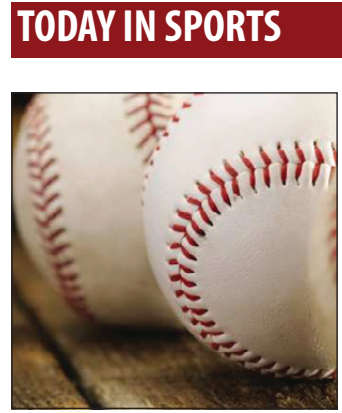


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Statewide gas price average holds steady



SUBMITTED BY AAA TEXAS
 Irving – Today's statewide average price at the pump is \$3.46 per gallon, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is the same as last week but 20 cents less per gallon than the national average which is now \$3.66. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in the Lone Star State, drivers in Dallas are paying the most at \$3.53 per gallon while drivers in Amarillo are paying the least at \$3.36 per gallon.
 Entering the summer months, AAA expects that drivers will experience little relief at the pump and prices are likely to remain near the range of last summer's prices. Continuing geopolitical concerns, major refinery disruptions, or a severe hurricane season could send gas price averages higher than anticipated, but the absence of such catalysts could allow prices to fall. Right now, drivers in Texas are paying about \$48 to fill up the typical AAA cont. on page 5

The carnival is in town!



Photos by Lindsey Tomaschik
 Summer has officially kicked off in Pampa as the carnival came to town this week. Pampanos of all ages look forward to the event when the school year comes to a close and this year has been no different. Through the heat, rain and shine, the carnival always has a good turnout. Tonight is its last night in town, so if you haven't had one of the famous giant turkey legs or taken a ride on the ferris wheel, now is your last chance until next year.

'Fathers and Floats' at the Amarillo Zoo

SUBMITTED BY AMARILLO ZOO
 From 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, the Amarillo Zoo will be hosting "Fathers and Floats."
 Attendees are invited to show how much they love their dad by bringing him out to the Amarillo Zoo on Saturday, June 14th between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. for a free 16-oz root-beer float! Dads can visit the Zoo's concession stand to receive their free float in honor of Father's Day weekend. Others can also purchase a root-beer float for \$2.50 (while supply lasts). Families can enjoy a day at the Zoo looking at the lions, tigers and lemurs and also visit the herpetarium and the education center. What a great way to spend the day with Dad!
Admission:
 Adults (13-61) \$4.00
 Senior (62 and up) \$3.00
 Children (3-12) \$2.00
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 The Zoo is located at NE 24th Ave and Dumas Highway inside Thompson Park. For more information be sure to visit the Zoo's website at www.amarillozoo.org or call (806) 381-7911.

Vacation Bible School schedules

SUBMITTED
VBS at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ set for June 8-11
 The Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ will be hosting a Vacation Bible School June 8-11. The church is across the street from the high school at 1342 Mary Ellen. VBS will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each night. The theme is "Promised Land or Bust," and it will deal with Moses leading the Israelites into the Promised Land. Also how the Israelites went from grumbling to being humbled by the journey.
 There will be two age groups open to the public.
 We will have a 5 to 7-year-old group and an 8 and older group. Following the Wednesday VBS there will be a hot dog supper for all participants and their families. The cost to attend the VBS is FREE.
 For more information or to sign up, call Zac Green at the church 806-665-0031 or send him an email at youth@mehcofc.org.
First Baptist Church of Pampa
 First Baptist Church of Pampa will be holding their Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to noon on June 16-20. The church has several activities planned for ages four years old to fifth grade. For more information call 699-1155. First Baptist Church in Pampa is located at 203 N. West St.

Severe weather keeps Amarillo on its heels

BY JOHN LEE
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AMARILLO — If residents of Amarillo weren't woken up early Friday morning they missed what was almost a life-threatening experience.
 At about 12:30 a.m. Friday morning, storms rapidly started firing up along the I-40 corridor and continued to rage across the Panhandle well into the sunrise hours Friday morning.
 The City of Amarillo received 1.34 inches of rain, but it was the hail across the area that was probably the bigger story.
 A potential tornado may have touched down at I-27 and McCormick Road which is between Amarillo and Canyon. The same cell produced hail at two-and-a-half inches in diameter.
 At about 1 a.m., the National Weather



Photos by John Lee
 They say that rainbows are God's way of promising to never destroy the Earth with a global flood again. While a rainbow's beauty cannot be matched, the Good Lord's artwork was on display Friday morning after thunderstorms raged across the I-40 corridor. These pictures were taken by editor John Lee on his way to work Friday morning. Lee lives in Amarillo and was awake Friday morning during the tornado warnings. He details the evening with an editorial on page 2.

DPS joins effort to inspect commercial vehicles

SUBMITTED
AUSTIN – Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers, inspectors and investigators will participate in intensified commercial vehicle inspections from June 3-5 as part of Roadcheck 2014, a nationwide three-day enforcement effort to increase motor carrier, vehicle, driver and cargo safety and security. DPS troopers will be on the lookout for 18-wheelers and buses with serious equipment violations and drivers not in compliance with state and federal requirements.
 "DPS is committed to making sure Texas roadways are safe for all travelers, and Roadcheck 2014 is another opportunity for us to continue our commitment promoting safe driving practices and compliance regarding commercial vehicles and their drivers," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "In order to reduce crashes and protect public safety, we call on all drivers – commercial and passenger – to obey traffic laws and avoid aggressive driving behaviors in the interest of saving lives and reducing serious injury."
 In addition to Roadcheck, DPS periodically carries out additional enforcement efforts in targeted areas where unsafe trucks or buses may be operating.
 During Roadcheck 2014, specially trained troopers and civilian personnel will inspect commercial vehicles for equipment violations involving
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Trapped in a closet with no access to the news during a storm

By JOHN LEE

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AMARILLO — Thursday night into Friday morning, I was woken up at 12:30 a.m. to the sound of rain and small hail pounding my window air conditioner unit. The lightning I could see through the sliver between the curtain and the window itself could only be matched by a Fourth of July firework display.

I got up to check my phone as I normally do when I learn about thunderstorms just to see what's going on. Since the Weather Channel app on my phone told me my area of Potter and Randall Counties were under a "SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING," I thought I would check the local stations for any indication of what was in store for the wee hours of the morning.

All I could find was "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" on one station and Chuck Norris, who is donning a mustache now, in his Total Gym infomercial.

Under the assumption everything was fine, I decided to try going back to sleep until I heard my phone go off one more time.

This time, just as I had thought would happen, it was my Weather Channel app informing me of a "TORNADO WARNING."

I woke my wife up, had her and my three dogs huddle into our small closet and cranked up the volume on my TV, which finally had John Harris and the KAMR weather crew on it.

But, the downfall of my love of Direct TV kicked in and we lost signal as the tornadic cells started to creep into Amarillo city limits.

If this was 20 years ago, I am pretty sure I would feel doomed; wondering what our fate would be, but thanks to smart phones and apps, I felt prepared. The following pictures, along with a few phone calls to Mom (who has SuddenLink) kept me safe and informed:

Apps with maps



This is NewsChannel10's weather map on their app which is free to download. I use this app all the time whether we are expecting nasty weather or not. It is like having your own Doppler Radar on the go.

This is not the only app with a built-in radar, of course. Apps like The Weather Channel, Weather Bug and local news media are great ways to stay informed and know where the storm activity is, or isn't, in your area.

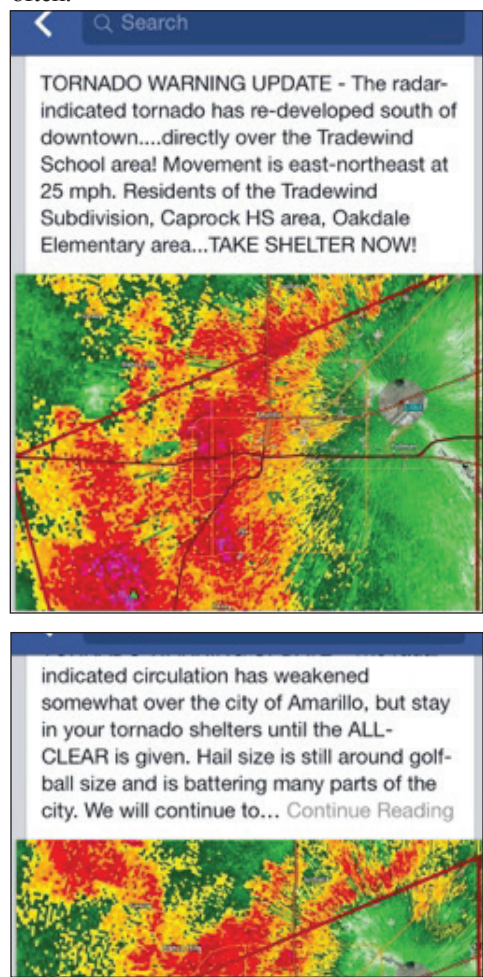
No TV? No Fears, use social media

Social media apps, like Twitter and Facebook, were my best friends while in our small closet.

On Twitter, it is best to follow any weather organization and local news media. (Weather Channel, the National Weather Service of Amarillo, etc.) on Twitter. It is their jobs to tweet about weather events. The NWS of Amarillo will tweet about local in the Texas Panhandle related to severe weather. The Weather Channel will even re-tweet viewer submitted photos so you can know what is happening.



While Twitter is a great resource, Facebook is still the king for local news media to get pictures of their radars for you to see. I knew there was tornadic activity over Tradewind Airport during the storm because ProNews7 was putting pictures of their Doppler radar often.



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Some other great apps to use that will keep you informed for any reason you are not near a TV are Radar Scope (\$10) and the Weather Radio. There is also a Tornado app from the Red Cross.

Ultimately the best thing for someone to do, and meteorologists will tell you this, is to buy a weather radio. The tornado sirens are not meant to be someone's alarm clock for tornados, they are meant to tell people outside to seek shelter.

Weather radios cost around \$30 in-store but could probably be found online cheaper and can be programmed to only tell you what's going on in your county or those surrounding. Weather radios are also battery-powered.

We are fortunate to live in a day and age when social media can act as a lifesaver sometimes.

Even after a weather event like Friday morning, you knew your family was safe because they had time to post on Facebook.

If you ever get stuck in a closet with no news to keep you informed, hopefully these social media and smart phone tips will help you out.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Sunday	Monday
High 83 Low 61	High 75 Low 60	High 75 Low 54

Today: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 83. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds east-southeast at 13 mph. Sunrise at 6:28 a.m.

Tonight: Thunderstorms with a low of 61. Chance of rain: 80 percent. Winds east-northeast at 15 mph. Sunset at 8:57 p.m.

Sunday: Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 75. Chance of rain: 50 percent. Winds east-northeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 6:28 a.m.

Sunday night: Thunderstorms with a low of 60. Chance of rain: 90 percent. Winds east at 9 mph. Sunset at 8:58 p.m.

Monday: Partly cloudy with a high of 75. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds north-northeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 6:28 a.m.

Monday night: Mostly clear with a low of 54. Winds north at 7 mph. Sunset at 8:58 p.m.

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Obituaries

Travis Johnston

Travis Johnston, 87, died June 4, 2014 in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 9, 2014, at First Christian Church, with Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor, officiating.



Travis Johnston

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson, Kansas, with military honors courtesy of U.S. Army, Fort Riley, Kan. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Johnston was born Sept. 19, 1926 in Tigress, Mo. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past 34 years, and retired from Amoco Oil Company after 34 years of service.

Travis was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He married Jo Ann Moore 65 years ago on March 20, 1949 in Hutchinson, Kan. He was a member of First Christian Church. Travis was an avid fisherman and enjoyed playing golf with the Seniors Golf Association at Hidden Hills Golf Course. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jane Vance; two brothers, Leroy Johnston and Charles Johnston, and a sister, Inez Cotter.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Johnston of the home; two daughters, Jean Gordon and husband Jim of Hutchinson, Kan., and Jill Osborn and husband Steve of Roanoke, Va.; two sons, Jim Johnston and wife Charla of McPherson, Kan., and Joe Johnston and wife Beth of Edmond, Okla.; a sister, Jewel Cook of Brownsville; a brother, Ben Jansen; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

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Richard Albert "Dick" Wilson

Richard Albert "Dick" Wilson, 85, died June 2, 2014 in Pampa.



Richard "Dick" Wilson

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Byron Williamson, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Wilson was born May 22, 1929 in Amarillo and was a 1947 graduate of Pampa High School. He graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a degree in pharmacy. Dick married Barbara Southard on Dec. 22, 1952 in Pampa. She preceded him in death in 1992.

He owned and operated Wilson Bell Drug in Pampa for many years, and also worked for Heard Jones Health Mart and B & B Pharmacy for several years. Dick was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean Conflict. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church. He loved horses, bowling, fishing, and was an excellent sharp shooter.

Survivors include a son, Stephen Wilson and Tammy Richardson of Pampa; a granddaughter, Lisa Wilson, of Cleveland, Ohio; a brother, James A. Wilson of Willis; sister-in-law, Anita Bell and husband John Lee Bell of Pampa; special friend and longtime companion, Ruth McBride of Pampa; and nephew, Shane Wilson.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

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

For the record

Pampa man arrested for public intoxication

STAFF REPORT

Arthur Medina, 46, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

Clifton Duane Norris, 49, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for insufficient bond — third or more driving while intoxicated offense.

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Bouncin' Around

Utensil history

As I reached for the old wooden fork to turn a piece of chicken I was cooking, I was brought back to watching Aunt Rose fixing her famous cheeseburgers in her tiny apartment kitchen. The fork is worn down on one side, and I have no idea how long she used this same fork in her cooking. When she passed away in 2003 at the age of



JUDITH SMITH

103, she left behind a history of delicious meals she prepared for my husband and his family, and later for our small family.

For a time, she was even a short-order cook at the local bowling center in Waukegan. I can still taste her German potato salad, but no one will ever make it like she did. I started looking through other utensils, and thinking about the stories they could tell if they could speak. Aunt Rose's butcher knife holds a place of honor in our knife holder and gets regular use.

The hand-held knife sharpener still keeps all my knives sharp, as it has for a few generations. There's the small metal fork with the wooden handle. My mom used that to scramble her eggs, which she called "scratched-up eggs." They were the lightest, fluffiest eggs you ever tasted and I've yet to duplicate their buttery flavor and texture.

The rubber spatula is only a couple of years old, but I have passed on to

my grandchildren the name Mom used to call it—"child cheater." Mom's rubber child cheater cleaned out bowls of frosting too well for an eager kid to get a taste.

The grater has seen many years of grated cheese, carrots, apples, and knuckles. The chopper has a long history. It was manufactured by the Foley Company of Minnesota, and Mom bought it when my oldest brother was born in 1938. When my husband and I were married in 1976, I wrote to Foley and told them I appreciated their high-quality merchandise.

I received a nice reply with the CEO's appreciation, saying that they had posted my letter for all to see, and they sent us a wedding gift of a set of measuring cups and spoons (which I still have and use daily!) The chopper gets a regular workout, and I don't think I could fix our grandchildren's favorite egg salad without it.

It has held up well with over 75 years of use, even though the wooden handle cracked in 2005 and had to be replaced by a friend who was a woodworker. My daughter has inherited most of her Grandma Oline's cookie-baking items. Oline baked thousands of delicious cookies over the years, and Catherine is following in her footsteps.

The Spritz cookie press still produces those little buttery cookies, and the figured stamps press out Melting Moments. The hand-operated egg beater still works, though it doesn't get as much use thanks

to more modern technology. Sadly, the cast iron pan that saw years of Danish Aebleskivers (a pancake ball) was lost in one of the moves our daughter made, but it saw a great run of nearly 100 years. And how could I forget the old wooden potato masher?

It looks more like a weapon than a kitchen tool, but Grandma used it to mash potatoes to a fluffy cloud way before electric mixers. The last item to mention here is my trusty pinafore apron (my British friends call it a "pinnie".) I'm not the world's neatest cook/baker, and this apron has saved many clothes from permanent stains.

I'm afraid that many of these kitchen utensils will drift forgotten to the back of a drawer until they end up in an antique store. The memories made while we as young children watched our mothers and grandmothers work their kitchen magic will stay with us, though.

Today's kids are growing up with Cuisinarts and computer-powered machines that do everything except to shop for the ingredients. But I hope they will still be making memories with someone in their kitchen.

My daughter and granddaughter often spend time together baking, and the grandkids and I enjoy fixing good things to eat at our house. What memories do you have, and what memories are you making?

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Letter to the Editor

A disgusting act of thievery

June 14, 2013, we birthed our first born and only son. The Lord blessed us with him for the most amazing 13 hours and five minutes. He passed away June 15, 2013.

On June 20, 2013, we placed him to rest here in Pampa, at the Fairview Cemetery. A cemetery is supposed to be a peaceful place to visit the loved ones that have gone before us. Each graveside is decorated with flowers, solar lights, stuffed animals and trinkets. These items are tenderly placed with love; gifts, if you will.

Recently, I went to visit my baby boy Liam, making sure that everything was still neatly in its place. As I climbed from the vehicle, my heart sank. "His turtles are gone!" (three: mommy, daddy and baby). My head swam dizzy with anger. Gone with them also, were two red Matchbox cars I gave him for Easter.

So many scenarios run through my head. Did someone get his turtles for Mother's Day? Did some juvenile give them to another? Did they like them so much they wanted them all to themselves? Was it a grown adult, that should have known better? Are they mockingly sitting in someone else's garden or yard?

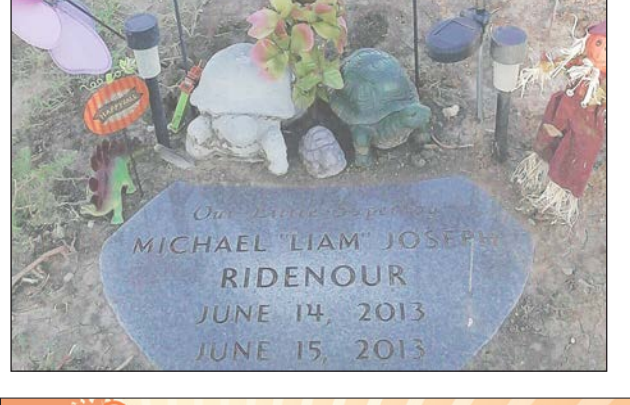
I've never been so disgusted in my life. I mean, WHO DOES THAT!?!? I don't know

if it was a kid trying to prove something to their peers. I'd hate to think an adult could have so much disrespect. I hope whoever has them are enjoying them. I hope they filled that emptiness. Whatever the point you were making. Apparently, you felt you needed them more than my son. So much so, the urge diminished you to nothing more than a thief.

A police report has been made, just to bring it to light that people are stealing from our dead. That is a low life thing to do! Who ever it is, you should be ashamed of yourself! That's not cool! Taking the time to steal three turtles from an innocent baby that wasn't even strong enough to make it in the world, says so much of your character: rude, disrespectful, immature, selfish, disgusting! I pray for you.

If there is anyone out there that knows of this incident, please, help. Return them, either to the place they belong or the police station. No questions asked. We were going to offer a reward, but decided against it for fears of starting a craze. The real reward is knowing you did the right thing. I will forgive you if they are returned. If not, may God have mercy.

**Heather Brantley
Pampa**



Selling political candidates is not like selling beer

You've heard the argument: About two-thirds of a total of \$5.19 billion spent on political advertising during the 2012 election year was spent on television. So selling a presidential candidate is really not that much



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different from selling a beer? No, they're entirely different.

For example, consider the matter of market share. If you were Bud Light, your 28.3 percent share of the U.S. beer market made you No. 1 and a landslide winner over Coors Light, which in the same year captured a respectable 9.9 percent market share.

Politics are a lot more unforgiving. In 1976, Republican President Gerald Ford won 49 percent of the "market share" and not only lost his job but also was summarily evicted from his place of residence. Not to mention Democrat Al Gore, who in 2000 won

50.27 percent of the two-party vote and was forced to go before the nation and concede to George W. Bush, his competitor who got a smaller "market share."

However, there's a much more important difference between the TV ads for a presidential candidate and those for any popular consumer product. The 2012 campaigns of President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, between them, bought approximately 1 million TV spots. But totally unlike TV spots for toothpaste or beer, nearly 90 percent of the expensive TV ads created and purchased for both Romney and Obama were negative commercials attacking the opponent.

You will never catch Budweiser buying costly TV time to warn us not to drink Heineken or Corona because they may make you fat, give you bad breath or even a hangover. It's not because the brewers are more noble and high-minded; it's because they know that such attack ads would inevitably hurt the

overall beer business.

Politics, with the possible exception of column writing, is the most imitative of art forms. In 2004, according to the Wesleyan Media Project, which keeps track of the data, 55 percent of Democrat John Kerry's TV ads were positive and about his own record, biography or agenda, while Republican George W. Bush's TV ads that year were 72 percent negative, emphasizing the shortcomings and defects of Kerry. Bush won in 2004, and so, too, did Obama in 2012, when his TV ads were slightly more negative than Romney's.

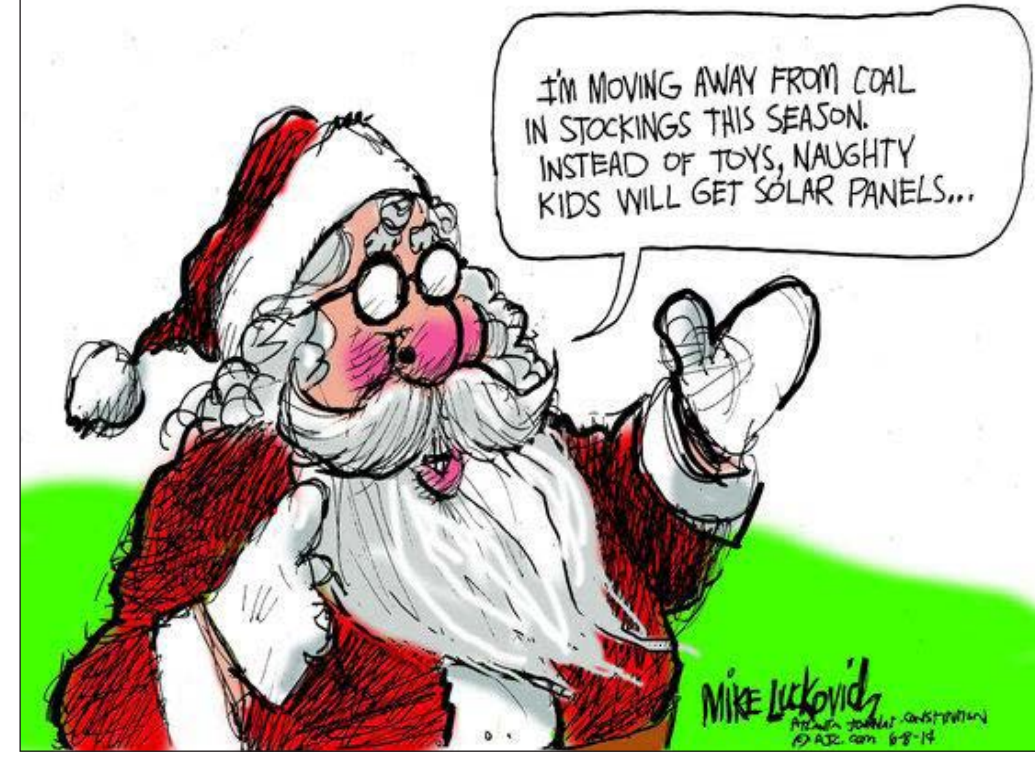
There are only really two ways to run any campaign: the high road or the low road. The high road is when the candidate ideally tells voters what he proposes to do in office, such as: "I believe we can make our public schools great, but it will mean no tax-cuts — maybe even a small tax increase and a smaller military." The low-road campaign is not about what together we might achieve but instead about how intellectually and mor-

ally bankrupt my opponent is. In short, I may not be an Abraham Lincoln or a Franklin Roosevelt, but the other guy is an ethical leper who would steal a hot stove and then go back for the smoke.

This kind of attack politics, as we have learned painfully, does not end on Election Day. It can be found daily on Capitol Hill or along Pennsylvania Avenue. Cooperation and compromise, the lifeblood of a national democracy, become difficult if not impossible. The already-diminished public confidence in our national government and in our collective capacity is further depleted. No parent swells with pride at a child's ambition to make politics her career. Public service, which deserves respect, is mocked.

No, we do not "sell" our political candidates like we sell beer; it's much worse and a lot more harmful.

To find out more about Mark Shields and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.



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CULLIGAN GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY WINNER



Submitted photo

Tex Jenkins is the winner of the Culligan Gift Card Giveaway. Participants were entered by updating their customer records. From left, Sue Fatheree, Tex Jenkins, Lidia Tinajero and Mary Lee Bolin.

Correction

The Create-a-beat summer camps on page two of Friday, June 6's, edition of The Pampa News should have been said they were hosted by Hi-Land Christian Church.

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according to their vehicle manufacturer's recommendations," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "You also want to lighten your load by removing unnecessary weight from the vehicle, drive the speed limit and not aggressively, as well as consolidate errands into fewer trips."

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brakes, tires, lights and loading standards. Troopers will check driver licenses and log books, which document how long the driver has been on the road. In conjunction with these efforts, DPS will also be watching for aggressive

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duce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle safety. According to the CVSA, the program has been responsible for more than a million roadside inspections and saved hundreds of lives to date.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pampa ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, June 30, 2014 in Pampa ISD Administration Building, 1233 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.040000/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.309100/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	10.50 % increase
Debt Service	11.14 % increase
Total expenditures	10.57 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$1,443,347,555	\$1,635,935,238
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$7,231,530	\$3,512,710
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,115,718,195	\$1,263,912,327
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$6,913,530	\$3,512,710

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
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Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$47,580,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.269100*	\$1.309100	\$4,350	\$3,960
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.039857	\$0.269050*	\$1.308907	\$4,674	\$3,731
Proposed Rate	\$1.040000	\$0.309100*	\$1.349100	\$4,673	\$3,732

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$41,419	\$46,715
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$26,419	\$31,715
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.309100	\$1.349100
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$345.85	\$427.87
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$82.02

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.349150. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.349150.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$11,004,599
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$3,307,226

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Lifestyles

Pampa native receives high honor

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On Friday Pampa native Glenna (Wilkins) Bowman was named the 2014 Administrator of the Year by the Texas State Agency Business Administration's Association.



Glenna Bowman

Glenna (Wilkins) Bowman is an honor graduate of Pampa High School. She received her BBA in business from WTAMU in Canyon, and

her MBA from Southwestern University in San Marcos, where she also taught an evening class in Intermediate Accounting in 2012.

Following graduation in Canyon, she moved to Austin, where she was a graduate intern in the Texas State Comptrollers Office. Assigned to the Special Projects division, she wrote the first county manual on "Indigent Health Care."

From there she became C.F.O. (Chief Financial Officer) for the Office of General Accountancy, CFO for the TABC, CFO for the Texas Agricul-

ture Department under both Rick Perry and Susan Combes and was then recruited as CFO for the Texas Office of Court Administration where she is currently working.

In addition to several professional associations, Mrs Bowman is also a songwriter and singer and has produced several CDs of her music.

She, her husband Rick and youngest son, Joel are active members of Manchaha United Methodist Church. Her middle son is Taylor Hastings of Austin, and her oldest son is Tommy Martinez of New York City.

Fake officer accused of pulling over a real one

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — Police say a man impersonating an officer face charges after signaling a real detective to pull over on a road in Florida.

St. Johns County authorities say 20-year-old Matthew Michael Lee McMahon activated a red and blue light Monday while driving behind an unmarked sheriff's car. Detective Chance Anderson pulled over and was shocked to see an unknown face behind the wheel of the other car.

First Coast News reports that during his more than 10 years of service the detective has arrested several police impersonators. But none had ever ordered him to stop his car.

McMahon is charged with impersonating an officer and unlawfully displaying blue lights.

Weekly Menus

Lunch In The Parks — Wilson Only

MONDAY, June 9
Beefy queso nachos or pizza, corn, pinto beans, peach cup

Breakfast- Cinnamon tastry
TUESDAY, June 10
Oven fried chicken or corndog, mixed vegetables, cucumbers mixed fruit

Breakfast- Biscuit, gravy
WEDNESDAY, June 11
Spaghetti & meat sauce, or mini twin cheeseburgers, green beans, salad, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza
THURSDAY, June 12
Grilled cheese sandwich or chicken nuggets, sliced potatoes, broccoli, strawberry cup

Breakfast- Pancake n' sausage on a stick
FRIDAY, June 13
Chicken fried steak or hamburger, french fries, baked beans, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Cereal, toast
Lunch In The Parks
MONDAY, June 9
Pizza, carrot sticks, peach cup, milk

TUESDAY, June 10
Corndog, cucumbers, fruit juice, milk

WEDNESDAY, June 11
Mini twin cheeseburgers, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk

THURSDAY, June 12
Chicken nuggets, broccoli florets, strawberry cup, milk

FRIDAY, June 13
Hamburger, pickle spears, fresh fruit, milk

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, June 9
Hamburgers, tater tots, pears

TUESDAY, June 10
Pot roast, carrots/potatoes, green beans, rolls, mixed fruit

WEDNESDAY, June 11
Hamburger helper, chuck wagon corn, broccoli, Jell-O

THURSDAY, June 12
Pizza, pasta salad, green beans, pineapple

FRIDAY, June 13
Chicken casserole, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, cookies

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, June 9
Chicken fried steak or chicken spaghetti, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, Northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, strawberry shortcake, blueberry pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, June 10
Meatloaf or chicken enchiladas, scalloped potatoes, Mexican corn, Italian green beans, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, lemon bundt cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, June 11
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, green peas, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, black forest cake, lemon icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, June 12
Chicken strips or kraut & sausages, sour cream potatoes, turnip greens, okra, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, carrot cake, bread pudding, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, June 13
Cod fish filets/hushpuppies or Swedish meatballs/noodles, potato wedges, squash casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownie, apple cobbler, fruit cup, garlic bread stick, hot roll, cornbread

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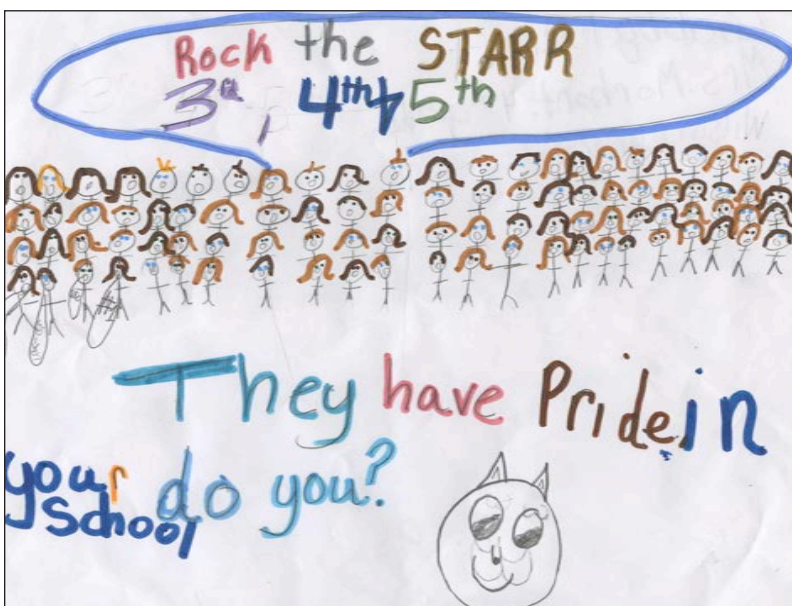
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Lifestyles

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Students from all four elementary schools in Pampa recently competed in an art competition, and one winner from each school's drawing will be featured on the cover of their respective school's homework folders for the 2014-2015 school year. The winners pictured clockwise from top left are Gabby Tennison for Wilson Elementary, Autumn Woods for Austin Elementary, Fabian Soto for Lamar Elementary and Lexie Rosser for Travis Elementary.

ENGAGEMENTS

Carissa Snelgrooes and Jacob Hatfield



Steve and Alicia Snelgrooes of Pampa, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Carissa Snelgrooes to Jacob Hatfield also of Pampa. Carissa is the granddaughter of Nathan and Nelda Lancaster and the late Shirley Swinney, all of Pampa. She is a 2005 Pampa High School graduate and is employed at WB Supply. Jacob is the son of the late Terry Hatfield and Teresa Hatfield of Hartman, Ark. He was a student of Pampa Home School and is employed at Flogistix. The wedding is planned for October 4, 2014.



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Maxwell plans for tour, new music and possible baby

NEW YORK (AP) — Maxwell is looking to produce something this year that has nothing to do with music.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, the 41-year-old crooner — who plans to release a new album this year — said he also wants to get married and become a father (though he didn't offer the name of his "collaborator").

"This year is really about the people, it's really about focusing on putting out the music, and taking myself to another level in life. Hopefully getting married, having kids — the whole thing," Maxwell said. "I mean, it's not my ovaries, so I can't really plan that,

but it would be great."

The R&B star said the experiences he's had since coming back to music with 2009's Grammy-winning "BLACKsummers'night" inspired him to release the second album in his trilogy. "SUMMERS," originally planned for release in 2010, will come out this year, he said.

"I lost my cousin. I lost a lot of things. I lost a lot of friends. I came to realize so many good things about people that were always really there, and then so many bad things about

people who really weren't. When you turn 40 and when you cross a decade, God shows you the truth and you just sort of have to take it and run with it, and basically make the right choices, and that's kind of where I'm at right now," he said.

"I think that's why the album can come out now."

Fans will hear some of those new songs when Maxwell kicks off his two-month "Summer Soulstice" tour June 15 in Minneapolis. It's his first tour since canceling his six-date

U.S. trek in 2011 because of vocal swelling and hemorrhaging. (He said surgery was successful.)

"I looked out for my band and for my crew. I paid everyone out of pocket with the great help of Live Nation, who of course I need to pay back, which I think I did like last week," he said, laughing.

He said he's never had vocal lessons: "I've been winging it since I started. I probably need a few lessons."

Maxwell's first recording post-surgery was a duet

with Alicia Keys, "Fire We Make." He said he's working on an EP with the piano-playing sensation, and has also recorded a song with Jennifer Lopez, whom he's known since she was a dancer on "In Living Color" in the early 1990s.

"She's such an American success story," he said of the 44-year-old entrepreneur. "There are people like Kim Kardashian, even Beyonce, that can look at her and say, 'Yo, she showed us how to shut it down. She was the original stunter.'"

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This year you open up to new possibilities. You seem to be more vibrant and more willing to take risks. If you are single, play it slightly more conservatively; you'll want to have the other party reveal more of him- or herself first. You are likely to meet someone of interest after midsummer. If you are attached, the two of you seem to fit right in together no matter what you do. You can't deny that there's a lot of mutual admiration between you. Be as romantic as you were when you first met each other. LIBRA might be an intellectual, but he or she is also romantic.

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)

★★★★ Even if plans fall apart, you'll still enjoy yourself. You often prefer hanging out at home anyway. Make time to visit with a neighbor you feel really connected to. A roommate or family member might want to invite a loved one over. Tonight: Go with the flow.

This Week: You simply are not getting the full story. Ask more questions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Take time for yourself, even if you don't think you need it. In the near future you'll gain new insight into a key person in your life. You need to integrate this information. Calls seem to come in from everywhere; screen them for now. Tonight: Only what you want.

This Week: You might need to pinch yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might wonder what would be the best way to approach someone who is often unpredictable. Perhaps the approach is not as important as your ability to adjust to others and their idiosyncrasies. Tonight: Forget tomorrow. Live in the here and now.

This Week: Others will be enticing, but they are not direct about their motives.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You'll want to spend time close to home. Be aware that someone might want to tug you out the door. As a result, you might decide to invite this person over. Don't be surprised if more spontaneous invitations come in for the same reason. Tonight: The party is at your pad.

This Week: You move out of your shell and right into the middle of an issue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Make a call in the morning to someone at a distance. You could be surprised by what you hear. You might prefer to keep much of what goes on today hush-hush. Stay centered when dealing with a parent, and the issue will vanish. Tonight: Who cares about tomorrow?

This Week: Let your hair down, and others will too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You have much more to offer than you might realize. These assets go way beyond finances, and they involve your character and your compassion for others. A friend seems to shut down at odd times. Give this person some space. Tonight: Treat a loved one to dinner.

This Week: People seem to be oversensitive. Choose your words with care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

22)

★★★★ Use today to enjoy your friendships and your family. Someone will continue to flatter you. You might want to change topics, but you could have some difficulty. Just say "thank you," and move on. Tonight: A family member lets you know how much he or she cares.

This Week: Speak your mind Monday and Thursday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might want to drop your cool act right now. Whether you are establishing boundaries or trying to let someone know that you have had enough will make little difference. Tonight: A quiet dinner with a loved one.

This Week: You perk up late Monday. Your words have influence on others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Go off and join your friends, whether it is for a late brunch or perhaps a trip to the beach. You value camaraderie, and today you'll desire that sense of togetherness even more. A loved one might delight you with his or her unpredictability. Tonight: Let more caring in.

This Week: Monday you are on a roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take a stand. You know what you want and what is acceptable. You need to let others know your boundaries. If they do not know, they could infringe on your space. Make a must appearance that could involve an older person. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

This Week: Your creativity emerges as a result of several meetings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your mind will be on someone at a distance. Has it occurred to you that it might be best to get together with this person soon? Then maybe you can be more present in the moment. Meanwhile, it could seem to others that you are closed down. Tonight: Early to bed.

This Week: Accept responsibilities. Make it a short workweek.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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GM ousts 15 employees over ignition-switch scandal

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — General Motors said Thursday that it has forced out 15 employees for their role in the deadly ignition-switch scandal and will set up a compensation fund for crash victims, as an internal investigation blamed the debacle on engineering ignorance and bureaucratic dithering, not a deliberate cover-up.

GM took more than a decade to recall 2.6 million cars with bad switches that are now linked to at least 13 deaths by the automaker's court.

"Group after group and committee after committee within GM that reviewed the issue failed to take action or acted too slowly," Anton Valukas, the former federal prosecutor hired by the automaker to investigate the reason for the delay, said in a 315-page report. "Although everyone had responsibility to fix the problem, nobody took responsibility."

GM CEO Mary Barra said more than half the 15 employees forced out were senior legal and engineering executives who failed to disclose the defect and were part of a "pattern of incompetence." Five other employees have been disciplined, she said, without identifying any of them.

The automaker said it will establish a compensation program covering those killed or seriously injured in the more than 50 accidents blamed on the switches. GM said not say how much money will

be involved, but a Wall Street analyst estimated the payouts will total \$1.5 billion.

Barra called the report "brutally tough and deeply troubling."

The report lays bare a company that operated in "silos," with employees who didn't share information and didn't take responsibility for problems or treat them with any urgency.

Valukas also portrayed a corporate culture in which there was heavy pressure to keep costs down, a reluctance to report problems up the chain of command, a skittishness about putting safety concerns on paper, and general bureaucratic resistance to change.

He described what was known as the "GM nod," in which "everyone nods in agreement to a proposed plan of action but then leaves the room and does nothing."

Valukas exonerated Barra and two other top executives, Mark Reuss, chief of global product development, and general counsel Michael Millikin, saying there is no evidence they knew about the problems any earlier than last December.

Since February, GM has recalled 2.6 million older-model Chevrolet Cobalts, Saturn Ions and other small cars because their ignitions can slip out of the "run" position and shut off the engine. That disables the power-assisted steering and brakes, making it difficult to control the car, and deactivates the air bags.

Trial lawyers suing the company put the death toll at more than 60.

"It's somewhat comforting to realize that they do know that some things were done incorrectly and they're aware of that. They made the appropriate measures to make sure it doesn't happen again," said Ken Rimer, whose 18-year-old stepdaughter, Natasha Weigel, was killed in a 2006 Cobalt crash in Wisconsin.

Last month, GM paid a record \$35 million fine for failing to promptly report the bad ignition switches to federal highway safety regulators.

Federal prosecutors are also investigating and could bring criminal charges against the automaker and some of its employees.

Deep within the company, engineers and others believed the ignition switch flaw was a "customer convenience" issue rather than a safety problem, the report said. Engineers believed that the cars could still be adequately steered when the engines shut off, and they didn't realize the air bags became disabled — even after police, academic experts and others outside GM had recognized the problem, according to the report.

Around GM, engineers were instructed not to use words like "dangerous," "defect" or "safety" when describing problems in writing, which contributed to the lack of urgency in dealing with the problem, Valukas wrote.

In addition, some workers told Valukas they did not take notes at safety meetings because they believed GM lawyers didn't want a paper trail.

In 2005, according to documents supplied recently to Congress, GM failed to make a repair of the switch that would have cost just 57 cents.

In his report, Valukas said he found no evidence that any employee made "an explicit trade-off between safety and cost" in dealing with the switch. But he said there was "tremendous cost pressure" at GM at the time, and he left open the possibility that it influenced the automaker's handling of the problem.

The report could hurt GM in legal proceedings and complicate matters for lawyer Kenneth Feinberg, the compensation expert hired by GM to settle some of the many lawsuits, said Carl Tobias, a law professor and product liability specialist at the University of Richmond in Virginia.

But plaintiffs' lawyers already know most of what's in the report from depositions in previous cases, and Valukas was "careful not to open too much liability exposure," Tobias said.

Under a judge's order, GM is shielded from legal claims from before it emerged from bankruptcy in 2009, and company officials wouldn't say Thursday whether they will use that protection against death and injury lawsuits. Lawyers are trying to

overturn the shield, alleging GM deceived the judge.

Barra, who took over as CEO in mid-January, didn't directly answer a question about whether she should have figured out the switches were a deadly problem. Before she took the top job, she was product development chief for three years, and safety reported to her through GM's chain of command.

"I wish I had known, because the minute we knew, we took action," she said.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., criticized the investigation as "the best report money can buy."

"It absolves upper management, denies deliberate wrongdoing and dismisses corporate culpability," he said.

Barra said Valukas interviewed 230 employees and reviewed 41 million documents to produce the report, which also makes numerous

recommendations for handling safety problems more effectively.

Barra has already named a new safety chief and pledged to work quickly through a backlog of potential recalls. As a result, the automaker has recalled a record 15.8 million cars and trucks in North America so far this year.

In addition, GM has put procedures in place to make sure that departments communicate and that safety issues get reported to the top. Barra said people who don't think such problems are being addressed should contact her.

Barra, who testified on Capitol Hill in April but deflected many questions by saying she was waiting for the results of Valukas' investigation, is certain to be called back.

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said she intends to hold a hearing this summer.



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 - At 10:50 a.m., to a medical assist in the 11000 block of Highway 152.
 - At 12:57 p.m., to a medical call in the 400

- block of Rose.
- At 2:15 p.m., to a motor-vehicle accident in the 900 block of Hobart. One injured to Pampa Regional Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.
 - At 5:44 p.m., to a lift assist in the 400 block of Jupiter.
 - At 6:03 p.m., to a medical call in the 400 block of North Russell.
- June 3**
- At 9:30 a.m., two units and four personnel to a

- Hazmat call in the 1000 block of Alcock.
- At 3:58 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 2200 block of Alcock.
- June 4**
- At 8:27 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2700 block of North Hobart.
 - At 7:23 p.m., to a medical call in the 1900 block of North Wells.
- June 5**
- At 7:49 a.m., to a medi-

- cal call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.
- At 2:36 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1000 block of Wilks.
 - At 4:44 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a motor-vehicle accident at the intersection of Alcock and Faulkner. No injuries reported.
 - At 4:53 p.m., to a motor-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville. No injuries reported.

More than 2 dozen nabbed in West Texas meth sweep

MIDLAND (AP) — More than two dozen suspects have been nabbed in a crackdown on a West Texas-based methamphetamine ring linked to California and Nevada.

Prosecutors in Midland say 29 people arrested Thursday or already in custody face

federal or state charges. Authorities are seeking nine more suspects.

Investigators say the meth was funneled through San Diego, Las Vegas and Dallas to West Texas.

Federal indictments unsealed Thursday in Midland

include charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Some defendants were indicted earlier on charges of possession with intent to distribute a con-

trolled substance.

Some suspects face state parole violation counts or other warrants in the Odessa-based ring operating since September. The defendants are from Midland, Odessa, Amarillo, San Diego and Las Vegas.

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A CEO's mission: luring reluctant cruise takers

NEW YORK (AP)— Getting people onboard a cruise ship can be tough. They fear bland buffets, debilitating stomach bugs and a crowd whose idea of excitement is playing canasta.

Even the CEO of the world's second-biggest cruise line admits he once avoided cruises. "I had always thought 'I'm too sophisticated for this,'" says Richard Fain, CEO of Royal Caribbean.

That initial hesitation — over what Fain calls "old myths" — is a big stumbling block. But at the moment it's far from his only challenge.

The cruise industry has suffered through a difficult few years. Like airlines and hotels, cruise bookings plunged during the Great Recession. Then, just as the industry was recovering, Carnival Corp.'s Costa Concordia sunk off the coast of Italy, leaving 32 passengers dead. A series of well-publicized mishaps, including fires, electrical fail-

ures and outbreaks of vomiting and diarrhea, also left vacationers wary.

Fain tries to lure reluctant cruisers with onboard ice skating, rock climbing, a surfing machine and sky-diving simulator. He's also boosted advertising and incentives to travel agents, although he acknowledges that the best promotion is when happy vacationers get off his ships and rave about the cruise to family, friends and co-workers.

"Nobody takes a cruise simply because they saw an ad," he says.

Overall, his method is working. Royal Caribbean carried 4.9 million passengers last year, compared with 3.5 million a decade ago. And he sees untapped potential. Only one in four Americans has tried a cruise, while millions of people in China are just now embarking on their first vacations.

Fain, 66, didn't take a cruise until 1980, a year after

joining Royal Caribbean's board. The company's then-president called Fain presumptuous for making suggestions without first taking a cruise. To negate that criticism, he and his wife took the shortest, cheapest cruise they could find: a three-day trip to the Bahamas. They were hooked.

Fain became CEO in 1988 and over the past 26 years grew the company into the world's second-largest cruise operator. Today, Royal Caribbean has 41 ships across its six brands, including its namesake line and Celebrity Cruises. The company earned a \$474 million profit last year.

The passengers have returned but Fain says prices aren't yet back to pre-recession levels.

"It's less expensive than a comparable land vacation," he says. "The truth is I'd like to have it be a little less unbelievable value."

New ships help Fain get

closer to that goal. They have more rooms with balconies — which cost more — and include more amenities. For instance, the Oasis of the Seas has 26 different places to dine, some which charge an extra fee. Overall, passengers spend 25 percent more than those on older vessels. New ships are also more fuel efficient, costing Royal Caribbean 20 percent less, per passenger, to operate.

More than half of Royal Caribbean's customers now come from outside the U.S. And they tend to pay more than Americans.

China is home to a quickly-growing middle class, heavily concentrated in cities along the coast. The country generates Royal Caribbean's highest margin business. The company is going to base its newest vessel — the 4,905-passenger Quantum of the Seas — in Shanghai in May 2015.

"Historically, to the extent that Chinese took vaca-

tions, it was to visit family and maybe historical monuments," Fain says. "The idea of going on a vacation just to relax, like a beach or a cruise, without a purpose, is relatively new."

Back home, Fain continues to push cruising. Sixty percent of the U.S. population lives within a 300-mile drive of the company's 14 domestic ports. But only 24 percent of Americans have ever taken a cruise.

Royal Caribbean advertises in the U.S., and it relies on travel agents — who are paid hefty commissions — to steer people to cruises instead of tropical islands, Las Vegas or Walt Disney World.

Then there is the ice skating rink, surfing and other activities.

"The truth is: Most of our guests don't climb the rock wall. I will admit I have never made it to the top," Fain says. "But that doesn't mean it isn't a wonderful amenity. People get to watch others.

I love watching and making fun of my friends trying."

But none of that works if passengers don't feel safe.

Royal Caribbean had a fire aboard a ship last year, ending the voyage early. In the first two hours it issued 40 tweets, including one of the damaged area that Fain calls "horrific."

Fain says the transparency helped the company's credibility. It's like an airline pilot giving passengers confidence by explaining maintenance problems.

That shows "whatever the issue is, the pilot knows what it is and the company is doing everything they can to deal with it," Fain says.

Then there are outbreaks of the highly-contagious norovirus, which gives passengers stomach pain, nausea and diarrhea.

"Last year, 23 million Americans got norovirus on land," he says, "and a few hundred got it on cruise ships."

When Social Security says you owe them money

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

I frequently get emails from readers who are upset and confused

because the government says they have been paid Social Security benefits they were not due. As a result, they get a letter from the Social Security



their benefit amount.

Whatever the reason for the problem, I will use today's

column to offer some advice to people who have received one of those dreaded overpayment letters from SSA.

Of course, there are some people who know they have been overpaid and accept the fact that they have to repay whatever amount they received that they were not due. If you are still getting monthly benefits, the overpayment letter usually says they will suspend your Social Security checks until the overpaid amount has been recovered. If that will be a financial hardship for you, you can ask that they take the money back in smaller monthly installments. For example, they could deduct \$100 per month from your monthly benefits until the entire amount has been repaid.

If you are no longer getting Social Security benefits when you get the overpayment letter (this often happens with people

whose disability benefits have stopped or with former childhood beneficiaries), then you will be asked to remit the overpaid amount directly to SSA by writing them a check. Once again, they will initially ask that you repay the entire amount, but you can ask to repay it via the "installment plan."

When you talk to a Social Security agent about this, he or she will probably tell you that there is a rule that says the overpayment must be fully repaid in 36 months. But it has been my experience that you can get them to bend those rules a bit. Frankly, they will just be happy to get the money back from you, no matter how long it takes.

So far, I've been discussing what to do if you acknowledge the overpayment and want to pay it back. But as is more often the case, most people who get overpayment letters are confused and irritated and not sure what to do. The rest of this column is for them.

The first thing you should do is look for that part of the letter that tells

you what you can do about the alleged overpayment. It says you have 60 days to take some action. What action you take depends on the circumstances.

If you don't agree with what SSA is telling you -- in other words, if you believe you were never overpaid in the first place -- then you should file an appeal. This involves filling out a simple one-page form in which you state the reasons for your disagreement. This first appeal will generally be reviewed by someone at your local Social Security office. He or she may even call you into the office to discuss the matter. If that appeal is turned down, and you still maintain that you are right and SSA is wrong, then eventually you will end up at a hearing before a Social Security judge. (You can bring a lawyer along to this hearing, but I think you will learn that most lawyers won't take on Social Security overpayment cases. Frankly, there is no money in it for them.) If you lose your case before the judge, then you will simply have to accept the fact that you have been overpaid and make arrangements to pay it back.

If you acknowledge the fact that you have received Social Security benefits you were not due, but you can't afford to pay the money back, then you can file for a waiver of the overpayment. Your overpayment will be waived, or essentially written off, if you can demonstrate two conditions. First, you must prove to SSA that the overpayment was not your fault. And second, you must show that paying back the money will cause you a financial hardship. You do the latter by filling out a form that lists your monthly income and your monthly expenses.

Sadly, there are many people who would be financially hard pressed to repay an overpayment, but who will never get the overpayment waived because they cannot prove that they were without fault. It's a simple fact that most people get overpaid because of something they did, e.g., earn too much money; or because of something they failed to report to SSA, e.g., the receipt of a public pension. Unless they somehow manage to repay it, they will have this debt hanging over them the rest of their lives.

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Spurs run past Heat

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LeBron James was resting on a training table in the back of the Miami Heat locker room an hour after Game 1 of the NBA Finals ended, feeling drained, pained and frustrated.

The Heat star wasn't stopped by San Antonio. Instead, he was stopped by the San Antonio heat.

On a night where air conditioning failed and the AT&T Center turned into a steamy mess, James missed the final four minutes because of cramps and the San Antonio Spurs took full advantage.

The Spurs closed the game on a 16-3 run as the four-time NBA MVP could only watch helplessly, beating the two-time defending champion Heat 110-95 on Thursday night in a rather bizarre opener to the title series.

"After I came out of the game, they kind of took off," James said. "And it was frustrating sitting out and not being able to help our team."

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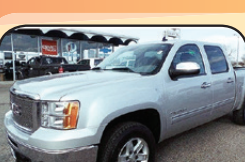


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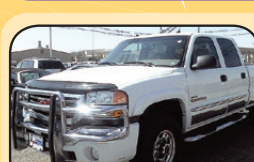
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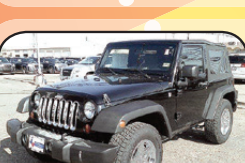


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The Point After

Big 12 well represented in Super Regionals

The Big 12 has seen exceptional success in the baseball postseason, as four different teams advanced to the Super Regionals. Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, TCU, and Texas each won their respective regionals with TCU and Oklahoma State being hosts.

While only two teams hosted a regional, all four will host in the Super Regionals. That means half of the Super Regionals will be held in Big 12 country.

TCU as Tech reached the Super Regionals for the first time in program history under second-year coach Tim Tadlock. The Red Raiders began the tournament with a walk-off win over Columbia courtesy of Eric Gutierrez. They then followed it up with a 3-0 win over host Miami, as freshman Dylan Dusek pitched eight shutout innings. After an extra-innings loss in the next game, Cameron Smith pitched a complete-game shutout, as Tech won 4-0.

The Red Raiders got fortunate as four-seed College of Charleston won the Gainesville Regional, allowing Texas Tech to host the Super Regionals. The Red Raiders are 31-4 at home this season, and will be playing in front of a sellout crowd. My prediction is the Red Raiders sweep Charleston in two games to advance to Omaha.

Oklahoma State was the Big 12 regular season champions, and were given a one-seed. The Cowboys dominated their regional, winning all three games by scores of 8-0, 13-7 and 6-4.

Oklahoma State found fortune as well. The Cowboys were looking at facing the number one overall seed Oregon State in the Super Regionals, but the Beavers were upset by three-seed UC-Irvine. My prediction is the Cowboys take two of three to advance to the College World Series in Omaha.

TCU was the Big 12 tournament champions, defeating Oklahoma State 7-1 in the finals. They were awarded with a one-seed. The Horned Frogs had a rough first two games. They sneaked by Seina with a walk-off win in the 11th inning. Their next game versus Sam Houston State went an unbelievable 22 innings before TCU finally ended it with a 3-2 win. The Horned Frogs finished off Sam Houston State in a third game 6-1 to advance. They will face three-seed Pepperdine. I expect a 2-0 sweep from the Horned Frogs.

The final Big 12 team in the Super Regionals is Texas. The two-seed Longhorns faced off with old rival Texas A&M in their first game of the tournament, and defeated the Aggies 8-1. They then defeated Rice to set up another match with A&M. This time the Aggies won 3-2 to force a third game. Longhorn pitcher Chad Hollingsworth tossed a two-hitter to send Texas to the Supers. The Longhorns will take on Houston, a fellow two-seed. I predict the Cougars will take two of three from the Longhorns.

With four teams remaining, and several favorable matchups. The Big 12 has a great chance to make some noise in the College World Series.

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FORREST GRIMES

Cowboys looking at many options without Sean Lee

IRVING (AP) — Justin Durant was as sick as anyone to see Sean Lee go down with a torn knee ligament in the first offseason practice for the Dallas Cowboys.

To suggest the injury gives Durant an opportunity to be the starting middle linebacker sort of turns the eight-year veteran's stomach. "It hurt me seriously to my core," Durant said of the left ACL injury that is likely to keep Lee out in 2014. "I just look at it as my trying to step up and fill some big shoes."

Durant isn't the only option under consideration by the Cowboys, who still haven't specified Lee's injury or said how long they expect him to be sidelined.

Fourth-round pick Anthony Hitchens wasn't far behind Durant for the start of the second week of offseason practice Monday, the same day Hitchens signed his rookie contract. And second-year player DeVonte Holloman worked off to the side, nursing a sore hamstring. If one of those three isn't at the center of the Dallas defense in the

season opener against San Francisco in about three months, it will probably be someone off the streets.

The Cowboys aren't in a hurry to decide.

"I don't have timetables," linebackers coach Matt Eberflus said. "I really don't. Like I said, just working with who's on the grass."

Durant and Holloman started the last three games of 2013 after Lee was sidelined by a neck injury.

Durant made the first of those three starts before a hamstring injury sidelined him. Holloman took the last two, and had the first two sacks of his career in the season finale against Philadelphia.

But Holloman hasn't made it the practice field this offseason because of a hamstring injury after the sixth-round pick missed seven games his rookie season with a neck problem. And he was drafted as an outside linebacker.

"The reason he's valuable is he's got position flex," Eberflus said. "Where he fits in the lineup I'm not sure yet. But he'll decide that with his play."

	John (22-32)	Forrest (6-6)	Zac (22-32)	ReDonn (29-25)
Detroit Tigers vs. Boston Red Sox	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Red Sox
Toronto Blue Jays vs. St. Louis Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals	Blue Jays	Cardinals
Baltimore Orioles vs. Oakland Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics
Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Milwaukee Brewers	Brewers	Brewers	Pirates	Brewers
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago White Sox	Angels	Angels	White Sox	White Sox
Texas Rangers vs. Cleveland Indians	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers

Picking from the Pack

JOHN- 785 ZAC- 779
REDONN- 730 FORREST- 69

Two categories for points winners at the end of the season. Total points and average points.

ReDonn — Kurt Busch and Kevin Harvick

Zac — Carl Edwards and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

John — Denny Hamlin and Jimmie Johnson

Forrest — Jeff Gordon and Brad Keselowski

Watch the Pros SUNDAY

Baseball
Cleveland Indians at Texas Rangers...FSSW 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels...WGN 2:30 p.m.

College Softball
Georgia at Alabama.....ESPNU 11 a.m.
Jackson St. at Mississippi Valley St.....ESPNU 3:30 p.m.

College Baseball
College of Charleston at Texas Tech...ESPNU noon
Maryland at Virginia.....ESPN2 3 p.m.
Pepperdine at TCU.....ESPN2 9 p.m.
Mississippi at Louisiana.....ESPNU 9 p.m.
(College baseball playoffs on ESPN2 and ESPNU throughout the day: teams TBA, check local listings)

Extreme Sports
X-Games Austin:Skateboarding.....ABC 1 p.m.

Golf
Lyonesse Open.....Golf 5:30 a.m.
St. Jude Classic.....Golf noon
Manulife Financial LPGA Classic.....Golf 2 p.m.
St. Jude Classic.....CBS 2 p.m.
Women's Golf: Curtis Cup.....Golf 4 p.m.

Tennis
French Open.....NBC 8 a.m.

Racing
Bicycle Motocross:truck racing.....ESPN 11 a.m.
NASCAR Sprint Cup at Pocono.....TNT noon
Formula One Racing: Canadian Grand Prix.....NBC 1 p.m.

Basketball
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Rotary Club downs Glo-Valve

SUBMITTED
Rotary Club avenged a blowout loss by the 10-run rule Tuesday whipping Glo-Valve Service 11-1 and coming within a game of clinching the league championship.

Zac Robinson faced only seven Glo-Valve batters in two innings leaving with a 7-0 lead to gain the win. He struck out five and walked one. Jeremiah Avila finished up allowing one unearned run and two hits. He struck out one and walked one. Kameron Parks and Ethan Rushing pitched for Glo-Valve.

Glo-Valve had defeated the league leaders 19-1 last week. Rotary stands 6-3-1 and needs to defeat Duncan, Fraser & Bridges at 6 p.m. Thursday or Glo-Valve again to clinch the league championship. DFB is 4-5-1. Glo-Valve is 4-6.

Gage Kennedy drew a walk after two were out in the first inning. He stole two bases and scored on a wild pitch to give Rotary a 1-0 lead. Rotary scored sixtimes in the second inning on hits by Luke Lunceford and Matthew Ortner, three walks, a hit batter and two Glo-Valve errors. They added three more runs in the third inning on hits by Robinson, Avila and Seth Erickson. Brody Seely scored the game's final run in the bottom of the fourth in-

ning on a walk, two stolen bases and an error.

Jose Arvisu backhanded a hot ground ball at short-stop deep in the hole and fired a perfect strike to first for an outstanding defensive play for Rotary. Lunceford snagged a fly ball in center for another outstanding defensive play for Rotary. Roc Doan made a running catch for a fly ball in centerfield for a Glo-Valve defensive gem. Sholby Reeve combined with Rushing at third and Parks at pitcher to get a caught stealing for an additional outstanding defensive effort for Glo-Valve.

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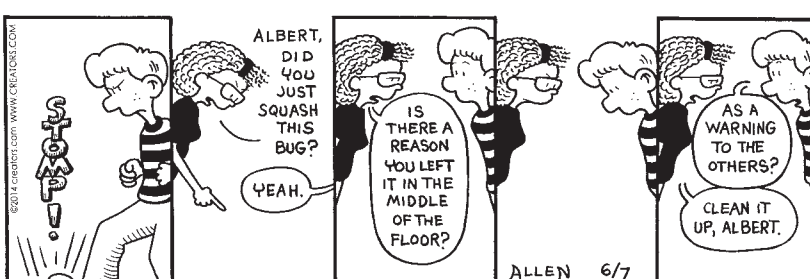


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"Don't you think a good way for us to start conserving water would be by having me skip taking baths?"
Bil and Jeff Keane

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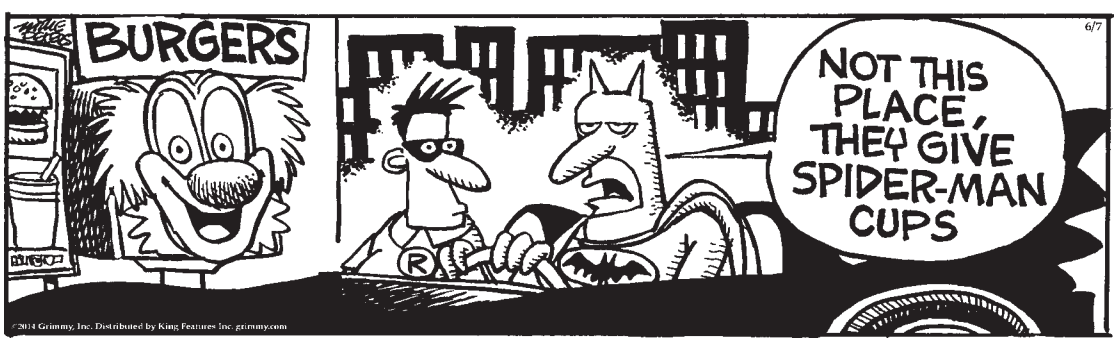
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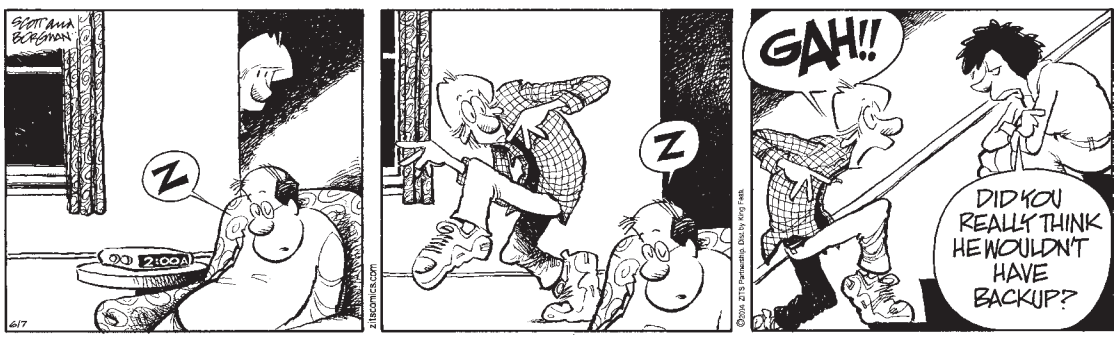
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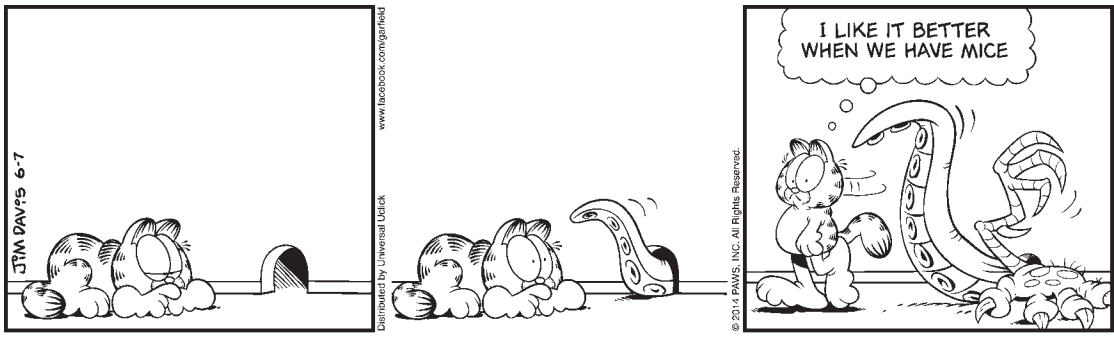
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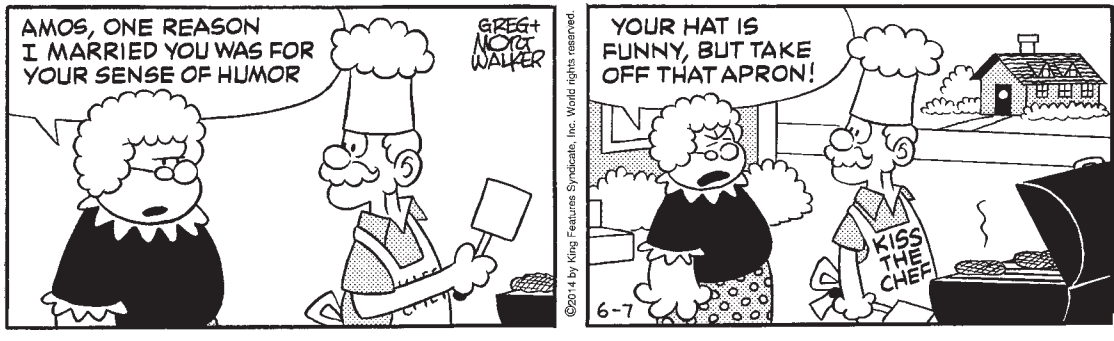
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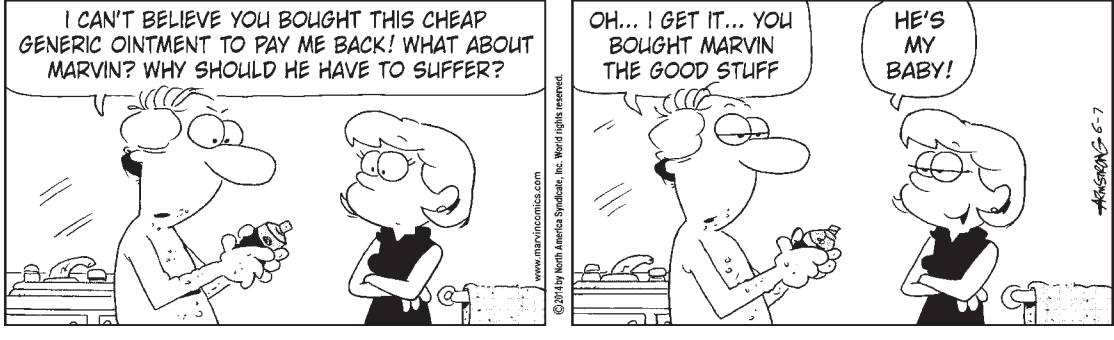
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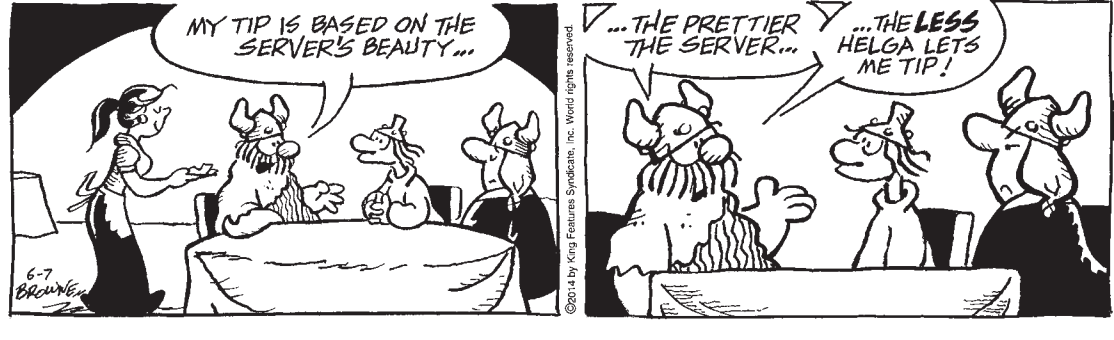
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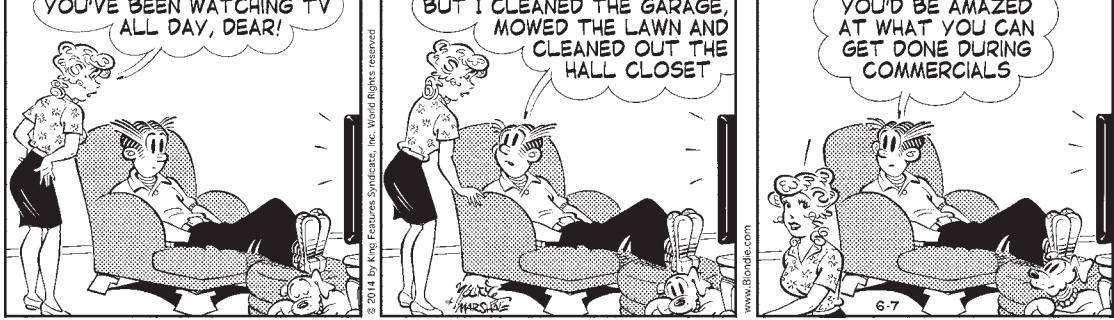
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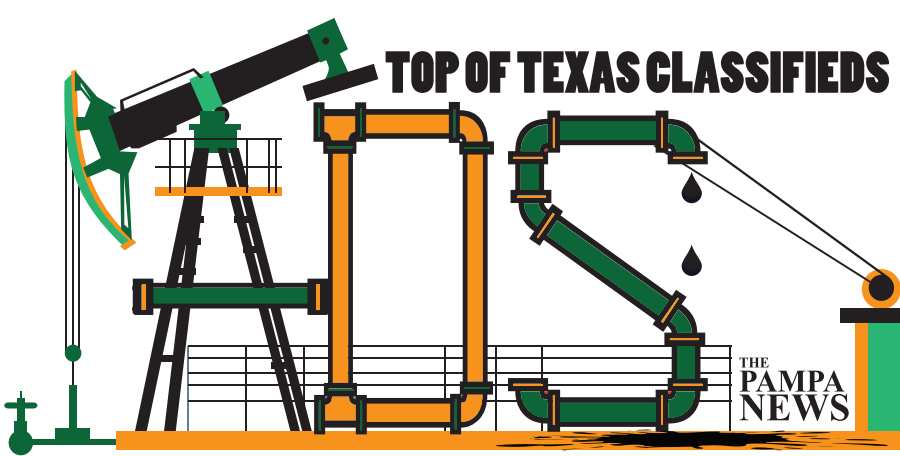
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, June 9, 2014:
This year one might be hard-pressed to recognize the evanescent Gemini. You indulge and become more tuned in to your intuitive or psychic abilities. You also enjoy learning more about this facet of your personality. Communication flourishes this year. If you are single, you could date a lot, but you will know when you meet the right person. If you are attached, you will test out your seemingly new intuitive ability on your sweetie. You could have a lot of fun with experimenting with this. **SCORPIO** might be hard to work with.
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)
★★★★ Communication flourishes with a roommate or family member. You will want to have a discussion about what you want from your home life. Share some of your desires openly. You might be surprised at how fast one wish could be realized. Tonight: Dinner for two.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be pulled in two different directions. Though you often are aware of your similarities with others, right now you'll see the differences. Share more of your thoughts, as you might want some feedback. Tonight: Differences will become less important soon enough.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ If you listen to your sixth sense, you will get ahead both financially and in your daily/work life. You intuitively seem to know which way to go and what to do. A boss might have a great idea, but the follow-through seems to be conflicted. Tonight: Relax at home.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ What you feel might be more important than what you think today. You need to act spontaneously. You will understand the dynamics of your actions later. Following through on an established plan might not go as planned. Tonight: Is someone working against you?
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Work at home or make your office more comfortable. You will thrive in this environment and relax more easily. A partner might be acting in an odd way as he or she follows his or her intuition. Try to confirm impor-

tant information. Tonight: Work as late as need be.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others might be elusive right now, but they probably don't mean to be. Some of the people surrounding you easily could be on a different track. Look around, and you'll find that nearly everyone seems to be daydreaming. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by the fact that others can't see what you are experiencing. Worry less. You might not want to share exactly what is on your mind before you verify some information. A hunch could pay off. Tonight: Buy a new item on the way home.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are energized, and you'll express your creativity. Follow your sixth sense. You might feel a little insecure about listening to this inner voice, but by doing so, you'll get great results. A new friend could be quite distracting. Tonight: Above all, be spontaneous.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Gather information, and explore new ideas. You might have a totally different take from anyone else. Honor a sense that you might not be ready to share just yet. A domestic issue might emerge from out of the blue. Tonight: Keep it low-key.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A meeting could be the inspiration for what needs to happen next. Sometimes your logic works against you. Follow your intuition with an important conversation, especially when dealing with key people in your life. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be willing to take the lead, even if it makes you uncomfortable. You might feel as if you have too much to do, but you'll have little choice. Be very careful when handling funds, as you might not be as focused as you might think you are. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might not be hearing the whole story. Reach out to someone at a distance to get some feedback. Only then will you know what information you are missing. The facts you seek might be right in front of you. Tonight: Make vacation plans for the near future.



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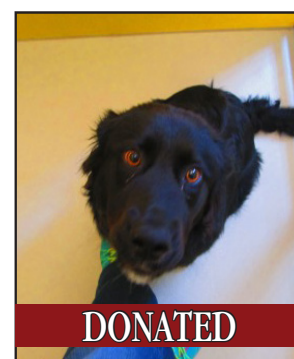
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DEAR ABBY: I have been best friends with "Jean" ever since grade school. We get along great, except for one thing — she's a cheapskate! Jean is single and still lives with her parents; I am a single mother living on my own. We earn about the same amount of money.

Whenever Jean is invited out for drinks, she brings only enough cash for one drink, and then comments loudly that she doesn't have enough money on her for another one and waits until someone offers to pay for it. When going out to eat, she eats at home first, and then asks to "sample" everyone else's food. If she wants to see a movie, she makes sure to bring a date to pay for her ticket.

I think her stingy behavior is keeping her from having serious relationships because

she expects to pay for nothing. It has reached the point where I don't want to do anything with her because of her penny-pinching ways. Mutual friends have asked me to speak to her. What can I say to keep my friendship intact? — SEPARATE CHECKS, PLEASE, IN OHIO

DEAR SEPARATE CHECKS: Because you have reached the point that your relationship with Jean is in jeopardy, talk with her about how her behavior has affected you. But do not allow yourself to be the appointed spokeswoman for anyone else. And unless you know for a fact that her stingy behavior is keeping her from having serious relationships with men, keep it to yourself.

In the future, if you go out with Jean and she says

she didn't bring enough money for a second drink, allow her to suffer the consequences. And when she asks to "sample" what you're eating, tell her calmly you'd rather she didn't. I agree that when behavior like hers becomes a pattern — and the person is able to pay but is mooching — that it's obnoxious. But it won't be corrected by enabling her, and that is what everyone has been doing.

DEAR ABBY: Because I'm a florist, my niece asked me to do the flowers for her wedding. I gladly agreed.

"Misty" put the priest through a lot to make this a very special occasion. She hadn't attended church prior to the wedding. When the priest asked Misty for a contribution to the church for having her wedding there, she was miffed. I asked her, "Who do you think pays the utilities and upkeep for the church for one-time users like you?" She hasn't spoken to me since! Was I wrong? — MIFFED MYSELF IN NEW

YORK
DEAR MIFFED: Wrong? You gave your niece a dose of reality, and stated it very well. It appears Misty has some growing up to do. Perhaps when her "bridal fever" subsides, she will realize that life isn't one freebie after another, and offer the apology she owes you.

P.S. I hope she thanked you for the flowers.

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BANANAGRAMS!

Rearrange the letters of each word below and place them in the blanks so that, together with the two letters that have already been placed, they form a new word.

ALIVE
A [] [] [] [] D

ARROW
F [] [] [] [] D

BOWER
N [] [] [] [] N

Yesterday's Answer: ITCHED, ETHNIC, FERRET, EITHER

BANANAGRAMS!

For each word or phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two things that each can form a compound word when TIME is added to its end. For example, DRAW MARE can be rearranged to spell DREAMtime, WArtime. The first letter of each word is placed to get you started.

WHOSE CAPE
P [] [] S [] []

GREMLIN SAP
S [] [] M [] []

FRIED LINEN
D [] [] L [] []

DOOM NEWS
D [] [] S [] []

Yesterday's Answer: EVIE, LAXITY, TERRIER, LO, LIT, VERT, AX, DO, E, OY, ED

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

5	1	7	6	4	2	8	3	9
9	6	2	3	8	7	4	5	1
8	3	4	5	1	9	7	2	6
1	2	5	7	6	8	9	4	3
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Level: Advanced

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

3	4	7	9	5	6	8	1	2
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Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Work group

6 Surrounded by

11 Romantic sort

12 Generous one

13 Isolated

14 Plow producer

15 More salacious

17 Wonder

18 Exalted poem

19 Recyclable item

22 Like go-go boots

23 More than enough

24 CBS founder

25 Service item

27 Rap's — Kim

30 Surgeon's pincers

31 Dogfight pro

32 "— Town"

33 Shows malice toward

35 Isolated

38 Provinces

39 Copycat's cry

40 Crichton novel

DOWN

1 Downhill course

2 Sword-making city

3 Self-declared

4 Ward (off)

5 Bingo card

6 Annex

7 Skier Tommy

8 Short play

9 Scandinavian nation

10 Putting site

16 Flattened fruit treats

20 Probe's destination

21 Some amount of

24 Lobbying grp.

25 Pate cover

26 Book goofs

27 Hidden

28 2002 animated film

29 Landlord

30 Lathers

34 Press

36 Some computer memory

37 Gift from Santa

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CROSSWORD
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ACROSS

1 Turning tool

6 Command to a dog

11 "The Waste Land" poet

12 Nebraska city

13 Comb parts

14 Bit of gossip

15 Be furious

17 Lamb's mother

18 Stun

22 LummoX

23 Furry wraps

27 Watches over

29 Mall business

30 TV ratings period

32 Murder

33 Thought out

35 Lynx or lion

38 Drawn out

39 From the country

41 Eyeballs

45 Make speeches

46 "Superman" star

47 Origami need

DOWN

1 Rent out

2 Saloon quaff

3 Even score

4 Drag race participant

5 Patriot Allen

6 Groves

7 Flightless bird

8 Unexciting

9 Eats

10 Loser of a fabled race

16 Basic soldiers

18 Play parts

19 Murdered

20 Musical sound

21 Showoff on the slopes

24 Diving bird

25 Pennsylvania port

26 Dispatch

28 School primer

31 — Paulo

34 Derisive sound

35 Field yield

36 Mystique

37 Catch

40 Had supper

42 Rebel general

43 Longoria of TV

44 Filming site

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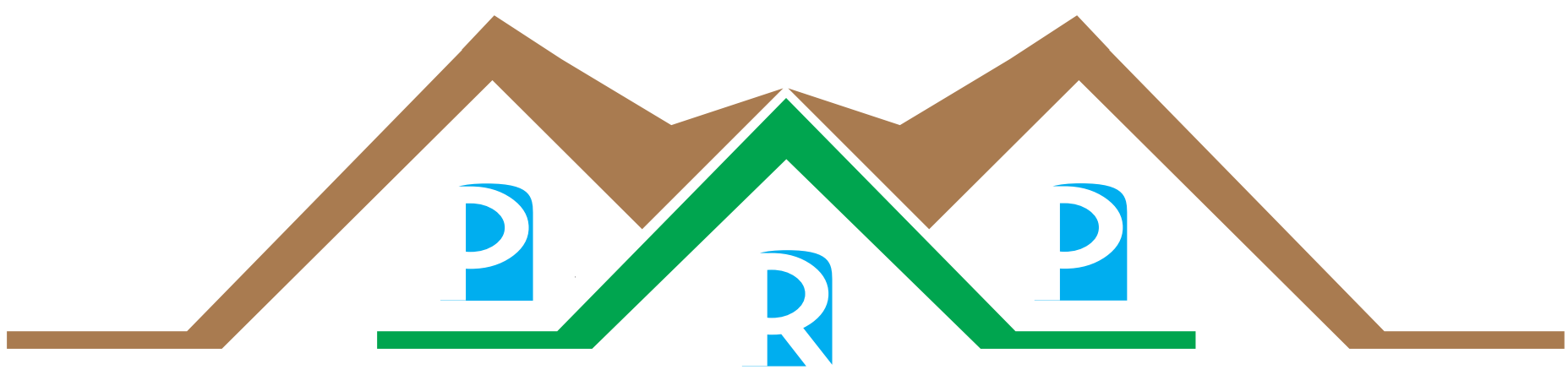
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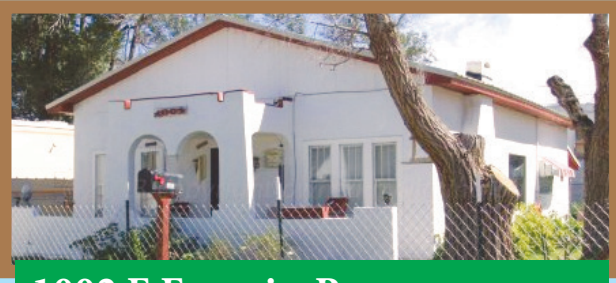


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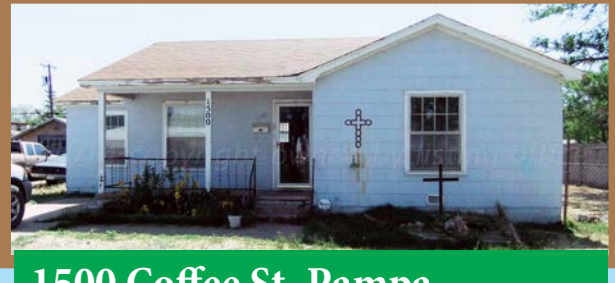
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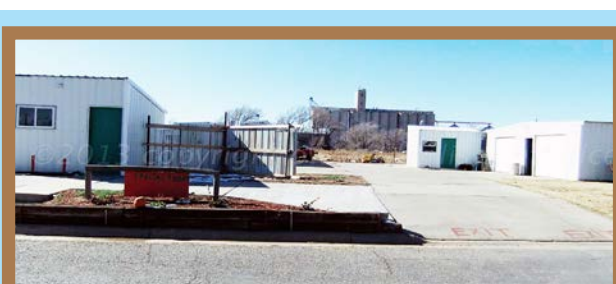
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