

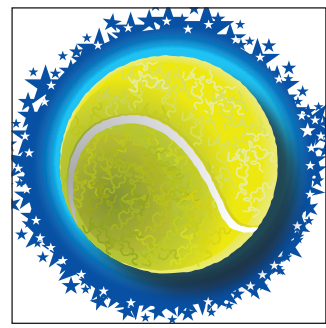
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Extension granted to Skinner attorneys

■ Defense team now has until May 30 to submit findings from hearing transcripts.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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A deadline extension requested by Hank Skinner's defense attorneys to submit their findings from the transcripts of an evidentiary hearing has been approved by the Texas Attorney General's Office.



Hank Skinner

The defense attorneys were awaiting some exhibits from the court, and an employee with their office verified Monday that they have received the exhibits.

Judge Steven Emmert of the 31st District signed the order on Friday. The hearing was held at the Gray County Courthouse on Feb. 3 and 4.

The AG's office also must submit its finding from the two-day hearing in which both sides presented evidence from recent DNA tests of crime scene evidence.

Skinner was sentenced to death for the brutal murders of Pampa resident Twila Busby and her two adult sons on New Year's Day 1993.

His execution was stayed in 2010 by the U.S. Supreme Court and again in 2011 by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

If Emmert makes a ruling favorable to Skinner, the convicted murderer's attorneys could seek an appeal. Emmert does not have a deadline to file his decision.

Skinner's original attorney, Harold Comer of Pampa, did not seek DNA testing at the time of his original trial, partly out of his concern that the results would have implicated his client.

Robinson and Owen claim new DNA test results support the inference that Busby's uncle, Robert Donnell, who made sexual advances to Busby on the night of the killings, committed the crimes and not Skinner. They believe if this evidence had been presented at the original trial, their client may not have been convicted.

The AG's office maintains that DNA and crime scene evidence overwhelmingly point to Skinner as the killer.

City Commission meets today

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa City Commission will meet at 4 p.m. today at City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill St. The commissioners will consider:

- Excusing the absence of Commissioner Robert Dixon from the April 8 regular City Commission meeting.
- Authorizing the finance director to transfer debt from Aquatic Center Fund 32 to General Debt Fund 67.
- Authorizing the city manager to negotiate lease agreement with Pampa R.C. Car Club for use of old M.K. Brown Swimming Pool Facility.
- Approving the list of disbursements.

The City Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Inmates at Baten to change



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

The Baten Unit is changing from a unit for individuals with parole violations to a transition unit for offenders coming into the system.

■ Smaller unit behind Jordan will now be for offenders entering prison system.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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A change is being made at the Baten Unit located behind the larger Rufe Jordan Unit northeast of Pampa.

For years, Baten had been an intermediate sanction facility (ISF), which is a unit to house offenders on parole who have a parole violation.

Inmates sent to Baten would typi-

cally stay for 60 to 90 days.

However, with the last legislative session in Texas, the boot camp at the Roach Unit near Childress is being eliminated, along with other boot camps throughout the state prison system, said Jason Clark, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville.

"It used to be that a judge could sentence someone to boot camp," he said.

Clark said he did not know whether boot camps in the prison system had any similarities to military boot camps.

With the boot camp gone, the Roach Unit is now being repurposed to an ISF, and all ISF inmates at Bat-

en are being relocated there, Clark said.

The process to relocate inmates began last week, he said.

Baten will now become a small transfer facility, where offenders will be sent until they are assigned to another unit.

"Offenders will be housed there until they are sent to their unit of assignment," Clark said. "When somebody comes into the system, we do the intake and classification process before they go to the unit of their assignment."

Clark added there will not be a significant difference related to capacity, as both Baten and Roach have around 420 beds.

WHAT COULD IT BE?

Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

There appears to be site preparation on a large tract of land near the Hamburger Station on U.S. Highway 60. At least two small buildings have been demolished and the land is being cleared. The property is actually five tracts of land owned by Rick Chester of Pampa, according to the Gray County Appraisal District. An Internet search with Chester's name turned up two businesses, R Chester Trucking and RJ's Hot Shot Service. Neither an employee at the Hamburger Station nor someone at another nearby business knew what might be built on the property. A phone number on the Internet associated with both businesses did not seem to be a working number.



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Motorcyclist killed near Borger

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A motorcyclist died Saturday on Farm to Market Road 280 about 5.5 miles east of Borger.

Billy Duane Vinyard, 39, of Borger was pronounced dead at the scene by a justice of the peace.

Vinyard was not wearing a helmet, according to the Department of Public Safety.

The motorcycle was traveling north on FM 280 in Hutchinson County. Due to unsafe speed for a curve, the motorcycle left the roadway to the right, according to DPS. The driver lost control of the vehicle, which subsequently overturned, killing Vinyard.

The weather conditions were clear and the speed limit was 55 mph.

Pampa Fire Department call log — April 18-21

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

April 18
• At 5:11 p.m., to a gas leak in the 1100 block of South Summer.

• At 6:26 p.m., to a medical assist in the 900 block of Duncan.

• At 6:59 p.m., to a medical call in the 600 block of

Albert.
April 19
• At 10:39 p.m., to a medical call in the 500 block of North Wells.

April 20
• At 7:08 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2000 block of Mary Ellen.

• At 7:23 p.m., to a downed power line in the 300 block of Frederick.

April 21
• At 1:42 a.m., to a medical call in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen.

Thousands run Boston Marathon

BOSTON (AP) — Under heavy security that included a battery of surveillance cameras and police officers on rooftops, nearly 36,000 runners hit the streets Monday in the first Boston Marathon since last year's deadly bombing, sending a powerful message of resilience.

In what some saw as altogether fitting, an American won the men's division for the first time in more than 30 years, dominating a field that included many athletes who were prevented from completing the race last year.

"I showed up, I'm back, and I am going to finish what I didn't finish last year," said Mary Cunningham, 50, of St. Petersburg, Fla., who was stopped a mile short of the finish line by the explosions on April 15, 2013.

The two pressure-cooker bombs that went off near the end of the 26.2-mile course killed three people and wounded more than 260 in a hellish spectacle of torn limbs, smoke and broken glass.

This year, police were deployed in force along the route, with helicopters circling above and bomb-sniffing dogs checking trash cans.

A total of 35,755 athletes were registered to run, the second-largest field in its history, with many coming to show support for the city and its signature sporting event. "Boston Strong" — the unofficial slogan adopted after the terrorist attack — was everywhere.

"I think I'm going to start crying at the starting line, and I'm not sure I'll stop until I cross the finish line," said Katie O'Donnell, a doctor at Children's Hospital who was stopped less than a mile from the end last year.

At 2:49 p.m., the time the bombs went off, spectators observed a moment of silence at the finish line. It was followed by some of the loudest cheers of the day as people whooped, clapped and rang cowbells.

Joe Ebert, of Hampton, N.H., was cheering on his son-in-law near the spot in downtown Boston where the bombs went off. He was there last year, too.

"Just wanted to let them know that they can't beat us down. I think it makes us all stronger when something like that happens," he said.

Also among the spectators near the finish line was Jeff Bauman, who lost his legs in the bombing. It was the first time he had returned to the area since the attack.

"It feels great" to be back, he said. "I feel very safe."

Sabrina Dello Russo, 38, of South Boston, was running her first marathon for a good friend, Roseann Sdoia, who lost her right leg in the bombing.

"She is my inspiration from day one last year when I saw her in the ICU. Every run I do, she is in the back of my head, and she will be keeping me going today," Dello Russo said.

While Gov. Deval Patrick said there had been no specific threats against the race or the city, spectators at the 118th running of the world's oldest annual marathon had to go through tight checkpoints before being allowed near the starting and finish lines.

Police along the route examined backpacks, particularly outside subway station exits. And runners had to use clear plastic bags for their belongings.




More than 100 cameras were installed along the course in Boston, and race organizers said 50 or so observation points would be set up around the finish line to monitor the crowd.

Runner Scott Weisberg, 44, from Birmingham, Ala., said he had trouble sleeping the night before.

"With everything that happened last year, I can't stop worrying about it happening again. I know the chances are slim to none, but I can't help having a nervous pit in my stomach," Weisberg said.

Race organizers expanded the field from its recent cap of 27,000 to make room for more than 5,000 runners who were still on the course last year at the time of the explosions, for friends and relatives of the victims, and for those who made the case that they were "profoundly impacted" by the attack.

PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 78 Low 55	High 81 Low 49	High 76 Low 52

Today: Sunny with a high of 78. Winds south-southeast at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:02 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low of 55. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 21 mph. Sunset at 8:23 p.m.

Wednesday: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 81. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south at 24 mph. Sunrise at 7:01 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 49. Winds southwest at 16 mph. Sunset at 8:23 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 76. Winds north at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:00 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear with a low of 52. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:24 p.m.

Obituaries

Gloria Jones Gage

Gloria Jones Gage, 73, died Friday, April 18, 2014, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 21, 2014, at Fairview Cemetery with Gary Keller, deacon of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Gage was born March 10, 1941 in Amarillo. Gloria has been a resident of Pampa since 1959, moving to Baytown to be near her son in 2012 and then moving to Amarillo in 2013. She was a healthcare worker for private individuals for fifteen years retiring in 2004. Gloria was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Luke and Pauline Jones and a brother, Don Jones in 2007.

Survivors include three sons, Donnie Barton and wife Patricia of Baytown, David Gage and wife Carolyn of Amarillo and Drue Gage and wife Karen of Granbury; a sister, Judy Gorman of Amarillo; five grandchildren, one great granddaughter and a nephew, Todd Gorman and wife Sherry of Perryton.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Plum Creek Specialty Hospital and Interim Hospice for their loving care for Gloria.

Memorials may be made to the Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society, 3501 S. Osage, Amarillo, Texas 79118, or Interim Hospice, 1901 Medi-Park Dr., Suite 1058, Amarillo,



Gloria Gage

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

Carolyn Gerik

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

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

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

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

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

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Halliburton posts \$622M in 1st-qtr net income

Halliburton says it was profitable in the first-quarter after reporting a loss for the period a year ago.

Its latest results topped Wall Street expectations, and its shares edged up in premarket trading Monday.

Halliburton sells services to companies that drill for oil and natural gas, including helping them with hydraulic fracturing, a method of breaking up underground shale rock formations to release trapped gas. It has benefited from strong U.S. oil production but been hurt by low prices

that have undermined gas drilling.

The Houston-based company reported net income of \$622 million, or 73 cents per share. Revenue rose 5 percent to \$7.35 billion.

Analysts polled by FactSet expected 72 cents per share on revenue of \$7.26 billion.

A year ago, the company reported a net loss of \$18 million, or 2 cents per share on revenue of \$6.97 billion. That included a charge for setting aside money for litigation over the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Without the charge, its adjusted profit was 67 cents per share a year ago.

Last week, rival Schlumberger reported a 26

percent jump in profit growth in North America, the Middle East and Asia. Revenue, however, was slightly lower than expected.

Another competitor, Baker Hughes, said last week that first-quarter income rose 23 percent and beat analysts' forecasts as revenue increased everywhere except Latin America. Growth in the Middle East and Asia Pacific was stronger than in North America.

Halliburton is trying to move beyond its role in the huge Gulf of Mexico oil spill. BP PLC hired Halliburton to seal that well with cement, and has been involved in litigation ever since the deadly blowout in 2010.

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Brand names in New York standardized tests vex parents

NEW YORK (AP) — “Just Do It” has been a familiar Nike slogan for years, but some parents are wondering what it was doing on some of New York’s Common Core standardized English tests.

Brands including Barbie, iPod, Mug Root Beer and Life Savers showed up on

the tests more than a million students in grades 3 through 8 took this month, leading to speculation it was some form of product placement advertising.

New York state education officials and the test publisher say the brand references were not paid product placement but just happened to be contained in previously published passages selected for the tests.

Some critics aren’t so sure and questioned why specific brand names would be mentioned at all.

“It just seems so unnecessary,” said Josh Golin,

associate director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, which monitors marketing directed at children.

“It would be horrible if they were getting paid for it,” he said. “But even if they’re not, it’s taking something that should not be a commercial experience and commercializing it.”

The test questions have not been made public, and teachers and principals are barred from discussing them. But teachers posting anonymously on education blogs have complained that students were confused

by the brand names, which were accompanied by trademark symbols.

The Nike question was about being a risk taker and included the line, “Just Do It” is a registered trademark of Nike,” according to students who took the test.

Sam Pirozzolo, of Staten Island, whose fifth-grader encountered the Nike question, said there was apparently no reason for such a specific brand.

“I’m sure they could have used a historical figure who took risks and invented things,” Pirozzolo said. “I’m sure they could have found something other than Nike to express their point.”

Deborah Poppe, of West Hempstead, Long Island, said her eighth-grade son was similarly puzzled by a question, which drew complaints for a second straight year, about a busboy who failed to clean some spilled root beer — Mug Root Beer, to be exact, a registered trademark of PepsiCo.

“Why are they trying to sell me something during the test?” she quoted her son as saying. “He’s bright enough to realize that it was almost like a commercial.”

The use of brand names was one of several complaints raised by some educators and parents about the statewide tests, aligned to the Common Core standards intended to increase academic rigor. Some contend they are too difficult and don’t measure what students are actually learning.

While such general complaints about Common Core tests have arisen elsewhere, advocates said the prevalence of brand names appears to be specific to New York.

Representatives of the New York State Education Department and Pearson, the education publishing giant with a \$32 million five-year contract to develop New York’s tests, said the companies did not pay for the exposure.

“There are no product placement deals between us, Pearson or anyone else,” said Tom Dunn, an Education Department spokesman. “No deals. No money. We use authentic texts. If the author chose to use a brand name in the original, we don’t edit.”

Pearson spokeswoman Stacy Skelly said neither the company nor the education department received any compensation for the mentions. And if any brand comes up in a passage, she said, “the trademark symbol is included in order to follow rights and permission laws and procedures.”

Nike and Wrigley, the maker of Life Savers, said they were unaware they were mentioned on the tests. Other companies declined to comment or did not return messages.

Some advertising experts said the idea of product placement on a test is inappropriate and fraught with peril.

“If any brand did try to place there, what they would lose from the outrage would surely trump any exposure they got,” said Michal Ann Strahilevitz, a marketing professor at Golden Gate University.

Kelly O’Keefe, a marketing professor at Virginia Commonwealth University, said he is a fan of brands, but there are places where they don’t belong.

“Education, religion and civic life are places where brands are unwelcome,” O’Keefe said. “It would be wise for Pearson to avoid using brands in their testing even if they’re not paid for by the brand itself.”

Others endorsed the position of New York state educators — that brand names belong on the tests because they are part of the world students inhabit.

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Wheeler man arrested on drug charges

STAFF REPORT

- Julio Cesar Salas, 29, Wheeler, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Brandon Gene Plemons, 34, Reydon, Okla., was arrested Friday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Vanessa Rashell Whipkey, 29, Cheyenne, Okla., was arrested Friday by GCSO for criminal trespassing.
- Edgar Ramirez, 17, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces.
- William Maurice Cun-

- ningham, 24, Borger, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for *capias pro fine* — theft less than \$50, *capias pro fine* — no driver's license, *capias pro fine* — failure to appear, *capias pro fine* — displaying expired registration.
- Courtney Renee Marchman, 22, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for *capias pro fine* — disregard to a stop light, *capias pro fine* — seatbelt violation, *capias pro fine* — failure to appear.
- Dustie Degner, 22, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for a *capias pro fine* charge.
- Denise Michelle Stephen, 43, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance — between one and four grams.

- Stephen Henry Spencer, 20, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of marijuana in a drug free zone.
- Peggy Jean Slagle, 61, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for cruelty to animals.
- Dakota Whinery, 22, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for violation of probation — motion to revoke, theft of property, *capias pro fine* — possession of drug paraphernalia



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Slim Thug and Bun B drop Rockets remix

HOUSTON (AP) — Daryl Morey is not only the general manager of the Houston Rockets and a graduate of MIT, he's also a fan of Houston's rap scene. Morey asked local rappers Slim Thug and Bun B if they could make a remix of the 2005 hit "3 Kings" for the Rockets, and the pair came through in just one day. The two did a concert before Houston's first-round playoff game against Port-

land across the street from the Toyota Center and dropped the track, which mentions several players by name, to wrap up the show as Morey bobbed his head and sang along. Slim Thug tells The Associated Press: "Just wanted to support the team. Bun B gave me a call and said that the general manager liked the 3 Kings so we just got together real quick and made a remix for it just to show love for our team."



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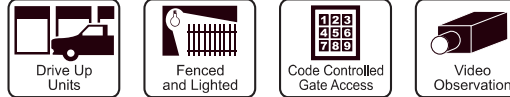
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Kids get codeine in ER despite risks, guidelines

CHICAGO (AP) — Despite recommended limits on codeine use in children, the potent painkiller is prescribed for children in at least half a million emergency room visits each year, a study suggests.

Use of the drug in that setting is hardly rampant — just 3 percent of kids' ER visits resulted in a codeine prescription in 2010, the 10-year study found. But with more than 25 million ER visits by children each year, the authors say far too many kids are getting the drug when better options are available.

The concerns

Codeine is an opiate drug and a genetic variation makes some people metabolize it too quickly, potentially resulting in dangerous side effects including excessive sleepiness and difficulty breathing. The Food and Drug Administration issued its strictest warning last year about a rare risk for life-threatening complications or death in children given the drug after certain surgeries. It advises using codeine for children's pain only if anticipated benefits outweigh the risks.

Another genetic variation makes the drug ineffective for pain relief

in as many as a third of patients. Codeine was once commonly used for coughs, but the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends against that use because of the risks and no evidence it relieves coughs.

The fine print

Injuries and respiratory symptoms are the top reasons for children's ER visits. The study authors analyzed 2001-10 national data on ER visits for kids aged 3 to 17.

The portion of visits where codeine was prescribed dipped slightly during the study. But the authors estimated the

yearly number of codeine visits ranged from almost 560,000 to 877,000. Information on any side effects was not included in the data.

The study was published online Monday in Pediatrics.

What do doctors say?

Dr. Kathleen Neville, a pediatric drug expert at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in Kansas City, said it's likely the numbers have declined since the study ended, given the FDA's black box warning.

Dr. Bradley Berg, medical director of McLane Children's Clinic in

Round Rock, Texas, said some ER doctors may have been unaware of pediatricians' guidelines on limiting codeine's use, or recalled getting the drug themselves as children, when its use was more common, with no ill effects.

Dr. Alfred Sacchetti, a spokesman for the American College of Emergency Physicians, says codeine can be safely used in many children, especially older kids. Children typically are monitored in the ER after getting codeine and would not be sent home with a prescription if they had a bad reaction or it didn't work, he said.

The advice

Children on codeine who develop breathing problems or unusual sleepiness should get immediate medical attention, the FDA says.

The study's lead author, Dr. Sunitha Kaiser, an associate pediatrics professor at the University of California, San Francisco, says doctors and parents should know about codeine's drawbacks and that alternatives are available, including dark honey for coughs in children over age 1; and ibuprofen or the opiate drug hydrocodone, for pain including broken bones.

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NYC comptroller questions oil company's NRA giving

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The New York City comptroller has asked a Texas oil company to explain its chairman's reported donations of \$1 million each to the National Rifle Association and conservative political action committee American Crossroads.

Comptroller Scott Stringer, investment adviser and trustee to the \$150 billion city pension funds, is questioning "both the magnitude and the corporate purpose" of the Clayton Williams Energy Inc. donations. He's urging full disclosure to shareholders of all its political spending.

He says they also raise questions about the corporation board's independent oversight.

Stringer notes Chairman Clayton Williams Jr. and his family control 51 percent of the stock.

The city pension funds own 25,454 shares worth \$3.2 million.

Williams was Republican candidate for Texas governor in 1990.

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Palestinians meet in Gaza for reconciliation talks

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A senior Hamas leader based in Egypt is in Gaza for talks aimed at reaching a reconciliation agreement between the two rival Palestinian groups, Hamas and Fatah.

Moussa Abu Marzouk is meeting Hamas leaders in Gaza on Monday ahead of a visit by Fatah officials on Tuesday. Hamas freed 10 Fatah prisoners before the meetings as a good-will gesture.

Palestinians have been divided since 2007 when Hamas took control of the Gaza Strip from forces loyal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah. Since then, Hamas has ruled Gaza while Abbas governs some areas in the West Bank.

Past reconciliation attempts have failed.

It was unusual for Cairo to allow the visit since Egypt is cracking down on the Muslim Brotherhood group, of which Hamas is an offshoot.

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The proliferation of pornography: What's a parent to do?

By JOHN MICHAELSON
Texas News Service

AUSTIN — This generation of teens is hardly the first to check out pornography, but experts say the easy access to it today via technology distorts what young people view as healthy relationships and body image.

Elizabeth Schroeder, founder of Elizabeth Schroeder Consulting, said porn is designed for adults, and what teenagers do not always realize

is that it is also designed to be a fantasy.

“So, when they see something, they say, ‘Oh, that’s what my partner is supposed to look like,’” she said. “This is what I’m supposed to look like.’ And, of course, we know that what is shown in pornography are extremely exaggerated body parts. We’re very concerned about the impact on young people’s self esteem.”

Teens are also prone to do the same in reflect-

ing the types of relationship behaviors they see in porn into their own dating relationships, Schroeder added.

With the Internet and smart phones, and free downloads without age verification, Schroeder said it is not feasible to block all access. However, she advised parents to combat the messaging in porn by being proactive and talking about it with their children.

“Explain to young people, ‘This is where I think

this is a problem, looking at these images,’” she said. “And then provide age-appropriate information to them about sex and sexuality. We can really take the power from it and use it as an opportunity to talk about sexuality and relationships in a healthy way.”

Schroeder has been working in the field of sexual health education for more than 20 years.

More information is available at <http://on.fb.me/1hMiHIW>.

Miss America: Rethink suspension over prom query

YORK, Pa. (AP) — Miss America is asking a Pennsylvania school district to reconsider the punishment of a high school senior who asked her to prom during the question-and-answer portion of an assembly.

The York Dispatch reported Sunday that Nina Davuluri posted a statement on the Miss America Organization’s Facebook page saying she contacted Central York High

School to ask officials to rethink the three-day in-school suspension issued to 18-year-old Patrick Farves.

Davuluri says her travel schedule will prevent her from attending the dance with Farves.

School officials had learned ahead of time about Farves’ stunt and warned him not to do it. They say Farves was suspended for misbehaving.

Woman reunited with dog, TV snatched on 1st date

DOVER, N.J. (AP) — A woman has been reunited with her Yorkshire Terrier and flat-screen TV that were snatched during her first date with a man she met online.

The woman called police early Saturday to say that her dog, Violet, had been tied by its leash to the TV, and both were left in the front yard of her Dover home, the Daily Record of Parsippany reported. Violet appeared to be in good health.

Authorities say the pair met on a dating site and went out for the first time Thursday night. After returning home, the woman

said she became occupied in another room, leaving the man alone. When she returned, he was gone — and so were her dog, valued at \$4,000, and her TV, worth about \$3,000.

The woman said she knew the man only as “Joel” and believed he lived in Elizabeth. Police said Saturday that they know the man’s identity and that charges could be filed, though the investigation is ongoing.

Police said the man used the woman’s cellphone, so they dusted it for fingerprints. They also checked other locations that the short-lived couple visited on their date.

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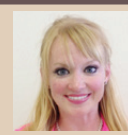
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Prairie Plains Perspective

Is it post-WWII Europe? Nope. It's Pampa's backyards and alleys

Recently the gentleman franchisee owning the proposed La Quinta Inns and Suites to be built here in Pampa filed for and received a building permit. For those of you not knowing about the intended La Quinta, it is going to be erected on the vacant parcel of land directly south of United Supermarkets grocery store and directly east of Sonic Drive-In. Plans call for the new La Quinta to be three stories high.



DENNIS PALMITIER

With compass in mind, future occupants of the new La Quinta, those renting on floors two and three respectively, will when looking north, view the pigeon roost roof top of United, traffic on North Hobart, and mainly residences on Coffee, Hamilton and Williston. Looking eastward, an occupant will see the three aforementioned streets, a church, Pampa High School and a goodly portion of Harvest-er football stadium.

Westward, besides Sonic and Hobart traffic, there will be a country-mile view of civilization and commerce on Price Road. Looking out the second and third floor windows on the south side, future

occupants will be able to look down upon the 1300 block of Coffee Street, one of Pampa's most blighted areas. That will be such a pleasant view for say, a person or family with plans to move to our once fair burg.

I'm thinking condemnation and nothing but for the two-story fourplex apartments on the east side of Coffee, and the duplexes on the west. In reiteration, nothing but condemnation. Have you seen these structures with their deplorable conditions of doorless entry ways and boarded up windows — where people are living? Autos parked upon the barren front yards along with all the trash.

Down the shared alleyway between Hamilton Street and the apartments sits all kinds of trash and junk, yet our City Fathers opt to let things continue status quo on that particular city street. Why?

For those of you not familiar with my blogging, I call it, "arboristing." One of my endeavors (a nature thing with me) is working for an arborist. I like, rather I love, taking care of trees, and doing such to get up close and personal with a tree often finds me entering Pampa residents' yards from their back gates and alley ways. My arboristing affords yours truly a good look see at how citizens and the City

of Pampa manage said alley ways. By "managing" I mean: Are the alleys rid of weeds, trash, and junk?

It is up to homeowners and citizens occupying rent homes, duplexes, apartments and businesses to manage their property from the back of their fences or structures to the alley way, with the City of Pampa maintaining passage through the alley way in order for refuse pickup and utility maintenance. Let me tell you, some of Pampa's alley ways I've traversed of late remind me of pictures of war-torn World War II cities of Europe! Deplorable I say, to put words in a kinder perspective for purposes of readable print.

What is it with many citizens of this once fair burg, what is it with many businesses in this once fair burg, and what is it with our City Fathers of this once fair burg that such trashy conditions in Pampa are allowed? There are ordinances in place, long term ordinances from Pampa's earliest years that clearly state how properties must be kept. Yet, once again status quo takes precedence and this once fair burg continues to resemble a trash dump! If only our City Fathers would take it upon themselves to see such ordinances are enforced! Is that asking too much? Umm, evidently,

yes.

If you're up on my context and content, you've noticed I've walked the redundant path with my term "once fair burg." The Pampa of my youth, a once fair burg, a bustling and proud community of 30,000 souls, were one to drive the motor ways and alley ways the first thing noticeable was the fact, there was very little if any visible litter type trash, and same for drug dealing trash as well.

Today, there is a majority in Pampa who could care less how the city looks, and that starts at City Hall. If our City Fathers (redundancy rears itself again) do care, they would see to it that city ordinances are enforced. It's called apathy supreme in Pampa, starting at City Hall.

Mr. Franchisee owning the soon-to-be-constructed three story La Quinta Inns and Suites, were I you, considering your future guests and occupants, my construction plans would call for no windows on your building's south side.

Pampa resident Dennis Palmitier is a regular contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. He can be reached at denpalm1949@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmitier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email editor Timothy P. Howsare at thowsare@thepampanews.com.

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Full track results from area meet

STAFF REPORT
The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters already qualified several and had impressive outings by several of their athletes last week in the area meet. Here are the full results:
In the 4X100-meter relay, Savanna Hulsey, Kirsten Hood, Megan Brock, Ty'Randa Johnson, Taylor Eubank and Keisha Daniels finished

second with a time of 51.14 seconds. The men placed fourth (43.47) with the team of Adrian Elam, Bryce Parker, Chance Douglas, Brendan Ponce and Kody Maddox.
In the 800-meter run, Madison Young and Yesenia Soria placed seventh (2:39.49) and eighth (2:42.38) for the Lady Harvesters.
Brittney Gonzalez

finished second in the 100-meter dash at 13.02 seconds, while Kody Maddox won the event at 10.89 seconds.
In the 4X200 meter relay, Eubank, Taylor Giles, Johnson, Daniels, Gonzalez and Alondra Zarate won the event for the Lady Harvesters at 1:46.58.
The Harvesters' team of Douglas, Maddox, Parker, Elam and Ponce placed

fourth at 1:30.07.
In the 400-meter dash, Young and Zarate placed seventh (1:07.16) and eighth (1:07.61). In the 300-meter hurdles, Hulsey won the event with her 46.93-second run, and Giles placed third (48.22).
In the 200-meter dash, Eubank placed fourth (26.97), Gonzalez placed fifth (27.07) and Daniels placed eighth (28.13).

For the Harvesters, Ponce placed fourth (22.98) and Elam placed sixth (23.49). In the 1,600-meter run, Soria placed fifth at 5:58.18.
In the discus throw, Cheyenne Williams broke the area record with her second-place throw of 117'04". Jonathan Doyle placed eighth with his toss of 107'08".
In the high jump, Taylor Smith placed fifth at 4'6".

Williams set the record in the shot put with 40'6.25". Isidro Estrada also won the event at 43'5". Doyle placed sixth at 10'10.25".
Johnson placed eighth for the triple jump with 31'11.75". Lauren Pingel shot in the wheelchair shot put at 7'3".
The Regional Meets for track and field are this Friday and Saturday.

Lady Harvesters finish ninth at area golf tournament

STAFF REPORT
The Lady Harvesters finished ninth at a regional tournament in Lubbock last week.
Individually Brittney Green shot an 88, Katy Velasquez shot an 89, Gracie Little shot a 91, McKinley Hancox shot a 92, Ashlee Kieth shot a 93 and Savanna Mertz shot a 94.
"I thought we competed extremely hard. These seniors had great careers,"

head coach Brayden Barker said.
"They won three district titles and made three regional appearances. They were an extremely enjoyable group to coach, and I wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors."
The Pampa News would like to congratulate both golf teams on a great season.

Pampa tennis finishes season at Lubbock

STAFF REPORT
Pampa Tennis finished their season in Lubbock last week.
Ashton Robison won his first match against Robert Saucedo from Fabens 6-3, 6-4 then played the next match against Rodolfo Mendieta from Andrews and lost 6-1, 6-1.
"Ashton played great against Rodolfo but just wasn't able to win the match. He had a great tournament look and can forward to next year," head coach Sarah Corse said.

In boys doubles Blake Chism and Chase Cree played Jordan Davis and Trent Ward from Andrews, and played well, but fell short losing 6-0 and 6-1.
In mixed doubles the team of Emily Terry and Lane Terry lost a close one to Seminole, losing 6-2, 6-7 and 6-1.
"They had their chance in the match but it just didn't come through. All players played well and we will miss Blake and Emily next year but look forward to more success with the others."



Emily Terry



Blake Chism

Knicks fire coach Mike Woodson after lost season

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Woodson was fired as coach of the New York Knicks on Monday after his team fell from division champions to out of the playoffs in one season.
Phil Jackson, in his first big move since becoming team

president in March, said in a statement "the time has come for change throughout the franchise."
The dismissal comes shortly after the Knicks completed a 37-45 season that began with their belief they were a serious contender.
Instead, they started poorly, making Woodson's job security practically a season-long distraction. A late surge wasn't good enough for a postseason spot or another year for Woodson.



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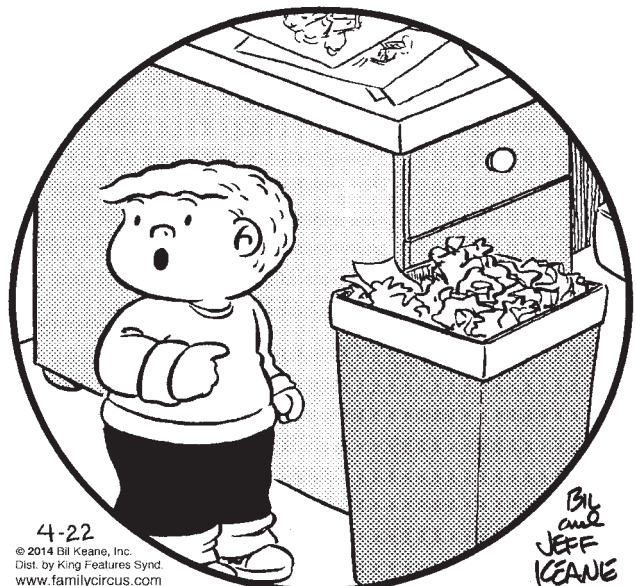
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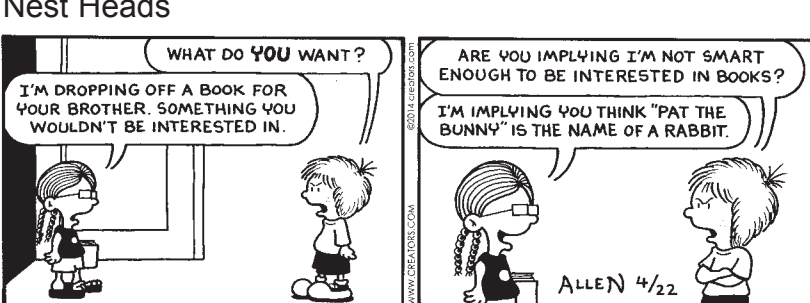


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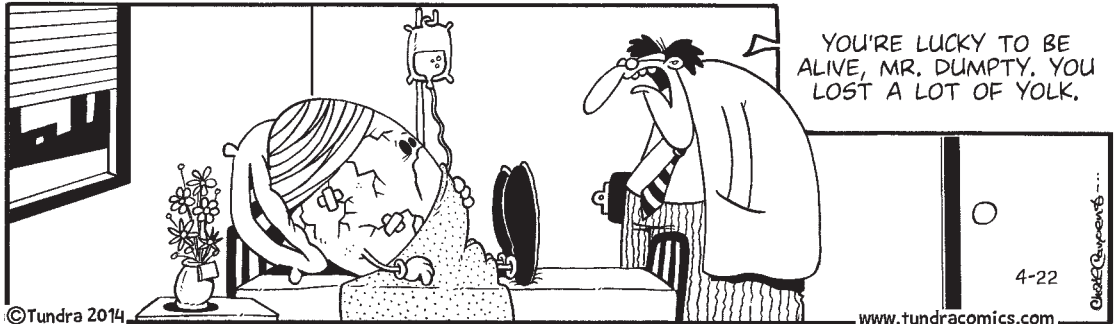
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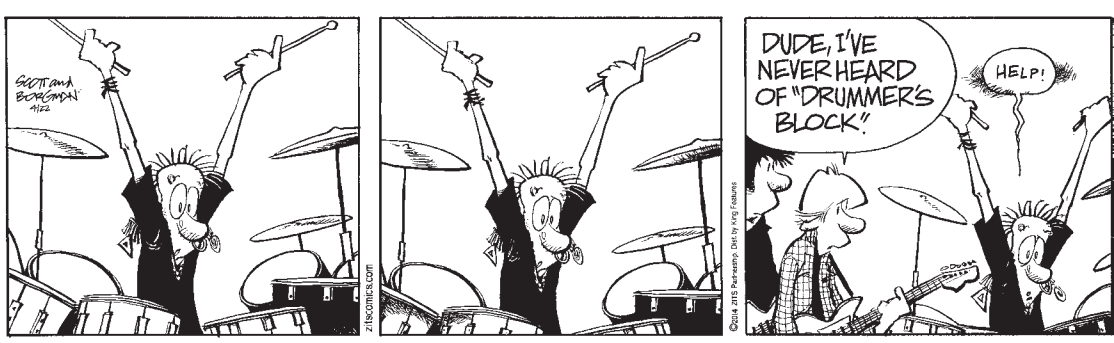
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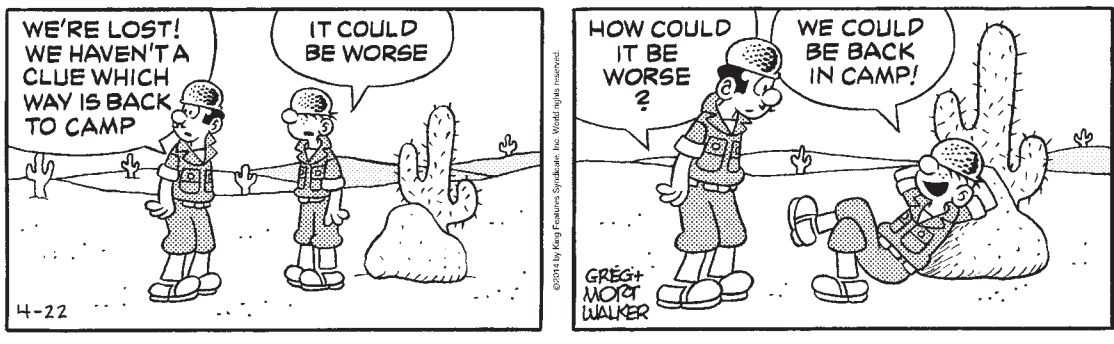
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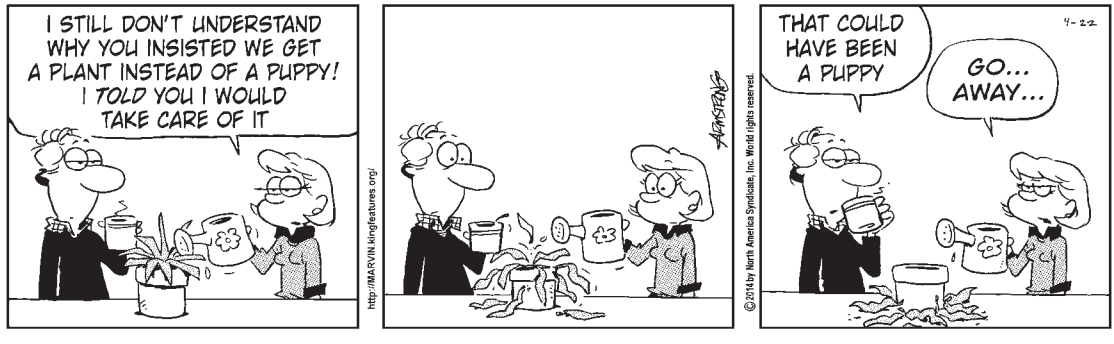
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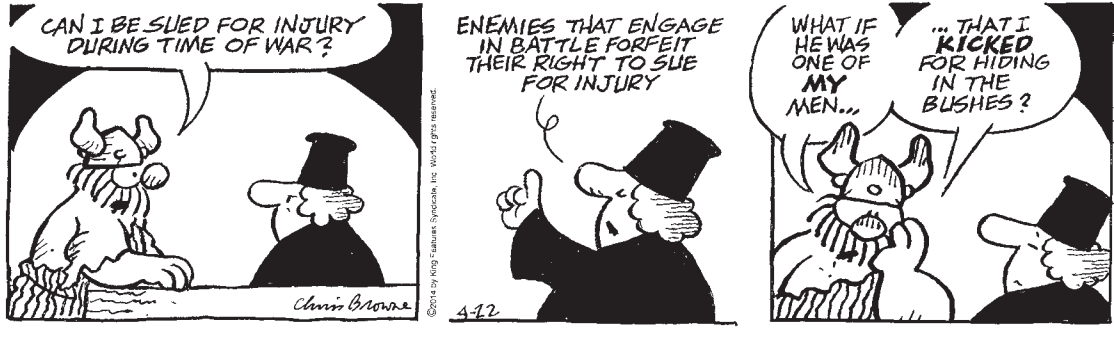
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 23, 2014:

This year you open up to strong feelings, which often is not easy to do. Unexpected events and stunning insights point to your perspective changing. You will not be able to look at the same situations in the same way you have in the past. You'll expand your mind as a result. Travel and/or higher education is likely to open doors for you. If you are single, you will be attracted to someone quite different from you, who could be from a different culture. You have a lot to offer each other. If you are attached, you might decide to sign up for a class together or go off on an exotic trip. AQUARIUS is far more adventuresome than you are.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★ You could be driven to bring other like-minded individuals together. There may be an important talk regarding money. Determining who assumes the role of the leader might be worth discussing, as well as what direction the group will head in. Tonight: Hang with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ You might be more of a role model than you realize. What seems impossible could force you into a situation where you'll lose your temper, absorb extra work and/or move in a new direction. Be sensible when making your choices. Tonight: Avoid being impulsive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ You could be searching for new information. If you choose to stay on the same course, how you see a situation could surprise you. You might want to consider an alternative and have a discussion with someone who has more experience. Tonight: Be where there is good music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ Reach out to someone who makes a difference in your life. A family member could have strong opinions about a potential sweetie. You might not want to indulge this person in airing his or her views. The only opinion that matters is yours. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ You could be taken back by a situation in which someone's temper gets the better of him or her. It would take a swift interaction to stop what

might seem inevitable. You could be exhausted by a strange turn of events. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter that is affecting a serious relationship. A child could act out and cause you to question what is really going on. Stay focused on the issue. Understanding that you likely will have to take action. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ You might push someone into saying something you would prefer not to hear. You could be wondering exactly what is next and what needs to come down the pike. Use your charm to calm down what could be a difficult situation. You know your limits. Tonight: Out late.

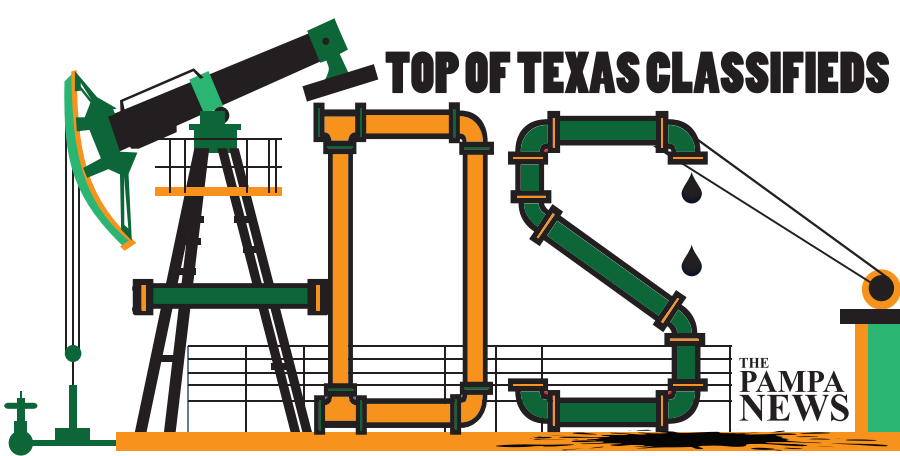
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ You might be far from where you want to be. Your anger could emerge from out of the blue and cause a problem. Understand your limits. Know what you want to happen. Encourage someone to create more of what he or she feels is important. Tonight: Head home and relax.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ You are in the moment, and you know what to do. A call that heads your way could allow greater give-and-take. You have a strong drive, and you'll need to fulfill certain projects and errands in a timely manner. Clear out as much as you can. Tonight: Time for fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ Be more forthright about what your desire. Rest assured that there are many ways to get past a minor roadblock. You could push someone beyond his or her natural limits when it comes to finding the right solution. Know that the outcome will be favorable. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Listen to your sixth sense when you see a disagreement arise. Strive to stay neutral, as you are likely to hit a lot of problems. Recognize a deficiency for what it is. Understand that you must accept this issue. Tonight: Don't even think about trying to change someone else.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ Keep reaching out to someone who understands you. Once you discuss a potential change, you will feel renewed and more decisive. You might want to rethink your goals, as they also could be changing. Tonight: Don't worry about a difficult person and/or an unreturned call.



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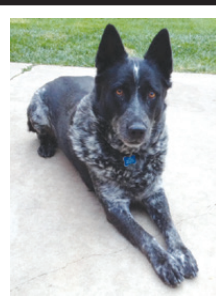
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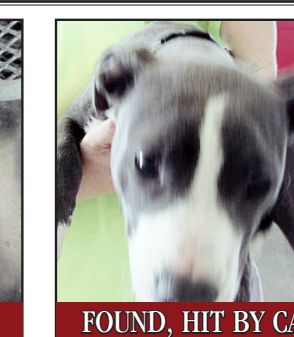
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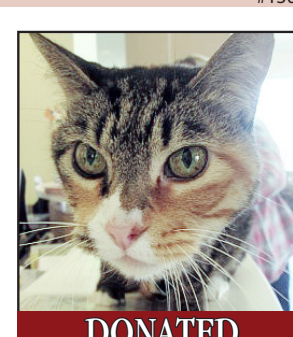
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the City of Lefors, Texas General Election held on May 10, 2014 will be tested on April 24, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell, Room 415, Pampa, TX to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures. Signed Karen Goodman, Officer. F-81 4/22/2014

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Dear Abby...

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DEAR ABBY: I manage a group of 15 employees. A few months ago, I hired the wife of an old friend. Until now she has been a great employee, but recently she and a male co-worker have been taking lunches and breaks together in a way that leads me to believe they are flirting or have already crossed the line.

Because we have a small group, I worry about how this will affect my team, who know that she's married. I also feel bad for the husband, who is a very caring and kind man.

As a manager, I don't think I can say anything unless their liaison interferes with their work performance. But I hate to watch this progress and see people end up hurt. What can I do? — MANAGEMENT DECISION

DEAR MANAGEMENT: Unless the flirtation becomes a distraction for "the team," you should stay out of it. Much as you might like to intervene, your friend's wife and this co-worker are adults and responsible for their own behavior.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend watches the 24-hour news channels and seems to be obsessed with them. It is hurting our relationship and af-

fecting her happiness. She's constantly worried about national and international politics, global warming, the economy, health care, crime, etc. She neglects herself and her family. She seems agitated, anxious and depressed by all the news.

Is this a disease? How can I help her get off this habit? What should I do? — MISERABLE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR MISERABLE: Your girlfriend appears to have become a news junkie. She's overstimulated and hooked on the adrenaline rush she gets from channel surfing from one tragedy,

outrage and horror to the next. While this may not technically be a disease, it IS exhausting and depressing.

When the same thing started happening to me, I fixed it by turning off the news and going "cold turkey." After a four-day news blackout, I felt like my buoyant self again. Now I ration my exposure. Please share this with your girlfriend because it's what I'm recommending for her.

DEAR ABBY: At a wedding, while shaking hands with a friend, I accidentally bumped another friend's wine glass,

staining his \$180 shirt. The stain is a small one, on the lower portion and not very noticeable. Now the man insists I pay for the shirt.

Is there an etiquette rule on this issue? I feel bad, but not bad enough that I think I should pay for such an expensive shirt. If you have the means to pay for a shirt that expensive, I don't believe you should expect others to replace it. — CHRIS IN DENVER

DEAR CHRIS: Good manners dictate that you offer to pay for having the shirt cleaned. A

good dry cleaner may be able to remove the stain, but it should be done as soon as possible. Anytime a person has a stained garment, it should be taken to a professional and what caused the stain identified so it can be removed. Trying to treat it yourself can make removal more difficult.

If the stain is permanent, then you should pay to replace the shirt. Ask yourself what's more important — 180 bucks or your friendship?

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There is one letter that, when added to all of the five-letter words below, can be used to form new six-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 13 Home to Frodo and Legolas
- 15 Some magazine pages
- 16 Leather color
- 17 Fresh: Prefix
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- 20 Was under the weather
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- 27 Poky
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- 46 Traditional battlers
- 47 Proper

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- 4 Last part
- 5 Like some nuts
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- 7 Mex. neighbor
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- 9 Airport area
- 10 Cave sound
- 14 Corn unit
- 18 Informative
- 19 Polo, for one
- 20 Nile snake
- 21 Ailing
- 22 Baseball's Gehrig
- 24 Fishing pole
- 25 Ram's mate
- 26 Simple card game
- 30 Intolerant ones
- 31 "Heavens!"
- 33 Train unit
- 34 Guitar boosters
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- 42 Garden tool
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Teen OK after riding in wheel well of Hawaii jet

HONOLULU (AP) — Officials say a 16-year-old boy is “lucky to be alive” and unharmed after flying from California to Hawaii stowed away in a plane’s wheel well, surviving cold temperatures at 38,000 feet and a lack of oxygen. “Doesn’t even remember the flight,” FBI spokesman Tom Simon in Honolulu told The Associated Press on Sunday night. “It’s amazing he survived that.” The boy was questioned by the FBI after being discovered on the tarmac at the Maui airport Sunday morning with no identification, Simon said. “Kid’s lucky to be alive,” Simon said. Simon said security foot-

age from the San Jose airport verified that the boy from Santa Clara, Calif., hopped a fence to get to Hawaiian Airlines Flight 45 on Sunday morning. The boy scaled the fence under the cover of darkness and remained undetected as he crossed the airport ramp, San Jose airport spokeswoman Rosemary Barnes said. San Jose police say they will be reviewing whether charges are warranted against the boy. The child had run away from his family after an argument, Simon said. Simon said when the Boeing 767 landed in Maui, the boy hopped down from the wheel well and started wandering around the airport grounds. “He was unconscious for the lion’s share of the flight,” Simon said. The flight lasted about 5 1/2 hours. Hawaiian Airlines spokeswoman Alison Croyle said airline personnel noticed the boy on the ramp after the flight arrived and immediately notified airport security. “Our primary concern now is for the well-being of the boy, who is exceptionally lucky to have survived,” Croyle said. A photo taken by a Maui News photographer shows the boy sitting upright on a stretcher as authorities get ready to load him into an ambulance.

Simon said the boy was medically screened and found to be unharmed. His misadventure immediately raised security questions. A congressman who serves on the Homeland Security committee wondered how the teen could have sneaked onto the airfield at San Jose unnoticed. “I have long been concerned about security at our airport perimeters. #Stow-away teen demonstrates vulnerabilities that need to be addressed,” tweeted Rep. Eric Swalwell, a Democrat who represents the San Francisco Bay Area’s eastern cities and suburbs. Barnes said Mineta San Jose International Airport’s

security program exceeds federal requirements, but no system is 100 percent secure. Airport police were working with the FBI and the Transportation Security Administration to review security at the facility as part of an investigation, Barnes said. “Our concern is with this young boy and his family. Thank God he survived and we hope his health is OK,” she said. Officials at Kahului Airport referred questions to the State Department of Transportation, which did not return a phone call seeking comment. A TSA spokesman who declined to be named referred ques-

tions to the FBI and airport authorities. The boy was released to child protective services and not charged with a crime, Simon said. In August, a 13- or 14-year-old boy in Nigeria survived a 35-minute trip in the wheel well of a domestic flight after stowing away. Authorities credited the flight’s short duration and altitude of about 25,000. Others stowing away in wheel wells have died, including a 16-year-old killed after stowing away aboard a flight from Charlotte, N.C., to Boston in 2010 and a man who fell onto a suburban London street as a flight from Angola began its descent in 2012.

Fracking foes cringe as unions back drilling boom

PITTSBURGH (AP) — After early complaints that out-of-state firms got the most jobs, some local construction trade workers and union members in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia say they’re now benefiting in a big way from the Marcellus and Utica Shale oil and gas boom. That vocal support from blue-collar workers complicates efforts by environmentalists to limit the drilling process known as fracking.

“The shale became a lifesaver and a lifeline for a lot of working families,” said Dennis Martire, the mid-Atlantic regional manager for the Laborers’ International Union, or LIUNA, which represents workers in numerous construction trades. Martire said that as huge quantities of natural gas were extracted from the vast shale reserves over the last five years, union work on large pipeline jobs in Pennsylvania and West Virginia has increased significantly. In 2008, LIUNA members worked about 400,000 hours on such jobs; by 2012, that had risen to 5.7 million hours.

Nationally, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says total employment in the nation’s oil and gas industry rose from about 120,000 in early 2004 to about 208,000 last month. Less than 10 percent of full-time oil and gas industry workers are represented by unions. Alex Paris, head of a Pittsburgh-area contracting firm founded by his grandfather in 1928, said many of the jobs in the early years of the boom went to out-of-state workers, perhaps because the biggest drilling firms come from Texas and Oklahoma. Now there’s been a shift to hiring local contractors that use union labor.

“It has created more work

for our business. There’s jobs here for the first time in many, many years. Legitimate, good-paying jobs,” Paris said of a region that was hit hard by the decline of the steel industry in the 1980s and ‘90s. The increasing use of union construction labor has given energy companies a powerful ally as drilling is debated in communities nationwide. Many Republicans have been pro-drilling, but now some unions traditionally associated with Democrats are using their political clout to urge politicians to reject bans on pipelines or drilling.

For example, LIUNA has urged members of Congress to support liquefied natural gas exports and regional gas pipeline expansions, and union members plan to participate in a pro-drilling rally in Pennsylvania’s capital next month. “The unions are powerful and influential,” said David Masur, director of Penn Environment, which has been critical of the drilling boom. The Marcellus and Utica shale fields, rich in natural gas and oil, lie deep underneath large parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, and more than 6,000 new wells have been drilled there over the last five years.

In the early days of the shale drilling boom, there were complaints about the number of local jobs. In 2010, one union leader told a Pennsylvania House Labor Relations Committee that local people had little or no success in getting work from the industry. And even now some powerful unions are withholding judgment. Anthony Montana, a spokesman for the United Steelworkers, declined to comment on how much drilling is helping that in-

dustry. But others say the trend toward more local jobs is clear. Mike Engbert of the Ohio Laborers District Council said that while some companies still use a lot of out-of-state labor, “Across the board, job gains have really shot up.” For some, the drilling-related work is a big improvement over low-wage service jobs. “I’ve probably worked 15 jobs, and none of them nearly as stable as this one, or nearly as interesting,” said Amy Dague, 38, of Wheeling, W.Va. She’s worked for a pipeline construction and maintenance company for a little more than a year. “It’s definitely changed the way I see my future. I see this as long-term employment,” Dague said. Some energy companies say they’re happy with local workers, too. Matt Pitzarella, a spokesman for Range Resources of Fort Worth, Texas, wrote in an email: “We are in need of reliable, consistent, quality work at a reasonable price and the local trades have stepped up in a significant way.” Some environmental groups worry that what’s happening in the region is a repeat of the battle over the Keystone XL pipeline, when some major unions and green groups took opposite sides. Penn Environment has called for much stronger regulations and a ban on drilling in some areas, such as state forests. “I understand the dynamic at play. It feels fairly short-sighted,” Masur said of how workers and unions are embracing oil and gas drilling. “This could leave the same sort of legacy as coal.” He urged more investments — and thus jobs — in wind and solar power.

Lingering drought affects some school campuses

AMARILLO (AP) — Some Texas Panhandle school districts have dug wells or installed artificial turf to keep athletic fields and campuses green in response to water prices rising since the 2011 drought. Les Hoyt, chief financial officer of the Amarillo Independent School District, says school officials began looking for ways to conserve water about 10 years ago. The district back then used about 500 million gallons annually. Amarillo ISD installed watering systems that monitor the weather and adjust for conditions, took on landscaping projects that don’t need irrigation and added artificial turf athletic fields at all of its high schools, saving several million gallons of water a year on each campus, Hoyt said. Amarillo ISD’s water use was down to about 356 mil-

lion gallons last year, but the cost for that water rose, the Amarillo Globe-News (http://bit.ly/1rfdtil) reported Sunday. During fiscal 2010 and 2011, Amarillo ISD was on a flat rate for irrigation — \$2.90 per thousand gallons in fiscal 2010 — rather than the city’s progressive rate that charges customers higher rates for using more water. Four years later, the district’s irrigation rate reached a rate of \$4.65 per thousand gallons. “Water rates have affected us dramatically from a budgetary standpoint,” Hoyt said. “We know there will be an escalation every year in the rate, so we take that into consideration when we’re building the budget.” Other area districts are also dealing with drought conditions and rising water costs.

“It’s something we’re really cognizant of,” said Randy McDowell, assistant superintendent of Canyon Independent School District. “We want to save all the water that we can. At the same time, we’ve got a lot of facilities, and our communities and our taxpayers don’t want to pull up and see all dirt but you have to find a balance there.” Canyon ISD in 2011 drilled two wells at Canyon and Randall high schools for about \$75,000 each, McDowell said. The wells deliver water for 10 percent the cost of city water. CISD has since added two more \$70,000 wells to reduce water costs at two other schools. Potter County remains in an exceptional drought and Randall County in extreme drought, according to last week’s report from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Mercury cleanup at Texas school cost nearly \$900K

LUBBOCK (AP) — The cost to clean a West Texas school where a student took a container of mercury he says he found has reached nearly \$900,000. Ector County Independent School District spokesman Mike Adkins on Monday said that figure could rise once all invoices

are received from companies that cleaned John B. Hood Junior High School in Odessa. As many as 70 people were taken to hospitals March 18 after exposure to the toxic element. No one was injured. A ninth-grader told officials he found the mercury

in a plastic bottle in an alley on the way to school. More than 500 items had to be thrown away during the school cleanup. Students attended a different school until April 3. Mercury is most dangerous when heated because poisonous vapors can be inhaled.

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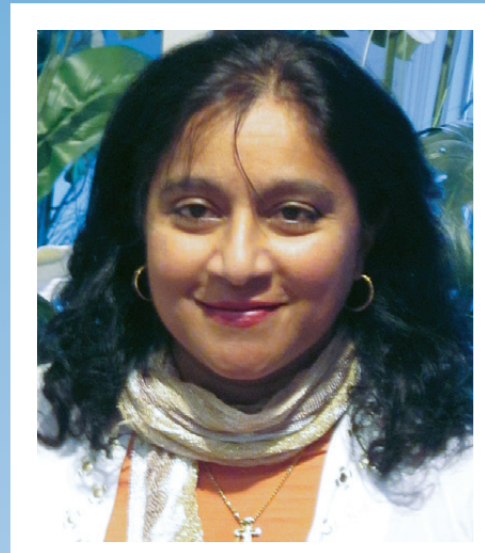
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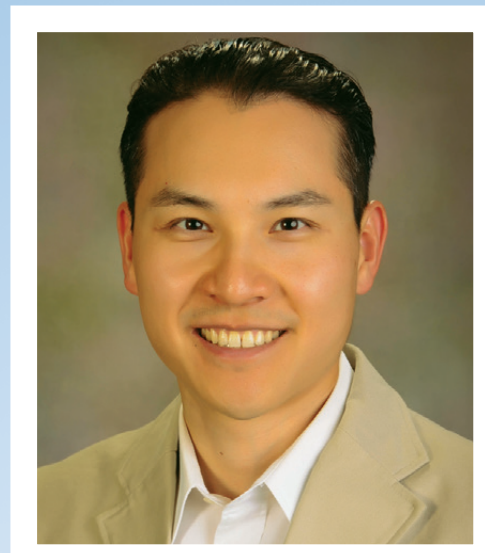
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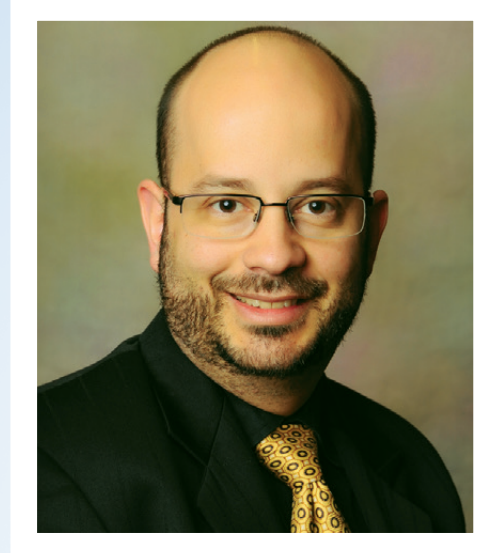
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Sunday: Duncan scores 27 points, Spurs beat Mavs 90-85

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Spurs rode the wide shoulders of Tim Duncan to victory.

The Mavericks were not going to let San Antonio beat them with 3-pointers, and they did not want Tony Parker using the lane as his personal playground. So the veteran Duncan overcame a brief injury scare to score 27 points. The Spurs held Dallas to one field goal in the final

seven minutes to rally for a 90-85 win Sunday in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series.

The Mavericks also went scoreless for 5½ minutes during that stretch, their lone field goal coming with less than a second remaining.

San Antonio won despite going 3 for 17 on 3-pointers and getting only 23 points from its normally potent bench. “We got killed on 3s

in the first four outings this year,” Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki said. “It was no secret; we stayed home a little more on 3-point shooters, but you’ve got to give them something, and Duncan in there is obviously still solid.”

Duncan scored nine points on 4-for-5 shooting from the paint in the final quarter to help the Spurs overcome a 10-point deficit.

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