumsy fellow

21 Great serves

23 Zeus or Apollo

24 Capital of Italia

26 Heaps target

28 Gloss target

29 Hold power

31 "— had it!"

32 Romantic time of day

36 Way of thinking

39 Hole number

40 Invigorate

41 Select group

43 "Three Sisters" sister

44 Begets

DOWN

1 Ready to swing

2 Pursue

3 Lightning home

4 Bro or sis

5 Wagers

6 Escapade

7 Long in the past

8 Think about overnight

9 Checked out

11 Brandy cocktail

17 Summer, in Paris

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Yesterday's answer

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Michigan man among 1st in US to get 'bionic eye'

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — A degenerative eye disease slowly robbed Roger Pontz of his vision. Diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa as a teenager, Pontz has been almost completely blind for years. Now, thanks to a high-tech procedure that involved the surgical implantation of a "bionic eye," he has regained enough of his eyesight to catch small glimpses of his wife, grandson and cat.

"It's awesome. It's exciting — seeing something new every day," Pontz said during a recent appointment at the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center.

The 55-year-old former competitive weightlifter and factory worker is one of four people in the U.S. to receive an artificial reti-

na since the Food and Drug Administration signed off on its use last year. The facility in Ann Arbor has been the site of all four such surgeries since FDA approval. A fifth is scheduled for next month.

Retinitis pigmentosa is an inherited disease that causes slow but progressive vision loss due to a gradual loss of the light-sensitive retinal cells called rods and cones. Patients experience loss of side vision and night vision, then central vision, which can result in near blindness.

Not all of the 100,000 or so people in the U.S. with retinitis pigmentosa can benefit from the bionic eye. An estimated 10,000 have vision low enough, said Dr. Brian Mech, an executive with Second Sight Medical

Products Inc., the Sylmar, Calif.-based company that makes the device.

Of those, about 7,500 are eligible for the surgery. The artificial implant in Pontz's left eye is part of a system developed by Second Sight that includes a small video camera and transmitter housed in a pair of glasses.

Images from the camera are converted into a series of electrical pulses that are transmitted wirelessly to an array of electrodes on the surface of the retina. The pulses stimulate the retina's remaining healthy cells, causing them to relay the signal to the optic nerve.

The visual information then moves to the brain, where it is translated into patterns of light that can be recognized and interpreted,

allowing the patient to regain some visual function. When wearing the glasses, which Pontz refers to as his "eyes," he can identify and grab his cat and figure out that a flash of light is his grandson hightailing it to the kitchen.

The visual improvement is sometimes startling for Pontz and his wife, Terri, who is just as amazed at her husband's progress as he is.

"I said something I never thought I'd say: 'Stop staring at me while I'm eating,'" Terri Pontz said.

She drives her husband the nearly 200 miles from Ann Arbor for check-ups and visits with occupational therapist Ashley Howson, who helps Roger Pontz reawaken his visual memory and learn tech-

niques needed to make the most of his new vision. At the recent visit, Howson handed Pontz white and black plates, instructed him to move them back and forth in front of light and dark backgrounds and asked that he determine their color.

Back home, Terri Pontz helps her husband practice the techniques he learns in Ann Arbor.

For them, the long hours on the road and the homework assignments are a blessing.

"What's it worth to see again? It's worth everything," Terri Pontz said.

The artificial retina procedure has been performed several-dozen times over the past few years in Europe, and the expectation is that it will find similar success in the U.S., where the

University of Michigan is one of 12 centers accepting consultations for patients. Candidates for the retinal prosthesis must be 25 or older with end-stage retinitis pigmentosa that has progressed to the point of having "bare light" or no light perception in both eyes.

Dr. Thiran Jayasundera, one of two physicians who performed the 4.5-hour surgery on Roger Pontz, is scheduled to discuss his experiences with the retinal prosthesis process during a meeting of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery on Friday in Boston.

He calls it a "game-changer."

Pontz agrees: "I can walk through the house with ease. If that's all I get out of this, it'd be great."

Airport security vulnerabilities not uncommon

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — For all the tens of billions of dollars the nation has spent on screening passengers and their bags, few airports made a comparable investment to secure the airplanes. As the case of the San Jose stowaway shows, it did not take a sophisticated plan for a 15-year-old boy to spend about seven hours in what is supposed to be a secure area of Silicon Valley's main airport — much of it in a wheel well of the jet that took the teen to Hawaii.

"No system is foolproof," San Jose International Airport aviation director Kim Aguirre said Wednesday. "Certainly as we learn more, if we see any gaping holes, we will work to fill them."

Aguirre said a perimeter search found no holes in the barbed wire fence surrounding their 1,050 acre facility, and officials were waiting to finish their investigation before implementing any additional security measures.

Aviation security experts say the San Jose airport is hardly alone when it comes to weaknesses in securing its airfield. While some larger airports have invested heavily in technology that can detect intruders, others have systems that sound too many false alarms — or don't provide enough useful information in the first place.

"I don't think San Jose is different than 80 percent of the airports around the country" in how secure its perimeter is, said Rafi Ron, former head of security at the closely guarded airport in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Like other major airports, San Jose has dozens of security cameras that survey its restricted areas. Indeed, the FBI says cameras actually recorded the boy on the tarmac, but no one noticed until hours later — after he had survived the 5 1/2-hour flight and clambered onto the tarmac on the island of Maui.

"What happened in San

Jose can happen as we speak at other airports, because nobody can watch all these monitors" that feed video from around the airport, said Ron, now CEO of the consulting firm New Age Security Solutions.

San Jose does not, evidently, have more sophisticated technology that can detect someone climbing a perimeter fence, track a trespasser with radar, or automatically alert authorities at a central post when a video camera picks up potentially suspicious activity.

Such intrusion detection systems are the best security available, though they are not foolproof.

In 2012, a man whose personal watercraft ran out of fuel swam to the edge of New York's Kennedy Airport, scaled a fence and walked about 2 miles along the airfield before being spotted.

All this despite a \$100 million system of surveillance cameras and motion detectors.

The boy in San Jose told authorities he jumped a fence and climbed up the landing gear of the closest plane. Video shows him on the airfield a little after 1 a.m. Sunday, said a law enforcement official briefed on the investigation. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about the case and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

It is not clear how the teen spent all the time before the plane took off around 8 a.m. FBI spokesman Tom Simon in Honolulu, where the boy is now resting in a hospital following his harrowing journey, said the teen "literally just slept on the plane overnight."

He has not been charged with any crime.

The fact that he survived is remarkable: At a cruising altitude of 38,000 feet, temperatures in the wheel well would have been well below zero and the air so starved of oxygen that he likely

passed out. In response, his body could have entered a hibernation-like state, from which he emerged once he was back on the ground, experts say.

Unlike passenger and baggage screening, which is the domain of the U.S. Transportation Security Administration, the responsibility for protecting facilities is shared by the airport and federal and local authorities.

While technology can help spot intruders, it also can overwhelm with information.

At some airports, software monitors video feeds for potentially suspicious activity and sounds an alarm when a situation merits human attention. The problem is that many of those alarms are false.

Poorly performing systems might have 10 false alarms per camera per day, said Illy Gruber of NICE Systems, a company that provides such software to airports.

"It's way too many alerts," she said. As a result, they "are going to be ignored."

Gruber said her company's system can reduce the number of false alarms to two or three per camera per day.

A flood of false alarms is not a problem at smaller airports used by private planes. A 2011 study by the Government Accountability Office found that of 10 civil aviation airports, nine had no intrusion detection system and the 10th had a partial system.

The TSA said it has spent \$80 billion on aviation security since its inception shortly after the 9/11 attacks. That does not include perimeter security.

"We were investing all our resources in the front door, which were the passengers and their bags," said Ron, the security consultant. "And we left the back door open. And that was the perimeter and access to aircraft."

Soldier convicted in WikiLeaks case gets new name

LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) — An Army private convicted of leaking classified documents to WikiLeaks won an initial victory Wednesday to living as a woman when a Kansas judge granted a petition to change her name to Chelsea Elizabeth Manning.

The decision clears the way for official changes to Manning's military records, but does not compel the military to treat the soldier previously known as Bradley Edward Manning as a woman.

That includes not being moved from the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, where Manning is serving a 35-year prison sentence, to a prison with a woman's unit, or receiving the counseling and hormone treatment she seeks.

Manning wasn't present at the hearing before Leavenworth County District Judge David King, which lasted just about a minute, but issued a statement after the ruling calling it "an exciting day."

"Hopefully today's name change, while so meaningful to me personally, can also raise awareness of the fact that we (transgender) people exist everywhere in America today, and that we must jump through hurdles every day just for being who we are," Manning said.

Army spokesman George Wright said the only im-

portant part of the district court ruling was changing Manning's name on military records, but not the soldier's confinement status.

"Likewise, the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks is a male-only facility and prisoners there are referred to by the title 'inmate,'" Wright said in a statement to The Associated Press.

Manning, who grew up in Oklahoma, has been diagnosed by at least two Army behavioral health specialists with gender dysphoria, or gender identity disorder. She filed the court petition as the first step toward getting her Army records changed.

The former intelligence analyst was sentenced in August for six Espionage Act violations and 14 other offenses for giving the anti-secrecy website more than 700,000 secret military and U.S. State Department documents, along with battlefield video, while working in Iraq in 2009 and 2010. An Army general upheld the convictions last week, clearing the way for appeals with the Army Court of Criminal Appeals.

There was no Army opposition filed to the name-change petition, which Manning included several newspaper reports indicating the desire to live publicly as a woman last August, as well as copy of an Oklahoma birth certificate.

Manning has filed a grievance with the U.S.

Disciplinary Barracks commander at Fort Leavenworth over the lack of a response to her request for comprehensive treatment for her gender identity disorder, including specialized gender counseling and hormone replacement therapy.

Emma Cape, a member of the Chelsea Manning Support Network, said in an email to The Associated Press that Manning was told several months ago that a medical plan of treatment had been developed, but it had yet to be implemented or discussed with Manning.

Cape said an attorney for Manning would be working on further legal action following completion of the name change.

"Access to a counselor specialized in gender issues and hormone therapy would be some of the initial steps typically taken when an individual first starts pursuing treatment for gender dysphoria," Cape said.

"Chelsea wishes to have access to a counselor who can guide her in this process, and help her decide what additional treatments she may or may not want to pursue."

The military has said it doesn't provide hormone replacement therapy. Gender dysphoria generally disqualifies one for military service, but Manning can't be discharged while serving the prison sentence.

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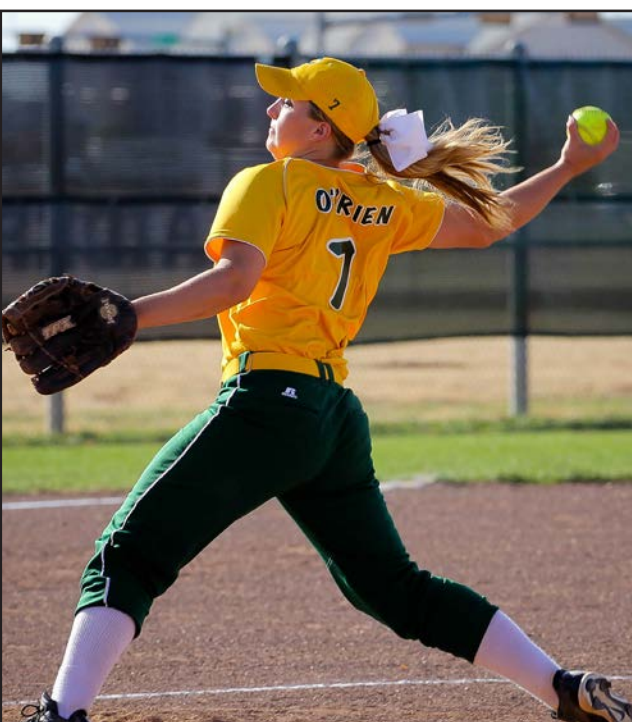
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