

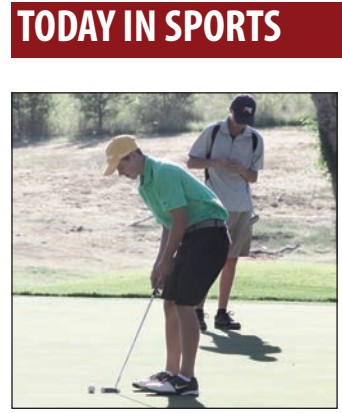
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Victory Motors: Several used cars, several finance options



Photo by John Lee

From left, Chris Roden's family with his wife Jodi, son Ryan and daughter Bethany Jo, Deah Weller, Sean King and Jesse Jones. Victory Motors opened on Feb. 14 of this year.

BY JOHN LEE
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Chris Roden and his wife, Jodi, already own several businesses in Pampa including Pampa Physical Therapy, Roden Equipment Rental and Cartridge Guys. So when the lot at 2420 Alcock became available for purchase, Roden jumped at the opportunity to get it and needed to figure out what to do with it. Because of the size of the parking lot and the location of the business, Roden decided it would be a great location for a used car dealership.

Victory Motors opened on Feb. 14 of this year. While it was challenging at first for the used car dealership, Roden said they have hit their stride recently.

"I actually liked this location when it became available," Roden said. "I decided to buy the location before I

decided what it was going to be. After my wife and I talked about it for a while. This location is already set up more for a used car dealership or a service shop. The other businesses I was thinking about doing would have required more renovation. I like the visibility of this location at a busy intersection. Just thought, 'hey, might as well give it a shot.'"

Roden said what makes Victory Motors unique is that they have a lease-to-own option for customers. The way lease-to-own works is there is a down payment and the customer pays on the vehicle until they own it. Most of the time Victory Motors offers this in a two to three year plan. Where it is different from financing is that there is no credit check and if someone later in the plan wants to change vehicles, they pay a flip fee and as long as the car is in good shape and the num-

bers line up right, they get a different car.

"When someone decides to do the lease-to-own program," Roden said. "It usually requires little money down and a \$300-\$500 monthly payment. At the end of the term, we sign the car over to them."

Roden runs Victory Motors with four other people, a general manager, a car detailer, a full-time auto mechanic and another sales representative. While they don't offer auto repairs, they do have an off-site service area where they service their vehicles, so customers know they are getting a quality vehicle.

As far as future plans, Roden said in the next five to six years he would like to expand his business, in Pampa first but then perhaps open a shop in Lubbock.

For more information, call Victory Motors at 663-2625.

Electronic items stolen from Verona's

STAFF REPORT

Police are on the lookout of a suspect who robbed Verona's Italian Restaurant in the overnight hours of Friday morning.

Jason Collier, detective for Pampa Police Department, said that the items were discovered to be stolen from Verona's Restaurant at 11 a.m. Friday morning.

There was no forced entry and appears that an exterior door may have been unlocked.

Collier said the investigation is ongoing and there is no suspect at this time.

PFD warns of scam

STAFF REPORT

Pampa Fire Department released a statement Friday concerning citizens with a scam that has been brought to the attention of Pampa Fire Department chief Kim Powell.

Upon being brought to their attention, Pampa Fire Department released this statement:

"The Pampa Fire Department is in no way affiliated with 'The Firefighters Charitable Foundation.' It has been brought to our attention that this foundation has been soliciting donation from local citizens via mail-outs and phone calls. This foundation has a local phone number that cannot be verified. The mail-outs are complete with pamphlet, fire service sticker and information sheet and by appearance may look legitimate. Pampa Police Department has been notified of this situation. Please approach this organization with extreme caution."

If contacted by one of these individuals, contact Pampa Police Department at 806-669-5700.

Texas woman missing in Oklahoma

SUBMITTED

Parker County Sheriff Department, Love County Sheriff Department and the family of Jennifer Howell is asking the public's assistance in locating Jennifer, age 31, who was last seen on Monday, June 23, 2014. Jennifer is 5'8 tall, 140 pounds with brown hair/eyes. Jennifer has a frog tattoo on the top of her right foot and a Hawaiian flower tattoo in the right shoulder area.

Jennifer's family and law enforcement are asking for the public's attention on Jennifer's case as it is imperative to locate her to ensure her safe return.

Please understand time is of the essence. If anyone has any information leading to the location of Jennifer, please contact the Parker County Sheriff 817-594-8845 or Love County Sheriff 580-276-3150.



Jennifer Howell

Texas company to pay millions over "predatory" lending

BY CORRIE MACLAGGAN
 The Texas Tribune

Texas-based payday lender ACE Cash Express has agreed to pay \$10 million to settle allegations by the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that it used harassment and other illegal tactics to push borrowers into a cycle of debt.

Under the agreement, the company, one of the nation's largest payday lenders, will pay \$5 million in refunds to

consumers and will also pay a \$5 million fine, the bureau said Thursday.

"ACE used false threats, intimidation and harassing calls to bully payday borrowers into a cycle of debt," bureau Director Richard Cordray said in a statement. "This culture of coercion drained millions of dollars from cash-strapped consumers who had few options to fight back."

Supporters of payday lending say it offers a needed service to consumers who

have few options for short-term loans. Critics say the companies prey on struggling people by charging high fees and trapping borrowers in a cycle of debt.

Irving-based ACE takes issue with the characterization that it pushes borrowers into a debt trap. It says its policies don't allow delinquent borrowers to take out more loans until the previous loans are paid off. And it says that once a year, consumers can choose to participate in an

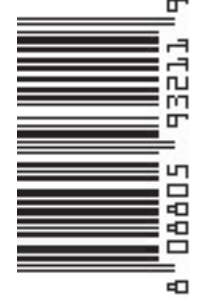
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interest-free plan to pay off an outstanding loan.

"We are proud of our company, the value we deliver to our customers, our nearly 5,000 associates and the more than 40 million customer visits over the past 12 months," said ACE Cash Express CEO Jay B. Shipowitz. "We settled this matter in order to focus on serving our customers and providing the products and services they count on."

ACE said that in response to the bureau's concerns, it hired Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP to review a sample of ACE collection calls. The review showed that more than 96 percent of ACE's

calls "met relevant collections standards," according to ACE.

Thursday's announcement marks the second time that the federal bureau has taken action against a payday lender. Last fall, Fort Worth-based Cash America International Inc. agreed to repay \$14 million to consumers and to pay a \$5 million fine for robo-signing court documents in debt collection lawsuits.

In Texas, where payday and auto-title lending is a \$4-billion-a-year industry, a major legislative effort to impose state regulations on lenders failed last year, and since then, Houston has joined Austin, Dallas, El Paso and San Antonio in passing a city ordinance to limit the loans. The issue has also flared in the governor's race.

The ACE enforcement action stems from an investigation that the federal bureau conducted with the Texas Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner. The review found that in some cases, ACE's debt collectors repeatedly called borrowers' employers and relatives and shared information about the debt.

The bureau, formed in 2010, "was created to stand up for consumers and today we are taking action to put an end to this illegal, predatory behavior," Cordray said.

Tens of thousands of customers could be eligible for refunds that could range from small amounts to \$1,000 or more, the bureau said. A third-party settlement administrator is expected to contact those customers later this year.

Amarillo Zoo celebrates National Zoo Keeper Week

SUBMITTED BY THE AMARILLO ZOO

In recognition of the dedication of zoo keepers, the Amarillo Zoo is joining the American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) and zoos around the nation in celebrating National Zoo Keeper Week (July 20-26). Created by AAZK, National Zoo Keeper Week is celebrated each year beginning on the third Sunday in July. During the week, zoos nationwide honor approximately 7,000 animal care professionals in the United States and the work they do in animal care, conservation, and education.

During the week, zoo staff will be highlighting some of the work performed by professional zoo keepers. Visitors are invited to come out and meet our zoo staff and learn more about the profession of zoo keeping. Each day there will be a different activity includ-

ing keeper chats, animal enrichment activities, displays on animal diets, handling equipment and more. Check at the Zoo's admission booth when you arrive to see the times and locations of that day's activity.

Monday — 1:30 p.m. — Lemur Enrichment Activity

Tuesday — 1:30 p.m. — Hoof stock Enrichment Activity

Wednesday — 1:30 p.m. — Spur Tortoise Keeper Chat

Thursday — 1:30 p.m. — Snake Encounter

Friday — 1:30 p.m. — Kangaroo Enrichment Activity

Also during the week there will be special exhibits set up in the Zoo's education center on animal diets and equipment keepers use in the performance of their job.

To show your support for the Zoo and the Keepers you can purchase a

special gift for one of your favorite Zoo animals at our Amazon.com wish list.

Just like our human friends, animals can be tricky to buy for. So we've made it simple to find just the right gift for your favorite animal at the Amarillo Zoo. Now you can purchase a gift for the animals from our Amazon.com wish list, and the item will be shipped directly to the zoo! Gifts are available for a wide variety of animals, from bobcats to kangaroos, to lions or lemurs.

Visit Amazon.com and search for the Amarillo Zoo's animal wish list to see what you can get one of our Zoo friends!

The Amarillo Zoo is located inside Thompson Park at NE 24th Ave and Dumas Highway. For more information call 806-381-7911 or visit the Zoo's website at www.amarillozoo.org

YETI Coolers presents Josh Abbott Band's Toobapalooza festival Aug. 16

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (July 10, 2014) — YETI Coolers brings a new Hill Country experience to the Whitewater Amphitheater in New Braunfels, TX with the official debut of Josh Abbott Band's Toobapalooza. Set for Saturday, Aug. 16, the debut festival boasts an exciting lineup featuring the Josh Abbott Band (JAB), Dirty River Boys, Saints of Valory and Nelo. There will also be an official EDM Afterparty following the show at Whitewater.

Teaming up with Texas troubadours the Josh Abbott Band, YETI Coolers will also launch a series of fan-engaging contents to get concert-goers fully geared up for the event starting tomorrow, Friday, July 11 through the performance on August 16. Prizes will include YETI

coolers filled with an array JAB sizzling summer necessities. This bound-to-be Texas tradition is one that will have fans returning to the Hill Country for years to come! Tickets also became available Friday, July 11 to the public starting at \$20 and may be purchased at whitewater.rocks.com

About Josh Abbott Band

Josh Abbott Band is a Warner Music Nashville recording artist hailing from Lubbock, TX, where it was founded in 2006 while Josh Abbott attended graduate school at Texas Tech University. The Red Raider alum recalls the epiphany he had during a concert at Lubbock's Blue Light to write and play his own music for a living. Since its formation, the band of Texas troubadours, composed of lead

vocalist Josh Abbott, Austin Davis (banjo), Preston Wait (fiddle), Edward Villanueva (drums), James Hertless (bass) and Caleb Keeter (guitar), have opened for acts such as Eli Young Band, Miranda Lambert, Carrie Underwood and Pat Green.

Already, the band boasts sensational albums like "Small Town Family Dream" and "She's Like Texas," as well as Texas Music Chart toppers like "My Texas," the musically riveting passion of "Touch" and "Oh, Tonight," featuring the talents of Grammy Award-winning Country chanteuse Kasey Musgraves, which charted at No. 44 on the Billboard charts. While he expands his horizons beyond the Lone Star State, Abbott's independent Texas spirit is stronger than ever.

Pivot teams with Stanley Tucci for new TV series

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Pivot is getting into scripted drama with a new TV series starring former Oscar nominee Stanley Tucci (TOO'-chee).

The nearly year-old network focuses on viewers 18 to 34. It plans to launch "Fortitude" in January with 12 one-hour episodes.

Tucci plays a detective

who arrives in a small Arctic town called Fortitude to search for a killer alongside the local sheriff played by Richard Dormer, who's known for "Game of Thrones." The series was filmed in Iceland and Britain.

The show marks Tucci's first extended television role since he did a 10-epi-

sode arc on "ER" six years ago. He was nominated for a supporting actor Oscar in 2009 for "The Lovely Bones."

The network announced the show Friday at the summer TV critics' meeting.

Pivot also says it's bringing back comedy "Please Like Me" for a third season.

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Obituaries

Jimmy Don "J.D." Osbin

Jimmy Don "J.D." Osbin, 57, of Moatsville, W.V., died Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Jimmy was born in Sept. 16, 1956 in Seminole, Okla. to Betty Osbin and the late Fred Osbin of Kenton, Okla.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Lynn Williamson Osbin of their home in Moatsville; his mother, Betty Winn Osbin, of Kenton; his son, Luke and Vanessa Osbin, of Dayton, Tenn.; his daughter, Jessica Osbin, of Morgantown, W.V.; his son, Trevor Osbin, of Fairmont, W.V.; one granddaughter, Ashland, of Dayton; three brothers, Freddy Osbin, of White Deer, Richard Osbin, of Ken-

ton and Keith Osbin of Amarillo; one sister, Sherridan Perdue of Boise City, Okla.; many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephew. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

"J.D." was a proud U.S. Navy veteran, serving from 1975 to 1985, then he was employed by Abbott Laboratories as a senior engineer earning many awards. He enjoyed coaching youth sports, camping, hunting, fishing and working on his 1950 Ford F-150 pickup.

Services were held on July 1, 2014 at 2 p.m. in Phillippi, W.V. with cremation following. Arrangements were made by Stemple and Forman Funeral Home in Phillippi.

Online condolences may be left at www.stempleforman.com.

For the record

California woman arrested for marijuana possession

STAFF REPORT

• Nichole Dawnelle Hagen, 32, Bakersfield, Calif., was arrested Thursday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces, failure

to identify fugitive, fugitive warrant — California.

• Ryan Wayne Willis, 28, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Pampa Police Department for violation of probation — possession of marijuana, possession of drug para-

phernalia, violation of promise to appear.

• Amber Sky Bradford, 24, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for capias pro fine — unsafe backing.

• Dylan Scott Parks, 18, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Gray

County Sheriff's Office for credit/debit card abuse, failure to comply — accident damage to a vehicle — Carson County.

• Gatlin Ray Taylor, 18, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for no driver's license, expired motor vehicle inspection.

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Tonight: Clear with a low of 66. Winds south-southwest at 19 mph. Sunset at 9:01 p.m.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 92. Winds southwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 6:38 a.m.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 69. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds northeast at 8 mph. Sunset at 9 p.m.

Monday: Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 85. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds northeast at 8 mph. Sunrise at 6:39 a.m.

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Teacher tenure fight gains momentum with ruling

NEW YORK (AP) — A month after a California judge ruled that job protections for teachers violated children's constitutional rights, one lawsuit making the same claim has been filed in New York, another has been announced and critics of teacher tenure in other states say they are preparing litigation as well.

The June ruling in California has been stayed pending appeal and may never take effect, but critics of teachers' unions are seizing on the idea of using the courts to weaken union power and thus try to improve schools.

Mona Davids, president of the parents group that filed the New York lawsuit last week, called educational inequity "a crisis of epic proportions." She said New York City neighborhoods that are mostly black and Latino have the schools with the highest

concentration of teachers rated unsatisfactory.

"Yet," Davids said, "every attempt to hold teachers accountable for educating our children is blocked."

The California ruling struck down state laws dictating how long it takes for a teacher to earn tenure as well as rules that protect senior teachers during layoffs. The plaintiffs argued that such union-backed job protections mean that poor and minority schools are staffed disproportionately by bad teachers, which violates students' rights.

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, said such lawsuits "mean a continuation of the artificial division that in order for students to win, teachers must lose."

But in the next few weeks, another group, the Partnership for Educational Justice, founded by former CNN newswoman

Campbell Brown, says it will file an anti-tenure lawsuit in New York.

And parent activists in Connecticut and Pennsylvania say they are in the early stages of preparing similar lawsuits over teacher tenure. Gwen Samuel, president of the Connecticut parents Union, said 200,000 children are stuck in low-performing Connecticut schools.

"Teacher tenure doesn't ensure that those kids have an effective teacher," Samuel said. "Guaranteeing a person a job regardless of their performance is irresponsible."

But some say tenure rules are a small part of the reason some children have better teachers than others, also citing such factors as overcrowded schools, relatively low pay and chaotic working conditions.

"There are at least half a dozen strong reasons why we may not have as highly qualified a teacher force

as we might like," said Michael Rebell, a Columbia University Teachers College professor and the executive director of the Campaign for Educational Equity.

Rebell said the tenure system could be improved but it's a small factor that "certainly doesn't rise to the level of a constitutional violation."

Even some who agree with the impulse behind the California lawsuit question whether the courts are the right arena for deciding which teachers stay or go.

"The intention here is entirely admirable," said Rick Hess of the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank. "I don't think the results are likely to turn out in a way that's going to actually promote reform."

He added, "It's not clear what exactly constitutes an acceptable teacher tenure standard. These are judgment calls."

Man charged in fiery North Texas confrontation

CEDAR HILL (AP) — Authorities have filed charges against a man accused of setting himself and a police officer on fire before dashing through the parking lot of a suburban Dallas shopping strip as flames enveloped his body.

Authorities announced Friday that 27-year-old Terrance Jarmell Dunn is charged with aggravated assault on a public servant. He underwent surgery following the incident Wednesday in Cedar Hill and remains hospital-

ized. City spokesman Corky Brown says officer Ann McSwain also is hospitalized and will require surgery for severe burns.

Two other injured officers were treated and released.

Officers had intended to question Dunn about a burglary when he ran into a restaurant while holding a bottle of flammable liquid. He lit himself on fire and the flames spread to McSwain before he ran from the eatery.

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Bouncin' Around Cats' role in my life

I sincerely hope that the dog lovers reading this today aren't offended. I really do like dogs, but they have proved to be a bit high-maintenance for our taste.



JUDITH SMITH

I remember having a dog when I was very small, but we moved so many times after my parents divorced that it wasn't practical. Cats, however, have played an important part in my life. Our first cat was an orange cat named Sally. I am told she appointed herself my guardian whenever I was outside — I really don't recall too clearly as I was only about three years old.

The first cat I remember very clearly was Jo-Jo, a very fluffy gold and white cat. My brother and I rescued him from a group of boys who had been paid to bury a bag of kittens. Jo was the only one who survived, but with mud packed in both ears and his nostrils.

He was apparently deaf in one ear after that, as he always cocked his head to one side, appearing to listen to us. He was only a couple of years

old when he disappeared one night, and we didn't find him for a few days, cowering in the back of our garage.

Apparently he had been hit by a car, and his jaw was broken and one eye damaged. The vet removed the damaged eye and sewed it shut, and Mom spoon fed Jo liver (blech!) that she had scraped from a cut of calf's liver, and gave him water with an eye dropper. He was a sweet cat, and he lived for about seven years before he died.

Ernie came along several years later, a gift from a friend. He was a shiny black cat, a Burmese. He and I became best friends, and he rode everywhere with me in my car, usually perched on the back of the seat so he could look out. He had a harness and leash, and would walk alongside me or ride on my shoulder. Ernie was named for the famous Chicago Cubs baseball player, Ernie Banks, and my little Ernie loved to bat at and chase paper balls. Ernie had a fondness for ice cream, and I would often buy him a junior cone whenever we went out. Unfortunately, our landlady found out about him and refused to allow him to stay in the house, so he lived out his days on a

nearby farm.

There were no more pets until after I married my husband, who was a confirmed cat-hater. When our daughter was about two, she was terrified of dogs. We felt that having a puppy of her own would take away her fear, and a neighbor's dog, a Siberian Husky, was about to have puppies.

We took the "runt of the litter," Laika, who turned out to be anything but a runt. He was a very strong-willed dog who loved to chew the bark off our trees, dig up the tree roots all over the back yard, and howl whenever he thought he was alone. His idea of taking care of our daughter was to knock her down and sit on her. We hired a dog trainer, but Laika bit the dog trainer. The last straw came late one night when a neighbor called to tell us Laika was in his yard and wouldn't let his son in the house. The next day Laika found a new home with one of my husband's co-workers, and his personality apparently did a complete 180.

Soon after that, friends offered us a female cat we named Misty. I told Ron that "cats are quiet, unobtrusive," **CATS** cont. on page 5

Looking back on laughter

When I was a kid, I remember playing lots of games with my friends.



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We played hide-n-go-seek at night, played frisbee, hackie sack, freeze tag, 4 square and dodge ball. My cousins and I usually even made up a game. We took pieces of paper and wrote names on it, like weirdo, Miss Piggie, Pat Benetar, etc. The point was that when you pulled out the name then that's what you were. (Back then Pat Benetar was who you wanted to be.) I remember pulling those names out and laughing so hard that I couldn't breathe. Then you would calm down for about three seconds and go to laughing all over again.

Those were some of the best of times. We even had inside jokes that could bring on

that kind of laughter. Of course your parents didn't know what you were talking about, and that made it even funnier.

It was always the kind of laughter that made my stomach sore and snot come out of my nose.

Well, the other night I could hear my girls giggling in their room. It was late so I had to do the "parent thing" and quiet them down.

Of course as I walked in, they stopped. I asked them what was so funny?

As McKenzie tries telling the story, she starts giggling. The only word I can understand is "then Kennedy" and Kennedy starts giggling from her toes. I still don't know what happened, but I had to laugh, too.

How wonderful is it to hear your children laugh like that. I gave up on quieting them down. They eventually fell asleep. Hopefully when they get as old as me, they will look back on that night and laugh!

Slain author feared Ventura tale had eclipsed book

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Jurors in Jesse Ventura's defamation lawsuit on Thursday heard a slain military sniper say in a recording that he didn't want his book overshadowed by a story about his alleged bar fight with the former Minnesota governor.

Ventura's attorney played a section of "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle's deposition. Kyle, a former Navy SEAL, was fatally shot last year at a Texas gun range.

Ventura claims that Kyle made up a story in his best-selling autobiography about punching Ventura outside a California bar in 2006.

"American Sniper," published in January 2012, describes a fight with an unnamed celebrity Kyle dubbed "Scruff Face." Kyle later gave interviews on Sirius XM ra-

dio and Fox TV in which he identified Ventura as the man.

In his deposition, Kyle said that he was shocked the three pages about the alleged incident drew so much attention, the Star Tribune reported.

"Like I said, the story has been greatly exaggerated over the years," Kyle told Ventura's attorney, David B. Olsen.

Kyle's deposition included emails suggesting Kyle's publicists were pleased with the media coverage from the controversy, the St. Paul Pioneer Press reported.

Ventura, a former SEAL who was Minnesota governor from 1999-2003, pursued his lawsuit even after Kyle was killed in February 2013, saying it was important to clear his name. Kyle's widow, Taya Kyle, is now the defendant.



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Under the good jobs-report hood

Good news for the American worker: Employment in June surged 288,000, with a 262,000 gain in the private sector, easily beating the consensus forecast of 215,000 new payrolls. This

marks the fifth consecutive monthly increase of 200,000 or more jobs, the best five-month stretch since early 2006. As for the unemployment rate, it dropped from 6.3 to 6.1 percent.

Stocks surged on the news, with the Dow closing above 17,000 for a record high.

And the good news doesn't end there: The small-business household survey gained a big 407,000 while the number of unemployed fell by 325,000. These job gains were spread wide across the economy, as the diffusion index jumped from 62.9 to 64.8 percent. And although lower-paying retailers counted for a big 40,000 jump, higher-paying professional and business services increased 67,000.

But there were some important glitches in this good-news report.

For one, worker wages remained soft, rising only 2 percent over the past 12 months. And total hours worked are 2.1 percent ahead of a year ago, suggesting that overall

income and nominal GDP are growing at a relatively slow 4-percent rate.

Meanwhile, the U6 unemployment rate, which includes part-time workers who want better full-time jobs or folks who have given up, dropped only slightly to 12.1 percent. That's still a historically high rate. And the labor-force participation rate was unchanged at 62.8 percent, a 30-year low.

Wall Street Journal editor Phil Izzo makes a disconcerting point: The good way for unemployment to fall is for more people to find jobs. But the bad way is for more people to give up looking for work altogether.

Unfortunately, Izzo notes that while 2.15 million people gained employment in June, 2.35 million dropped out of the labor force. "In all but two months since December 2008, more unemployed have dropped out than found jobs," writes Izzo.

So underneath the hood of the strong June jobs report, we still find big problems with the U.S. jobs situation.

Representative Kevin Brady, chairman of the congressional Joint Economic Committee, points out that compared to the average of post-1960 recoveries, this one still has a private-sector jobs gap of 5.8 million. To get back on track, the economy needs to add 374,000 private-sector jobs every month through the end of 2016.

This has always been a rather lopsided economic

expansion. For example, auto sales surged to 16.9 million in June, a very good number. And the energy sector has been strong for many years. But consumer spending actually fell in April and May. And long-term business investment — a huge job creator — remains in the doldrums.

The latest Business Roundtable survey shows a slowdown in capex spending plans.

The National Association for Business Economics predicts only a bit more than 3 percent business-investment growth. And the National Federation of Independent Business says only 24 percent of small-business owners plan capital outlays in the next three to six months.

The paradox is, while companies seem more willing to hire, they are not willing to make long-term investments in the economy. It's not hard to guess that this corporate caution stems in large part from tax and regulatory uncertainties, and frankly, a White House that is anti-business.

A recent Wall Street Journal op-ed by UCLA economics professor Lee Ohanian and Nobelist Edward C. Prescott points to the large decline in the creation of new start-up businesses as a major factor in the lack of business fixed investment. The authors argue that policies hampering entrepreneurs need to be changed. They point to immigration reform that increases the

pool of skilled workers, tax reform that reduces the corporate income tax and changing Dodd-Frank financial regulations to make it easier and cheaper for small businesses to get loans.

I continue to believe that slashing business tax rates (and ultimately abolishing the corporate tax) would be the single most important economic-growth policy right now. And importantly, small business S-corps must be allowed to take advantage of any lower C-corp tax rate.

A recent study from the Tax Foundation, using a dynamic simulation model, argues that cutting the federal corporate tax rate from 35 to 25 percent would, over 10 years, raise real GDP by more than 2 percent, increase private business-capital investment by more than 6 percent, boost worker wages by 2 percent and increase total federal revenues by nearly 1 percent.

I would add to this the need to repatriate U.S. profits lodged overseas, which are taking advantage of lower foreign tax rates. A small penalty rate of 5 percent could bring back \$1 trillion.

Let's bring American companies back home. There will be more growth, more investment, more jobs and much higher wages.

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Cats

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and you'll never know she's around." A few years later, Ron's mother passed away late one night. When Ron came home and climbed wearily into bed, Misty hopped up next to his pillow and slept there, purring. She never left his side the next day, and slept by his head the rest of her life.

Micque was the next feline member of our family. I saw him in the pet store one Saturday, and talked my daughter into asking her Dad if we could please go to the pet shop that afternoon. The tiny kitten put his paw through the bars of his cage, and came home with us that day. He was a Norwegian

Forest Cat, mostly white with black ears, nose, and tail, and he lived to the ripe old age of 20. He was very loveable and loving, and even adapted easily to a move from Illinois to Georgia.

Two weeks before Micque died, our daughter brought a tiny gray fur ball to her dad for Father's Day. As he is a Russian Blue, he was immediately named Boris after the character, Boris Badenov, in the Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoons. He showed us what a character he was right away, as he came walking down the hall dragging a teddy bear that was bigger than he was. He traveled with us back from Georgia to Illinois, and was with us in the car when we crashed on our way here to Texas. He has settled in even

though we've moved two more times since arriving in Texas. Oddly enough, though he was a gift to Ron, he seems to prefer cuddling with me, and like Garfield the cat, snuggles under blankets instead of on top. He is exceptionally intelligent. He comes when called (if he isn't too sound asleep), knows many different words, and is especially fond of service people with tool bags or friends who visit with large purses or knitting bags. When friends from Australia visited last year, Barry said that Boris is like a dog in a cat suit. He has me completely trained as his servant and I'm perfectly willing to accommodate him.

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Twins brew up self-serve beer for All Star Game

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — It's BYOB at the home of the Minnesota Twins for this week's All Star Game.

As in, Be Your Own Bartender.

Just in time for the Home Run Derby, Target Field in Minneapolis put in two self-serve beer machines in the stands behind first and third base, letting thirsty fans pick a brew, pour and pay by the ounce. The pour-your-own stations are unique among the 100-plus stadiums and arenas in the four major professional sports in the United States — though not the first of their kind, a concessions consultant said.

They're not about boosting sales, cutting labor costs or shortening lines, said Delaware North Companies general manager Pete Spike, who provides concessions at Target Field. And it's too early to say whether the machines are the future of beer concessions — or even whether Target Field will add more.

For now, they're just something new.

"It's a novelty. That's one thing that parks have lost over the years," Spike said. "You used to be able to get ice cream in a special package you couldn't get anywhere else. Now, you can get it everywhere. This is merely something fun."

After an ID check — "Just because it's self-serve doesn't mean it's unmonitored," Twins spokesman Chris Iles said — fans buy a card pre-loaded with \$10, \$20 or \$40. Then they hop in line for their beer of choice: Budweiser and Bud Light for 38 cents an ounce (a little over \$6 for a pint), or Goose Island 312 Urban Pale Ale and Shock Top's Lemon Shandy

for 40 cents per ounce. The self-pouring is monitored, too, to stop anyone who may be overserving themselves.

Grab a cup, tap the beer card and pour.

The Twins sold about 100 beer cards with just one machine running during its debut for a July 6 home game against the Yankees, Spike said.

Add a second station, a week of media coverage on the machines and an estimated 80,000 baseball fans between Monday's Home Run Derby and the All Star Game on Tuesday, and Spike expects a rush of thirsty fans.

Twins fan and beer drinker Jim Landry said he thinks too many steps make the new

machines a hindrance rather than a convenience.

"I don't see the point," he said. "I'd rather go to a beer guy to get a beer."

Food service consultant Chris Bigelow isn't sold on the idea either. He heard about the beer stations — the only ones he's aware of at current pro sports venues — and remembered a similar self-serve beer concept at the Detroit Red Wings' home arena in the early '80s.

Fans had trouble properly pouring a beer, making the process messy and slow, and the idea was quickly scrapped, Bigelow said.

"They were wasting a lot of beer," he said. "They found that it was terrible."

Obama official says immigrant kids draining funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Homeland Security agency responsible for removing immigrants who are in the country illegally will run out of money by mid-August unless Congress approves President Barack Obama's emergency request for \$3.7 billion to help deal with a flood of child immigrants crossing the border illegally without their parents, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson says.

Additionally, Customs and Border Protection, whose 20,000-plus Border Patrol agents are responsible for arresting illegal border crossers, will be out of money by mid-September at the "current burn rate," Johnson told the Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday as he defended the president's emergency budget request.

Johnson said if Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Border Patrol run out of money, the Homeland Security Department "would need to divert significant funds from other critical programs just to maintain operations."

While Johnson, Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell and other administration officials made their pitch for the extra money, outlines of a possible compromise to more quickly deport minors arriving from Central America emerged Thursday. More than 57,000 child immigrants, mostly from Central America, have been caught crossing the Mexican border since Oct. 1.

Republicans demanded speedier deportations for Central American immigrant children, which the White House initially had supported but left out of its emergency spending proposal after complaints

from immigrant advocates and some Democrats. On Thursday, the top House and Senate Democrats pointedly left the door open to faster deportations.

"It's not a deal-breaker," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said. "Let them have their face-saver. But let us have the resources to do what we have to do." Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill later clarified that any changes "must ensure due process for these children."

In the Senate, Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said: "I'm not going to block anything. Let's see what comes to the floor."

Johnson said that "discretion" to be able to more swiftly return Central American children to their home countries would help Homeland Security curb the flow of minors.

At issue is a law approved in 2008. Passed to give protection to sex trafficking victims, it requires court hearings for young migrants who arrive in this country from "noncontiguous" countries — anywhere other than Mexico or Canada.

But opposition arose Thursday from key Democratic senators, suggesting looming battles before any deal can be struck.

"I can assure you that I will fight tooth and nail changes in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act," Senate Judiciary Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said

at a hearing on the situation, referring to the law Republicans want to change.

Reid and Pelosi made their comments as House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., both said they didn't want to give Obama a "blank check" to deal with the crisis of tens of thousands of unaccompanied children arriving at the Texas border, many fleeing gangs and drawn by rumors they would be able to stay in the U.S. Boehner and McConnell indicated policy changes would be necessary to win their support.

"We want to make sure we actually get the right tools to help fix the problem," McConnell said. Obama "needs to work with us to get the right policy into effect."

Proponents of speedier deportations say an effective way to stem the tide of young immigrants crossing the border would be to send them back home right away, to show their parents that the trip north was wasted.

Because of enormous backlogs in the immigration court system, the result in the current crisis is that minors streaming in from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala are released to relatives or others in the U.S. with notices to appear at long-distant court hearings that many of them never will attend.



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Brooks' music coming to digital via his own site

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Garth Brooks is finally embracing digital music, but he's doing it his own way.

Brooks, one of the last hold-out big-name mu-

sicians still refusing to put his music on iTunes, said Thursday he will make his back catalog of hits and his new music available for download, but only through his own website.

He said the digital downloads of previous music would be available in a few weeks to tide fans over until a new album comes out later this year. The 52-year-old country

star remains one of music's top-selling artists, with 134 million albums sold, according to the Recording Industry Association of America.

He has said in the past that he had no animosity toward Apple, but disagreed with its approach to selling music.

Other performers who refused to join iTunes but later reached deals include AC/DC, Radiohead and Led Zeppelin. iTunes was launched in 2001.

"So, we'll be doing our digital the best way we can, the only way we know how, because we are the only ones who kind of play our own way," Brooks said at a press conference in Nashville.

He also announced a new deal with the Sony Music label, which will put out an album of his first new music since 2001.

Brooks said it would likely be issued sometime around Black Friday. The first city on his tour will be announced on July 15, according to Sony.

Brooks entered semi-retirement in 2001 near the height of his popularity to be with his three daughters and his wife, Trisha Yearwood.

Since then he has performed an extended run in Las Vegas and done a few charity shows.

The Country Music Hall of Fame member said he's grateful for his fans sticking around during his time off from the road.

"A second half of a career isn't granted," Brooks said.

"I'm not saying that's what I have now, but you have given me a shot to have it."

But he acknowledged a rocky start to his return to the stage. A series of Ireland shows later this month billed as his "Comeback Special" was cancelled after a battle between venue owners and local residents.

Brooks had expanded the number of shows he was to play at Croke Park stadium in Dublin because of demand, but the Dublin City Council last week refused to grant permission for five shows, saying they would cause "an unacceptable level of disruption" for residents and businesses.

Brooks said tickets had already been sold for five shows and if he couldn't play them all, he would play none.

"And if the prime minister himself wants to talk to me, I will crawl, swim, I will fly over there this weekend," Brooks said.

"Sit in front of him, I will drop on my knees and beg for those 400,000 people to just have fun and let them come see."

Rock Hall planning Everly Brothers tribute show

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rock and Roll of Fame will honor the Everly Brothers with a tribute concert this fall.

The Rock Hall announced Thursday that surviving member Don Everly will appear at the Oct. 25 event at PlayhouseSquare's State Theatre in Cleveland.

Phil Everly died from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease earlier this year. His older brother said in a statement that he wishes "Phil were here

to share this honor." Don Everly also thanked the Rock Hall and the duo's fans "for keeping the Everly Brothers alive."

Singer Rodney Crowell will work as the musical director for the concert, which will take place during the Rock Hall's 19th annual "Music Masters" series. Performers will be announced at a later date.

The Everly Brothers were inducted into the Rock Hall in 1986 and the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2001.

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House chairman: \$3.7 billion request 'too much'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House committee that controls spending says President Barack Obama's \$3.7 billion emergency request for the border crisis is too much money and the House won't approve it.

Congressman Hal Rogers, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, says there are some immediate needs to be met with the crisis of tens of thousands of unaccompa-

nied children arriving at the border from Central America.

But the Kentucky Republican says there's not a need for the entire sum Obama is seeking, and that some of what the president is requesting is already being handled in Congress' regular spending bills.

Rogers' comments to reporters Friday underscore the challenges ahead as Obama pushes Congress to approve the money.

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Weekly Menus

Lunch In The Parks — Wilson Only

MONDAY, July 14
Chicken quesadillas or pizza, corn, refried beans, peach cup

Breakfast- Mini pancakes

TUESDAY, July 15
Macaroni & cheese or steak fingers, whipped potatoes, spinach, sliced apples

Breakfast- Sausage biscuit sandwich

WEDNESDAY, July 16
Soft taco or mini twin cheeseburgers, pinto beans, carrot sticks, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza

THURSDAY, July 17
Mini corndogs or burrito, black eyed peas, broccoli florets, strawberry cup

Breakfast- Sausage roll

FRIDAY, July 18
Slippy Joe or hot dog/chili, french fries, baked beans, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Cereal

Lunch In The Parks

MONDAY, July 14
Pizza, carrot sticks, peach cup, milk

TUESDAY, July 15
Steak fingers, cucumbers, fruit juice, milk

WEDNESDAY, July 16
Mini twin cheese burgers, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk

THURSDAY, July 17
Burrito, broccoli florets, strawberry cup, milk

FRIDAY, July 18
Hot dog, pickle spear, fresh fruit, milk

Pampa Meals on Wheels

MONDAY, July 14
Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, salad, pineapple

TUESDAY, July 15
Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, salad, pears

WEDNESDAY, July 16
Eggs/sausage, hashed brown, biscuit, peaches

THURSDAY, July 17
Sloppy Joe, tater tots, cole slaw, mixed fruit

FRIDAY, July 18
Salmon patties, macaroni/cheese, pickled beets, apricots

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

MONDAY, July 14
Chicken fried steak or chicken spaghetti, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, Northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, butter cream cake, cherry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

TUESDAY, July 15
Chicken salad or mock filet mignon, scalloped potatoes, fried okra, Italian blend, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, ugly duckling cake, butterscotch pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

WEDNESDAY, July 16
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green beans, buttered squash, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, spice cake, chocolate icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

THURSDAY, July 17
Chicken strips or beef enchiladas, tater tots, Mexican corn, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, Boston cream pie, cherry cheesecake, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

FRIDAY, July 18
Cod fish filets/hushpuppies or beef stew, potato wedges, Brussel sprouts, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, apple pie, fruit cup, garlic bread, hot roll, cornbread

ENDURING LOVE - 61 years

Bruce and Ruh Riehart



Bruce and Ruh Riehart celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary recently with a trip to the Dallas metroplex for a family gathering.

They were married in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the Grace Luther Church in 1953, and have resided in Pampa since 1955. They have three daughters, Laura Lum and husband Steve, Sara Rogness and husband John and Anna Taylor and husband Robert; and eight grandchildren.

ENDURING LOVE - 50 years

Gary and Linda Clark



Gary and Linda Clark of Pampa, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family trip to Colorado.

They were married June 27, 1964 in White Deer. Gary and Linda have lived in Pampa all of the 50 years they have been married. They have two sons & daughter-in-laws and seven wonderful grandchildren.

Altrusa club news

SUBMITTED

Altrusa International, Inc. of Pampa met July 8, 2014 at First United Methodist Church with President Melodie Dosch presiding. Terry Gamblin served as greeter.

Guests attending were Donna Davidson and Virginia Fessenden.

The Accent was given by Leona Willis on the life of Betsy Ross who designed and made the American flag in 1776.

Committee Reports

- Sue Cree reported on the ESL Camp where several Altrusans assisted during June at Woodrow Wilson School under the direction of Carmelita Gage, Bilingual/ESL/Migrant Director with Pampa Independent School District

- Terry Gamblin reported on the Relay for Life Walk held recently at the Horace Mann campus. The Altrusa team, "Altrusa and Friends" consisted of seven Altrusans and spouses.

- Kerrick Horton reported on the Cancer Survivors' Dinner held recently at First United Methodist Church. Altrusa was responsible for serving the dinner.

Announcements

- Snack Pak 4 Kids – July 14, PISD Administration Building, 6:45 p.m.
- Gal Event Night – July 30 – Tralee Crisis Center, 6:30 p.m.

- Kim Laycock reported on plans for the Wellness Symposium with Dr. Patricia Sulak, Oct. 2, M.K Brown Heritage Room, 6:30 p.m.
- The next meeting will be held July 22 at 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

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Cutting torch used as Texas tank explodes, 1 hurt

NEW BADEN (AP) — State regulators say a worker had used a cutting torch when a Central Texas oilfield storage tank exploded and left him critically hurt.

The Eagle newspaper reported Friday that the

worker was removing bolts from a catwalk atop the tank near New Baden (BAY'-dun).

Texas Railroad Commission investigators say the 12,000-gallon tank contained oil sludge during Wednesday's blast.

Authorities say the worker was wearing a safety harness as he was thrown clear during the explosion, then the safety line slammed him face-first into the hot steel.

The fire burned through a strap and the man fell

to the ground. He was in critical condition when transported to a Houston hospital. His name and further details on his condition weren't immediately released.

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★ **sunday horoscope**

A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Aquarius.

Happy Birthday for Sunday, July 13, 2014:

This year you will benefit from one or several important relationships. You will prefer to relate on a one-on-one level, even if the person is a business associate. You are able to take in a lot of information and naturally nurture others. If you are single, you could meet someone when dealing with a money matter. This person reads you clearly and likes to be with you. At times, he or she could be aloof. If you are attached, the two of you bond even more, as your special time as a couple increases in importance. You have an additional strength because of this closeness. **AQUARIUS** is always a good friend, even if they are aloof.

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)

★★★★ Those around you appreciate what you say and your suggestions. If you have a matter of importance on your mind, opening up a discussion today is smart. You respond to a friend in a most unexpected manner. Do understand if you sense some distancing from this person. Tonight: Throw a barbecue for your friends.

This Week: You could be in a funk for several days. You will do a lot of thinking and emerge better than you thought possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Reach out for what you want, and

even if you get a "no" right away, don't give up. Detach from a situation, and you will see all the dynamics. Your choices will be solid. A partner or loved one could be remote. This behavior is not new! Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

This Week: Try not to be stubborn on Monday. If you succeed, the rest of the week might be quite delightful and easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Reach out for a loved one or a friend at a distance who you rarely chat with. Once you reconnect, you are like two gabby girls catching up on news. Consider a trip in the near future to visit each other. Good friends are few and far between. Tonight: Let your imagination make the call.

This Week: Use Monday and Thursday for any creative projects or issues.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A close loved one will want your time and attention. You might need to change plans, upsetting another person. Make sure you make the appropriate gesture to the person you canceled with and schedule a fun happening right away. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

This Week: Someone wants to pull in quite close. Make sure you want this person in your inner circle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might want to slow down and get some extra R and R. You can only push so hard to achieve the interactions you would like. Relate directly to each individual right now. Not only

will you like what is said better, the other person will feel more comfortable with you. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday? Live it up.

This Week: Others actively seek you out. Don't feel as if you must respond in a certain manner. Be willing to say no.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You have the ability to move past others' stuff and see a situation for what it is. An older relative or friend pays you an important compliment. You do go out of your way for this person often. A surprise involving a partner or loved one is likely. Tonight: Express your feelings.

This Week: Dig into work and accomplish as much as you can or would like. You could be distracted midweek; your popularity interferes with your concentration.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Stay anchored and don't waffle when someone does the unexpected. Kick back and watch. A child or new friend needs extra time and attention. Saying yes at times like this will build a deeper bond, leaving lots of memories. Decide what would delight this person, and do it. Tonight: Naughty and nice.

This Week: Honor a change of pace. Make it OK to be a little frivolous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Have a long overdue talk with a family member or roommate. You have been holding your feelings back. Express your emotions, even if you are angry. It is important to keep your interactions as clear as possible. Tonight:

Conjure up a special meal.

This Week: You might feel pressured Monday, yet from Tuesday on, your ingenuity eliminates many problems.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Don't stand on ceremony with another person. Make a call and patch up a disagreement. You cannot always agree with each other. The situation is no different now, but you can respect each other's views. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

This Week: Communicate your needs. Give others the space to respond.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Fortunately, you are good with money and juggle different concerns well. Explain why you make the choices you do more often. A loved one or friend would love to understand your financial wisdom more. A friend could be difficult, as he or she might be more depressed than you realize. Tonight: Your wish is another person's command.

This Week: Be aware of the cost of a project before you launch into it. You might think you know the financial implications, but might get a surprise on the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You feel revived and vital. Touch base with a friend who might not be feeling up to snuff. Your call actually will help this person feel better. Communications are lively. You might have a mini-tiff with a child. Let it go. Really, it isn't as bad as you think. Tonight: Don't allow another's negativity to impact you. Be yourself.

This Week: Honor what is happening around you Monday. Stay responsive. Midweek, deal with your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might not be willing to share what is ailing you. Someone you care about might want to share a secret, if you will keep it hush-hush. At this point in time, you will honor the request. Take some much-needed downtime. Snooze if you want. Tonight: Don't push.

This Week: You come into your own on Tuesday. Use Tuesday on to the max, as others will be more responsive.

BORN TODAY
Roman political, military leader Julius Caesar (100 BC), actor Harrison Ford (1942), actor Patrick Stewart (1940)

'Brain Games' leads own genre at Nat Geo Channel

NEW YORK (AP) — Given that David Rees has written a book on how to sharpen a pencil, he seems the perfect choice to host a new National Geographic Channel series that elevates mundane activities into the subject of deep investigation.

So, for those inclined, Rees' "Going Deep" over the next two months will tell more than you ever thought you could know about digging a hole, tying a shoe, making ice cubes, shaking hands or throwing a paper airplane.

The series debuts Monday (10 p.m. EDT) following a new episode of "Brain Games." It's part of what has become a new programming genre at National Geographic that explains how the world works. Think of it as Geek TV, although the network works very hard to make shows that will appeal to the channel surfer.

"Brain Games" started it all. Host Jason Silva guides viewers through experiments designed to show how the brain perceives things like motion, space or time. The new season gets more abstract; tests measure compassion, anger, addiction and intuition.

A three-hour "Brain Games" special in 2011 did so well the network quickly ordered a series, which became National Geographic's most popular program, said Courteney Monroe, the network's chief executive.

"It remains unique on the television landscape," she said. "That was what kind of ignited it for us. As we watched the performance continue to grow, we said, 'What else can we get in this space?'"

Other shows were launched to appeal to the same taste. In "None of the Above," host Tim Shaw conducts experiments and asks people to predict the outcome. "The Numbers Game" uses statistics, role play and experiments to answer questions like "are you a risk taker?" or "can you be a hero?"

One series soon to come, "Mind Over Masses," was inspired by YouTube clips. It explores ways to make people change behavior, like painting stairs

to look like a piano so people use them more than an elevator. The upcoming "You Can't Lick Your Elbow" examines the human body. "Mapology," due next year, uses data analysis to uncover some of the world's unexpected realities.

The network has also given the go-ahead to a miniseries about inventors, "American Genius," produced by the same company that made "The Men Who Built America."

It's enough to make the brain hurt.

Monroe needs to balance the interest in viewers unleashed by "Brain Games" with oversaturating the market, keeping in mind that competing networks will surely develop copycats. "We're always worried about that," she said.

Within the genre, "Going Deep" is a little risky, Monroe said. Rees is a former political cartoonist and a comedian who — honest! — maintains a side business sharpening pencils for money. He and the show have an edgy New York wit.

"He's quirky," Monroe said. "The show is quirky. The sensibility is quirky. I don't know if it's going to work. I love that we're trying it."

As the title suggests, "Going Deep" uses each show's question to take intriguing side trips. An episode on how to strike a match delves into the science of fire, which Rees finds not as haphazard as he thought. He finds a scientist with striking new designs for real airplanes to talk to on his show about paper airplanes, and is shown glacial ice hundreds of thousands of years old in his ice cube program. Producers flew in an expert on knots from Australia for the shoelace episode.

"I think that was our entire travel budget," he said.

Rees believes his show has found the right home in the geeky corner of National Geographic Channel.

"We had three networks saying, 'We're out there looking for a new 'Duck Dynasty,'" he said. "I said, 'This is not your next 'Duck Dynasty.'"

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Missed chances

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Q: I am very mad. A good friend of mine, a neighbor lady who had been single all her life, recently died at the age of 69. She was working up until the time of her death. Even though she has been eligible for Social Security since age 66, she never filed for benefits because she went to a seminar sponsored by a local financial planner several years ago and the guy convinced her to wait until age 70 to claim her Social Security. (I know about this because I went with her to the seminar.) He told everyone in the audience that they would be foolish to take any Social Security before age 70 because he said they would be financially ahead in the long run to wait as long as possible to file. Well, look what happened to my friend. I called the guy who put on the seminar and told him he gave us bum advice. He said he still thinks his advice was sound. I wish I could get a list of everyone who was at that seminar and tell them

this story! What I want to know from you is if I can file a Social Security claim for her now after her death and use some of the proceeds from whatever back pay she might be due to cover her funeral and other after-death expenses I incurred.

A: There are two issues that need to be addressed. First, the answer to your specific question is no. Assuming, as you said, that she never filed any kind of claim for Social Security benefits, then there is nothing you can do now. Sadly, this lady missed out on tens of thousands of dollars in Social Security benefits she could have been paid between age 66 and her death.

The bigger issue is whether or not people are ahead to delay benefits until age 70. And that is a question no one can really answer, because no one knows when he or she is going to die. I don't necessarily think the financial planner gave you and your friend "bum advice." But if he did, as you say, tell people "they would be foolish to take any Social Security



before age 70," then he probably went a little too far. What he should have said is that statistically, most people will live long enough to come out ahead somewhere in the distant future by delaying Social Security benefits until age 70, at which point they get their full benefit plus a delayed retirement bonus of 32 percent per month. But then he should have told his listeners that they have to consider their own financial situation and their own health matters before deciding to wait until age 70 to claim their first Social Security check.

I've used this column many times in the past to marvel (mostly in bewilderment) at the high number of retiring baby boomers who are trying too hard to squeeze every last nickel out of their Social Security benefits. I caution them that they really need to think things

through before giving up so much money (the benefits they would be due between ages 66, or possibly even age 62, and age 70), hoping they will live beyond their mid-80s to come out ahead in this Social Security gambling game they are playing. Sadly, your friend is a good example of someone who lost that gamble.

And I've reported in this column before that my wife and I each took our Social Security benefits at age 62. I can hear financial planners and Social Security maximizing specialists gasping for air as they read that!

Well, my wife is currently pushing age 70. (She's a few years older than me.) That means she's been getting Social Security checks every month for almost 8 years now. Let's say she's averaged getting \$1,200 per month for the last 96 months. That's \$115,200 she has received between age 62 and 70. Had she waited until age 70 to start her benefits, she'd prob-

ably be due about \$2,100 per month, or \$900 more per month than she is getting now. That's a decent sized chunk of change, no doubt. But it would take her 128 months, or about 11 years, to make up for the money she would have not received between 62 and 70. In other words, by age 81, she would have won the Social Security "game" had she waited until age 70 to start her Social Security.

My wife comes from a long line of women who've lived into their late 80s and early 90s. So chances are she will live well past age 81 and probably would have been better off to wait until age 70 to claim her monthly benefits. But here's the deal: SHE DOESN'T CARE! We have been having way too much fun these past 8 years spending her (and my) reduced Social Security checks. We've taken that \$115,200 and traveled all around Europe. We have made many nice trips from one end of this country to the other. We've bought several new cars. I don't want to imply that we are rich. We certainly are

not. But we made a decision to take our Social Security benefits early and we are living our lives to the fullest. And we are not worrying one little whit about whether or not we made the right Social Security decision. And we certainly are glad we never attended one of those seminars in which we might have been pressured to delay our benefits until age 70.

Having said all that, I must point out that there are quite a few well-to-do retirees who have so much other income and resources in retirement that filing for Social Security benefits actually puts them in an uncomfortable tax position. Those really rich folks might be ahead to delay filing for Social Security until age 70. So if you're so well off that Social Security is just a tax burden for you, then go ahead and delay those benefits, and you'll have even more money to worry about in your 80s!

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

Judge rules Florida Legislature broke laws on maps

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The Florida Legislature illegally drew the state's congressional districts to primarily benefit the Republican Party, a judge has ruled, and has ordered them redrawn.

Circuit Judge Terry Lewis said in a 41-page ruling Thursday that legislators relied on GOP political operatives who worked in secret to craft the final political maps adopted in 2012. In doing so Lewis rejected arguments from top legislative leaders that they had done nothing wrong during the process.

The ruling is not expected to disrupt this year's elections because the Legislature is expected to appeal the decision to the state Supreme Court. But ultimately the changes could affect the political careers of Florida's congressional delegation, which is currently dominated by Republicans.

The landmark decision comes in the first serious test of the "Fair Districts" amendments adopted by the state's voters in 2010. Those standards said legislators could no longer draw up districts to favor incumbents or a political party, a practice known as "gerrymandering."

"It's a pretty historic rul-

ing," said David King, one of the attorneys who represented the coalition of groups that sued the Legislature. "It just doesn't work to say you are open and transparent. You actually have to do it."

A spokesman for House Speaker Will Weatherford said Thursday night that the House was reviewing the decision.

Lewis's ruling followed a 12-day trial earlier this year that centered on whether legislators used a "shadow" process to conceal the role of GOP consultants who helped draw up the maps. The groups pushing the lawsuit contended this process resulted in a handful of illegally-drawn congressional districts that were aimed at boosting Republicans overall.

The judge did not agree that all the districts cited by the groups were unconstitutional. But he found that two districts violated the new standards: a sprawling district held by U.S. Rep. Corinne Brown that runs from Jacksonville to Orlando and a central Florida district held by U.S. Rep. Dan Webster. Brown is a Democrat, while Webster is a Republican.

Lewis said the presence of two invalid districts rendered

the entire congressional map invalid although he said that doesn't mean that every district must be redrawn. Lewis did not say in his ruling, however, whether the Legislature or the courts should be responsible for drawing the new districts.

Part of the evidence used by Lewis to make his decision was never presented publicly. It was kept secret because of legal challenges brought by one of the consultants involved. But Lewis said that evidence convinced him that the political operatives engaged in a "conspiracy to influence and manipulate the Legislature into a violation of its constitutional duty."

"They made a mockery of the Legislature's proclaimed transparent and open process of redistricting by doing all of this in the shadow of the process," Lewis stated in his ruling.

The evidence presented publicly included testimony that a top House aide shared maps with a Republican consultant before they were made public. Another map, which resembled one put together by a consultant, was submitted in the name of a college student who said under oath he had nothing to do

with it.

Lewis also questioned why legislators deleted emails and documents related to redistricting even though they knew a lawsuit was likely.

"There was no legal duty on the part of the Legislature to preserve these records, but you have to wonder why they didn't," Lewis wrote.

Both Weatherford and Senate President Don Gaetz testified during the trial that outside GOP consultants were told early on that they would have no role in the process. They both denied that the Legislature deliberately drew up maps to favor Republicans. Attorneys for the Legislature repeatedly pointed out during the trial that several Republican incumbents, including U.S. Rep. Allen West, lost their re-election bids in 2012.

Attorneys and legislators at the time also called the deletion of emails routine.

Even though there are more registered Democrats in the state, Republicans currently hold a 17-to-10 majority in Florida's congressional delegation. President Barack Obama also won the state in the last two presidential elections, although Republicans have won the last four gubernatorial races.

Suspect pleads not guilty in Texas officer slaying

BELTON (AP) — A Central Texas man has pleaded not guilty in the May fatal shooting of a Killeen police officer who was serving a drug-related warrant.

The Killeen Daily Herald (<http://bit.ly/1q3K6o0>) reports Marvin Louis Guy on Thursday pleaded not guilty to a capital

murder charge.

A Bell County grand jury on June 18 indicted Guy over the death of Officer Charles "Chuck" Dinwiddie. Dinwiddie and three fellow officers were shot May 9 while serving a warrant at Guy's apartment in Killeen. Dinwiddie died two days.

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Texas shooting suspect had faced other charges

SPRING, Texas (AP) — A man charged with killing six members of his ex-wife's family, including four children, was the subject of a restraining order obtained by his own mother less than a week before the attack and faced previous allegations of domestic violence, authorities said.

Ronald Lee Haskell, 33, is accused of killing his ex-wife's sister, Katie Stay, her husband and the children, ranging in age from 4 to 14, after binding and putting them face-down on the floor of their suburban Houston home. Each was shot in the back of the head after the family refused to tell Haskell where he could find his ex-wife, officials said.

The lone survivor of the Wednesday attack, the slain couple's 15-year-old daughter, suffered a fractured skull when a bullet grazed her head.

The San Diego County, California, sheriff's office said in a Thursday statement that Haskell's mother had reported an argument with her son July 2 at her home in San Marcos, California, during which Haskell physically restrained her when she tried to leave the house to call for help. Haskell finally left after a few hours, and his mother contacted 911, the statement says.

She later obtained a restraining order against her son and the case remains

under investigation, according to the statement.

Haskell also had a handful of previous run-ins with law enforcement in Utah, where he had lived with his wife.

Neighbors said Haskell's marriage was so rocky that Stay went to Utah last fall to help her sister escape the relationship and start a new life in Texas.

Stay "was very instrumental in helping her sister get here so she could have a fresh start. Katie's a spitfire. She has energy to stand up for what she believes is right and true," said Verena Beckstrand, a neighbor who choked back tears as she talked about the family.

Documents presented at a preliminary court hearing for Haskell on Thursday say the daughter who survived the attack at the home in Spring attempted to close the door after telling Haskell her parents were not there, but he allegedly kicked it in. After the shootings, the teen played dead and called 911 when Haskell left the house, prosecutors said.

When the badly wounded daughter contacted authorities, she told them the gunman was planning to shoot other relatives, Harris County Constable Ron Hickman said. Police located Haskell's car and took him into custody after a three-hour standoff.

In a statement issued Thursday through the

Harris County Sheriff's Office, Katie Stay's father, Roger Lyon, said his hospitalized granddaughter "is expected to make a full recovery."

"We are grateful for this miracle," Lyon said in his statement. "We are in awe of her bravery and courage in calling 911, an act that is likely to have saved all of our lives. She is our hero."

By Thursday morning, a small memorial with three candles and a plant had been set up at the front door of the family's two-story white-brick and brown wood-trimmed home. A couple with a child left a framed photo of the family with the inscription "Faith, Hope, Love."

The father, Stephen Stay, was a real estate broker.

The mother was a helpful presence around the neighborhood, planning Halloween and Christmas parties for children, said Viri Palacios, who lives across the street.

"I don't think any of us will ever be able to see that house the same again," Palacios said. "I just want the word to get out they were a really, really good family."

Online jail records did not list an attorney for Haskell, who initially was misidentified by authorities as the slain children's father. Officials did not explain the mistake Thursday.

Haskell was wearing a FedEx shirt at the time of the attack, but authorities seemed uncertain whether it was a deliberate attempt to deceive.

Hickman said investigators were not sure whether the suspect would have needed a disguise to get in the house, or if the children knew him.

Haskell had once done work for FedEx but not since January, the company said in a statement.

Haskell was previously jailed in 2008 in Logan, Utah, about 80 miles north of Salt Lake City, on charges of assault and domestic violence. His wife told police he dragged her by her hair and struck her in the head in front of their children.

Those charges were later dismissed as part of a plea deal, according to information released Thursday by Logan authorities.

Haskell also was served last year with a protective order from his ex-wife. It was dismissed in October after the couple filed for divorce, online court records show.

A divorce decree issued in February shows Haskell and Melanie Kaye Haskell were married in 2002 in Orange County, California.

They separated in June 2013. A judge granted joint custody of the couple's four children, ranging in age from 3 to 11, with Haskell's wife getting primary custody.

Inventor pushes solar panels for roads, highways

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The solar panels that Idaho inventor Scott Brusaw has built aren't meant for rooftops.

They are meant for roads, driveways, parking lots, bike trails and, eventually, highways.

Brusaw, an electrical engineer, says the hexagon-shaped panels can withstand the wear and tear that comes from inclement weather and vehicles, big and small, to generate electricity.

"We need to rebuild our infrastructure," said Brusaw, the head of Solar Roadways, based in Sandpoint, Idaho, about 90 miles northeast of Spokane, Washington. His idea contains "something for everyone to like."

"Environmentalists like it," he said. "Climate change deniers like it because it creates jobs."

While the idea may sound outlandish to some, it has already garnered \$850,000 in seed money from the federal government, raised more than \$2 million on a crowd-funding website and received celebrity praise.

Solar Roadways is part of a larger movement that seeks to integrate renewable energy technology — including wind, geothermal and hydropower — seamlessly into society.

The Solar Energy Industries Association, a trade group based in Washington, D.C., described companies like Solar Roadways as "niche markets" in the booming alternative energy industry.

"They represent the type of creative innovation that addresses design and energy, while showcasing the diversity of solar applications," said Tom Kimbis, a vice president of the association.

Brusaw said that in addition to producing energy, the solar panels can melt away snow and ice, and display warning messages or traffic lines with LED lights.

There are skeptics, who wonder about the durability of the panels, which are covered by knobby, tempered glass, and how they would perform in severe weather or when covered with dirt.

"It seems like something reasonable and

something that is going to be very expensive," said Lamar Evans of the National Renewable Energy Association in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Another problem would be how to store the electricity that could be generated, Evans said.

The Brusaws have produced no estimates of how much the solar panels would cost, so the financial realities of their vision remain an unknown.

To demonstrate the concept, the company has created a small parking lot at its headquarters, using 108 solar panels. Vehicles have been driven onto the space, without damaging the panels, he said.

"We'll start off small with driveways and walkways," he said.

His wife Julie came up with the idea after watching "An Inconvenient Truth," the global warming movie featuring former Vice President Al Gore, Brusaw said.

She remembered that Scott had long talked about the concept of electric roads.

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration gave the Brusaws \$850,000 to develop Solar Roadways over the past few years, and build the prototype parking lot.

This year, they turned to the Indiegogo crowd-funding site to raise additional money and move to the next phase.

Launched on Earth Day, the campaign got off to a discouraging start, Brusaw said.

Donations trickled in, but two factors helped spread the company's vision: a viral YouTube video and celebrity mentions in social media.

The video has more than 14 million views.

The floodgates opened when actor George Takei of "Star Trek" fame and the TV show "Myth-Busters" mentioned the company.

They received donations from more than 45,000 people in 50 countries.

The money will enable the company to hire staff and begin production of more panels, Brusaw said.

"Once we've perfected everything, our ultimate goal will be highways," he said.

Texas shooting suspect collapses in court

SPRING, Texas (AP) — A man accused of killing six members of his ex-wife's family, including four children, collapsed in court Friday as a prosecutor recited the charges against him.

A shackled Ronald Lee Haskell was standing before a state district judge during a probable cause hearing when he fell to the ground. Deputies lifted him to his feet and the 33-year-old Haskell stood for about another minute before collapsing again.

He was then lifted into a chair and wheeled from the courtroom. His court-appointed attorney, Doug Durham, said it appeared Haskell fainted. He said Haskell is being treated at the Harris County jail.

Durham said the defense will focus on Haskell's mental health.

Harris County prosecutor Tammy Thomas said she expects a grand jury to issue a capital murder indictment as a result of Wednesday's shooting that killed Stephen and Katie Stay along with four of their children, ranging in age from 4 to 14.

Authorities have said Haskell was searching for his ex-wife, Katie Stay's sister, when he forced his way into the home in the northern Houston suburb of Spring.

He tied up the family and put them face-down on the floor before shooting each in the back of the head, according to investigators. The family had refused to say where Haskell could find his ex-wife.

The lone survivor of the attack, the couple's 15-year-old daughter, suffered a fractured skull when a bullet grazed her head.

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Texans, rodeo devise Astrodome demolition plan

HOUSTON (AP) — They say it's more of a concept than a concrete plan, but the Houston Texans and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo have developed a \$66 million idea that involves demolishing the historic Astrodome.

A 37-page booklet mostly of artist renderings obtained by The Associated Press late Thursday shows the domed stadium replaced with a green space and "Astrodome Hall of Fame."

A brochure shows a construction timetable that ends with the 2017 Super Bowl — but would have started work June 2.

Rodeo operations chief Leroy Shafer says, in reality, there is no timetable because the plan is not yet being placed before the Harris County commissioners for a decision on the county-owned stadium.

The plan was first reported by the Houston Chronicle.

The idea comes two months after Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, who

chaired the county's board of commissioners, asked the stadium's stakeholders to suggest what to do with it. The Texans and the rodeo have been eager to free up the space now filled by the derelict dome, which the Astros vacated in 2000. Opened in 1965, the dome was declared unsuitable for occupancy in 2009.

Although the concept has not been formally proposed to county commissioners, they have been briefed, Shafer said. No funding source has been identified,

he said. "This has to be developed further, but it is one more option," Shafer said.

A Houston Texans spokesman referred all questions to Shafer.

The county commissioners have the final say over what to do with the Astrodome and no proposal is

now before them, Emmett spokesman Joe Stinebaker said.

"Anybody has a right to make a proposal; this is just another one. The ball has not moved, and my guy remains opposed to demolition," Stinebaker told the AP.

Various ideas over the

years to overhaul the Astrodome — from a water park to a sports memorabilia museum — have gained little traction.

The stadium's most prominent use in recent years was as a shelter for Louisiana residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Lone Ranger actor's outfit up for auction in Texas

WACO (AP) — The outfit Lone Ranger actor Clayton Moore wore when he made appearances as the character after retiring from television is going up for auction in Texas.

Waco-based A & S Auction Co. will offer up the items on Saturday.

Moore, who died in

1999, played the masked lawman on the ABC television series "The Lone Ranger" from 1949 to 1957.

The auction house says that for years after retiring from television, Moore made public appearances in character at events including fairs. His outfit in-

cluded a powder-blue shirt and pants, red kerchief and Stetson hat. He also wore boots, a gun belt and carried Colt pistols made especially for him.

The items spent more than a decade in the collection of a late Texas businessman whose family is offering the items.

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In South Korea, ex-spy remains stuck in the cold

GUNPO, South Korea (AP) — Once their espionage cases are resolved, some former North Korean spies find that life in the South can be pretty good. They write books, land TV gigs, work for think tanks and in general benefit from their new home's fascination with their old homeland.

Won Jeong-hwa is not one of those spies.

A year after finishing a five-year espionage sentence for using sex to obtain military secrets and plotting to assassinate intelligence officers, Won is a 40-year-old single mother eking out a living on an \$800 monthly government subsidy.

Her espionage work is not taken seriously enough in South Korea for her to cash in on her past, yet she's also too notorious to find an ordinary job. She says she has been fired from several waitressing and cleaning jobs after employers learned about her past, which she had attempted to conceal.

"I've thought about killing myself many times," Won said in an interview at her small apartment in Gunpo, just south of Seoul.

She has two big strikes against her. There are allegations that she was merely a low-level informant whose deeds were inflated by South Korean officials eager to make Pyongyang look bad, and by reporters digging for a sexy story. Additionally, the sexual na-

ture of her crimes carries a stigma in this conservative country.

Won was imprisoned in 2008 after a court ruled that she posed as an ordinary North Korean defector, then used sex to extract secrets from South Korean military officers. The media began calling her "North Korea's Mata Hari" in reference to an exotic dancer from the Netherlands who used sex to obtain military secrets during World War I.

North Korea accused South Korea of cooking up a spy scandal to tarnish Pyongyang's image and said Won was a criminal.

After Won was released, she was a popular guest on TV talk shows where she spoke about her harsh, elite spy training. She said she disobeyed Pyongyang's orders to assassinate two South Korean army intelligence officers with poison.

She also talked about how she fell in love with a junior army officer — the "man of my life." He was later imprisoned for passing her secrets including a list of North Korean defectors even after learning she was a spy.

The attention caused South Korean media to revisit her case. Some reporters questioned the value of her espionage work, and raised suspicions based on testimony by North Korean defectors who said they knew Won and her family members in the North.

Won's 2008 court verdict said she was trained

at a special operations unit in Pyongyang and was a daughter of an agent killed on a spy mission in South Korea in 1974. But Won's stepfather, Kim Dong-soon, who came to South Korea in 2007, said in an interview that Won's biological father was an ordinary laborer who died of a heart attack, and that Won was a high school dropout who had nothing to do with special operations forces. Won denies Kim's allegations.

In the verdict and in interviews, it was said that North Korea first sent Won to South Korea in 2001 to take photos of the exteriors of U.S. military installations and to collect South Korean newspaper editorials about North Korea. People dubious of Won's elite status consider that low-level spy work.

Some defectors who met Won before her 2008 arrest say she was often incoherent and unprofessional and could not have been a highly trained spy.

"I believe that she was exploited as an informant. ... She wasn't even worth being called a spy," said Kim Yong-hwa, a defector-turned-activist. He said he once rejected Won's request to meet with a high-profile North Korean defector because she rambled too much.

A key debunker of Won's espionage record is Won herself, who spoke to The Associated Press in a series of interviews between April

and this week. She has said in media interviews that she was pressured by prosecutors to provide false testimony, particularly about her use of sex in spy work.

The trial verdict and an investigation by prosecutors said she slept with numerous men, including South Korean officers and her boss at an agency where she worked. Won said she used sex as a spying tool only once, to steal personnel management-related documents from an army major's home computer.

She said she couldn't resist pressure by prosecutors who gave her alcohol and urged her to confess during questioning. They "manufactured (the story of) my relations with men," she said. "I'm not a Mata Hari."

Prosecutors have dismissed Won's claims. South Korea has a history of forgiving former spies and assassins, though they are still sometimes ostracized. Their careers in the media often depend on whether they were involved in high-profile cases that captured global attention, and whether they followed Seoul's propaganda line against the North.

Won said a prosecutor told her during her questioning that she could make a new start in the South by

following in the footsteps of Kim Hyon-hui, a North Korean agent sentenced to death for bombing a South Korean jet in 1987, killing all 115 passengers aboard. Kim was later pardoned and wrote a best-selling autobiography. She often appears on TV to speak critically of North Korea.

Several other North Koreans who once attacked the South now embrace it. One of the 31 North Korean commandos who launched a brazen mission to assassinate South Korea's president in 1968 is now a Christian pastor who lectures about the North. A North Korean crew member of a submarine that ran aground in the South, and who was captured alive after a massive manhunt that left 25 other comrades dead or missing, is a lecturer for the South Korean navy. A spy arrested after a deadly shootout in 1995 works for a think tank run by the South's spy agency and wrote a book about his mission.

Won, on the other hand, feels trapped. No South Korean TV station wants her as an expert because of reports that she may not have been an elite spy. Finding work unrelated to her past is also impossible, she said, because no one

wants to hire an unskilled woman with a criminal espionage record.

One of the jobs she gained and quickly lost was at a noodle restaurant. She said a former colleague later told her the boss had been worried she would poison the food.

The army officer Won fell in love with has been released, but they are no longer in touch. Nor is the father of her 12-year-old daughter in the picture: She said he is a South Korean businessman she met in China, where she had been assigned to find and repatriate North Korean defectors before she was sent to South Korea.

Won said the government assistance she gets was not enough for her to even buy a school uniform for her daughter. A center that helps female ex-inmates gave one to her.

Many defectors shun her. She said her neighbors once asked that she move, and that her daughter's friends have been told by their parents to stay away from the girl.

"I've told my daughter she should go to an orphanage because she'd be happier living there," Won said, sobbing. "I want to move to a country where no one knows me."

Arizona mom of missing baby released from prison

PHOENIX (AP) — An Arizona woman convicted in her young son's disappearance nearly five years ago was released from prison Friday.

Elizabeth Johnson was released from the Perryville state prison in Goodyear shortly after midnight Thursday. News footage showed her walking out of the prison and leaving in a SUV driven by her attorney, Marc Victor.

Johnson is "happy to be out, excited about her future and optimistic about how things are going to go for her," Victor told The Associated Press.

He said he arranged the early morning release with the Arizona Department of Corrections to make it less traumatic for Johnson.

Department spokesman Doug Nick said early morning releases aren't unusual but he could not specify how often they occur.

Nick said Johnson's term ended at midnight. "We have no reason to hold an inmate longer than absolutely necessary. We have

no right to do that," he said.

Johnson was given a more than 5-year sentence in 2012 for custodial interference and unlawful imprisonment in the Christmastime 2009 disappearance of her then-8-month-old son, Gabriel. The baby has never been found despite searches in trash containers, a Texas landfill and elsewhere.

A jury deadlocked on a kidnapping charge, the most serious count against Johnson, who turns 28 later this month.

Johnson maintained her story that she gave Gabriel away to an unidentified couple in a park in San Antonio, Texas.

"What I have done is unbelievable," she told the judge at her sentencing hearing. "There's not really anything I can say for myself."

Johnson was credited for almost three years spent in jail awaiting trial and now faces four years' probation.

Victor said Friday that Johnson "has completely come to terms" with her

conviction and incarceration.

"She's put it behind her," he said, adding later: "She feels her sentence was tough but just."

It's not clear whether Johnson herself will make a statement to the media, the defense lawyer said.

Victor said he doesn't think Johnson has decided where she'll live but she has said she wants to work with single mothers in crisis and as an advocate for prisoners' rights.

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The Return of the King

Let me start by giving credit to Sports Illustrated for breaking this story. LeBron James wrote a personal essay announcing his decision and gave it to Sports Illustrated.



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It was a much better way to announce his choice than the disaster that was "The Decision" back in 2010. Cavalier fans were anywhere from heartbroken to enraged at the time. The truth is that the Cavaliers are now a much better team than they were in 2010 due to James' four-year stint in Miami. Cleveland had four a really bad years, and received three number one overall draft picks.

Kyrie Irving has already shown he has the ability to be a star, and should be a great value to the team as their point guard. Last year's first pick, Anthony Bennett had a rough first season averaging 4.2 points and three assists. I'm not ready to write him off as a bust, and he could be solid back up for James. This year's number one overall pick was Andrew Wiggins, who comes in with plenty of hype.

Tristan Thompson and Dion Waiter have also been solid for the Cavaliers. In short, James will have a much better supporting cast in Cleveland than he would have if he had stayed in Miami.

His decision to go back to Cleveland was much more than that though. I truly believe James regrets the way he left Cleveland. He's matured during his time in Miami, and wants to win a championship with Cleve-

land.

The break up wasn't easy for either side back in 2010. Cleveland fans burned their LeBron James jerseys. The Akron native went from hometown hero to villain overnight. Owner Dan Gilbert took several shots at James, even saying the Cavaliers would win a championship without James. That didn't happen. It seems the two sides have come to an understanding at this point.

Back in 2010, James promised eight championships when he joined the Heat. He appears to have learned his lesson. This time around he has promised nothing other than he will give it all he can.

For the record, I still believe going to Miami in 2010 was the right decision for James, he just handled it very poorly. The Cavaliers were spinning their wheels, and it began to seem like James would never win a championship. Now he has two rings and the Cavaliers are a more talented team than they have ever been.

It's time for redemption now. If the Cavaliers win a championship, LeBron will be the most beloved person in the state of Ohio. Bringing Cleveland a championship is of great importance to James, so much so that he's forgiven all the hatred that has consumed Cleveland these last four years.

As LeBron James concluded his announcement of his return to Cleveland. "In Northeast Ohio, nothing is given. Everything is earned. You work for what you have. I'm ready to accept the challenge. I'm coming home."

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Joy fills streets of Cleveland as LeBron returns

CLEVELAND (AP) — The oft-maligned city of Cleveland is on quite a roll.

Cheers broke out, car horns tooted and the whoops of joyous fans filled the city's streets Friday as word spread quickly that Ohio's prodigal son, LeBron James, is returning to the Cavaliers.

The four time-NBA MVP announced Friday in an essay published in Sports Illustrated his decision to leave the Miami Heat and move his considerable talents and the prospect of an NBA championship back to Cleveland.

"I never thought it would be a reality," said a smiling Larry Boothe, 25, who had purchased a celebratory six-pack of beer in Cleveland's Warehouse District that he planned to share with his co-workers.

The free agent's decision is the latest in a run of good news for the hard-working city of Cleveland, which is mired in a 50-year sports championship drought.

Earlier in the week, Republican officials announced they would be bringing their national convention and the hundreds of millions of dollars it will generate to Cleveland in 2016.

Also, the woeful Browns, which in 1964 became the last Cleveland team to win a title, grabbed headlines when they drafted flashy quarterback Johnny Manziel in May, a move that raised expectations for the team's return to its former glory.

And now James, a product of nearby Akron and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, is returning to the fold.

Dave Nelson, 49, will

never forget when and where he learned of James' return. Nelson had just been wheeled into the recovery room at Fairview General Hospital in Cleveland after knee surgery on Friday when his surgeon approached. Nelson said he doesn't remember what the doctor said about his knee, but recalled: "He said, 'More importantly, LeBron has come back to the Cavs.'"

"This is where he can come to be great," Nelson said in an interview with the Associated Press a few hours later. "You can go anywhere to win championships. But if he can do something like that in this city, he'll be remembered forever."

Manziel, whose reign as Cleveland's most talked-about athlete ended Friday, was elated on Twitter: "YESSSSSSSS!!" he wrote, saying he couldn't be happier for James and the city of Cleveland.

At an outdoor restaurant table, Jessica Spachner said she and others can now forgive him for announcing on national television in 2010 that he was leaving the Cavaliers for Miami, where he helped the Heat win two championships in four seasons.

"People forgive pretty quickly," the 27-year-old Spachner said.

The phone number for the Cavaliers' ticket office boasted of James'

return in a recorded message but noted that single-game tickets aren't yet available, and the extension for season ticket inquiries rang busy Friday afternoon.

Friday morning, before the announcement, John Boland, 66, and buddy Gordon Hewitt, 67, were headed into a suburban Cleveland theater to catch a movie. Boland had owned season tickets that he said became "worthless" once James left.

He expressed his disdain for James, but said he hoped the superstar would return to Cleveland.

Before heading inside, Hewitt said he hoped

that when they emerged from the theater that they would learn that James had indeed come home. Reached a few hours later, Hewitt said he was elated and that James' heartfelt words about returning to Cleveland had done much to assuage his longstanding resentment.

Hewitt recalled spending childhood evenings on the front porch with his father listening to radio broadcasts of Indians games. Every year, Hewitt said, his optimistic father would proclaim that this could be the season.

Maybe James' return will seal the deal on such a proclamation at last.

Watch the Pros

Baseball

Atlanta Braves at Chicago Cubs.....WGN 3 p.m.
St. Louis Cards at Milwaukee Brewers.....FS1 3 p.m.
LA Angels at Texas Rangers.....FOX 7 p.m.

Cycling

Tour de France.....NBC 7 a.m.

Golf

LPGA: British Open.....ESPN 7 a.m.
Scottish Open.....GOLF 8:30 a.m.
Scottish Open.....NBC 11 a.m.
PGA: John Deere Classic.....GOLF 12 p.m.
U.S. Senior Open.....NBC 1:30 p.m.
PGA: John Deere Classic.....CBS 2 p.m.

Sofball

USA vs. Mexico.....ESPN2 12 p.m.

World Cup Soccer

Brazil vs. The Netherlands.....ESPN 2:30 p.m.

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AMA Motocross.....NBCSN 2 p.m.
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World Cup defeat can hurt domestic stock market

LONDON (AP) — Argentina and Germany face off in the World Cup final on Sunday and investors in both countries will do well to be alert to potential drops on their stock markets the day after in case of defeat.

With markets driven by sentiment as well as fundamental factors such as growth, dividend payments and inflation, a big sporting defeat can depress the mood of traders and cause the stock market to underperform.

Alex Edmans, a professor at London Business School and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, has assessed the impact of major sporting events on

market behavior for years and his analysis of this World Cup has confirmed that defeats have generally resulted in declines the day after that are greater than, or counter, to the performance of the wider global market.

“The efficient markets hypothesis argues that stock prices depend only on fundamentals,” said Edmans. “That would be true if traders were robots. But, traders are human beings and they’re affected by emotions.”

Across all countries with a developed stock market index, Edmans has found that defeat in the World Cup led to the national index underperforming the main world

market index, the MSCI, by 0.2 percentage points. The average losses experienced in many of the “soccer-crazy” countries — especially England, Italy and Spain — were met with bigger declines of some 0.6 percentage points.

That was particularly notable for defending world champion Spain after its 5-1 demolition by the Netherlands in their opening match.

Spain’s market fell by 1 percent the following day as opposed to the 0.1 percent gain in the world market. Italy saw its main market slide 1.5 percent on a day when the world market index was flat, after the Azzurri lost 1-0 to Costa Rica, putting the team’s qualification for the second round in doubt.

In total, Edmans found that 25 of the 37 defeats he analyzed triggered market underperformance. Most recently, the Netherlands’ main stock market fell 1 percent fast-

er than the world market after its defeat on penalties to Argentina in the semifinal on Wednesday.

The results appear consistent with the findings of a study published in 2007 in the Journal of Finance that Edmans co-authored with Diego Garcia of the University of North Carolina and Oyvind Norli from the Norwegian School of Management. It analyzed 1,100 soccer games from 1973 to 2004 and found that a loss in the elimination stages of the World Cup led to the national market falling around 0.5 percent the next day.

One notable exception in this World Cup was the performance of Brazil’s stock market, which rallied the first trading day after the national team’s 7-1 thrashing by Germany in the semifinal.

That defeat, said Edmans, “was so bad that investors think it significantly increases the chances that socialist President Dilma

Rousseff will be ousted in October’s elections and be replaced by Aecio Neves, the leader of the more pro-business PSDB party.”

Rousseff has been criticized by some for agreeing to spend billions of dollars on hosting the World Cup instead of on longer-lasting investments like schools and hospitals, at a time when Brazil’s economy is stuttering.

Investment bank UBS has likewise argued that a Brazil defeat would hinder Rousseff’s reelection prospects and credited much of the Brazilian stock market rally since March to expectations of a change in government.

Goldman Sachs also published a wide-ranging report about the impact of the World Cup on stock markets before the tournament began and its analysis of results since 1974 found that winning the tournament can bring

instant rewards.

It found the victorious country’s stocks outperformed the global market by 3.5 percent in the first month. Seven of the nine losing finalists, on the other hand, underperformed by 1.4 percent.

The potential economic effects of a loss can include lower merchandise and advertising sales, a negative impact on productivity and a possible fall in consumer spending.

But Edmans, the professor, argues that the extent of stock declines is greater than the direct economic impact merits.

That is particularly true for small stocks, which are predominantly held by local investors and therefore more sensitive to changes in national sentiment.

Depression and other psychological factors have long been known to affect market behavior.

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Chicago White Sox at Cleveland Indians.....WGN noon
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Scottish Open.....Golf 8:30 a.m.
LPGA Tour Golf British Open.....ESPN2 7 a.m.
Champions Tour Golf: U.S. Senior Open...NBC 1:30 p.m.
Utah Championship.....Golf 6 p.m.
- Lacrosse**
U.S. vs. Japan.....ESPNU 6 p.m.
Canada vs. Iroquois.....ESPNU 9 p.m.
- Cycling**
Tour de France: Stage 9.....NBCSN 7 a.m.
- Auto Racing**
FIM MotoGP World Championship.....FS1 6 a.m.
Tudor United SportsCar Championship.....FS1 1 p.m.
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Latin Americans reluctantly rally behind Argentina

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — With a reputation for arrogance and illusions of European-styled grandeur, Argentines have long been the objects of scorn and the butt of jokes across Latin America

But for at least 90 minutes on Sunday, when Argentina takes on Germany in the World Cup final, most Latin Americans will put aside their irritation with their proud neighbors as they look to Lionel Messi and his teammates to salvage what’s left of the region’s soccer pride.

A defeat for Argentina would be historic: Never

has a European team been crowned champion on this side of the Atlantic.

But in the wake of Germany’s 7-1 thrashing of host Brazil even the most-devoted believers in the spontaneous and stylish Latin American brand of soccer are wondering if the region is outmatched.

“My heart wants Argentina to win, but my brain says Germany will,” confessed Alberto Ramos Salcedo, a Colombian journalist and author who frequently writes about soccer.

That Argentina has stepped into the role as the region’s flag bearer is a cruel reversal

for many.

An online poll in 19 countries taken by YouGov together with The New York Times prior to the World Cup found that in most Latin American countries surveyed people said the team they rooted against was Argentina, which has won the title twice.

In the early days of the tournament, as Argentina was slow to come to life and underdogs like Costa Rica, Colombia and Mexico rained goals on their opponents, a group of Mexican fans in giant sombreros could be seen on Rio de Janeiro’s iconic Copacabana Beach playfully

provoking anyone dressed in Argentina’s blue and white who crossed their path. Their taunt: “Fiesta Latina, sin Argentina, Fiesta Latina without Argentina.”

The animosity toward Argentina stems from the country’s settlement by waves of European immigrants beginning in the late 19th century, a demographic marker that long fueled perceptions of economic and cultural superiority over their more indigenous or African-descended neighbors. Even the Italian-influenced Spanish spoken on the streets of Buenos Aires is out of step with the language elsewhere.

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New York	46	45	.505	4	2½
Tampa Bay	42	52	.447	9½	8
Boston	41	51	.446	9½	8
Central Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
Detroit	51	37	.580	—	—
Kansas City	47	44	.516	5½	1½
Cleveland	45	46	.495	7½	3½
Chicago	44	49	.473	9½	5½
Minnesota	42	49	.462	10½	6½
West Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
Oakland	58	34	.630	—	—
Los Angeles	54	37	.593	3½	—
Seattle	49	43	.533	9	—
Houston	39	54	.419	19½	10½
Texas	38	54	.413	20	11

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East Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
Washington	49	41	.544	—	—
Atlanta	50	42	.543	—	—
Miami	44	47	.484	5½	5½
New York	42	50	.457	8	8
Philadelphia	41	51	.446	9	9
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	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
Milwaukee	52	41	.559	—	—
St. Louis	50	43	.538	2	½
Cincinnati	49	43	.533	2½	1
Pittsburgh	48	44	.522	3½	2
Chicago	39	52	.429	12	10½
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	W	L	Pct	GB	WC
Los Angeles	52	42	.553	—	—
San Francisco	50	42	.543	1	—
San Diego	40	52	.435	11	10
Colorado	39	53	.424	12	11
Arizona	39	54	.419	12½	11½

Yankees' Tanaka has partially torn elbow ligament

CLEVELAND (AP) — Allowing nine runs in the last two innings wasn't the worst thing that happened to the New York Yankees on Thursday night.



Masahiro Tanaka

Tanaka has a partially torn ligament in his right elbow.

General manager Brian Cashman said in a conference call during the game that Tanaka could return in six weeks, but didn't rule out the possibility of Tommy John surgery if the right-hander doesn't respond to a rehab program. "Certainly disappointed for our player, for our organization," Cashman said. "He's been an important piece. We have a tremendously gifted and tough player. We'll see how he responds."

"It is what it is," manager Joe Girardi said. "We're not going to have him for at least six weeks and that's the tough part, but I'm optimistic that we'll have him back."

Tanaka was placed on the 15-day disabled list Wednesday and had an MRI in New York, one day after his worst major league outing. He flew to Seattle on Thursday.

Cashman said Tanaka saw three doctors, including Yankees head physician Dr. Christopher Ahmad, and all three agreed that a six-week rehab program was the best option at this time. "If we knew today that

the best course of action was Tommy John surgery, despite the name and the amount of the investment, we would be doing Tommy John surgery," Cashman said.

Girardi, looking for any positive sign, said, "Guys have had success doing this and we'll keep our fingers crossed. That gives you reason for optimism that he's going to pitch again for us this year."

Tanaka, who is tied for the major league lead with 12 wins, allowed five runs and 10 hits — both career highs — over 6 2-3 innings Tuesday night in a 5-3 loss to the Indians.

The All-Star is 12-4 with a 2.51 ERA in 18 starts, but has lost three of his past four outings.

The injury is a huge blow to a battered Yankees rotation already was missing CC Sabathia, Ivan Nova and Michael Pineda to injuries. Tanaka had been a stabilizing ace in his first season since arriving from Japan.

"We've lost 80 percent of it," Girardi said. "There's really not a whole lot that you can go back and redo. You've just got to go out and find a way."

Mets ace Matt Harvey initially tried to rehab a partial tear of his ulnar collateral ligament last year before ultimately opting for Tommy John surgery.

Harvey has been sidelined all season, but his rehabilitation appears to be going well.

"When it comes time to trying to work through it, it's a personal decision. Going down and having Tommy John surgery is a personal decision in itself. Everybody is different. No one is saying that he can't rehab and

be completely fine and never have an issue again. For me, personally, it was a mental thing. It was something I didn't want to continue thinking about," Harvey said Thursday night in New York.

"I would tell him to just go with what you feel. I didn't listen to anybody. I went off of my personal feelings. It's your body that you want to throw with again. If you want to go out and try not to have it, and your mind is set to that and you're 100 percent committed to that, then more power to you. If it's the other way around, then go get it done."

Derek Jeter, playing his final regular-season game in Cleveland, went 2 for 4 in the 1,000th multihit game of his career.

"You can't sit around and feel sorry for yourselves," he said. "It's unfortunate, it's not what we planned coming out of spring training, but it gives some other guys some opportunities to step up and fill some voids. It's unfortunate but what can you do? You have to move on."

Jeter was hit on the wrist by Michael Brantley's groundball RBI single in the eighth, but said he was fine.

Prior to the game, the Yankees placed Carlos Beltran on the seven-day concussion list. Beltran

was hit in the face with a ball that caromed off the batting cage Wednesday and broke his nose.

The game did nothing to lift the Yankees' spirits. New York took a 3-0 lead into the seventh, but the Indians scored four times to go ahead and blew it open with a five-run eighth.

Carlos Carrasco (2-3) pitched a scoreless inning to help the Indians gain a four-game split.

Ichiro Suzuki had a pinch-hit single in the eighth for his 2,800th major league hit. Zelous Wheeler hit a two-run homer in the fourth for New York.

Yankees starter David Phelps took a shutout into the seventh before Chris Dickerson and Roberto Perez singled. Jason Kipnis singled off the glove of reliever Matt Thornton (0-3) to load the bases.

Girardi initially thought the groundball could have been a double play if it hadn't deflected off Thornton's glove.

"It happens, it's a reaction," he said. "You want your pitchers to try to field balls, but that happened to be one that is the double play ball that we're looking for."

Yangervis Solarte, recalled from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre to replace Beltran, had an RBI single in the fifth.

Picking from the Pack

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 Total points and average points.*

ReDonn — Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson
 Zac — Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kyle Busch
 John — Tony Stewart and Ryan Newman
 Forrest — Brad Keselowski and Clint Bowyer

Kershaw's scoreless streak ends at 41 innings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Clayton Kershaw's scoreless streak ended at 41 innings Thursday night when the Los Angeles Dodgers ace gave up a solo homer to San Diego's Chase Headley.

The switch-hitting Headley drove a 1-2 match to left-center with two outs in the sixth inning for the Padres' second hit off Kershaw.

The two-time Cy Young Award winner came within 18 innings of the major league record set by Dodgers right-hander Orel Hershiser, who threw 59 straight shutout innings in 1988.

Kershaw's streak was the longest in the majors since Brandon Webb went 42 innings for the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2007.

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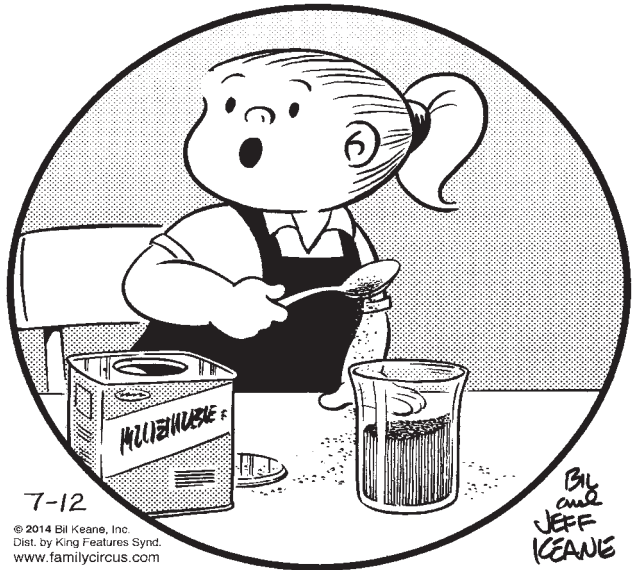


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"I'm puttin' in the chocolate, Mommy. How much room does the milk need?"

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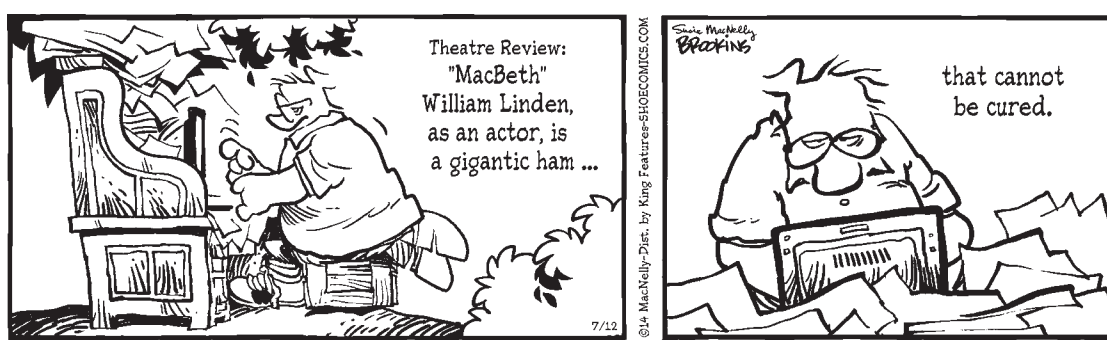
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 14, 2014:
This year you express your devotion to your family, loved ones and close friends. You are willing to go more than your share of the way to make relationships work. One relationship will be a high priority, and it will add to your security. If you are single, you soon could meet someone who will affect your life. Don't get discouraged if you go through a difficult period with this person. Still, don't hang in there too long if the bond is not working. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy working out problems together. As a result, you become quite the team. PISCES 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)
★★★★ Your creativity will pave the way to better relationships, work situations and interactions in general. Sometimes you feel limited by time. Schedule a much-needed visit with a key person in your life. You could get flak today for ignoring someone. Tonight: Be creative in how you use your time.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might feel as if you can't do everything you want. This likely will be true, but you can prioritize by using what you deem to be important criteria. You also might want to take another look at your budget. Show caring to a special friend, no matter how busy you get. Tonight: Let the good times roll.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll want to be where your friends are. Stop and take the time to visit with someone who is always present and who you might take for granted. It is much more important to be aware of who really facilitates your life. Tonight: Make calls first, then head out to where there is great music.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ One person could dominate most of your day. Whether you understand the reason why might not make a difference. Ultimately you need to deal with any issues that surround this person. Hopefully, you have only one person in your life like this! Tonight: Relax and spend time with a loved one.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to be available to most people right now. You can postpone conversations and interactions, but not for long. Why not complete as much as you can? You will want more free time soon. A restrictive family member could rain on

your parade. Tonight: Go along with a request.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You could be overwhelmed, especially if someone is not on the same page as you. Avoid a strong reaction, and let what you don't like just wash over you. Incorporate more exercise into the next 24 hours, and that will help you release some tension. Tonight: As the evening ages, the day gets better.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity will kick in as you eye various issues. You'll see a way to bypass these problems, so be sure to follow that path. A financial matter might not appear to be positive. Do some needed research, and speak with several experts. You will know what to do. Tonight: Visit with a friend.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be careful not to rain on anyone's parade; otherwise, it could make you very unpopular. If you really feel negative, take some personal time or include some activity that you love in today's plans. You could be suppressing some anger. Tonight: Nap, then decide.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to verify plans. Others could decide to follow a different course of action or make other plans. As hard as it might be, try not to take others' decisions personally. What is good for one person won't necessarily be good for others. Tonight: Catch up on weekend news.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone could be saying "no" to what you think is a great idea. How positive is this person in general? Remember to take his or her comments with a grain of salt. Return calls and messages. Decide to walk in friendlier fields if you want more positive reinforcement. Tonight: Return calls.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might not like everything you hear, but you will get the message. Do your best not to let certain people discourage you. Understand where they are coming from, and support yourself as you normally do. Blaze a new path. Tonight: Your treat.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Someone could disappoint you, which is likely to cause an unusually strong reaction. You know not to internalize these feelings, yet you do anyway. Dive into a fun happening, especially if it involves a loved one; your mood will change sooner than you think. Tonight: The later, the better.

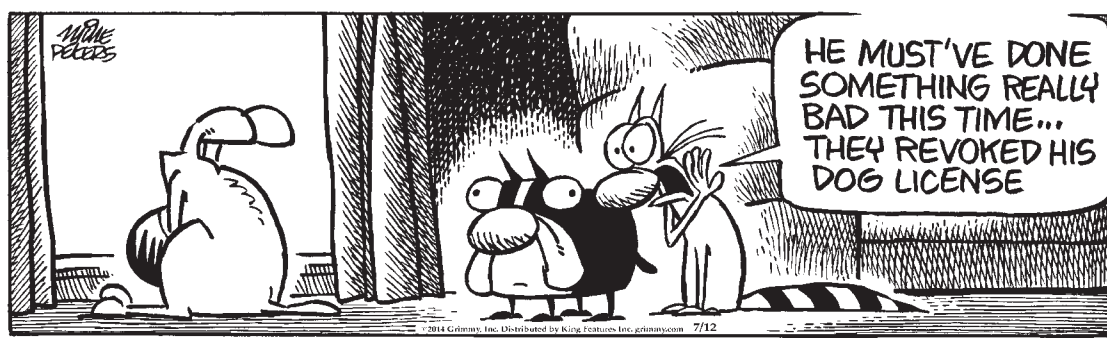
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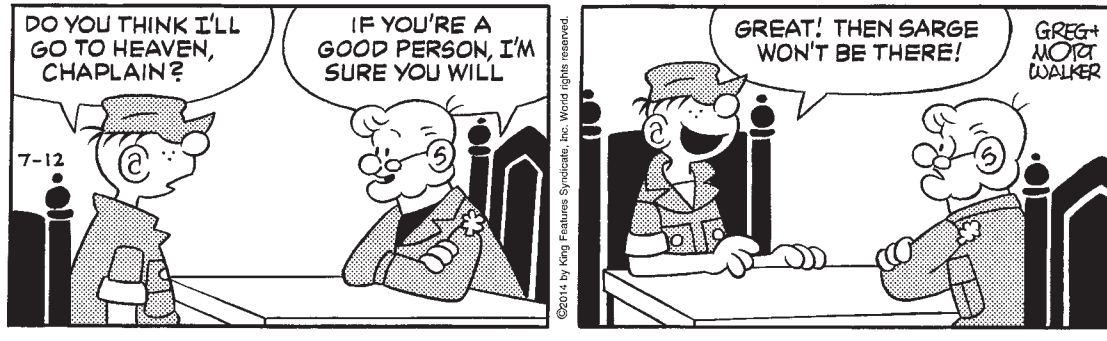
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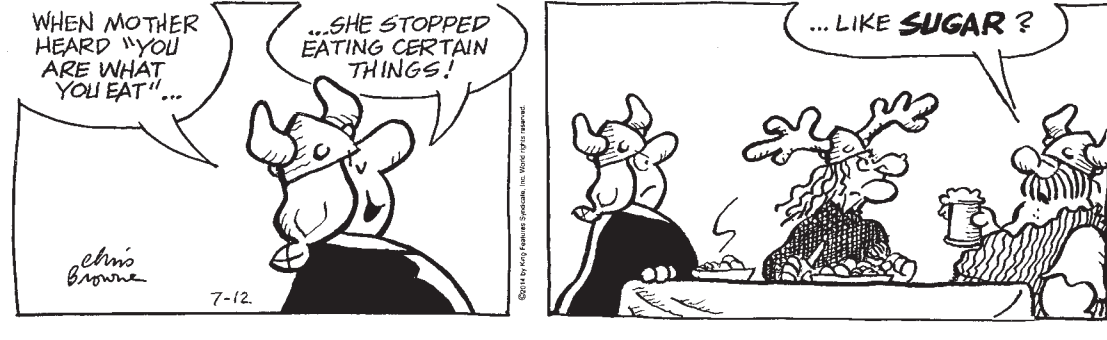
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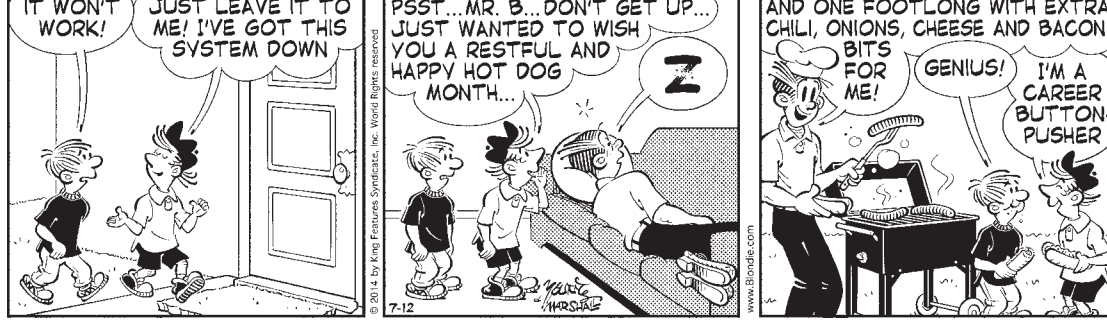
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European banking scare sends stocks lower

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell Thursday as worries about the soundness of a European bank spooked U.S. investors, prompting them to sell stocks and snap up less risky assets like gold and governments bonds. Fears emerged overnight about the financial stability of Espirito Santo International, a holding company that is the largest shareholder in a group of firms, including the parent of Portugal's largest bank, Banco Espirito Santo. Espirito Santo International reportedly missed a debt payment this week and was cited for accounting irregularities — similar to issues that sparked Europe's debt crisis four

years ago. The bank troubles had traders and investors talking about another European debt crisis. Thursday's stock selling started in Europe, and spread to the U.S., where the Dow Jones industrial average plunged as much as 180 points within the first half hour of trading. But anxiety in the U.S. quickly subsided and the market clawed back in afternoon trading. While the market never fully bounced back, the decline in the Dow was roughly half of what it was at the beginning of the session. "Today's news did reignite some of those contagion fears," said Ryan Larson, head of equity trading for RBC Global Asset Management. Portugal is one of the smaller eurozone economies and, like Greece and Ireland, needed an international rescue in 2011 during the continent's debt crisis. A three-year economic recovery program was supposed to have straightened out its finances. That debt crisis in Europe was largely responsible for the U.S. stock market's last decline of 10 percent or more, known as a "correction" in Wall Street parlance. Investors back then worried that the crisis would spread to the U.S., which was starting to recover from its own financial trauma. On Thursday, the Dow fell 70.54 points, or 0.4

percent, to 16,915.07, erasing most of Wednesday's advance. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 8.15 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,964.88 and the Nasdaq composite fell 22.83 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,396.20. Traders and market strategists pointed to a couple of reasons why stocks didn't continue falling in the U.S. First, because it has been a relatively quiet week for Wall Street, with little economic data and only a couple companies reporting quarterly results, any negative news was likely "met with overreaction," Larson said. "After participants had time to step back and assess, many realized the U.S. is in a relatively good spot compared with (Europe)," he said. Second, even with the U.S. market trading near all-time highs, many investors are sitting on large amounts of cash. Any noticeable fall in stock prices would likely mean investors would step in. "Generally, people are willing to put money into this market when the opportunity presents itself," said Erik Davidson, deputy chief investment officer of Wells Fargo Private Bank, which manages \$170 billion in assets. Investors did seek out some protection Thursday. Bond prices and gold rose as investors moved money

into those traditional havens. The yield on the U.S. 10-year note fell to 2.54 percent from 2.55 percent late Wednesday. Gold rose \$14.90, or 1.1 percent, to \$1,339.20 an ounce. In stocks, investors moved money into utility and telecommunication companies, also common areas to invest when uncertainty emerges in markets. Utility and telecom companies typically pay a higher-than-average dividend, which makes them attractive when investors don't expect stock prices to go higher. The Dow Jones utility index, a collection of 15 utility companies, rose 0.6 percent — the only major index to rise Thursday.

Iraqi Kurds take over 2 northern oil fields

BAGHDAD (AP) — Kurdish security forces took over two major oil fields outside the disputed northern city of Kirkuk before dawn Friday and said they would use some of the production for domestic purposes, escalating a dispute the central government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The takeover of the Bai Hassan and Kirkuk oil fields were the latest land grabs by Kurds, who have responded to the Sunni militant insurgency that has overrun large parts of Iraq by seizing territory of their own, effectively expanding the Kurdish autonomous zone in the north. Those moves have infuriated al-Maliki's government while stoking independence sentiment among the Kurds. Kurdish fighters known as peshmerga pushed into the city of Kirkuk, a major hub for the oil industry in the north, and the surrounding area weeks ago in the early days of the Sunni militant blitz. But until now they had not moved into the oil fields in the area. On Friday, however, the fighters took over the Bai Hassan and Kirkuk fields and expelled local work-

ers, the Oil Ministry in Baghdad said. Oil Ministry spokesman Assem Jihad denounced the move as "a violation of the constitution" and warned that it poses "a threat to national unity." The Kurdish Regional Government said its forces moved to secure the fields after learning of what it said were orders by officials in the Oil Ministry to sabotage a pipeline linking oil facilities in the area. It said the fields were now under Kurdish management. Production from the fields will be used to fill the shortage of refined products in the domestic market, it said, in a referendum to a fuel crunch in the Kurdish region. It also said the Kurdish Regional Government will claim its "constitutional share" of the revenues from the fields to compensate for Baghdad's cutting off the 17 percent of the state budget — some \$20 billion in this year's projected budget — that is supposed to be given to the Kurdish region. The central government withheld the funds after the Kurds began moving

oil from fields inside the autonomous zone to Turkey independently against Baghdad's wishes. The Kurds have said their earlier moves into disputed lands were intended to protect the areas from Sunni militants after the collapse of the Iraqi military in the face of the insurgency the past month. But the territory they seized has large Kurdish communities and has long been claimed by the autonomy zone. In past weeks, the president of the Kurdish zone has said the areas won't be returned — including the highly disputed, flash-point city of Kirkuk — and he called for Kurdish lawmakers to prepare to hold an independence referendum in the area, a move strongly opposed by Baghdad and the United States. Sunni Arabs and ethnic Turkmens who have strong communities in Kirkuk also claim the city as theirs and have warned of a backlash if Kurds try to monopolize the oil in the region. The Kurds and Baghdad have feuded for years over a host of issues, chief among them rights to oil resources in the north and disputed territory. Yet, they have also found room for compromise, and the Kurds have provided critical backing to help al-Maliki become prime minister. But their ties are rapidly unraveling as the country fragments in the face of the Sunni militant blitz, led by the Islamic State extremist group. The insurgency has effectively cleaved the country along ethnic and sectarian lines — the swath of militant-held Sunni areas, the Shiite-majority south and center ruled by the Shiite-led government in Baghdad and the Kurdish north. In the process, the Kurds appear increasingly ready to go it alone. In recent days, the divisions between Baghdad and the Kurds have grown increasingly bitter. On Wednesday, al-Maliki accused the Kurds of harboring Sunni militants. The Kurds responded by declaring their politicians will boycott Cabinet meetings, renewing demands that al-Maliki step down. Baghdad, in turn, suspended all cargo flights to the Kurdish region's two main airports. And on Friday, al-Maliki appointed temporary replacements for all five Kurdish ministers in his Cabinet, said Deputy Prime Minister Hussain al-Shahristani. The dispute comes as al-Maliki is struggling to fend off an attempt to remove him from his post by multiple political factions — including the Kurds but also from former Shiite allies who blame him for the failures to confront the Sunni militant offensive. In Baghdad, national lawmakers are struggling to broker an agreement on a new government and leadership, including the posts of prime minister, president and speaker of parliament, after April elections. The legislature is scheduled to meet Sunday for its second session amid calls for the quick formation of a new government that can confront the militants and hold the country together. Al-Maliki, whose State of Law bloc won the most seats in the elections, has shrugged off calls to step aside, vowing to pursue a third consecutive term. His opponents — and many former allies — want him removed, accusing him of monopolizing power during his eight years in office and contributing to the current crisis by failing to promote reconciliation with Sunnis. The United States and other world powers, as well as Iraq's top Shiite cleric, have pressed for a more inclusive government that Iraqis of all stripes can rally around. On Friday, Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani again urged lawmakers to move swiftly toward a compromise, calling on them to "rise above selfish aims" and to "speed up the election of the three leadership positions and the formation of a new government accepted by wide national approval to lay the radical solutions to the country's accumulated problems and crises." "The challenges and the large risks that face Iraq now and in the future threaten civil peace and the unity of the social fabric and forecast a divided and disputed future of Iraq," Abdul-Mahdi al-Karbalaie, a cleric who represents the reclusive al-Sistani, told worshippers in a sermon Friday in the holy city of Karbala. Egypt's foreign minister, in Baghdad on Friday, added Cairo's voice to the calls for unity. "The only way to get Iraq out of crisis is to have a national inclusive position ... and to establish a national government capable of dealing with terrorism and violence facing the country," Sameh Shoukri said.

1,300 migrants avoid harm as Mexico train derails

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A cargo train derailed in southern Mexico without causing any injuries to about 1,300 Central American migrants who had jammed onto the freight cars on their way north toward the United States, authorities said Thursday. Luis Velasco, spokesman for the Oaxaca state civil protection agency, said the train was delayed for several hours until workers could repair the rails late Wednesday. He said it was traveling from Arriaga in neighboring Chiapas state to the Oaxaca city of Ixtepec, a common route for Central American migrants. Migrant shelter volunteer Jose Alberto Donis said the train arrived in Ixtepec on Thursday carrying about

1,000 migrants. The government in Tamaulipas state, across the border from southern Texas, said in a statement that on Wednesday police rescued 158 migrants from Honduras, El Salvador and Cuba who had been held captive for more than two weeks in two homes in the port city of Tampico. Seven other Honduran migrants were rescued in the city of Reynosa, across from McAllen, Texas, it said. Three alleged kidnappers were detained in Tampico. Migrants told investigators their kidnappers beat them, raped the women and killed a couple and a boy in front of them, the government statement said. Tamaulipas officials said the case was turned over to federal prosecutors.


Trial: dengue shot offers some protection

LONDON (AP) — The most advanced vaccine for dengue only offers modest protection but could still help millions of people avoid the devastating effects of the disease known as "breakbone fever," according to a large trial. There is no treatment for dengue, which causes symptoms including fever, severe joint pain, headaches and bleeding. About half the world's population is at risk from the mosquito-borne disease, which sickens about 100 million people every year, mostly in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Results from an early trial of the vaccine in 2012 found the vaccine's efficacy was 33 percent and that it failed to protect against one type of dengue; there are four distinct kinds and the vaccine is meant to fight all of them. In the latest study, conducted in more than 10,000 children aged 2 to 14 in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam, the shot's efficacy improved to 56 percent. Most common vaccines like those for measles and polio are more than 95 percent effective. "We all would have wanted a better efficacy rate but this is what we have to live with at the moment," said Annelies Wilder-Smith of Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, who wrote a commentary for the study, published Friday in the journal Lancet. "Whether this vaccine's efficacy is enough for countries to invest in is a question for economists." Researchers tracked the children in the new study, including those who got the fake shot, for about two years and noted side effects and other health problems following the vaccine. The study was paid for by Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccine's maker. Other experts said longer follow-up data on vaccinated children is needed to assess the shot's safety. People infected with one type of dengue develop antibodies that protect them from further infections of that type. But if they catch another kind of dengue, their antibodies make them susceptible to more serious disease that could include hemorrhaging. Some scientists worry the antibod-

ies from a dengue vaccine might have the same effect and say vaccinated children should be monitored for several years. "We just don't understand the antibody response in dengue well enough to know if this (problem) would also occur with a vaccine," said Martin Hibberd, a professor of emerging infectious diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who wasn't part of the study. He was also concerned the shot seemed to work by boosting pre-existing antibodies in people previously infected with dengue, since younger children didn't get much protection from the shot. "It's a bit scary that it looks like the vaccine only works in people who have already had dengue," which would make the vaccine useless for Western tourists traveling to dengue-endemic countries, he said. Officials at Sanofi Pasteur said they plan to apply for regulatory approval starting next year. The company said it was "too premature" to discuss the vaccine's potential price. The antibody

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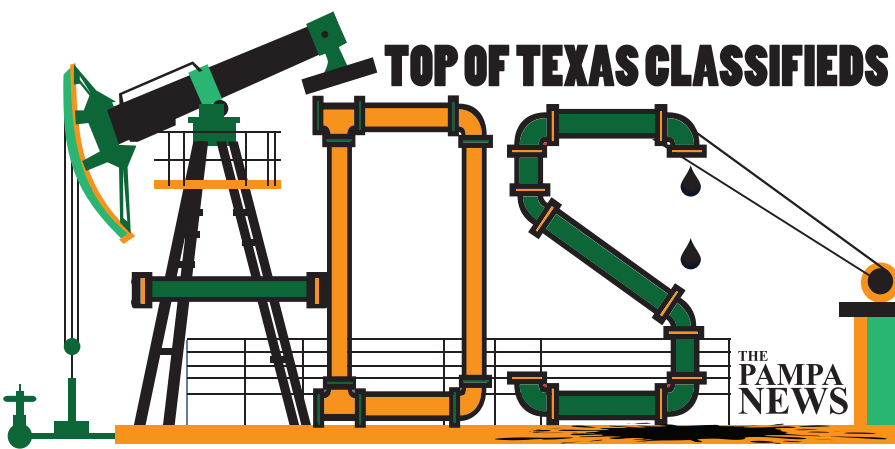
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BORGER PHILLIPS 66 REFINERY

Pump & Engine Mechanic (Millwright/Machinist) – Borger Refinery (Job Requisition #00RID)

Company Overview:

Built on more than 130 years of experience, Phillips 66 is a growing energy manufacturing and logistics company with high-performing Midstream, Chemicals, Refining, and Marketing and Specialties businesses. This integrated portfolio enables Phillips 66 to capture opportunities in the changing energy landscape. Headquartered in Houston, the company has 13,500 employees who are committed to operating excellence and safety. Phillips 66 had \$51 billion of assets as of March 31, 2014. For more information, visit www.phillips66.com or follow us on Twitter [@Phillips66Co](https://twitter.com/Phillips66Co).

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Description:

The Phillips 66 Borger Refinery is seeking to fill openings for **qualified Pump and Engine Mechanic (Millwright/Machinist)**. The entry level rate of pay for a qualified craftsman is \$34.94/hr with a pay increase after 12 months to \$36.46/hr. If you want to work in a dynamic, entrepreneurial atmosphere, where your contribution can really make a difference, explore this opportunity by submitting an electronic application and resume for consideration. The Borger Refinery provides extensive training to employees, both classroom and on-the-job.

Responsibilities may include:

A Pump and Engine Mechanic (Millwright/Machinist) is expected to maintain various types of rotating equipment:

- Remove, troubleshoot and repair various types of pumps, steam turbines, gear boxes, fans, blowers, mixers, reciprocating engines and compressors
- Repair various types of mechanical seals
- Install and adjust packing
- Align equipment to industry standards using dial indicators or Laser alignment equipment
- Use large hydraulic and pneumatic tools
- Operate motorized and manual equipment
- Perform work activities that include pulling, lifting, twisting, working in confined spaces and on elevated platforms requiring fall protection
- Entering and retrieving computer data
- Using fire equipment when necessary along with many other general maintenance activities

Relocation not available for this position.

Pump and Engine Mechanics are expected to display thought, results, people and personal leadership. Keys to Success behaviors expected of a Pump and Engine Mechanic include:

- Analysis:** Analyzes problems, situations and circumstances and understands their impact on and risks for the business. Integrates information, guidelines and requirements from different sources to evaluate alternatives and make effective decisions. Draws optimal conclusions from financial, business, quantitative and qualitative information in a timely manner.
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- Focus on Others:** Identifies key constituents, creates and/or delivers solutions to others that meet or exceeds as many aspects to their expectations as possible. Identifies opportunities that will benefit others and create value; works in partnership with them to drive the business forward.
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- Continuous Improvements:** Carefully monitors the accuracy and quality of work methods and outputs, defines needs, manages processes, and drives enhancements that challenges the status quo, uses appropriate metrics and data to monitor, measure, and improve processes and practices. Analyzes challenges, problems, and process breakdowns to ensure that lessons are learned, documented, and shared, and improvements are made.
- Influence:** Influences and motivates others, clearly communicates appropriate information on how team members can contribute to the goals of the organization and articulates a compelling viewpoint. Solicits input; positions and explains ideas and proposals in ways that get support from others.
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Basic/Required:

- Legally authorized to work in the United States
- 2 years or more experience working with pumps, compressors or engines as a Pump and Engine Mechanic, Machinist, or Compressor Mechanic; **OR** an Associate's Degree in Industrial Machinery Maintenance; **OR** a certificate of completion from an accredited Pump and Engine Mechanic program
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have a valid driver's license
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 - To perform firefighting duties
 - To work outside in harsh weather conditions
 - To work with petroleum products that are under high pressure and heat
 - To read technical procedures and materials in English
 - To learn computer software associated with process operations

Preferred:

- Hold a certificate of completion from an accredited Pump and Engine Mechanic program or have relevant military experience
- 1 or more years of direct experience working in a refinery and/or chemical industry
- 2 or more years of recent continuous full-time work experience
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Welder – Borger Refinery (Job Requisition #00IRF)

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Relocation is not available for this position.

Basic/Required Qualifications

- Legally authorized to work in the United States
- Must have one of the following: High school diploma or GED equivalent and Code Certified with a minimum of 2 years of experience as a Welder; **OR** a certificate of completion from an accredited Welding program
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1607 Pecan Av, Panhandle	Pending \$160,000 3/1.75/2 2021SF/CCAD
500 Charles Av, Panhandle	New Listing \$159,900 3/3/2 2418SF/RCAD
2541 Christine St	\$153,500 3/1.75/2 2050SF/GCAD
2301 Cherokee Dr	Pending \$147,000 3/1.75/2 1659SF/GCAD
239 Salina St, Borger	\$144,900 4/3.5/2 3608SF/HCAD
300 E Wichita St, Miami	\$139,000 3/75 2w/1738SF Level 1 Bsm 1632SF/RCAD
2231 Beech Ln	\$135,000 3/2/2 1748SF/GCAD
1610 Pecan Av, Panhandle	Pending \$133,900 3/1.75/2 1777SF/CCAD
1624 N Christy St	Pending \$125,500 3/1.75/2 1532SF/GCAD
1701 Coffee St	\$88,500 1/3/0 2032SF/GCAD
1527 N Sumner St	\$72,500 3/1.75/2 1028SF/GCAD
532 Red Deer St	\$65,000 3/1.75/3 1846SF/GCAD
1510 Williston St	\$60,000 4/1/1 1404SF/GCAD
524 Wynne St	\$56,900 4/1.75/2 1326SF/GCAD
1117 Garland St	\$53,800 3/1/1 1370SF/GCAD
701 N Nelson St	Pending \$43,000 2/1/1 1845SF/GCAD
420 Grove, McLean	Pending \$38,000 3/1/1 1077SF/GCAD
1313 N Christine St	Pending \$33,700 4/2/1 1711SF/GCAD
1912 N Banks St	Pending \$33,000 3/1/1 961SF/GCAD

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30th & Charles St	\$653,400 5 acres in city limits- \$3 sqft
Fm 14 Rd, Lefors	\$530,000 530 acres w/water well
916 N Crest	\$397,000 Office Building
854 S Hobart/900 Wilks St	\$150,000 4 ILots + 10' on north
523 W Foster Av	\$105,000 7,598SF/GCAD
1701 Coffee St	\$88,500 Church
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Chaumont	\$40,000 Residential Lots
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Chateau-Rue Dr	\$35,000 Residential Lot
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Lynn St	\$10,500 Residential Lots

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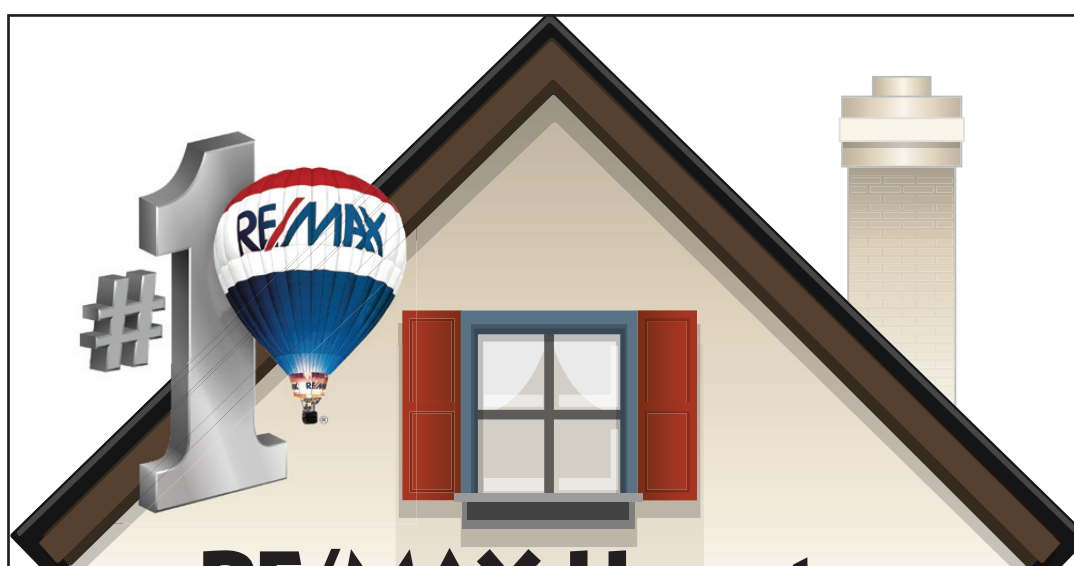
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2113 LYNN	4/1.75/2	2007 SQFT. \$114,500
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 14-year-old girl in middle school. I have never seriously dated anyone, and the one time I did I felt trapped. My friends think it's weird that I have never dated a guy and they call me a lesbian. I just want to finish my schoolwork and wait until high school to start dating. I don't want to feel weighed down by anyone. Is there something wrong with me? — CONFUSED IN S. CAROLINA

DEAR CONFUSED: Something wrong with you? Good grief, no! In fact, I would go so far as to say there is something RIGHT with you. Not every teen — and that goes for boys, too — feels ready to date at 14.

It makes me angry that your "friends" would call you something you're not just because you're not doing what they're doing. If it per-

sists, your parents should talk to the school about it. Preferring to concentrate on your studies and waiting until high school to date is nothing to be ashamed of — it's something to be proud of.

DEAR ABBY: I attended a friend's birthday celebration a few weeks ago at a chic restaurant. After our entrees were ordered and the appetizers served, the restaurant's fire alarm sounded and the dining room was evacuated. For 20 minutes all of the patrons waited patiently outside while the fire department was summoned. We learned from another guest that there had been a small fire in the kitchen.

When we returned to the dining room, a heated debate ensued among the guests. One person said that because the fire alarm had interrupted our meal, the lunch should be complimentary. Others insisted

the restaurant owed us nothing beyond an apology. We paid our bill, but the question remains: Should the management have shown some consideration for the inconvenience we experienced? — FOUR-ALARM FRAZZLED

DEAR FRAZZLED: I took your question to Craig Susser, owner of the successful Craig's restaurant in West Hollywood, California. He agreed with me that the restaurant owner should have shown appreciation for the patience that was exhibited by the patrons.

While Craig said he wouldn't have paid for the entire meal for everyone who was dining there that day, he certainly would have made some adjustment to the bill to compensate them for their inconvenience. "After all, we're in it together," he added. And that gracious attitude is why he has one of the most popular dining establishments in L.A.

DEAR ABBY: What are your thoughts on marriage? Is it an antiquated practice?

I don't know if I really want it, or just because society and social media deem it important. — CINDY VIA TWITTER

DEAR CINDY: I don't consider marriage to be an antiquated practice at all. In a sense, marriage is a "team sport." It won't succeed unless the team members are dedicated to a common goal and are willing to sacrifice selfish needs to achieve it.

In my opinion, the reason so many marriages fail is that individuals go into it for the wrong reasons. No one should marry because "society" and "social media" deem it important. When you meet the right person, you won't be ambivalent about spending your life and creating a family with that individual.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-14 CRYPTOQUOTE
QS HFS KVSP KL KGS LJSHZ. HZP QGSZ QS EL OHJB KL KGS DSH, QGSKGSF VK VD KL DHVW LF KL QHKJG — QS HFS ELVZE OHJB UFLR QGSZJS QS JHRS. — YLGZ U. BSZZSPI

Saturday's Cryptoquote: THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF BASEBALL PLAYERS: THOSE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN, THOSE WHO WATCH IT HAPPEN AND THOSE WHO WONDER WHAT HAPPENS. — TOMMY LASORDA

BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an O, and then rearrange the letters to spell a dessert treat.

VENTURER

RUFFLES

FACECLOTH

Yesterday's Answer: SIDEBAR, REMATCH, UNCANNY, BIKINIS

7.12

BANANAGRAMS!

Add an H to each of the words below, and then rearrange the letters in each word to form a new six-letter word.

ALIEN

LOBED

RIVET

METRO

Yesterday's Answer: AUBURN, SIENNA; CORAL, BLOND; MAROON, BEIGE; SCARLET, PINK

7.14

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Throws
 - 1 Place for a coin
 - 5 Dyeing technique
 - 10 Lukewarm
 - 12 Make amends
 - 13 Origami need
 - 14 Audacity
 - 15 Before now
 - 16 Cal. spans
 - 18 Service reward
 - 19 Clash
 - 21 Hardens
 - 22 Comics cry
 - 24 Self-contained
 - 25 Burrowing mammals
 - 29 Batting play
 - 30 Useful skills
 - 32 Bible vessel
 - 33 European peak
 - 34 Summit
 - 35 Energy type
 - 37 Foreword
 - 39 Tony winner Worth
 - 40 Available, in a way
- DOWN**
- 1 March
 - honnee, for short
 - 2 Sports group
 - 3 Challenge
 - 4 Make a knot
 - 5 Outlaws
 - 6 Had a bite
 - 7 Rich cakes
 - 8 Ask
 - 9 Maintains sight to
 - 11 Welcome Columbus
 - 17 Ouster
 - 20 Kilt's cousin
 - 21 Litigious ones
 - 23 How a pig
 - 25 Dawn goddess
 - 26 Low joints
 - 27 Kitchen whistler
 - 28 Put away
 - 29 No frills
 - 31 Giraffe features
 - 33 God of war
 - 36 Little laborer
 - 38 Right away

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Yesterday's answer

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7-12

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 "Sure, why not!"
 - 1 Rural spread
 - 5 Bird's gullet
 - 9 Mother of Tiberius
 - 10 Felt unwell
 - 12 Hollywood deal maker
 - 13 Juliet's love
 - 14 Romantic time of day
 - 16 Music's Yoko
 - 17 Factual
 - 18 Army affirmative
 - 21 Glimpse
 - 22 Pixie
 - 23 Watchful
 - 24 Ski downhill
 - 26 Game official
 - 29 Desert sight
 - 30 Designer Wang
 - 31 Start of a count
 - 32 China collection
 - 34 Dwelling
 - 37 Wonderland visitor
 - 38 Eagle's claw
 - 39 Shows disuse
 - 40 Title paper
- DOWN**
- 1 Diagram
 - 2 Broad street
 - 3 Washer cycle
 - 4 Spouse
 - 5 Sedan or SUV
 - 6 Carnival city
 - 7 Nearly dog
 - 8 Hot
 - 9 Survives
 - 11 Elevator part
 - 15 Prepare copy for print
 - 19 Blunders
 - 20 Use a chair
 - 22 Wallop
 - 23 Cry of insight
 - 24 Fabled sailor
 - 25 Bayou cooking style
 - 26 Stand up to
 - 27 Puts up
 - 28 Trio of myth
 - 29 Protective ditch
 - 30 Worth
 - 33 Rank above
 - 35 Fawn's viscount
 - 35 Fawn's mother
 - 36 Last part

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Saturday's answer

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