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## Chester, Martinez dispute claims made by Allison



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Site work is being done on this cluster of properties on U.S. Highway 60 for a proposed truck stop.

■ Both say they tried to help bar owner and his father.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOSWARE  
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Both Rick Chester, who is clearing property for construction of a truck stop on U.S. Highway 60, and Barbara Martinez, who last year sold a .35-acre lot that formerly had a bar and a mobile home on it, said they have never met the man who has filed a petition against them in the 223rd District Court. Both said they had only dealt with Allison's father, Steve, who managed the bar.

Daniel Allison, who owned JC's Sports Bar and lived in a mobile home behind the establishment, is alleging that he was illegally forced to close the bar and that his

residence and its contents were illegally destroyed by Chester.

Chester and Martinez said that although Daniel's signature was on a contract he had signed with Martinez and her husband, Lupe, it was actually Steve who had signed his son's name.

Martinez said that only her name was on the title and her husband had nothing to do with the property.

She said Chester had approached her about buying the land, and with her husband nearing death with terminal cancer, she decided to sell it.

"I didn't need to be messing with the property after he was gone," she said.

She said that Daniel Allison is trying to "get something for nothing" from Chester, and that the Allison's are trying to tarnish her late husband's good name.

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## City to transfer water park debt to general fund debt

BY TIMOTHY P. HOSWARE  
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At its regular meeting Tuesday, the Pampa City Commission approved the transfer of bond debt for the H20 Aquatic Center from a separate fund to the general debt fund.

Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes told the commissioners that transferring the debt now eliminates the need to do it later.

Stokes said that debt will now be calculated with all of the city's debt instead of being isolated.

Construction on the water park on North Sumner began in 2009 and was completed in 2010.

Stokes said that although the operation of the park pays for itself, there is still debt on its construction. The debt payments amount to around \$120,000 per year, he said on Wednesday.

Stokes told commissioners that the water park has been a blessing to the city.

"There were a lot of opponents who were hardcore against it but are now for it."

Before construction of the park began, there was not **CITY** cont. on page 2

## Too close to the dry line



Photo by John Lee

Yesterday was the unofficial beginning of the 2014 Severe Storm Season, that is if you lived in the farthest east row and a half of counties in the Texas Panhandle. Meteorologists will tell you that the dry line's location is the determining factor in who gets storms and who gets dust, and Pampa missed a small storm cell that passed between Lefors and McLean on Wednesday. A majority of the action was focused down near Quail and Wellington, and even clipped Shamrock before heading east into neighboring Oklahoma. The cell pictured above was along Texas State Highway 273 and dropped quarter to half-dollar sized hail before fizzling out near Miami and Canadian.

## Lefors to hold city election May 10

BY TIMOTHY P. HOSWARE  
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On May 10, voters will have an opportunity to either reelect Mayor Jeanne Swires or replace her with challenger Ken Purvis.

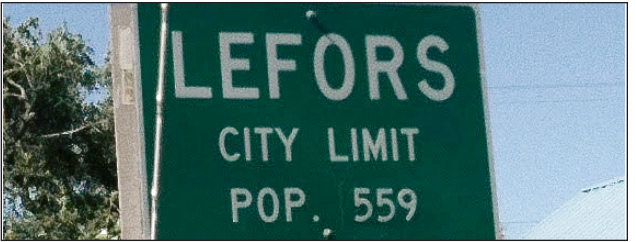
In the city council race, only two people are running for both seats. Though voters have the choice to vote for none, one or two, both Anna Young and Jimmy Harper will automatically take office since they are the only two candidates.

For the Cemetery Committee member seats, only two people are running for three seats. Peggy E. Finney and Pat McBee will automatically take those seats.

All races are nonpartisan. Early voting begins April 28 and ends May 6. On April 29 and 30, Lefors City Hall will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for early voting.

On May 10, polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. at the Lefors Civic Center.

City Hall is located at 101 N. Court St. For more information, call 806-835-2200.



## Ariz. man dies in I-40 rollover

SUBMITTED BY DPS

A 74-year-old Arizona man was killed Monday in a single-vehicle crash on Interstate 40, 2.4 miles west of Groom in Carson County.

Harry Lee Frank, of Mesa, Ariz., was pronounced dead at the scene.

Frank was driving west on the inside lane of I-40 in a 2010 Mercury passenger vehicle when it went into the center median, according to a DPS collision report.

He then over corrected and got back onto I-40 and went out of control. Frank then swerved back into the center median in a side skid, causing his car to flip and roll.

The Mercury then came to rest on its roof in the center median, the report states.

Frank was wearing a seatbelt.

## Perry's office: Don't mess with job-creating funds

AUSTIN (AP) — Top aides to Gov. Rick Perry say it would be unwise for the next Texas governor to uproot lucrative economic development programs that have stirred growing discontent among Republicans.

A Texas House panel considered Thursday what should happen to the Texas Enterprise Fund and Emerging Technology Fund if the next governor is adverse to two of Perry's signature programs.

It's more than a hypothetical. Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott, the favorite to replace Perry, has signaled unease with the funds that have awarded a combined \$600 million in taxpayer dollars to private companies.

The committee met as Perry visits New York this week on another business-courting trip.

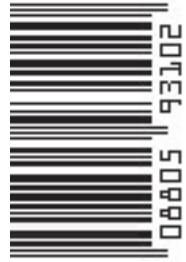
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# Chester

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“Everybody in town knows that my husband was an upstanding citizen,” she said.

Though she hasn't responded yet to the Allison's petition, she and her attorney plan to do so.

Chester said that contrary to what Daniel Allison is claiming in the petition, Allison was not paying taxes or insurance on the property and Chester himself had to pay three years of back taxes when he purchased the property from Martinez.

The property's address, 11386 W. U.S. Highway 60, did not show up in the computer system of the Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector's office when contacted by phone, but the Gray County Appraisal District verified earlier this week that Chester owns the property along with four other tracts on U.S. Highway 60.

Chester said along with the back taxes, he paid \$15,000 cash to Martinez

and an amount to a woman in Shamrock who owned the property along with Martinez. “Allison did not have a dog in the fight,” he said.

Chester said Steve Allison was served with a foreclosure letter from Martinez in April.

Last fall Chester did serve the Allisons with a three-day notice to vacate the bar, which Steve Allison acknowledged, Chester said.

“I told him as long as he cooperated with me I would not contest him taking everything from the bar,” Chester said.

Chester said he paid a man \$100 a day to help Steve Allison move the stuff from the bar.

“He (Steve) immediately gave me the key and left,” Chester said.

Regarding the mobile home in back of the bar where Daniel Allison lived, Chester said he had gone on vacation around that time, and when he came back the trailer house was empty and Daniel Allison was gone.

“Steve had apparently talked to Daniel,” Chester said.

Like Martinez, Chester said that Daniel Allison is trying to get something for nothing.

Chester said he bought property from nine different people to have enough land for his project.

“I bought several pieces of land, including the old Plainsman Motel,” he said.

Chester said he could exclude that .35 acres of land from the construction site if it should be held up in a legal entanglement.

Asked why he wants to build a truck stop, Chester said he is in the trucking business and believes a truck stop is something that is greatly needed in Pampa.

“We need one in town. I'm shooting from the hip here,” he said.

Chester would not say which company might build the truck stop, but did say that his real estate agent is handing the deal.

“We should have a sign up in the next couple weeks,” he said.

Both Chester and Martinez said they had tried to help the Allisons.

“We did nothing to these people,” Martinez said. “Everything these people are saying is false.”

# City

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much new construction in Pampa, but now there is a new wave of construction that is still going on.

Stokes said he hopes the park is a draw for those “elusive young professionals who leave Pampa to create a family and never come back.”

He said that for many years the city operated two public swimming pools, one on the north side and the other on the south.

In many years, Stokes said, it cost the city more money to operate those two pools than it does to operate the water park, which has a swimming pool along with the water features. The occupancy of the water park is 500, and oftentimes on hot

summer days people are standing in line to get in.

In another action, the commission authorized the city manager to negotiate a lease agreement with the Pampa R.C. Car Club to use the old M.K. Brown Swimming Pool facility to build a race track for remote control cars.

Stokes said the agreement will allow the club full access to the facility, including the restrooms.

# Court tosses ex-Oklahoma State player's conviction

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — An Oklahoma court has overturned the conviction of former Oklahoma State basketball player Darrell Williams, who was accused of sexually assaulting two women at an off-campus party in 2010.

In its 10-page decision released Tuesday, the Court of Criminal Appeals said the testimony of jurors at a special hearing last year suggested that at least two jurors made unauthorized visits to the crime scene, and that those visits were discussed during deliberations.

Williams was convicted in 2012 of two counts of rape by instrumentation and one count of sexual battery. He was not sentenced to any jail time but was ordered to register as a sex offender.

It was not immediately clear what the appeals court ruling would mean for Williams' status as a registered sex offender.

Payne County District Attorney Tom Lee said Thursday that his office would decide in coming weeks

whether to seek a new trial.

Williams was not immediately available for comment. His aunt, Mildred Williams, said the family could issue a statement later Thursday but needed to meet with the attorneys first.

“We've been crying, shouting. It's good news. It's great news!” Mildred Williams said in a phone interview Thursday from her home in Chicago.

Associated Press left a message seeking comment from Williams' current defense attorney. His defense attorney during his trial, Cheryl Ramsey, applauded the reversal.

Two women testified at trial that Williams groped them against their will at the party.

Williams' attorneys argued that he was misidentified, noting that the women identified Williams as their attacker after police showed them a lineup of the Oklahoma State basketball team. The women testified that they identified Williams after police showed them a photo of the

team.

One woman said Williams held her against her will and dragged her in a yard. She said the attack happened in the basement of the house and that no one came to her aid.

“It made me feel violated and sick to my stomach,” she testified.

Witnesses for the defense testified that several players at the party wore similar Oklahoma State warm-up suits, and Williams' attorneys said that could have led to a misidentification.

Williams' attorneys maintained that no one at the party heard anyone scream, saw any struggles or reported anything inappropriate. Neither of the women suffered any cuts or scratches, and no clothing was torn after the alleged incident.

The basketball player's family said Darrell, who is black, was an innocent victim of misidentification by the white women at the party and of racial profiling by a jury of 11 whites and one Asian member who were picked from a largely white jury pool.

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# Texas releases math, reading STAAR results

AUSTIN (AP) — Almost 80 percent of fifth- and eighth-graders passed the Texas standardized math test on their first try this month while more than 75 percent passed the reading exam.

The Texas Education Agency released the numbers Thursday. State law

says students in fifth and eighth grades must pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, tests in reading and math to advance.

A second administration of the tests will be given in May.

In math, fifth-graders

had a 4 percent increase in passing rates on the first try compared to last school year while eighth-graders had a 2 percent increase.

In reading, fifth-graders saw a 1 percent decrease compared to last year while eighth-graders saw a 2 percent decrease.

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**Today:** Sunny with a high of 89. Winds south-southwest at 21 mph. Sunrise at 6:59 a.m.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear with a low of 58. Winds south at 20 mph. Sunset at 8:25 p.m.

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 90. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 25 mph. Sunrise at 6:58 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy and windy with a low of 54. Winds south-southwest at 20 mph. Sunset at 8:26 p.m.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 73. Winds southwest at 29 mph. Sunrise at 6:56 a.m.

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## For the record

# Pampa man arrested on assault charges

### STAFF REPORT

• Tom Douglas Williams, 23, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for assault with intent of causing bodily injury to a family member.

• Martin Soria Rosales, 30, Pampa, was arrested

Tuesday by PPD for motion to revoke probation — driving while intoxicated — Upshur County, failure to appear — evading arrest with a vehicle — Camp County, failure to appear — driving while intoxicated (felony) — Camp County, failure to appear — assault with intent of causing bodily injury to a

family member — Camp County.

• Gatlin Ray Taylor, 18, Houston, was arrested Tuesday by the Department of Public Safety for theft of a firearm, unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• Jose Cruz Salazar, 32, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for two capias pro fine — no

driver's license offenses, two capias pro fine — failure to maintain car insurance offenses, capias pro fine — displaying expired registration.

• Joshua Lee Rivas, 22, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for assault to a family or household member impeding breathing or circulation.

# Nevada rancher condemned for racist remarks

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Nevada rancher who has become a conservative folk hero for resisting the federal government's attempts to round up his cattle faced sharp criticism Thursday for racist comments published in a New York Times article.

Politicians from around the country who have rallied to Cliven Bundy's defense in recent weeks denounced the comments and distanced themselves from the rancher.

Bundy was quoted in a Times story referring to black people as "the Negro" and recalling a time when he drove past a public-housing project in North Las Vegas and saw black people who "didn't have nothing to do."

"And because they were basically on government subsidy, so now what do they do?" he asked. "They abort their young children, they put their young men in jail, because they never learned how to pick cotton. And I've often

wondered, are they better off as slaves, picking cotton and having a family life and doing things, or are they better off under government subsidy? They didn't get no more freedom. They got less freedom."

The Bundy family issued a statement on its Facebook page saying Bundy is a "good man, he loves all people, he is not a racist man."

"He wants what is best for everyone," the statement said. "We all know that with the media, words are taken out of context, meanings are twisted, and they can take anything and turn it into what they want it to be."

The comments came during a long speech at a sparsely attended news conference Saturday that the Times attended. Bundy has been holding news conferences daily even after the Bureau of Land Management and contractors suspended the roundup citing safety con-

cerns in a tense standoff between armed protesters and federal agents.

Politicians who had defended Bundy quickly issued statements condemning the remarks.

"His remarks on race are offensive, and I wholeheartedly disagree with him," said Sen. Rand Paul, once a vocal supporter of Bundy who is considering a run for president.

Nevada Republican Sen. Dean Heller, who last week called Bundy defenders "patriots" for their stand against the government, "completely disagrees with Mr. Bundy's appalling and racist statements, and condemns them in the most strenuous way," said his spokeswoman, Chandler Smith.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, who last week called Bundy supporters "domestic terrorists," also spoke out against Bundy's words.

"Today, Bundy revealed himself to be a hateful racist," Reid said. "But by

denigrating people who work hard and play by the rules while he mooches off public land, he also revealed himself to be a hypocrite."

Bundy says he doesn't recognize federal authority over lands his cattle have grazed for years around his Virgin River melon farm and ranch, 80 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

The BLM claims the cattle are trespassing on fragile Gold Butte habitat set aside for the endangered desert tortoise, and that Bundy has racked up some \$1.1 million in fees and penalties since 1993.

BLM agents and contractors called off the weeklong roundup, released about 350 animals back to Bundy, and left the area April 12.

Federal officials have said the agency would pursue unspecified administrative and judicial remedies, but BLM officials have not provided details.

# Major oil & gas firm to list drilling chemicals

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A major supplier to the oil and gas industry says it will begin disclosing 100 percent of the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing fluid, with no exemptions for trade secrets. The move by Baker Hughes of Houston is a major shift; it's unclear if other firms will follow suit.

Environmental and health groups have criticized the industry for not disclosing all of the chemicals used in drilling.

A statement on the Baker Hughes website says company officials believe it is possible to disclose all of the ingredients without compromising proprietary formulas. A spokeswoman couldn't immediately say when the new policy will begin.

Jerry Baker of the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission in Oklahoma City says he doesn't know of any other major supplier that has made a similar pledge.



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## This Land is Our Land What does it mean to be an American?

Last Sunday, 38-year old Meb Keflezighi became the first American to win the Boston Marathon since 1983.



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It was an emotionally laden moment and, as I watched footage of the end on my television I couldn't help but feel a swell of nationalist joy. It was, after all, on the one-year anniversary of the terrorist bombings by the Tsarnaev brothers. Mr. Keflezighi's win provided a measure of healing to our wounded nation.

I was delighted and proud... until I went on Facebook and saw a few comments arguing that Mr. Keflezighi is "not really an American."

The thing is that Meb Keflezighi was born in Eritrea (a country located in the Horn of Africa) and became a naturalized citizen when he was 21 years of age.

According to his bio on the USA Track & Field website, Meb (as he is known in the running community) emigrated to the U.S. when he was 12 years old, having fled his country along with his family in order to escape the Eritrea-Ethiopian war. He began his running career in high school in San Diego. He then went on to become an NCAA champion at UCLA and win the silver medal for the U.S. in the 2004 Olympic Games and, most recently, won the N.Y. City and the Boston Marathons.

Meb has spent most of his life in the U.S., as an American, he is a product of American racing programs, is well acculturated and has represented our country with honors all over the world.

What is it about Meb that makes

some people question his identity as an American?

Is it that he still speaks English with a slight accent? Is it the fact that he is black? Is it the fact that he is not a "native born" American?

I ask myself these questions because Meb's life reminds me of my own "Coming to America" experience.

Like him I became a war refugee (I was 16-years old at the time), attended three years of high school, went to college, started a family, have spent most of my life in the U.S. and, as an adult, made the conscious decision to become an American citizen. I applied, passed the tests, pledged allegiance, became an adoptive child of this great country of ours and have been known to give my lectures on nationalism while wearing an American flag around my shoulders – to the delight of my students in colleges in Washington, Idaho and Texas.

If Meb is "not really an American," then neither am I.

For people of color and immigrants in the U.S., incorporation into the American identity can be a fragile aspiration. Consider the black man whose citizenship and American-ness was questioned after he was elected president of the United States of America.

What makes someone an American?

The claims that Meb is "not really an American" because he was born in Africa reveal what some academics say are common assumptions and stereotypes about race and identity in America. Some argue that the questions go beyond the particulars of Meb's athletic accomplishments and bear on undercurrents of nationalism and racism.

In an article in the New York Times, Richard Lapchick, the director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida, said the treatment bestowed upon Meb "tells us there are people who still have racial red flags go up when certain things happen."

But, if we hold true to our constitutional and democratic values, this argument makes no sense.

The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution requires that natural born and naturalized citizens be treated the same. "All persons born or naturalized in the United States are subject to the jurisdiction thereof; they are citizens of the United States...no state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin) once said, "America is more than just a place. America is an idea."

Yes, indeed it is an idea.

I am a Latino, I have brown skin and, yes, I am an American. And so is Meb Keflezighi.

To allow bigotry and ignorance the capacity to define what it means to be an American will be to diminish the value of that idea, of the American identity.

But don't take my words for it. If you know a person who was adopted and raised by a loving adoptive family, ask him or her the following question: Are you a member of that family?

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## 'Close observers of history' hate Ollie North

For its second season, the creators of the FX series "The Americans" have chosen a new source for insight into the Cold War during the Reagan years — one Lt. Col. Oliver North.



**BRENT BOZELL**

It's a dramatic reversal from the first season, and it has infuriated some hard leftists. The show began with the shocking promise from creator Joel Weisberg that the series' heroes would be KGB agents: "We're making them the sympathetic characters. I'd go so far as to say they're the heroes." It quickly became apparent that these characters could be unintentional killers of innocent Americans, so perhaps that triggered a change of heart.

What's resulted in the second season has been a more conventional dramatist's take: The KGB agents are morally conflicted, and so is the FBI agent who lives across the street. The reaction from the hard left is equally conventional. After shocking conservatives before the first season began, Weisberg's decision to hire North to consult on the second season has thrown these liberals for a loop.

The New York Times ran a nasty article headlined "Oliver North, Now in the Service of TV's K.G.B." Get a load of how TV reporter Dave Izkoff described liberals who are annoyed with North's support for anti-communist freedom fighters in Nicaragua during the '80s: "Close observers of contemporary American history say they are irritated by what they see as Mr. North's continued attempts to aggrandize and whitewash his role in it."

But what does Iran-Contra have to do with this FX storyline? And who are those nameless "close observers" anyway?

The "close observers," who must not be called "liberals," include Leon Wieseltier, the literary editor of The New Republic, who said North's involvement in "The Americans" was "basically a bad joke." He complained, "Everything that happens in history in this country eventually winds up as entertainment ... you become notorious, and your noto-

riety makes you famous, and fame is the American version of glory."

Wieseltier concluded: "Given his insistence upon his purity of heart and soul, there's something a little tacky about his exploiting it."

The Times and Wieseltier do not hold this opinion on other modern historical figures if they're standing on the other side of the fence. Valerie Plame Wilson, a former CIA operations officer, certainly cashed in with lucrative book and movie deals after her identity was revealed, but she was trashing George W. Bush, so she wasn't exploiting, aggrandizing or whitewashing. Her sudden wealth was a cash reward akin to an alternate Nobel Peace Prize.

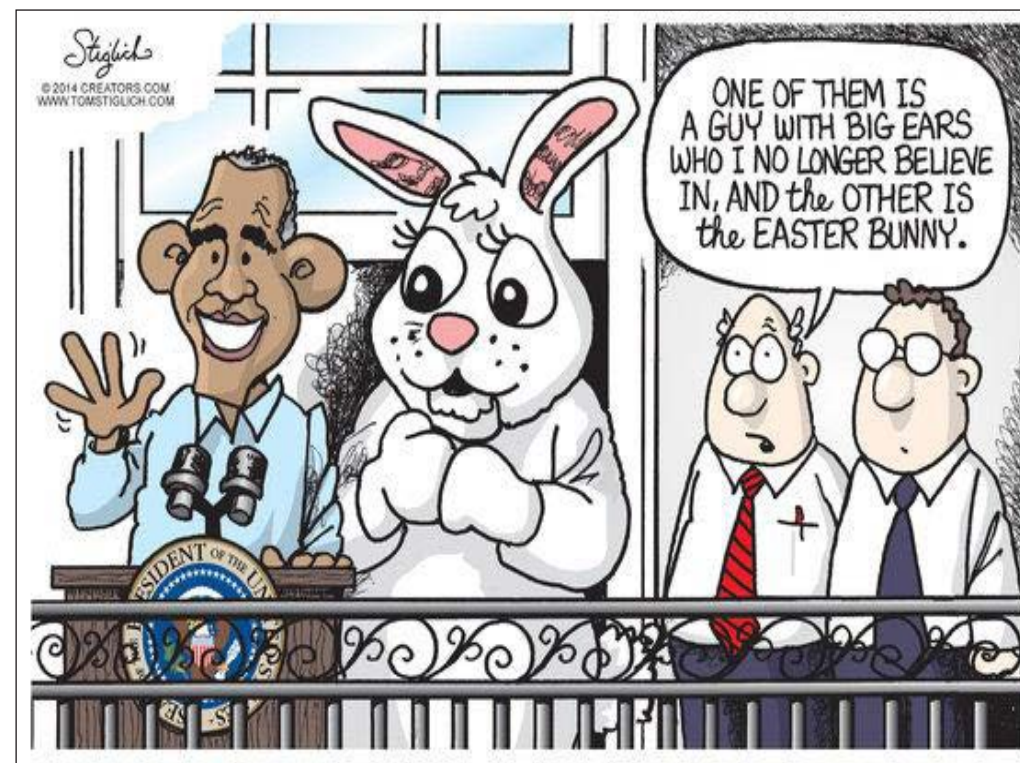
Or take Anita Hill, a favorite of New York Times editor Jill Abramson. Hill insisted on the "purity" of her heart and soul after her unsubstantiated charges of sexual harassment against Clarence Thomas. Even when Hill exploited it for a book deal worth more than a million dollars, after insisting she'd never do such a thing, it still didn't chill left-wing enthusiasm. In fact, they're still at it.

The Times recently lauded a new liberal documentary called "Anita," which hails Hill. The Times described it as "an important historical document about an event that prompted a larger cultural conversation about sexual harassment."

The paper wasn't impolite enough to nudge out of its own editorial-page archives a Hill article defending Bill Clinton during the Lewinsky scandal in 1998. Hill bizarrely claimed, "The substance of sex-related accusations against President Clinton differs dramatically from those raised against Justice Thomas or (Sen. Bob) Packwood." That's ridiculous on its face.

For all their alleged appreciation of nuance and complexity, liberal journalists play a simplistic game in identifying saints and sinners, geniuses and goons. The degree to which you embrace and advance liberalism is the degree to which you can do no wrong, and commit no ethical, egotistical or mercenary offense.

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## Bereavement and Healing What is an obituary?

Occasionally, I work with a family wishing to forgo the printing of the death announcement, aka obituary, in the newspaper. Before becoming a funeral practitioner, I, as these families, thought obituaries unnecessary and a bit obsolete, especially if the decedent's circles of friends and family were small. I have a rather small group of immediate and intimate friends and family, and have thought in the past, that when my time comes, the printing of an obituary would be unnecessary. After becoming a funeral director and working with families for a few years, my opinion of the necessity of an obituary notice,



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printed in the newspaper, has most definitely changed. It is a small bit of money, very well spent.

A death notice, aka obituary is a quick and fairly inexpensive way of notifying the living, that an acquaintance, friend, relative, co-worker, etc. has recently died. It also informs them of the service dates and times if they wish to attend or send condolences.

The obituary lists the names of family who have preceded the decedent in death, as well as the survivors. This is a very important part of the obituary. Listing the preceding kinship and surviving kinship allows readers to recognize those in their community who will be entering bereavement. It also allows them to link families and verify that they may, or may not know the decedent. This knowledge

also allows the community to understand the unusual melancholy behavior among the survivors with greater understanding and compassion.

The obituary may also be used by HR services, to verify and allow bereavement leave for family members. It also verifies time off for staff and personnel wishing to attend services. On occasion, it may be used for certain bereavement allowances and discounts.

The most important role of the obituary, however, is to link genealogy. The listing of kindred dead and living survivors serves as a printed witness for family historians and genealogists.

Obituaries can be used as evidentiary paperwork to prove lineage when other documents are not available. The obituary lists personality characteristics of the dece-

dent, as well. This information is a treasure trove for the generations that follow. Saving and re-reading obituaries may bring comfort and serve as therapeutic grief recovery tools in the months and years that follow a significant loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one or expect a loss in the future, please consider the importance of a well-written obituary. I have researched loved ones through obituaries. If fortune is smiling upon me, there will be a picture included. These tiny bits of genealogical treasure bring me great joy.

*My name is Tracy Renee Lee. I am a funeral director, author and freelance writer. I write books, weekly bereavement articles, and mid-week grief briefs related to understanding and coping with grief. It is my life's work to comfort the bereaved and help them live on.*

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# Job market for college grads better but still weak

WASHINGTON (AP) — With college commencement ceremonies nearing, the government is offering a modest dose of good news for graduating seniors: The job market is brightening for new grads — a bit.

But finding work — especially a dream job — remains tough for those just graduating. Many are settling for jobs outside their fields of study or for less pay than they'd expected or hoped for.

The Labor Department on Tuesday said the unemployment rate for 2013 college graduates — defined as those ages 20 to 29 who earned a four-year or advanced degree — was 10.9 percent. That was down from 13.3 percent in 2012 and was the lowest since 7.7 percent in 2007. The drop reflects the steady recovery in overall U.S. economic growth and hiring.

But unemployment for recent grads was still high-

er than the 9.6 percent rate for all Americans ages 20 to 29 last October, when the government collected the numbers.

"I'm finding that all these entry-level jobs are requiring experience I don't have or degrees that are just unattainable right out of college," says Howard Rudnick, 23, who graduated last year in political science from Florida Atlantic University and wound up earning \$25,000 a year working for an online shoe company.

"The worst part is that I'm afraid at some point I may have to go back to school to better myself and take on more debt just so I can get a better-paying job."

Over time, though, Americans who have college degrees are still far more likely to find employment and to earn more than those who don't. And while opportunities for new college grads remain too few, they're increas-

ing. "It really is getting better," says Jean Manning-Clark, director of the career center at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo. She says more automotive and steel companies are now looking at the school's graduates, joining energy and technology companies that have been actively recruiting for several years.

Last year's female graduates fared better than men: 9 percent were unemployed as of October last year, compared with 13.7 percent of men. Analysts note that the economy has been generating jobs in many low-wage fields — such as retail and hotels — that disproportionately employ women.

"It seems like the jobs that are growing fastest are jobs that are low-wage jobs, service jobs," says Anne Johnson, executive director of Generation Progress, an arm of the liberal Center for American

Progress that studies youth issues.

Other fields that attract women — including health care — weren't hit as hard by the recession.

Philip Gardner, director of Michigan State University's Collegiate Employment Research Institute, says women also "have skill sets that employers want... They have better communications skills. They have better interpersonal skills. They are more willing to work in teams."

Alexa Staudt's job search lasted just three weeks. Before graduating from the University of Texas last spring, Staudt, 23, had landed an administrative position at an online security company in Austin.

"I had marketable skills from my internships" in event planning, marketing and copy-editing and experience working as a receptionist for a real-estate firm, Staudt says.

She's happy with the job and the chance to stay in

Austin. Yet the McKinsey & Company consultancy last year found that 41 percent of graduates from top universities and 48 percent of those from other schools could not land jobs in their chosen field after graduation.

Even in good times, many college graduates need time to find a good job. But researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York concluded earlier this year that "it has become more common for underemployed college graduates to find themselves in low-wage jobs or to be working part time."

The Labor Department reports that 260,000 college graduates were stuck last year working at or below the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour. That's down from a peak of 327,000 in 2010. But it's more than double the 127,000 in 2007, the year the recession began.

"Every way you cut it,

young college grads are really having trouble — much more trouble than they used to have," says Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute. "The labor market is not producing decent jobs."

In a study last year, economists at the University of British Columbia and York University in Canada found that college graduates were more likely to be working in routine and manual work than were graduates in 2000; technology was eliminating some mid-level jobs that graduates used to take. The result is that many have had to compete for jobs that don't require much education.

Their sobering conclusion:

"Having a B.A. is less about obtaining access to high-paying managerial and technology jobs and more about beating less-educated workers for the barista or clerical job."

## Country star McGraw loves life in GT fast lane

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim McGraw drives in the carpool lane most days instead of pushing 100 mph with the windows rolled down and hair pulled back.

Next tour stop, Wally World.

"I drive the Griswold family cruiser," McGraw said, laughing. "I drive a 10-year-old Cadillac Escalade because I'm always taking cheerleaders to practice and picking up tennis players and track runners."

But even one of country music's biggest stars needs to cut loose on the open road — or, a private track — every now and then. So McGraw, a noted car enthusiast, traded his cowboy hat for a New York Mets baseball cap during some spins in the Usain Bolt of cars that push the limits in land speed records.

Cars that go fast — with record speeds.

McGraw was a natural fit to participate in the hot rod documentary "Breaking Barriers," set to debut May 7 on the National Geographic Channel. The film traces the men who have tried to break the land speed record, including the recent high mark of 270.49

mph set in February by the Hennessey Venom GT's run on the 3.22-mile landing runway at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

"That car does not like to go slow," John Hennessey said at the film's premier in New York.

The Venom GT topped the two-seat sports car mark set by Bugatti's Veyron Super Sport in 2010. The film interviews and shows classic footage of land speed pioneers like Craig Breedlove and Andy Green as they chase the kind of blistering speeds not even hit in the Indianapolis 500.

Those are the kinds of speeds that dance around the minds of every speed freak and car lover.

"Every young person that gets a car wants to know how fast you can go," Indianapolis 500 winning owner Roger Penske said.

McGraw took a turn in a Venom GT Spyder that belonged to Aerosmith lead singer Steve Tyler at the Auto Club Raceway at Pomona for the shoot.

"As a guy growing up in Louisiana, a car represents so much to me," McGraw said. "It represented freedom. It represented getting

laid as much as anything. To be there with these innovators, these guys who took these vehicles and they made them into something really special, something unique and something powerful, it was really quite an experience."

Hennessey, who founded Hennessey Performance Engineering in 1991, once built McGraw a Dodge Charger the singer called "stupid fast."

"So fast that I had to sell it because my wife (Faith Hill) wouldn't let me drive it anymore," McGraw said.

Wearing a Mets hat in the Pennzoil-backed film just his like his father, former pitcher Tug McGraw, he was all smiles at the rare opportunity to take a supercharged car like onto a track.

"I love driving cars. I love going fast," McGraw said. "If you ask me what's under the hood and how you deal with it, then I'm lost. But I know you lay your left foot on the side and you punch at the accelerator."

McGraw's car collection is a bit more sophisticated than the ones found in the driveway of the average dad. He owns a 1949

Chevy pickup and a 1969 Mercedes that Tug McGraw bought with his bonus check after the Mets won the 1969 World Series.

Penske, who is featured in the film, was amazed at the advances of technology that allow cars to hit speeds once unthinkable.

"Today, it's rocket science," Penske said. "In the old days, we used to do pit stops at Sebring in a minute. Now we're doing NASCAR with four tires and a floor jack in 11 seconds."

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# Tech Tips: Add 2nd layer of protection online

NEW YORK (AP) — If the Heartbleed security threat teaches us anything, it's that passwords don't offer total protection.

Browsers are supposed to keep passwords and other sensitive data safe, but a technical flaw in a widely used padlock security technology allows hackers to grab the information anyway. Even without this latest discovery, there have been countless disclosures of hackers breaking in to grab usernames and passwords, plus credit card numbers and more.

That's why many security experts recommend a second layer of authentication — typically in the form of a numeric code sent as a text message. If you're logging in to a website from your laptop, for example, you enter your password first. Then you type in the code you receive via text to verify that it's really you and not a hacker.

I've been using what's known as two-factor au-

thentication or two-step verification on most of my accounts for more than a year, after seeing too many mysterious attempts to reset my Facebook password by someone who isn't me. The main exception was Gmail, but I enabled that recently after the discovery of Heartbleed. I was afraid the second authentication would be a pain to use, but things are going more smoothly than I expected after the initial setup.

The idea behind these double-layer passwords is to make it harder to use a password that's compromised or guessed. You're asked for a second piece of information that only you are supposed to know.

To balance security and convenience, you can typically bypass this check the next time you use the same Web browser or device. It won't help if someone steals your laptop, but it'll prevent others from using your password on their machines. If you're logging in

at a library or other public computer, remember to reject the option to bypass that check next time.

The second piece of authentication could be your fingerprint or retina scan, though such biometric IDs are rarely used for consumer services. Financial services typically ask for a security question, such as the name of your childhood pet, the first time you use a particular Web browser or device. That's better than nothing, though answers can sometimes be guessed or looked up. Some banks offer verification codes by text messaging, too.

I like that approach and use it for a variety of email and social networking services. To me, email accounts are the most sensitive because email can be used to reset passwords elsewhere. That includes my banks and shopping sites.

The two-step requirement is fairly simple to turn on. With Google, for

instance, it's under the Security tab in your account settings. On Facebook, look for Login Approvals under Security in the settings. With Apple IDs, visit [appleid.apple.com](http://appleid.apple.com) rather than the account settings on iTunes.

After you enable it, you'll typically have to sign in to your account again on various Web browsers and devices. After entering your username and password, a code will get set to your phone. You'll have to enter that to finish signing in. This has occasionally meant getting off my couch to grab my phone from the charger, but that's a small price for security.

What if you're somewhere without cellular access and can't receive texts?

Most services have backup mechanisms. Google, Facebook and Microsoft have apps that will let you receive verification codes even when you're offline. Google and Facebook also

let you generate 10 backup codes that you can download or print to keep in your wallet. Each can be used only once.

You can also turn off the two-step requirement temporarily if you'll be traveling without cellular access, though I don't recommend it. The reason I turned it on last year was because I was leaving the country and wouldn't be able to deal with further mysterious reset attempts.

Occasionally, you'll run into an app that won't accept the text code. Apple's Mail app on iPhones, iPads and Mac computers is one. Microsoft's Outlook software is another. If that happens, you'll have to go to your service's settings to generate a temporary password for that particular app. It's a pain, but I've rarely needed to do this.

There are several other challenges to making this work smoothly. For example, if you have a shared Twitter account, such as for

your company or organization, two-step verification isn't very practical unless you also share your phone. There's a 12-character, hard-to-guess backup code you can use instead. But it's no security if you jot it down next to your main password.

The biggest problem, though, is losing your phone. Some services will let you provide a backup number, including a friend's cellphone or a landline phone. With Google, the code can be sent as a voice message instead of a text. Others offer a complex recovery code, which you'll have to jot down and keep in a safe place.

I know two-layer security is inconvenient. The first password is difficult enough to deal with. But think of the inconvenience involved should someone break into your account and shut you out. Consider the use of verification texts to be insurance.

# FCC to propose pay-for-priority Internet standards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission is set to propose new open Internet rules that would allow content companies to pay for faster delivery over the so-called "last mile" connection to people's homes, but enhance scrutiny of such deals so they don't harm competition or limit free speech.

That's according to a senior FCC official familiar with the matter who wasn't authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is to present the proposed rules

to the other commissioners on Thursday.

So-called "net neutrality" rules are hotly debated because without them, consumers' ability to freely access certain types of content could be constrained by giant conglomerates for business, political or other reasons.

The new rules are meant to replace the FCC's open Internet order from 2010, which was struck down by a federal appeals court in January. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit affirmed that the FCC had the authority to create open-access rules but said

it failed to establish that its 2010 regulations didn't overreach.

While the older rules technically allowed for paid priority treatment, it was discouraged. The new rules spell out standards that such deals would have to meet to be considered "commercially reasonable" and are designed to survive a court challenge in the future.

Under the proposed rules, if such a deal for priority access were challenged, the commission would look at its impact on competition, on consumers, on free speech

and civic engagement, and whether a broadband provider was acting in good faith.

The commission will also ask for comment on how to make such dealings more transparent, but didn't have a recommendation on the matter.

The new rules don't affect the exchange of traffic between networks that form the Internet's backbone. That means they won't have any bearing on Netflix's recent agreement to pay Comcast to improve the hand-off of traffic to its network. Netflix had called for the FCC to expand its

definition of "net neutrality" rules to cover such connections and guarantee that they would be free of charge. Internet providers say they should be allowed to charge content companies when they absorb more traffic than they send back, like in the case of Netflix.

The proposed rules would also restore a previous rule that prohibits Internet service providers from blocking access to websites, which is meant to help Internet startups to succeed and foster the growth of the Internet economy.

The commission is also seeking to establish the minimum standard of service and will ask the public to help determine that.

The FCC is not seeking to treat Internet providers as "common carriers" such as telephone companies, which would subject companies like Comcast and Verizon to even stricter rules, although it is keeping the option on the table.

The draft rules kick off a policymaking process that involves commissioner votes and a public comment period before a final vote sometime this summer.



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DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines Co. said Thursday that it made a record \$152 million in the first quarter, more than doubling the \$59 million it earned during the same time last year.

The strong profit during a time of year that is traditionally the slowest for airlines is good news for the Dallas-based carrier, which has been struggling to integrate AirTran into its system following its 2010 acquisition.

Southwest earned 22 cents per share, up from 8

cents per share in the same period last year. Excluding special items, the profit was 18 cents per share, beating the 16 cents expected by Wall Street analysts surveyed by FactSet.

Revenue climbed 2 percent to \$4.17 billion — just shy of the \$4.18 billion that analysts predicted.

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erLicense/documents/EICDPSrun.pdf and Vote-Texas.gov.

- Select county locations issuing only EICs at the local level, which can be found at <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/documents/EICCounty-run.pdf>.

Most residents already have an acceptable form of photo identification needed for voting and will not need or qualify for an EIC. If an applicant already has any of the following documents, they are not eligible to receive an EIC:

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- Texas personal identification card – unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting.
- U.S. passport book or card – unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting.
- Texas concealed handgun license – unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting.
- U.S. Military identification with photo – unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting.
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with photo.

To apply for an EIC, applicants must visit one of the locations listed above and complete an application for a Texas Election Identification Certificate (DL-14C).

To qualify for an EIC, an applicant must:

- Bring documentation to verify U.S. citizenship and identity.
- Be eligible to vote in Texas (Bring a valid voter registration card or submit a voter registration application through the Texas Department of Public Safety).
- Be a Texas resident.
- Be 17 years and 10 months or older.

To avoid delays or complications, DPS urges potential applicants to make sure they have the necessary documentation before arriving at the office.

The EIC receipt an individual receives will include their photo and can be used for voting until the permanent card is delivered by mail.

The EIC is free of charge to qualifying applicants and is valid for six years.

There is no expiration date for an EIC for citizens 70 years of age or older. The EIC can only be used for the purpose of voting in an election and may not be used as personal identification.

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## Abbott: Pay teachers bonuses for high exam scores

HOUSTON (AP) — Republican Greg Abbott says that as Texas governor he would seek bonuses for high school teachers whose students perform well on college readiness exams.

Abbott on Wednesday called for paying teachers

up to \$2,000 a year extra if their students perform well on advanced placement tests. Texas consistently ranks near the bottom nationally in average teacher pay, according to many groups that track classroom salaries.

Abbott unveiled the second part of his education platform at a Houston high school. He's also calling for individual school campuses to receive A through F ratings so that parents can better judge school performance.

The longtime Texas attorney general faces Democrat Wendy Davis in November.

Her campaign didn't immediately comment on Abbott's latest classroom proposals but has been critical of his pre-kindergarten plans.

## Lubbock man gets life term for 2012 double slaying

LUBBOCK (AP) — A West Texas man has been sentenced to life in prison for a 2012 double slaying in Lubbock involving two people he knew.

Prosecutors say Joshua Paul Bulls of Lubbock pleaded guilty Wednesday to two counts of murder in a plea agreement.

Investigators used DNA evidence to link Bulls to the deaths of Jodi Shannon Winn and David Vincent Martinez in separate November 2012 attacks during arguments.

Police say Bulls, who was sentenced to two concurrent life prison terms, was friends with the two victims.

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For more information about the fuel promotion, visit [www.unitedsupermarkets.com/freefuel](http://www.unitedsupermarkets.com/freefuel).

# Tech boom presents new wrinkles for Wrigley Field

CHICAGO (AP) — During a recent game at Wrigley Field, John Weber was using a pencil and scorecard to expertly track the game between his hometown Cubs and the Pittsburgh Pirates. The 86-year-old retired transit worker figures he is an increasingly rare kind of baseball fan.

“Look around, do you see many people keeping score?” he asked.

No indeed. Between batters and between pitches, most fans in the stands at Wrigley — and everywhere else in the majors — take their eyes off the game to peck away at smartphones, phablets, tablets and iPads. Few bother to figure out the baseball hieroglyphics that Weber and other purists lovingly scrawl on their cards.

The Cubs are hoping to add a massive video scoreboard to Wrigley as early as next year in what would be the biggest renovation at Wrigley since lights were installed more than a quarter century ago. The plan has stirred plenty of opposition, with many wondering if modern electronics will rob some of the mystique that surrounds the venerable ballpark, which hosted its first game on April 23, 1914 — 100 years ago Wednesday.

The scene in the stands illustrates how Wrigley is already a modern park and in fact got there faster than some of the newer, shinier stadiums around the country. The Cubs were the first to install a moving walkway back in the 1950s (it was removed a few years later) and in 2012 were one of the first teams in the majors to offer Wi-Fi.

“The Cubs were ahead of their time and, frankly, ahead of the league,” said Bob Bowman, CEO of MLB Advanced Media, the league’s interactive branch.

The lack of a video scoreboard is a glaring reminder that the Cubs have some catching up to do. That is even more obvious this year thanks to a new instant replay system that allows

teams to challenge umpires’ calls.

“With this replay for our fans, 75 million of them at the games, get to see what everyone sees at home,” Bowman said.

Except at Wrigley, where fans have to wait until they get home or watch the television monitors while they’re in line to buy a hot dog or beer.

“How ridiculous is that?” asked Marc Ganis, a sports consultant with SportsCorp Ltd. in Chicago, who once advised the Cubs’ prior owner, the Tribune Co. “The only time you see it is when you’re not in your seat.”

The lack of a video board is only the most visible example of some of the differences between Wrigley and other parks. Rather than ordering food and drink on a handheld device and having it delivered right to their seats, fans at Wrigley get things the old-fashioned way: By yelling at vendors roaming the aisles or making a trip to the concession stands.

The Cubs can’t do it any other way because Wrigley Field is so small that food must be prepared offsite. A proposed \$300 million renovation project includes construction of a commissary, though team spokesman Julian Green said a final decision hasn’t been made.

The Cubs are also examining whether to join the roughly 20 teams that have customized Major League Baseball’s At the Ballpark app to give fans access to information about ballparks as they enter, from seat location to specials on merchandise. One thing the Cubs say they won’t be doing any time soon is allowing fans to upgrade their seats via their handheld devices.

“There are a lot of great innovations happening at new ball parks but Wrigley has magic (and) we need to be careful that we don’t implement technology that takes away from the experience of Wrigley, the

experience of what it has been like for sons going to games with their fathers, and their fathers’ fathers,” said Andrew McIntyre, the Cubs’ senior director of information technology.

Many fans do worry that the Cubs’ embrace of technology could change the atmosphere at the friendly confines for the worse. They want to see the park as they imagine past generations saw it.

“Any modernization, you risk losing what made it special,” said Todd Jezierski, a 32-year-old Oregon resident. He said when a friend heard he was coming to Wrigley, he excitedly told him he just had to visit the restrooms and see the ancient urinal troughs.

Charlie Tausche, a 75-year-old retired attorney, has less of a problem with a massive video board than with the technology-toting young people who will flock the Wrigley in greater numbers once school lets out.

“They stand up in front of you in the middle of the game and take their selfies,” he complained.

The oldest stadium in the majors, Boston’s Fenway Park, is awash in video boards and still remains one of the jewels of baseball at 102 years old. And — this is a big one for long-suffering Cubs fans — it has fielded three World Series winners in the last decade.

Robert Garcia, a 38-year-old Chicago teacher who came to a recent game decked out in a Cubs hat, jacket and clutching a scorecard and pencil he just bought, said the essence of Wrigley will remain with new technology.

“When you come in and look down you still see the ivy, you still see the bleachers,” he said.

Even Darryl Wilson, who has been working the manual scoreboard for 23 years, has no objection to all the new technology, including a new video scoreboard.

“I hope they don’t think I can keep up with that scoreboard,” he said.

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## Directly from the Dugout

### ■ The Rangers are back on top.

BY ZAC GREEN  
For The Pampa News

The Texas Rangers are back on top of the American League West after sweeping their division foe Oakland Athletics. Before that series, the Rangers took two out of three from the Chicago White Sox and three out of four from the Seattle Mariners.

It may not come as a surprise to many Rangers fans to see their beloved team on top of the division, but what may be a surprise is how little it has to do with offense and how much it has to do with pitching. The offense does just enough to help out their pitcher each game to get the win.

Martin Perez has been stellar for the Rangers. After going 10-6 with a 3.62 era last year and a little time back in AAA, it was expected of Perez to come back and perform well this season. And that he has.

Perez' first start only

lasted 5 and 2/3 innings, but he limited the Phillies to two runs. After his second start, fans would begin to get nervous. He allowed four runs over 6 and a 1/3 innings pitched. Since then, Perez has shut out the Astros, White Sox and Athletics. The shutout of the Astros was only eight innings, but the latter two were complete game shutouts. In his first two starts, he gave up 15 hits and 6 runs. In his last three starts he has given up 11 hits and no runs.

Another good pitching note is that Matt Harrison will be returning from the DL (disabled list) on Sunday. This will only leave Derek Holland as a starter still spending time on the DL.

One of the better starters for the Rangers has been Robbie Ross, who hit a rough patch in his start Sunday, allowing seven runs, four of which that were earned, and seven

hits. Hopefully that was just a bad start and Ross will get back to his rhythm in his next start.

Colby Lewis proved to Rangers' fans on Saturday that his first start back from the DL was just like many other infamous pitchers' first start back from the DL. Lewis limited the White Sox to one run on six hits and picked up the win for the Rangers.

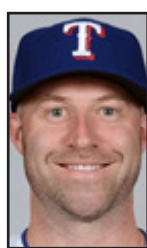
But perhaps the biggest storyline for the Rangers is the guys on offense who are not household names but are performing at a great rate and helping the Rangers.

Kevin Kouzmanoff, Adrian Beltre's fill-in, has hit .362 in 47 at-bats, homered twice and knocked in 10 RBIs.

Josh Wilson, one of Jurickson Profar's fill-ins, has hit .325 in 40 at-bats, stole four bases and knocked in six RBIs.

Robinson Chirinos has been the backup to J.P. Arencibia, but he has been performing better than his teammate at catcher.

Have Rangers fans forgotten that Beltre is still on the DL? After winning



Kevin Kouzmanoff

eight of their last ten, many might have forgotten he hasn't been in the lineup. Well he has been and good

news, he's back Friday to help take on Seattle.

Robbie Ross (1-1, 2.31 ERA) faces off against Roenis Elias (1-2, 3.22 ERA) in Friday night's opener. Elias pitched very well against the Rangers recently when he held them to one run on five hits.

It was the first time the Rangers had ever faced Elias, sometimes when it is the first time batters have seen a pitcher, the pitcher will have more success than normal. Ross hopes to repeat his last time against Seattle and not his last start.

He limited the Mariners to no runs on five hits in his start against them. I predict that the Rangers will do better against Elias and win this one.

Last time these two



Josh Wilson

teams met, fans were blessed with a pitching duel between Yu Darvish and Felix Hernandez. Well, Saturday

it will be Hernandez (3-1, 2.04 ERA) going against Lewis (1-1, 4.22 ERA). Hernandez only allowed one run against the Rangers in his start recently, but the Mariners came up short as Texas scored two in the 9th to take the walk-off win.

Lewis will be out to prove to the Mariners that they don't have his number and he was just working off some rust. I predict a pitcher's duel, not as great as Darvish-Hernandez, but still a low scoring, bullpen deciding game. I give the edge to the Mariners only because Hernandez is a better pitcher on paper than Lewis. It really could go either way.

Matt Harrison (0-0, 0.00 ERA) gets his first start of the season Sunday against

Erasmus Ramirez (1-3, 6.75 ERA). The Rangers ate Ramirez for lunch the last time they faced him and he lasted only two innings, while giving up five runs. Harrison in his career has had great success against the Mariners with a 1.46 ERA to go along with an 8-1 record. If Harrison doesn't suffer Lewis-like rust on Sunday, the Rangers should be able to handle this one.

The Rangers stand at 14-8 atop the AL West. The Athletics are second at 13-8. The Los Angeles Angels are sitting in third at 10-11. After the Mariners' hot start, they have really cooled down. They have fallen all the way to third place at 8-13. The Astros bring up the cellar at 7-15.

Other division action will be Oakland v. Houston in a four game series that started Thursday and Los Angeles v. New York Yankees in a three game series that starts tonight as well as the Rangers-Mariners series.

After a 4-5 start, the Rangers have gone 10-3 and hope to continue at that pace to stay atop the AL West.

## Mavs roll past Spurs 113-92, even series at one a piece

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Blowing their playoff opener turned out to be great therapy for the Dallas Mavericks.

Eighth-seeded Dallas rolled to a 113-92 victory over San Antonio on Wednesday night, snapping a 10-game skid against the Spurs and evening their first-round series at a game apiece.

Dallas didn't relent in Game 2 after watching a 10-point lead evaporate in the final eight minutes of the series opener Sunday.

"Game 1 actually helped a lot more than today," Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki said. "We were down after Game 1, but in this building to be up 10 with six or seven minutes left, I think that gave us a lot of confidence coming into this one. Just keep executing the game plan."

It was Dallas' first playoff victory since June 12, 2011, when it rebounded from an 0-2 deficit to defeat the Miami Heat for the NBA title.

If not for the final eight minutes of the series opener, the Mavericks would have a 2-0 lead entering Game 3 on Saturday.

"It feels great, but it's

nothing to celebrate," Dallas point guard Jose Calderon said. "I think we have to keep doing what we're doing. I think we played two really good games."

In Game 2, the Mavericks used an aggressive offense and a brutal defensive effort that discombobulated the normally even-keeled Spurs, who finished the regular season with the league's best record.

Monta Ellis scored 21 points, Shawn Marion added 20 points, Nowitzki had 16, Devin Harris had 18 and Calderon 12 for Dallas, which never trailed after the opening minutes of the second quarter.

Manu Ginobili had 27 points, Tony Parker added 12 and Tim Duncan 11 for the Spurs, who did not have any other player score more than seven points.

"They beat us in every aspect of the game," Ginobili said. "They played harder. Our defense was soft (and) not as aggressive as theirs. Not that I don't expect them to play hard. We know they are a tough team, but having such a poor performance in the playoffs bothers me."

San Antonio's ineptness had as much to do with tying the series as Dallas' stellar play. The Spurs averaged 14.4 turnovers during the regular season, but had 15 with 3 minutes left in the first half. They finished with 24 turnovers, which resulted in 33 points for the Mavericks.

"Just being very active," Ellis said. "Not put them on the free-throw line. Trust that the help was going to be there. We locked in to the game plan that we had. They made some careless turnovers. That was good for us."

Dallas was extremely physical in the first half whenever Parker and Ginobili drove the lane.

"NBA playoff games are physical," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "If you don't have the right kind of posture and disposition, you're going to get knocked back on your heels and your butt and tonight we did a better job of hitting first in some of those instances."

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich was dismayed early when no fouls were called — not that it mattered when they were. San Antonio finished 18 for 29 on free throws.

"It's a bad combination to not play good defense at one end and give the ball up at the other end and not shoot free throws very well, either," Popovich said. "That's a bad combination at both ends of the floor. That means you get your butt kicked and that's what happened tonight."

Dallas also continued to crowd San Antonio's 3-point shooters. Aside from Ginobili's 5-for-6 shooting, the Spurs were 5 for 14 long range after going 3 for 17 in the opener.

"It's pretty frustrating," San Antonio wing Danny Green said. "They're doing a good job of getting, not just to me, but all our shooters; showing us a lot of respect. But we've got to find other ways to get it done. We can't rely on our Big Three to carry us every night. Got to find a way to get involved, push the pace offensively."

The Mavericks attacked the basket with the same intensity, finishing with 44 points. San Antonio pulled within 61-56 with 8:38 remaining in the third quarter when Kawhi Leonard made two of three free throws, but it was the closest it would get in the second half.

## Stars even with Ducks after 4-2 win in Game 4

DALLAS (AP) — The young Dallas Stars keep overcoming early 2-0 deficits. With their latest comeback in Game 4, they are now even with the top-seeded Anaheim Ducks.

Down in the series after losing the first two games in Anaheim, the Stars trailed by two goals in the first period Wednesday night before captain Jaime Benn started the comeback with an unassisted goal off a faceoff. Cody Eakin and Alex Goligoski later scored on Dallas' first two shots in the third period for a 4-2 victory.

"We've done that a lot and it's not something we like to do. Whether it's the start of games or obviously the start of the series," Eakin said. "Our captain kind of ignited us. And we started skating and playing the way we wanted to."

While the Stars overcame a two-goal deficit to win a playoff game for the first time in 10 years, Anaheim heads home for Game 5 with uncertainty about captain Ryan Getzlaf and questions about who will be in net Friday night.

Eakin skated the length of the ice, got around a sliding defender, closed his eyes and shot just before his stick got ripped out of his hands. His go-ahead goal with 13:38 left came before Goligoski scored on the Stars' next shot only 1:22 later, making it 4-2 and prompting the Ducks to pull rookie goalie Frederik Andersen.

"When you get the one goal and people start going crazy, it makes it easier

to get the next one and the next one and just keep battling," said Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen, who stopped 21 shots. "And we were lucky to get those goals. It's not easy to score four straight against that team."

Getzlaf was a surprise late scratch for Game 4 with an unspecified upper-body injury, and coach Bruce Boudreau would only say it was "a previous injury aggravated." What the coach refused to say was if it was related to the puck Getzlaf took the face in the series opener before playing Games 2 and 3 with a half-cage to protect the stitches just below his mouth.

Even without Getzlaf and Teemu Selanne, the 43-year-old franchise playoff leader who was a healthy scratch, the Ducks led 2-0 in the first period.

Bryan Allen scored on a shot from just inside the blue line, and Patrick Maroon knocked in the puck shot by Matthieu Perreault that hit Lehtonen's glove and fell over the goalie's shoulder behind him.

But only 27 seconds into the second period, Benn scored when he gathered the puck after a faceoff and quickly shot. About 6 minutes later, Vernon Fiddler managed to get the puck in a small gap between the post and Andersen to tie it at 2.

Just like Game 3, after which the Ducks insisted that the Stars went over their line with their over-aggressive approach, there were plenty of scrums Wednesday night.

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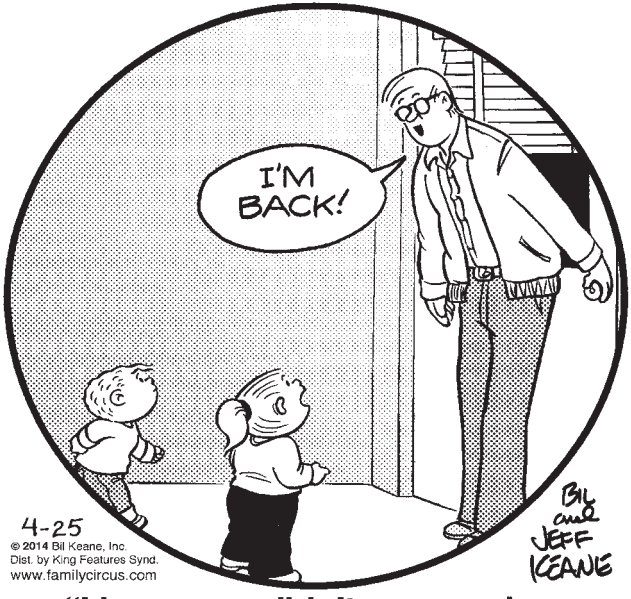
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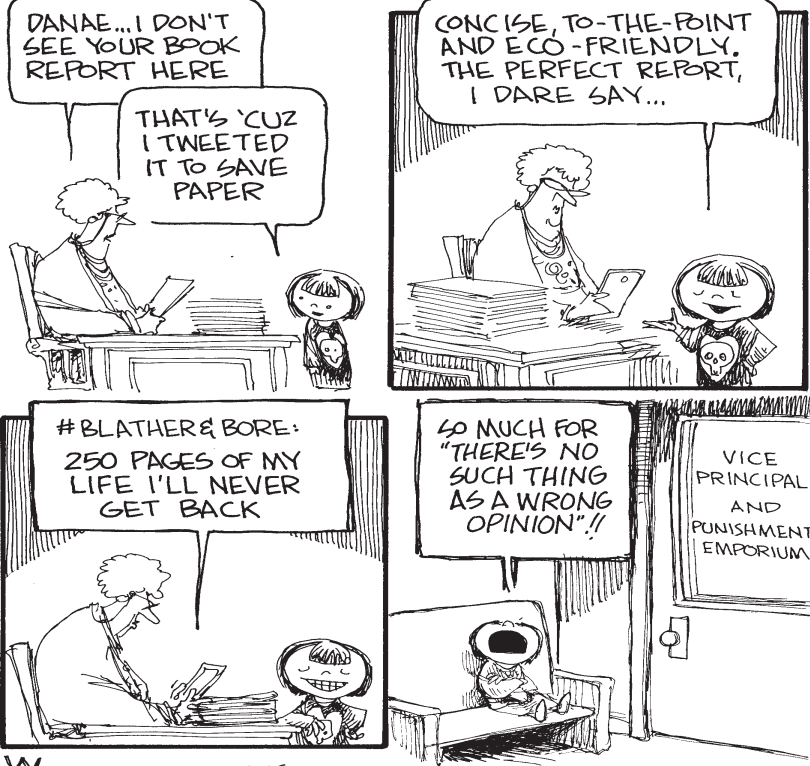


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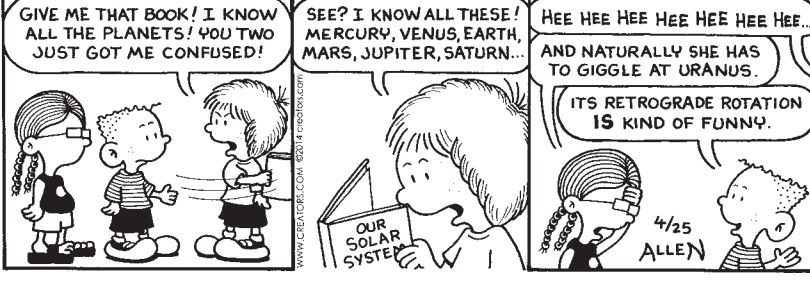
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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, April 26, 2014:  
This year you have a very active dream life, and your imagination often takes off on wild flights of fancy. You will need to demonstrate self-discipline in order to stay present at work and/or in other important situations. If you are single, you often meet people, but quickly lose interest. Don't be concerned -- you will know when you meet the right person. A love of music might draw you to that person. If you are attached, the two of you might opt for a major change involving your digs. You could remodel or decide to move to a long-desired place. ARIES might say little, but he or she understands you well.

**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)**  
★★★★ Appreciate the weekend, and make it an enjoyable time for you as well as others. Somewhere in the recesses of your mind, you have a desire to do something rather offbeat. Be willing to share the adventure. Tonight: Surround yourself with good music and friends.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ The best intentions can fall to the wayside when you decide to change your plans. Indulge yourself and a need to be quieter than you originally thought. Your instincts point to inviting a special person over. Why not give him or her a call? Tonight: Play it easy, but enjoy the moment.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ You might want to question some basic tenets presented by a boss or higher-up. You could feel as if a long-term dream isn't grounded. Choose to be flexible with the moment. A partner or dear loved one is instrumental to your plans. Tonight: Follow the music.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Keep seeking out answers until you are satisfied with a situation surrounding an older loved one. Reach out to a friend or loved one at a distance. You might make plans very soon to meet, perhaps somewhere halfway between your homes. Tonight: Paint the town red.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ A loved one will want to take charge and handle the plans. You could be surprised at how a personal matter resolves itself. Now you can make time for a friend or older relative, even if it is just

a lengthy chat on the phone. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ You could discover how important a close friend is to you. Not only does the caring flow, but this person also makes your life easier. Don't share your special time together with anyone else right now. You'll want to relate on a one-on-one level. Tonight: A close encounter.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Others could be so domineering that you might want to run away. You have not been in the best of moods, and perhaps you'd prefer to spend some quiet, relaxing time with someone you enjoy. Be direct in how you handle a difficult person. Tonight: Choose for you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Start working on a project that you have been putting off for some time. You might not be sure what the best way to handle a problem is. Try to avoid conflict, and don't escalate irritation over the existing issue. Tonight: Relax -- you can choose to stay home.

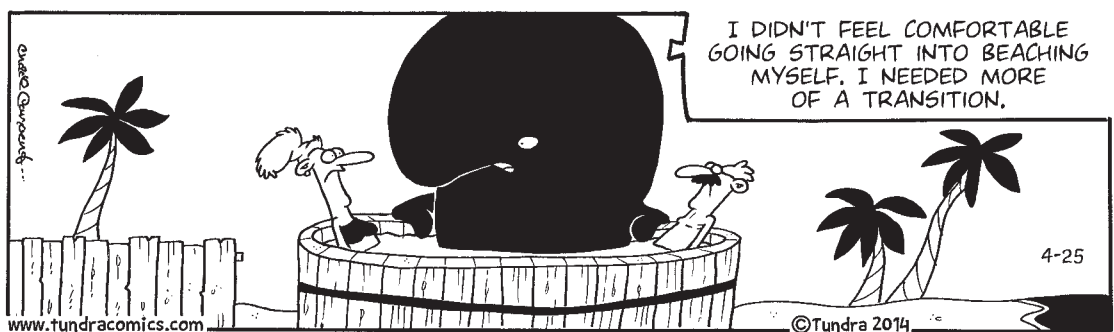
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Stay centered, and remain sure about what you want from a domestic matter. You have a vision of what should be happening, but it might not conform to reality. Have a practical discussion with someone who has similar values. Tonight: Flex with someone's wild idea.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ You'll want to stay centered when having an important discussion. You have a vision of what you want, but you need to communicate it. Don't be surprised if someone asks you whether you are serious. After all, you usually are very practical. Tonight: Invite friends over for a pizza.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Your idea of what might be possible could change as you attempt to carry out a long-desired plan. Discussions will be animated, and they'll attract others' attention. Listen to someone you consider conservative yet full of good ideas. Tonight: Share a new interest.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You'll start with the best intentions, as you might want to add a couple of new items to your home or wardrobe. What starts out as a good plan could evolve into a major shopping spree. An idea you have might inspire you to want more. Tonight: Meet friends for dinner.

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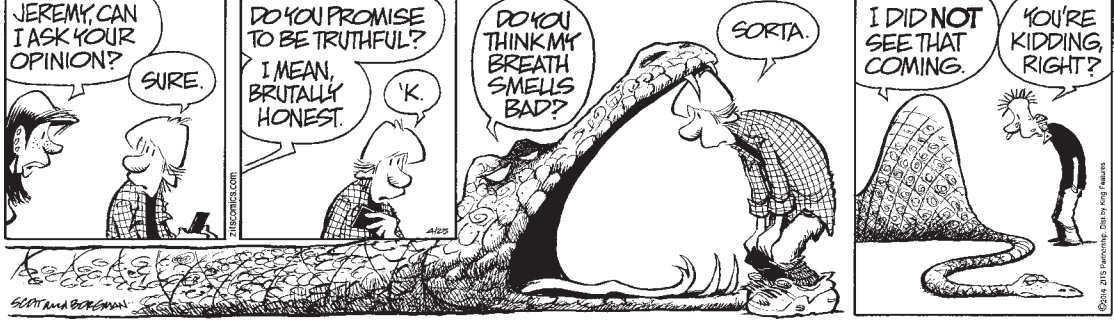
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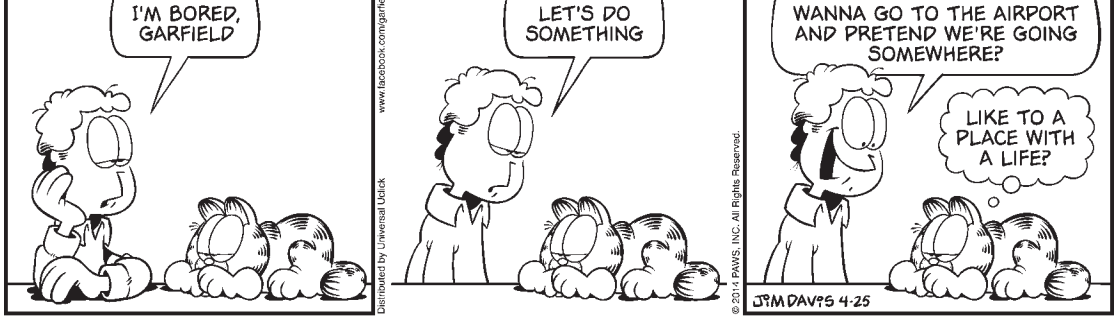
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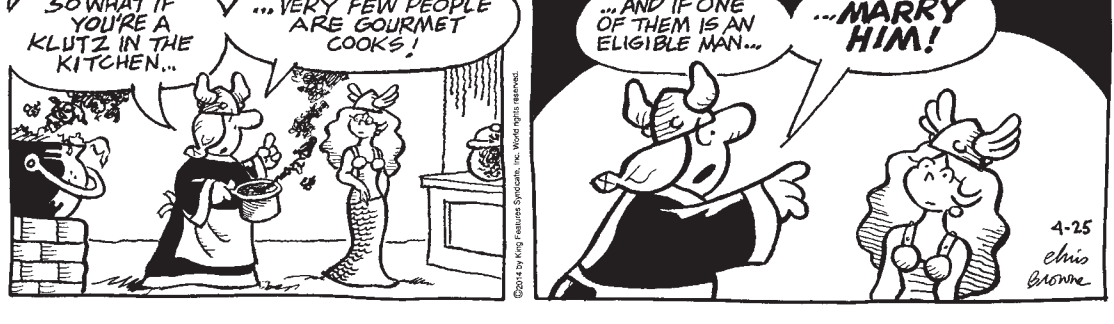
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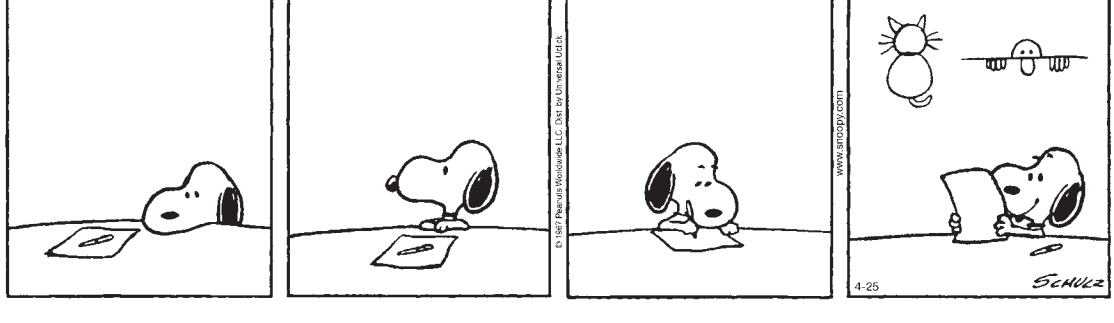
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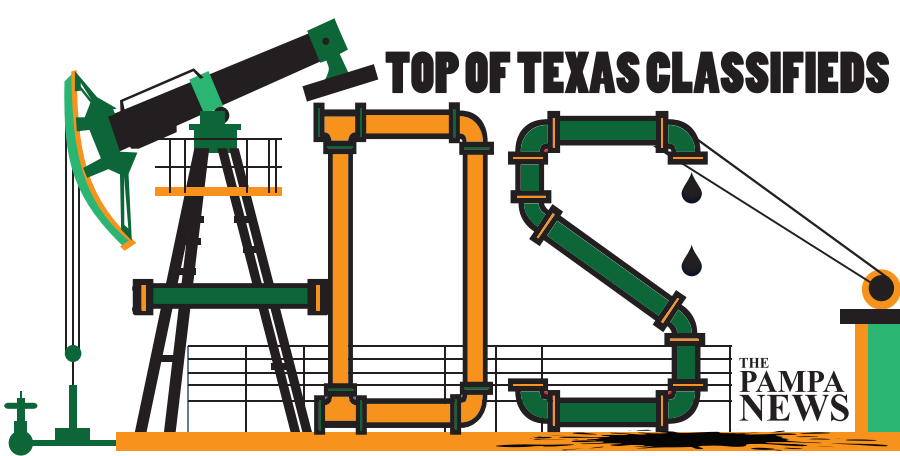


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### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in a loving relationship with another woman. My family has been harsh in their remarks to me, saying they would rather I was dead than doing this, or that I should move away if this is the way I am going to live.

I have been married twice. Neither marriage worked out. During my childhood, I was molested by a family member. Since then, I have been scared of men and don't want to be around them. I have had crushes on women in the past, but didn't tell my family because I'm a 30-year-old adult and I felt it was none of their business.

I keep asking myself if my attraction to my lover was a choice, but I don't remember "choosing" this. All I remember is falling for her and not wanting to look back. Should I end this relationship and live alone forever? I never want to be with another man as long as I live. -- ACHING IN AMARILLO

DEAR ACHING: Because your family is so unaccepting of your sexual orientation, it would be interesting to know how they view your molester. Did you tell anyone what happened, and did you receive counseling about it? If the answer is you didn't, then PLEASE consider getting some now to help you deal with any residual issues because you appear to have a few -- like your fear of and aversion to all men.

What your family said was cruel and un-called-for. It's apparent they know nothing about homosexuality. There is a chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) about two hours away from your community, located in Lubbock. You can find it online at pflaglubbock.org. It can provide information to help you build bridges of understanding with your family.

Assuming the feelings you have for this woman are reciprocated, the two of you might be happier moving to a community that is more welcoming. Texas is a big, diverse state and Dallas, Houston or Austin might be a better fit for you.

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DEAR BEYOND: The first thing you should do about this "craving" is learn all you can about birth control and self-control, because the "perfect sex-crazed boyfriend" could get you -- and himself -- into a world of trouble. At 13, you should be focused on sports and getting into and out of high school with a diploma.

Whoever told you you are mature for your age must have meant physically, because when a girl's No. 1 desire in the world is sex appeal and a sex-crazed boyfriend, it is not a sign of EMOTIONAL maturity.

DEAR ABBY: Last year I made a beautiful welcome wreath for my friend to hang on her front door. After all this time, it's still sitting in a box in her basement. If she doesn't like it, I would like to ask for it back, so I can use and enjoy it. Abby, can I do this? What could I say? -- LORRIE IN FLORIDA

DEAR LORRIE: It has always been my belief that once a gift has been given, it's inappropriate to ask for it back. However, if you feel comfortable enough with your friend to do so, tell her exactly what you told me: That since she has never used the wreath, you would like to have it for your own front door.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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# Measles off to a fast start, as cases trend up

NEW YORK (AP) — Health officials are worried about recent U.S. measles outbreaks that so far have caused more illnesses than at the same point of any year since 1996. Authorities say 129 cases in 13 states were reported by mid-April, the bulk of them in California and New York City. Most were triggered by travelers who caught the virus abroad and spread it in the United States among unvaccinated people. Many of the travelers had been to the Philippines, where a recent measles epidemic has caused at least 20,000 illnesses.

The U.S. numbers remain relatively tiny, but officials are worried to see case counts growing. Since 2000, the highly contagious disease has been considered eliminated in the United States, aside from occasional small outbreaks sparked by overseas travelers. For most of the last decade, the nation was seeing

only about 60 cases a year. But since 2010, the average has been nearly 160. "This increase in cases may be a 'new normal,' unfortunately," said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease expert at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Contributing to the problem: Decades of measles vaccination campaigns have been so successful that many doctors have never seen a case, don't realize how contagious it is, and may not take necessary steps to stop it from spreading.

Among the 58 cases reported from California, at least 11 were infected in doctor's offices, hospitals or other health-care settings, according to a report released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. New York City health officials say two of their 26 cases were infected in medical facilities. "It's a shock to younger

physicians that their own waiting room or emergency room is where people can get measles," said the CDC's Dr. Anne Schuchat. Also on Thursday, a medical journal — the *Annals of Internal Medicine* — released a commentary warning doctors to prevent that kind of situation. "We must ensure that our facilities do not become centers for secondary measles transmission," wrote Dr. Julia Shaklee Sammons, an infectious disease specialist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She urged doctors who suspect a measles case to place the patient in an isolation room with special ventilation that keeps the air from circulating around the building. Doctors and nurses should also wear surgical masks or respirators to protect themselves from getting infected, and to ask the infected patient to wear a surgical mask too. The measles virus spreads

easily through the air, and in closed rooms. Infected droplets can linger for up to two hours after the sick person leaves. It causes a fever, runny nose, cough and a rash all over the body. In rare cases, measles can be deadly, and is particularly dangerous for children. Infection can also cause pregnant women to have a miscarriage or premature birth. Before a vaccine became available about 50 years ago, nearly all children got measles by their 15th birthday. In those days, nearly 500 Americans died from measles each year. A bad resurgence of measles hit the nation in 1989 to 1991, when 55,000 cases were reported. That flood of cases was blamed on a widespread failure to vaccinate uninsured children. In reaction, the federal government started a program in 1994 to pay for vaccines for kids who are

uninsured, in the Medicaid program, or meet other criteria. In a report released Thursday, CDC officials estimated that the program and other childhood vaccination efforts will prevent 322 million illnesses and 732,000 premature deaths over the course of the lifetimes of children born in the years 1994 through 2013. Wrapped into that estimate are 71 million measles cases, nearly 9 million measles hospitalizations and 57,000 measles deaths. There has been no measles deaths reported in the U.S. since 2003. "But the way we're going, we feel it (another) is inevitable," Schuchat said. Today, the measles vaccination rate is above 95 percent for children of kindergarten age. But there has been a small but growing trend of parents seeking exemptions for their children from school-entry vaccination requirements for

religious or philosophical reasons. Other parents have tried to space out, or delay, measles vaccinations because of fears that the shot will trigger autism or other problems. Measles outbreaks are more common in communities where such beliefs are more common, experts say. "It's often concentrated there. Folks who think similarly tend to live in the same neighborhood or attend the same religious organization," Schaffner said. The CDC national tally may already be outdated. Also on Thursday, Ohio officials announced a new cluster of 13 suspected cases in rural Knox County. At least three traveled to the Philippines last month on a religious humanitarian mission. About 17 percent of U.S. cases this year were vaccinated. Health officials say that although the vaccine is very effective, it's not perfect.

## NRA seeks universal gun law at national meeting

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — With concealed weapons now legal in all 50 states, the National Rifle Association's focus at this week's annual meeting is less about enacting additional state protections than on making sure the permits already issued still apply when the gun owners travel across the country. The nation's largest gun-rights group, which officially opens its meeting of about 70,000 people Friday in Indianapolis, wants Congress to require that concealed weapons permits issued in one state be recognized everywhere, even when the local requirements differ. Advocates say the effort would eliminate a patchwork of state-specific regulations that lead to carriers unwittingly violating the law when traveling. "Right now it takes some legal research to find out where you are or are not legal depending on where you are," said Guy Relford, an attorney who has sued communities for violating an Indiana law that bars local gun regulation. "I don't think that's right."

amended into last year's proposed expansion of gun sale background checks. Still, it faces long odds in Washington because Democrats control the Senate and White House. Following a federal judge's ruling striking down Illinois' ban on concealed weapons, the Legislature last summer passed the nation's final law allowing them. Illinois is among at least 10 states that currently don't recognize permits issued elsewhere, according to the NRA's website. Most others recognize permits from only a portion of the other states. NRA spokesman Andrew Arulanandam noted that gun laws vary widely, with some states requiring strict background checks and a handful not even requiring a permit to carry a concealed weapon. "It is vital because crime can and does happen anywhere," Arulanandam said. "Just because an individual or a family crosses one state boundary to another doesn't mean they are immune to crime."

who knowingly publish the names of gun permit holders. He angered gun-control supporters in 2010 when he approved a law allowing concealed handguns in churches, synagogues and mosques. Pence has been less forthcoming about his stance on gun rights since becoming governor in 2012 but signed a measure this year allowing guns in locked vehicles on school property. Led by Obama, gun-control advocates called for background checks for all gun purchasers and a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines following the Sandy Hook shootings. But a divided Congress denied the calls for change. Republicans could pass some sort of reciprocity bill next year if they retake the Senate. However, Obama would almost certainly veto it, and the votes likely wouldn't be there to override the veto. An Associated Press-GfK poll in December found 52 percent of Americans favored stricter gun laws, 31 percent wanted them left as they are and 15 percent said they should be loosened. Besides reciprocity, the organization also is seeking the right to carry legally owned guns on college campuses, which is prohibited in 27 states and the District of Columbia. NRA members have been vocally opposed to the appointment of Supreme Court justices deemed as sympathetic to gun control and have spoken out against an international treaty aimed at stemming the illegal weapons trade because they fear it could restrict civilian gun ownership. Gun control remains the chief concern of the NRA and its members. The old bumper sticker adage that "If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns," still strikes a chord with many NRA members. "The laws are already there," said Allen Rumble, a Carmel, Ind., financial consultant with lifetime NRA membership. "Criminals don't follow rules."

## Tiny Pacific nation sues 9 nuclear-armed powers

NEW YORK (AP) — The tiny Pacific nation of the Marshall Islands is taking on the United States and the world's eight other nuclear-armed nations with an unprecedented lawsuit demanding that they meet their obligations toward disarmament and accusing them of "flagrant violations" of international law. The island group that was used for dozens of U.S. nuclear tests after World War II filed suit Thursday against each of the nine countries in the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands. It also filed a federal lawsuit against the United States in San Francisco, naming President Barack Obama, the departments and secretaries of defense and energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration. The Marshall Islands claims the nine countries are modernizing their nuclear arsenals instead of negotiating disarmament, and it estimates that they will spend \$1 trillion on those arsenals over the next decade. "I personally see it as kind of David and Goliath, except that there are no slingshots involved," David Krieger, president of the California-based Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, told The Associated Press. He is acting as a consultant in the case. There are hopes that other countries will join the legal effort, he said. The countries targeted also include Russia, Britain, France, China, Israel, India, Pakistan and North Korea. The last four are not parties to the 1968 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, but the lawsuits argue they are bound by its provisions under "customary international law." The nonproliferation treaty, considered the cornerstone of nuclear disarmament efforts, requires negotiations among countries in good faith on disarmament. None of the countries had been informed in advance of the lawsuits. Spokespeople from the U.S. Embassy in the Netherlands said they could not immediately comment. Paul Hirschson, a spokes-

man for the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said he was unaware of the lawsuit, however "it doesn't sound relevant because we are not members of the nuclear nonproliferation treaty." "It sounds like it doesn't have any legal legs," he said about the lawsuit, adding that he was not a legal expert. The Marshall Islands were the site of 67 nuclear tests by the United States over a 12-year period, with lasting health and environmental impacts. "Our people have suffered the catastrophic and irreparable damage of these weapons, and we vow to fight so that no one else on earth will ever again experience these atrocities," the country's foreign minister, Tony de Brum, said in a statement announcing the lawsuits. The country is seeking action, not compensation. It wants the courts to require that the nine nuclear-armed states meet their obligations. "There hasn't been a case where individual governments are saying to the nuclear states, 'You are not complying with your disarmament obligations,'" John Burroughs, executive director of the New York-based Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy, part of the international pro bono legal team, told the AP. "This is a contentious case that could result in a binding judgment." Several Nobel Peace Prize winners are said to support the legal action, including South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Iranian-born rights lawyer Shirin Ebadi. "We must ask why these leaders continue to break their promises and put their citizens and the world at risk of horrific devastation," Tutu said in the statement announcing the legal action. The Marshall Islands is asking the countries to accept the International Court of Justice's jurisdiction in this case and explain their positions on the issue. The court has seen cases on nuclear weapons before. In the 1970s, Australia and

New Zealand took France to the court in an effort to stop its atmospheric nuclear tests in the Pacific. The idea to challenge the nine nuclear-armed powers came out of a lunch meeting in late 2012 after the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation gave the Marshall Islands foreign minister a leadership award, Krieger said. "I've known Tony long time," he said. "We both have had a strong interest for a long time in seeing action by the nuclear weapons states." Frustration with the nuclear-armed states has grown in recent years as action toward disarmament appeared to stall, Burroughs and Krieger said. "One thing I would point to is the U.S. withdrawal in 2002 from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty; that cast a shadow over future disarmament movement," Krieger said. The treaty originally had bound the U.S. and the Soviet Union. "One other thing, in 1995, the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty had a review and was extended indefinitely. I think the nuclear states party to the treaty felt that once that happened, there was no longer pressure on them to fulfill their obligations." In 1996, the International Court of Justice said unanimously that an obligation existed to bring the disarmament negotiations to a conclusion, Burroughs said. Instead, "progress toward disarmament has essentially been stalemated since then," he said. Some of the nuclear-armed countries might argue in response to these new lawsuits that they've been making progress in certain areas or that they support the start of negotiations toward disarmament, but the Marshall Islands government is likely to say, "Good, but not enough" or "Your actions belie your words," Burroughs said. The Marshall Islands foreign minister has approached other countries about filing suit as well, Krieger said. "I think there has been some interest, but I'm not sure anybody is ready."

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## Seahawks to open NFL season vs. Packers

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike McCarthy promises there won't be any bad memories plaguing his Green Bay Packers when they open the NFL season on Sept. 4 at Super Bowl champion Seattle.

The last time Green Bay visited CenturyLink Field was in Week 3 of the 2012 season, a 14-12 Seahawks victory clinched on what now is often dubbed the "Fail Mary." Russell Wilson's desperation pass on the final play was called a touchdown reception for Golden Tate by the replacement officials.

A few days later, the lockout of the regular officials ended.

"This game won't be about the past," he said. "It will be about the 2014 Green Bay Packers."

It's the third straight season the Packers have traveled to face the defending Super Bowl champions.

"It's a tremendous opportunity for our football team," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said. "We have experience playing in the kickoff opener three years ago, and we will draw on that. Obviously, being the visiting team this time presents new challenges. It will help sharpen our focus even more during training camp and the preseason."

That Thursday game is the first of four prime-

time games on opening weekend. Also at night will be a Sunday matchup of AFC champion Denver and Peyton Manning hosting his former team, Indianapolis; and a Monday night doubleheader with the New York Giants at Detroit, followed by San Diego at Arizona.

The NFL will play three games in London: Dolphins-Raiders on Sept. 28; Lions-Falcons on Oct. 26; and Cowboys-Jaguars on Nov. 9. The Detroit-Atlanta game will kick off at 9:30 a.m. ET in an experiment to test the NFL's audience draw on a Sunday morning.

A Saturday doubleheader

in Week 16 has San Diego at San Francisco and Philadelphia at Washington.

For the first time, games in Weeks 5 through 10 can be flexed from Sunday afternoon to night, with a limit of two. Beginning with Week 11, a Sunday game can be moved to prime time each week. Also, a select number of Sunday afternoon games are being "cross-flexed," moving between CBS and Fox to potentially draw more viewers.

The Thanksgiving tripleheader features three strong division rivalries: Chicago at Detroit, Philadelphia at Dallas, and Seattle at San Francisco, a

rematch of the memorable NFC title game last January.

That game will be played in the 49ers' new stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., which opens in Week 2 when they host Chicago in a Sunday night match.

Looking for the latest installment of Manning vs. Tom Brady? The Patriots host it on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 2.

And for those looking for the rematch of the Super Bowl, Seattle's 43-8 rout of Denver, it's on Sept. 21 at Seattle. Denver opens the season against three 2013 playoff teams: Indianapolis and Kansas City at home, then at the

Seahawks.

"I think when you look at it, we have to start fast," Broncos general manager John Elway said. "We knew it was going to be a tough schedule playing the NFC West, and when we finish first in our division like we have the past three years, it is always going to be a tough schedule with a lot of good football teams on it."

Bye weeks begin in Week 4 when Arizona, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Seattle and St. Louis are off. They end in Week 12 when Carolina and Pittsburgh are idle.

The season ends Dec. 28 with all divisional games.

## Cowboys' playoff fate likely to be settled on road

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will have to be a good road team if they're even in position to end a four-year playoff drought in 2014.

Dallas finishes the season with four of six games away from home, including all three NFC East rivals. The finale is at Washington on Dec. 28.

The Cowboys open the season at their \$1.2 billion stadium against San Francisco on Sept. 7. After going to Tennessee and St. Louis, Dallas plays five out of six games at home.

The bye will come after the trip to London to face Jacksonville on Nov. 9. The Cowboys play consecutive Thursday games on Thanksgiving against Philadelphia and the following week at Chicago.

The home game in the four-game finishing stretch is Indianapolis on Dec. 21.

**Chiefs to open season Sept. 7 vs Tennessee**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Chiefs will have to get used to playing

away from Arrowhead Stadium.

Kansas City opens the season at home against Tennessee on Sept. 7, and then has just one more home game over the first seven weeks — the Patriots visit on Sept. 29.

Otherwise, the Chiefs will be taking trips to Denver, Miami, San Francisco and San Diego along with having a week off during the first half of the season.

The NFL announced the schedules for all teams Wednesday night.

If the Chiefs can navigate their early road swing, they'll have an opportunity to finish strong at home. They welcome cross-state rival St. Louis on Oct. 26, and play home games against Seattle, Denver and Oakland before wrapping the regular season against San Diego on Dec. 28.

**Colts open season at Manning's Broncos**

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis will open this season at AFC champion Denver in a Sunday

night showdown pitting quarterback Peyton Manning against his former team.

It's the second time Manning has faced the Colts. Indy won the first meeting, 39-33, in October.

It's one of four prime-time games for the defending AFC South champs, who received their scheduled Wednesday.

Indy opens the season Sept. 7, then hosts Philadelphia in a Monday night game Sept. 15. The Colts will play at Houston in a Thursday night game Oct. 9 and will host New England in another Sunday night game on Nov. 16.

The Colts also are scheduled for two late afternoon games, at Pittsburgh on Oct. 26 and at Dallas on Dec. 21.

**Saints schedule includes up to 5 night games**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Saints have as many as five night games on their 2014 regular season schedule, which begins with road games in

Atlanta and Cleveland.

The schedule, released Wednesday night, has New Orleans playing its home opener in Week 3 against Minnesota.

New Orleans will play at least four night games, starting with a Sunday night tilt at Dallas in Week 4.

The Saints also are slated to play a Thursday night game at Carolina in Week 9, a Monday night home game against Baltimore in Week 12 and another Monday night game at Chicago in Week 15.

In Week 8, the Saints are scheduled to play Sunday night at home against Green Bay, but that is subject to change by television broadcasters.

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  - Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
  - Sept. 28 Buffalo, 1 p.m.
  - Oct. 5 at Dallas, 1 p.m.
  - Oct. 9 Indianapolis, 8:25 p.m.
  - Oct. 20 at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.
  - Oct. 26 at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
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  - Dec. 7 at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
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  - Dec. 21 Baltimore, 1 p.m.
  - Dec. 28 Jacksonville, 1 p.m.



- Denver Broncos**
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  - Sept. 14 Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.
  - Sept. 21 at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
  - Sept. 28 BYE
  - Oct. 5 Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
  - Oct. 12 at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
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  - Oct. 23 San Diego, 8:25 p.m.
  - Nov. 2 at New England, 4:25 p.m.
  - Nov. 9 at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
  - Nov. 16 at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
  - Nov. 23 Miami, 4:25 p.m.
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- Dallas Cowboys**
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  - Sept. 28 New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
  - Oct. 5 Houston, 1 p.m.
  - Oct. 12 at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
  - Oct. 19 N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
  - Oct. 27 Washington, 8:30 p.m.
  - Nov. 2 Arizona, 1 p.m.
  - Nov. 9 at Jacksonville (London), 1 p.m.
  - Nov. 16 BYE
  - Nov. 23 at N.Y. Giants-x, 8:30 p.m.
  - Nov. 27 Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.
  - Dec. 4 at Chicago, 8:25 p.m.
  - Dec. 14 at Philadelphia-x, 8:30 p.m.
  - Dec. 21 Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.
  - Dec. 28 at Washington, 1 p.m.

x-subject to change  
 Flex scheduling may be applied after Week 5.

Editor's note: The NFL regular season will kick-off September 8 with the Super Bowl defending champions Seattle Seahawks hosting the Green Bay Packers in a rematch of the infamous "Fail Mary" game when the Seahawks defeated the Packers when replacement officials ruled a Russell Wilson Hail Mary interception a touchdown on a contested ball.



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# TALES from the TOP OF TEXAS

## Roswell: An out-of-world experience on the planet Earth

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**R**oswell. The fifth-largest city in New Mexico with about 48,000 residents located in the southern half of the state.

Although it is not in Texas, it is definitely an interest point for Texans because it is just an ear-shot away from the Texas Panhandle.

Until 1947, Roswell was not any different from other agriculture towns of the region. But in June of 1947, 75 miles northwest of Roswell in Corona, something crashed on a ranch and its “strange clusters of debris” was found in early July by a rancher working on the homestead.

While the stories have changed through time, the U.S. government declared that what was found were pieces of a weather balloon.

Even though the “crash site” was closer to Corona, it was Roswell’s Army Air Corps Field base which housed the studies of the objects. After being debunked as a weather balloon, the incident faded for many years until in 1978, Major Jesse Marcel (of the original debris recovery) suggested in an interview with ufologist Stanton T. Friedman that the military covered up the recovery of an alien spacecraft.

That interview opened up a whole other can of spaceworms, and now visiting Roswell feels like stepping into an episode of “The Twilight Zone.”

Roswell has prided itself on its extra-terrestrial history, adding a little green man to their city seal. It doesn’t just stop with city logos — one drag down Main Street and the businesses and retail shops are tagged with extra-terrestrial signage.

The city houses the International UFO Museum Research Center. The museum holds tons of documents containing information about the 1947 Roswell incident, as well as different sightings of UFOs both authentic and fabricated.

Along with the UFO museum, there are other Martian-themed things to do in Roswell, including UFO tours of the actual sites of the Roswell incident timeline and UFO gift shops.

If one is not visiting Roswell for its sci-fi background, there are art museums and nature parks in the surrounding area. Bottomless Lakes State Park and Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge may be points of interest.

The drive to Roswell take roughly four hours if U.S. Highway 60 is the primary route to Clovis before taking U.S. Highway 70. If you decide to visit there, be sure to remind E.T. to phone home.

