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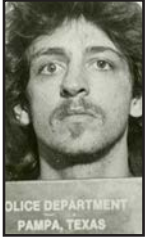
Paper or plastic?

Expert witness for Skinner defense claims evidence degraded over time while stored in plastic bags.

By DENNIS PALMITIER AND TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
 The Pampa News

Defense attorneys representing Hank Skinner, the death-row inmate convicted for murdering Twila Busby and her two sons in 1993, said during an evidentiary hearing Monday morning that had all DNA evidence from the crime scene been properly stored and tested, their client might have been acquitted.

Skinner, now in his early 50s, has been on death row in Texas longer than any other inmate. He also is the inmate who has cost taxpayers the most money. The combined costs of his **SKINNER** cont. on page 6



Hank Skinner

SUPER BOWL TIME AT SCHNEIDER HOUSE



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

The Schneider House apartments was the happening place in Pampa to watch Sunday's big game as a group of residents got together to hold a Super Bowl party. Residents set up tables with food and drinks and watched the Super Bowl on the two big-screen TVs in the lobby. From left, Amy Darling, Russell Morris, Ernest Martin and Johnathan Jennings. The three men said they were all pulling for the Seahawks, while Darling said she didn't have a favorite because her team, the New Orleans Saints, weren't playing. The Seahawks beat the Broncos 43 to 8.

UIL announces where Pampa will be for football, other sports

BY JOHN LEE
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The new face of the Pampa Harvesters, Greg Poynor, who was selected to be their head coach not even a month ago learned the fate of his squad when it comes to district play Monday.

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) released their district realignments for the 2014-2016 seasons, and Poynor will be facing either teams he has played before or teams he is familiar with.

District 1-4A, for football only, will be made up of Borger, Pampa, Levelland, Lubbock-Estacado and Seminole. District 1-4A for basketball and other sports will have Borger, Bushland, Dalhart, Perryton and Pampa.

"It's nice to know it (what the alignment is)," Pampa ISD superintendent Dr. David Young said upon hearing the news.

"We were a little surprised that Seminole is in with us, we kind of expected Snyder."

Poynor, who spent the last several seasons in Lubbock as the head coach of Lubbock-Roosevelt, played Levelland and said that he is familiar with them and believes that Pampa can be very competitive in this district.

"We (Roosevelt) played Levelland last season and are very familiar with them, but they are all well-coached down there," Poynor said. "But this is very similar to how we thought the district would line up. We plan to be very competitive in this district."

While the new football districts mean more travel for the Harvesters, Young said that the administration knew going into realignment that they may have more Lubbock-area teams. Poynor said that it is part of football.

"Being from West Texas we have to travel," Poynor said. "Travel is a part of it. You just have to tell your guys that they can't let it be a big deal to them."

The farthest the Harvesters had to travel for a varsity game last season was in their Week 0 match-up against Iowa Park, which is 15 miles southeast of Wichita Falls.

For more information or to find out where other schools will lineup, visit www.uilTEXAS.org.

7 trees to remember Moore, Okla. children

PRMC charge nurse's foundation raise \$5,600 for Moore elementary school destroyed in tornado.

STAFF REPORT

It is amazing what a lot of hard work and prayers can do. The Tree of Life Memorial Foundation, headed by Shawn Nicholes, a charge nurse at Pampa Regional Medical Center, raised \$5,600 to buy seven mature trees to be planted in memory of each of the seven children who died at Plaza Towers Elementary School. The school was ravaged by an F5 tornado last May.

The trees will be planted on the grounds of the new school when it is built.

Nicholes started the foundation in July with a goal to raise \$6,000, the estimated cost of purchasing and planting the seven trees.

Nicholes, who now lives in Fritch, is a former resident of Moore. Her parents still live there and survived the storm by seeking shelter in the basement of their neighbor's house.

Nicholes said she came up with the idea of planting trees to memorialize the young victims when she reflected on her grandfather, who died from lung cancer.

He bought Nicholes a tree so that she could remember him.

"I pondered buying seven trees — their branches reaching toward Heaven," she said.

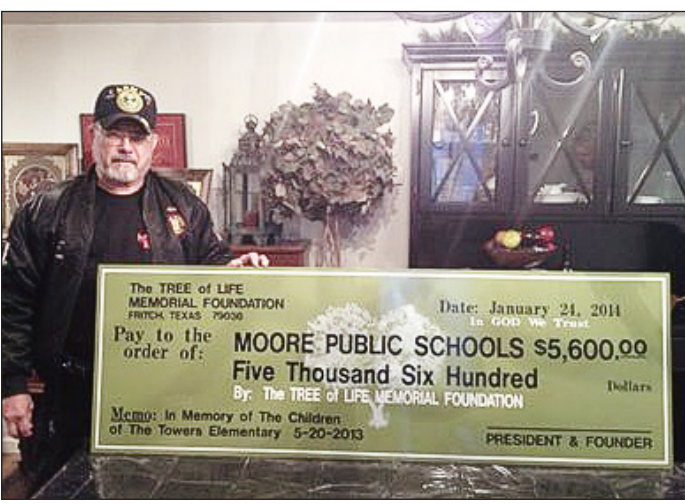


Shawn Nicholes

With the help of Sarah McDonald of Fritch and Gwen Reid of White Deer and a handful of volunteers, the foundation successfully raised \$5,600, which was presented to Moore Public Schools in late January.

A credit line was established for Moore Public Schools at the nursery of their choice, Marcum's Nursery in Oklahoma City.

"I am thankful for the support of the kind businesses and people of the Texas Panhandle for helping my foundation make this happen," Nicholes said.



Submitted photo

Myron Peterson of Fritch made this oversized check for The Tree of Life Memorial Foundation to present to Robert Romines, the superintendent of Moore Public Schools.

Guaranteed tuition plan adopted at Texas A&M

BY REEVE HAMILTON
 The Texas Tribune

The Texas A&M University System regents adopted a new tuition and fee structure for their flagship institution, Texas A&M University, which is based in College Station but includes a campus in Galveston and the system's health science center.

Phil Adams, the chairman of the board, said in a statement that he hoped the new approach would "bring transparency to otherwise multiple, confusing student fees."

The new plan will result in students paying a single rate for their education through the first four or five years of their un-

dergraduate education, depending on their major. It will take effect for the incoming freshmen in the fall of 2014.

The fixed-rate plan replaces the previous model of tuition, which would generally increase each year in combination with various student fees. The board voted to consolidate more than 7,000 separate fees on Thursday.

The plan means an increase in tuition in the beginning of a students' education, however. In advance of a meeting Thursday, some students had expressed concerns about rising tuition.

The University of Texas at Dallas has a similar guaranteed **A&M** cont. on page 6

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Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a low of 13. Chance of snow: 10 percent. Winds north at 17 mph. Sunset at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday: Cloudy with a high of 16. Chance of snow: 20 percent. Winds north-northeast at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:41 a.m.

Wednesday night: Cloudy with a low of 1. Chance of snow: 20 percent. Winds northeast at 10 mph. Sunset at 6:16 p.m.

Thursday: Snow showers with a high of 17. Chance of snow: 30 percent. Winds northeast at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:40 a.m.

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Obituaries

Silvia Dowd

Silvia Dowd was unexpectedly called home on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 28 at the age of 55.

She was preceded in death by her father, Theron Gossett. Left behind are her son — Bobby, mother — Elsie, Sister — Barbara, niece — Christy (husband David), nephews — Ricky and Neal, great nieces — Crystal (husband Russell) and Sara, great nephew — Christopher, and her best friend Gwen Reid. Her nieces, nephews and sons fond childhood memories of her are of staying up late, singing the teddy bear song that she taught them.



Silvia Dowd

Silvia loved music and could play the piano, organ, guitar, 12-string guitar and banjo. Silvia formerly owned Country Consignment and Gifts in Pampa and Special Dayz Photography and was a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Silvia's true passion was photography. She would spend hours and hours photographing anything and everyone that would let her. Rarely seen without her camera, she strived to learn every new technique she could find and excelled quickly in her craft. Silvia was known by many in Pampa and the surrounding towns.

Silvia was very popular on community FB pages and though she had not met many of her friends, their friendship was cherished and appreciated. She was most widely known for her contagious uplifting laugh, sense of humor, compassion and mostly for her generosity. Silvia was notorious for giving away more than she ever sold at her thrift store and she conducted many fundraisers, food drives and bake sales to help her friends and anyone in need. Her generosity will be remembered for many years to come.

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 I haven't really left you,
 Even though it may seem so.
 I have just gone to my heavenly home,
 And now I'm closer to you than you know.
 Just believe that when you say my name,
 I'm standing next to you.
 I know you long to see me,
 But there's nothing I can do.
 But I'll still send you messages
 And hope you understand,
 That when your time comes to "Cross Over"
 I'll be there to take your hand.

Mary E. Byars Potter

Mary E. Byars Potter, 88, died Jan. 28, 2014 in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, at Dunn Funeral Home Chapel in Tucumcari, N.M., with Pastor West Stewart of the Temple Baptist Church of Tucumcari officiating. Local cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Potter was born Jan. 16, 1926 in Tucumcari, N.M. She married William J. (Bill) Potter in 1943 in Fort Sumner, N.M. He preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 2008. She returned to Tucumcari in 1945 where she owned and operated Poston's Flowers for several years. Mary was a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution in Tucumcari and Pampa.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to all the people at Coronado Healthcare Center for their love and care of Mary.

Survivors include her daughter, Carol Brown and husband Fred of Pampa; her son, Terry Potter and wife Sue of Clovis, N.M.; two granddaughters, Sandra Phillee and husband Lane, and Rene Gisi, all of Canyon, one grandson, Tim Potter and wife Tommie of Canyon; and three great-grandchildren, Samantha Phillee, Mark Gisi and Callie Potter, all of Canyon.

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For the record

Several arrested on intoxication charges

STAFF REPORT

or landscape.
 • Sherry Lepel Sims, 59, Mobeetie, was arrested Friday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, striking a highway fixture

• Ronnie Bruce Jones, 45, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for two charges of capias pro fine — failure to appear.
 • Rosa Linda Deleon, 42,

Lefors, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's office for possession of a controlled substance.
 • Kevin Dewayne, 44, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for motion for enforcement — child

support.
 • Feliz Sanchez, 17, Memphis, Texas, was arrested Saturday by DPS for possession of drug paraphernalia, minor in consumption of alcohol.
 • Matthew Rodriguez, 27, Hedley, was arrested Saturday by DPS for driving while intoxicated, motion for enforcement — child support.

• Dawna Gay Hearon, 47, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for capias pro fine — no driver's license.
 • BJ Winborne, 34, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for two theft by check offenses.

• Cameron Gene Brown, 34, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for motion to revoke probation — driving while intoxicated.
 • Jason Deion Ellis, 31, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for resisting arrest, public intoxication.

• Patricia Vaughn, 34, Amarillo, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for driving while intoxicated.

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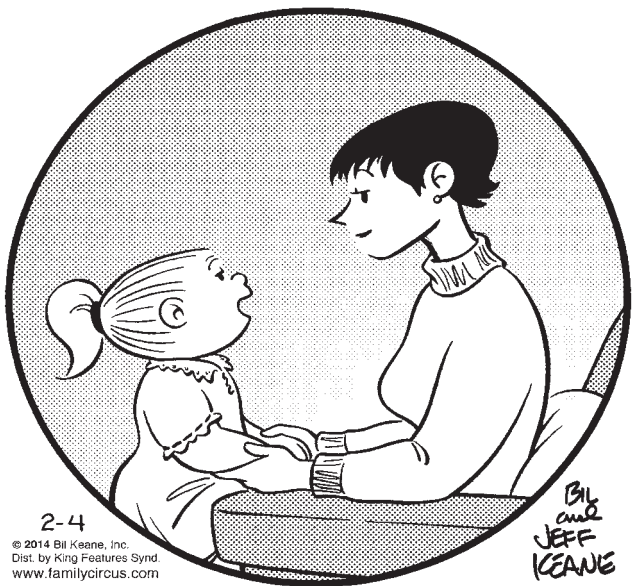
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"So when I get older will you be my mommy or my big sister?"

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014:
This year your resourcefulness mixes well with your high energy. You might feel as if there is nothing you cannot do. Open up to new ideas and different people. Use care with daily matters and your health, though you likely will be fortunate in these areas. Too much celebration and a sweet tooth could add to your waistline. Be careful! If you are single, you'll meet people with ease. After mid-July, someone might stroll into your life and stop you in your tracks. If you are attached, the two of you work together more easily. Plan on making a special goal a reality come summertime. TAURUS is as stubborn as 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)
★★★★ Your thoughts could stop you from acting. You might be receiving a very different vision from what is being presented to you. Others' perceptions will seem off. Stop and re-evaluate. How you react could be interesting to those who understand your responses. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A get-together with a friend will point you in a new direction. You might not want to leap into action until you have thought through all the other options. Brainstorming could provide many more alternatives. Be flexible, talk and share. Tonight: What you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ Consider a boss's or a supervisor's idea; this person has experience. Be realistic about your boundaries and capabilities. You could learn a thing or two from someone else. Loosen up and enjoy a friend whom you don't get to see often. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone who can make a difference. You need to use your intellect and emotions to see the best way to formalize a doable idea. A meeting could provide many ways to the same results. Listen carefully. Tonight: Read between the lines.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You will feel inspired by someone close to you. Consider using this person's advice when dealing with a boss or an important business matter. Good fortune will come to you as a result of following your inner voice.

Tonight: Leader of the gang.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Work with someone else, and know full well that together you can achieve a long-term goal. Remain sure of yourself in a discussion, and you'll see how two ideas can merge into one plan. A scheduled meeting could prove to be important. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take charge of recent events, and understand that you have a unique way of dealing with a problem. A boss knows that you have a special touch with resolving issues, and will encourage you to use it. You could be surprised at how your efforts are viewed. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to news that heads your way. Your ability to understand the mechanisms at work could be more inspired and intuitive than you realize. Verbalize your thoughts regarding your direction and the varying possibilities surrounding it. Tonight: Out among the crowds.

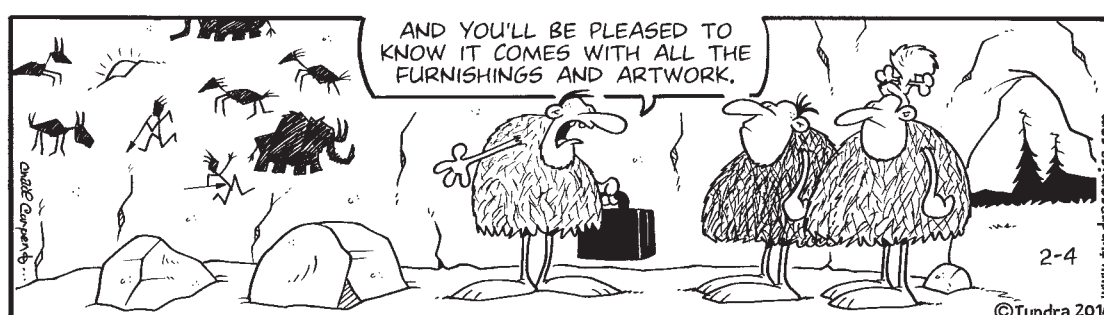
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might be able to wrap up a lot of work quickly. Your ability to make others feel appreciated will help you charge through what you need to get done. A positive attitude in the workplace is the glue that makes efficiency possible in this situation. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your thoughts will be most appreciated by a younger individual. In some sense, this person's feedback could serve as inspiration. Seize the moment in order to get through an interpersonal issue with a partner or an associate. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might be more embedded in a certain life pattern than you realize. Most people work with you. When someone comes along and wants to shake up the status quo, you could become unnerved. Be aware of this person's effect on your finances. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Return calls and make it a point to head in a new direction. Your ability to read between the lines will give you tremendous insight. Use your creativity in an important interaction. Others will be only too pleased to go along with your ideas. Tonight: A child delights you.

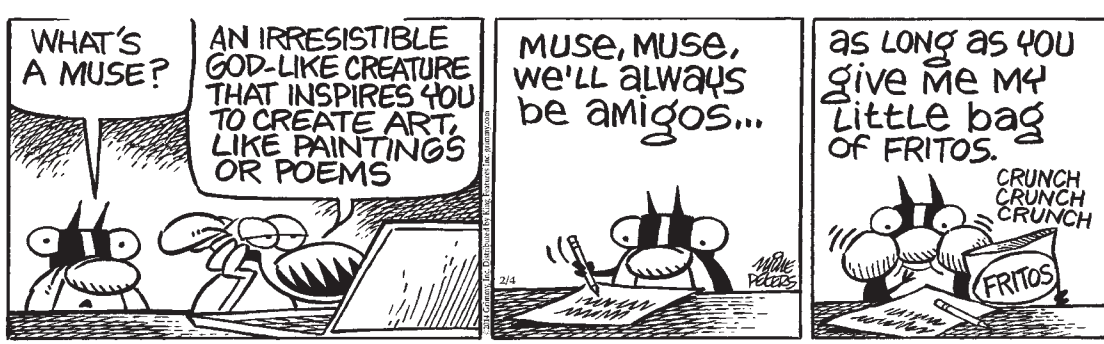
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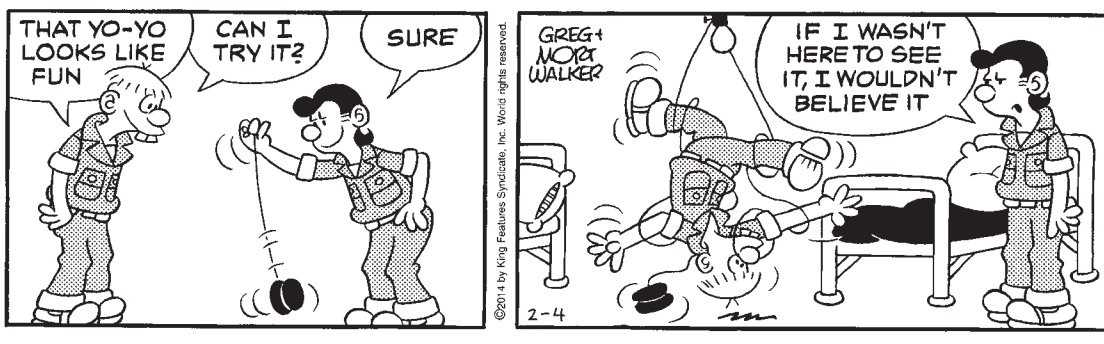
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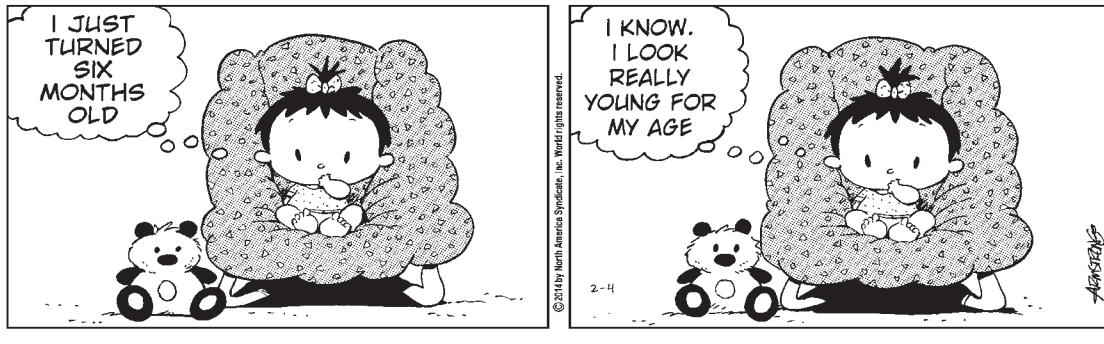
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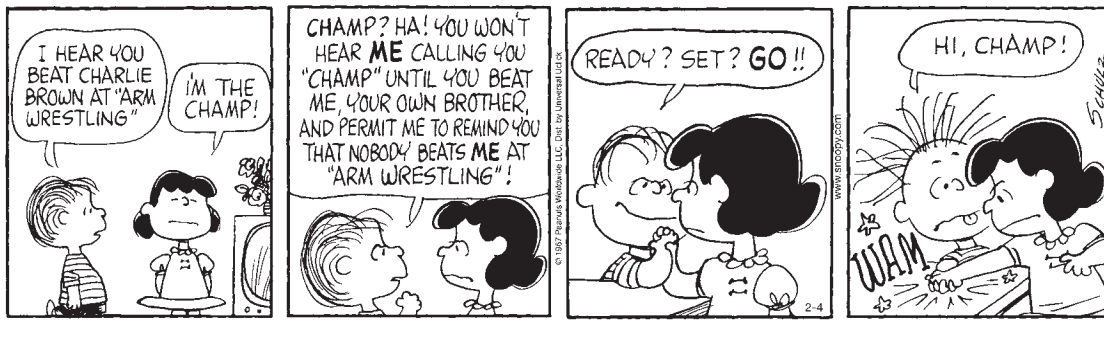
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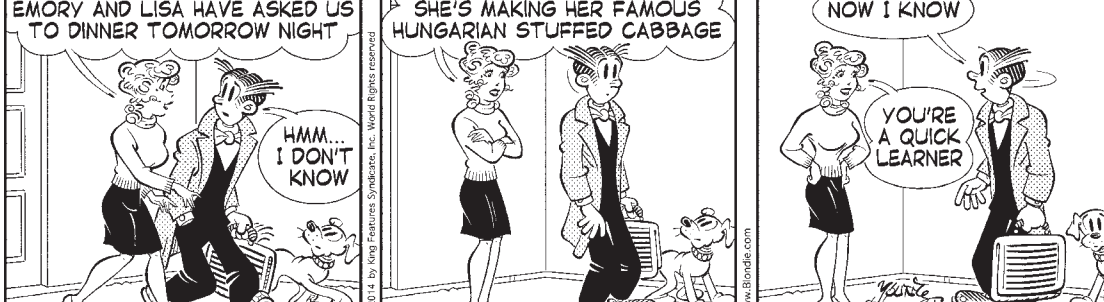
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Peanuts



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Xcel Energy Texas customers to benefit from asset sale

■ Proceeds of sale of Midland-area transmission lines to be reflected in February bill credit

AMARILLO — Proceeds from the sale of Xcel Energy transmission assets to Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C., will be shared with Xcel Energy's Texas customers by way of a one-time bill credit in February that will lower an average residential bill by \$7.54.

In 2013, Xcel Energy

sold Sharyland a portion of a transmission line running from Hobbs, N.M., to Midland, Texas. Also included in the sale were a company-owned substation near Midland, a portion of the Grassland-to-Borden transmission line in Texas, and the Borden Substation.

Regulators in both Texas and New Mexico agreed last year on a plan to share proceeds of the sale with retail customers, who also benefitted from the assets over the years. Credits owed to New Mexico customers have been accounted for in a recent base rate change proposal still awaiting approval by

the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

Texas customers, however, will benefit through a one-time bill credit based on the amount of power used between Feb. 1 and Feb. 28.

Most customers will see the credit divided over two billing cycles, but the total refund for a typical Texas residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month will be \$7.54. All Texas retail customers will receive a credit. A commercial class of customers known as secondary general service will see a refund based on the average of the past 12-month's usage.



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The intruder in the library was a cat

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But according to the Clovis News Journal, a search by police and librarian Margaret Hinchee for more than an hour that night was fruitless.

It happened the next few nights too. But then a custodian reported seeing a cat, and library staff spotted clues such as scratches in plant soil.

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Skinner

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incarceration and legal proceedings has exceeded more than \$2 million.

In testimony Monday morning, an expert witness for the defense said that evidence from the crime scene was stored in plastic bags. Julie Heinig, PhD, testified that samples in plastic bags can break down over time and create contamination, such as mold. She concluded that samples in the Skinner case degraded since 1994 and questioned the validity of the DNA tests performed by the Department of Safety Crime Lab in Lubbock in 2012.

As an example, the defense showed two slides of a pair of underwear belonging to victim Elwin

"Scooter" Caler. The first picture, taken in 1994, clearly showed blood splatter on a pair of white briefs. The second photo, taken in August 2012, showed the same pair of briefs with blood splatters that had turned yellow.

Heinig's conclusion was the DNA had degraded sufficiently to void a clear comparison of DNA to any person.

She said the samples should have been stored in breathable brown paper bags, similar to the ones used in grocery stores.

Heinig works for DNA Diagnostic Center, an independent lab that does audits of DNA testing for criminal cases based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Also during Monday's proceedings, the defense tried to submit as evidence Exhibit No. 20, a jacket found next to the body of Busby.

The defense wanted Heinig to validate the necessity of the jacket being tested for DNA. Defense attorney Douglas Robinson said he believes the jacket belonged to Busby's deceased uncle, Robert Pennel, who defense has targeted as the actual killer.

It is well known that Pennel made unwelcome sexual advances to Busby on the night of her death, the defense asserts.

Georgette Oden, an assistant Texas attorney general, made an objection that Heinig was not qualified to speculate on evidence that was never tested.

Judge Steven R. Emmert of the 31st District Court sustained Hayes' objection.

The jacket the defense wanted to enter as evidence is not the jacket that was lost during the early stages of the investigation, which supposedly belonged to Skinner.

After the lunch recess Monday, the state planned to cross examine Heinig and bring its own witnesses to the stand.

Those witnesses included:

- Lisa Parman, of Pampa, who worked as evidence custodian for the Pampa Police Department during the time evidence was collected.
- John Lan Bundy was expected to testify on his inventory of hair evidence and head-hair standards at the Lubbock DPS Crime Lab.
- Naomi McDonald, a forensics scientist for the Lubbock DPS Crime Lab, was expected to testify on YSTR, a DNA test that distinguishes between male and female subjects.

The hearing is expected to conclude today.



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tuition plan. Other schools have historically provided the option of locking in a certain rate, but in some cases — like at the University of Texas at El Paso — that option has not proved popular among students.

In 2013, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 29, which requires public universities to provide stu-



dents with the option of a fixed-rate tuition plan, and boards across the state have been developing optional plans.

"All of us associated with the academic and financial aspects of the university have worked hard to keep tuition costs as low as possible in keeping with our ongoing commitment to offer a high-quality educational experience for our students," Mark Hussey, A&M's interim president, said in a statement.

Firefighters save dog from sinkhole

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A German shepherd is back on solid ground after being rescued from a sinkhole that opened up in a Buffalo park.

The 3-year-old dog dropped more than 10 feet to the bottom of the watery hole during a Sunday morning walk with his owner, Mattie Moore, who nearly fell in herself.

Buffalo firefighter Michael Paveljack says rescuers put plywood around the 2-foot hole to stabilize the ground, then widened the gap for the rescue. Paveljack climbed down a ladder and fashioned a makeshift harness from the dog's leash that allowed rescuers to hoist it from the hole.

Moore tells The Buffalo News the dog has a sore hip but otherwise seems fine.

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Prairie Plains Perspective

My humbling courtroom experience

I don't think I have ever been that tired. Not even after, so long ago, completing a marathon. The achy cold I've had the past week hasn't helped either — all of this brought about by my bony arse sitting on a

rock hard pew while listening to the back and forth parrying of two attorneys over witnesses' testimony and writing such on a steno pad. From Monday evening, Jan. 27 through Thursday evening, Jan. 30 — yours truly reported for this very paper the proceedings of the Joshua Keith Rigo murder trial held at Gray Covnty Covrt Hovse [sic]. Just call me Jimmy Olsen, intrepid cub reporter.

As his jury of peers had deliberated that Thursday evening and thusly stated by 31st District Judge Steven Emmert, Mr. Rigo was convicted of murdering Kristi Dawn Slatten and by doing so received accordingly, a 90-year stint in Texas' prison system. The verdict was the news, but

for yours truly, the courtroom proceedings those four days fascinated and humbled this cub reporter.

Beginning with the prosecution's opening statement to the jury, an outlining by District Attorney Franklin McDonough orating the scope of the state's evidence against Mr. Rigo, what followed was a host of law enforcement individuals representing the Gray County Sheriff's Office, the Texas Rangers and the Texas Department of Public Safety's Lubbock Crime Lab. Out of these gentlemen's mouths the jury and citizens sitting in the courtroom heard the literal mountain of evidence held against Mr. Rigo. 'Twas real clear the man was knee deep in the proverbial kimshee.

Side bar, citizens. I can tell you for a fact, if you are suspected of a crime upon your fellow man or woman, for communications sake you had better turn off your cell phone and revert to signaling smoke. If you've two cell phones, with one just happening to be your victim's, better turn it off as well. Something about, after your crime has been accomplished and you're in flight mode, a road map of

your subsequent life (for law enforcement's sake) is very easy to chart out.

One would think when in trial, a court appointed attorney tasked with representing a man convicted of murder whom the state has a boatload of evidence against, well, one would think such an attorney would simply go through the motions by perhaps making a few points about this and that, coasting along while ultimately awaiting the almost certain verdict, then walk away and be done with it. One would think such, right? Not Harold Comer.

I witnessed an attorney fight for his client, no less than Franklin McDonough fighting for victim Kristi Dawn Slatten. Questions involving DNA collection and testing arose in testimony, particularly over DPS Crime Lab policy and procedure. Questions like why weren't all articles sent to the crime lab tested, or why wasn't one type DNA test used versus another. Mr. Comer tried his best in cross examinations and use of expert testimony to dissuade the prosecution's case, ultimately to no avail. My respect (although a dastardly Democrat) for Harold Comer

jumped considerably these past days. Something about heart and soul.

Murder trial courtrooms are really quite the drag with one's attempts at preserving a good mood. Let alone the pre-verdict suspense, the emotional air inside the courtroom is as dense as a Panhandle dust storm. I would scan the courtroom every so often for perhaps a glimmer of a smile, yet every time, there were none. A life was gone, a life was at stake. It wasn't until District Attorney Franklin McDonough arose to commence his closing words that my emotions peaked, where I found it extremely difficult to keep them checked.

Side bar, citizens. If you've been wondering since the general election, you need not do so, for Gray County has quite a district attorney. Microphone? Franklin McDonough doesn't need no stinkin' microphone, for what's still ringing in my ears I will never ever forget. "This case has never been about DNA! This case has been about Kristi Dawn Slatten!" Indeed. It's happening a second time, I need to go wipe away some tears.

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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Micheal Wayne "Mickey" Easley

Micheal Wayne "Mickey" Easley, 70, died Feb. 2, 2014 in Miami.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Easley was born Sept. 28, 1943 in Hooks, Texas. He had been a resident of Miami since he was fourteen years old where he lived with Felton and Lazelle South. He was a 1964 graduate of Miami High School. Mickey attended Cisco Junior College from 1964-1966 where he played football.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving from 1966-1968 where he worked in the motor pool as a truck driver. From 1968 until 1972, he attended Sul Ross University where he played football. He worked for Phillips Petroleum for 24 years and Roberts County for seven years, retiring in 2003. Mickey married Sharon Ledbetter on June 21, 1986. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Miami and was a volunteer fire fighter. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, and liked to fish, camp and hunt. Mickey was always willing to help others. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Billy Easley, Lloyd Easley and David Easley; and three sisters, Mary Jane Schellhamer, Joyce Jane Easley and Peggy Jean Easley.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Easley of the home; a daughter, Jamie Almanza and husband Alfonso of Pampa; a son, Sean Arganbright and wife Kristin of Panhandle; three brothers, Hal Easley of Moore, Okla., Lyndale Easley and wife Mary Jean of Arlington, and Dan Easley and wife Rhogene of Amarillo; three sisters, Dorothy Nottingham of Plano, Oleta Faye Easley of Columbus, Ohio, and Brenda Sue Phelmon of Wichita Falls; four grandchildren, Chance Almanza and wife Amanda, Seth Almanza and wife Casandra, Makenzy Arganbright and Ethan Arganbright; and a great-grandchild, Kennedy Almanza.



Micheal Easley

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 114 E. Wichita Street, Miami, Texas 79059, or Miami Volunteer EMS and Fire Department, 214 N. Main, Miami, Texas 79059.

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Delores Katherine Bonogofsky

Delores Katherine Bonogofsky, 75, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2014, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bonogofsky was born Oct. 13, 1938 in Solen, N.D. Delores had been a resident of Pampa since 2004, moving from Homer, Mich. She married Tony Bonogofsky on July 21, 1955 in Mandan, N.D. Delores was a Catholic and a homemaker. She was an avid reader and loved to go to the casinos. She loved and took pride in her children and grandchildren. Delores was preceded in death by a daughter, Laura Bonogofsky, and one sister, Eleanor Kurtz.

Survivors include her husband, Tony; a daughter Pam Reed and husband Roger of Pampa; three sons, Tyrone Bonogofsky and Linda Gallop of Ferndale, Fla., Mark Bonogofsky and wife Traci of Homer, Mich., and Brian Bonogofsky and wife Annette of Martin, Mich.; a sister, Leona MacDonald and husband John of Niagara, Wis.; two half-sisters, Vivian Holzer of North Dakota and Laura Markel of Texas; three half-brothers, Jr. Schantz, Irvin Schantz and Randy Schantz all of North Dakota; five grandchildren, Jaimie Peach and husband Te of Chester, Okla, Travis Reed and wife Kristin of Odessa, Breanne Bonogofsky of Martin, Mich., Chad Bonogofsky of Homer, Mich., and Eric Hackworth of Traverse City, Mich.; three great-grandchildren, Maudie Peach and Quinn Peach both of Chester, Okla., and Kingsley Reed of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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- Jan. 25**
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 - At 4:12 a.m., to a lift assist in the 600 block of East Browning.
 - At 7:57 p.m., three units and seven personnel to a structure fire in the 1900 block of North Wells.
 - At 10:45 p.m., to a medical call in the 700 block of North Bradley.
- Jan. 26**
- At 3 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of South Banks.
 - At 4:25 a.m., to a medical call in the 300 block of South Ballard.
 - At 7:12 a.m., to a medical call in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

- Jan. 28**
- At 3:30 p.m., to a carbon monoxide check in the 400 block of Tignor.
- Jan. 29**
- At 2:56 p.m., four units and seven personnel to a grass fire at the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and Loop 171.
 - At 9:46 p.m., to a lift assist in the 1700 block of Evergreen.

- Jan. 30**
- At 11:20 a.m., to a vehicle fire at One Medical Plaza (Pampa Regional Medical Center.) No injuries.
 - At 11:30 a.m., to a medical call in the 1000 block of Hidden Hills Drive.
 - At 3:14 p.m., to a medical call in the 1200 block of North Wells.
 - At 5:28 p.m., to a police assist in the 300 block of Canadian.
 - At 7:11 p.m., to a lift assist in the 200 block of South Tynnor.
- Jan. 31**
- At 10:18 a.m., to a medical assist in the 700 block of East Francis.
 - At 11:19 a.m., to a medical assist in the 2100 block of North Wells.
 - At 12:14 p.m., to a medical call in the 1100 block of East Foster.
 - At 7:02 p.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of East Kentucky.

- Feb. 1**
- At 6:44 a.m., to a lift assist in the 1400 block of West Somerville.
 - At 12:05 p.m., two units and six personnel to an unauthorized burn in the 1400 block of South Barnes.
 - At 4:28 p.m., to a gas spill in the 1900 block of North Hobart.
- Feb. 2**
- At 5:35 a.m., to a medical call in the 100 of North Nelson.

- At 6:14 a.m., to a lift assist in the 1100 block of North Sumner.
 - At 12:45 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 400 block of South Tynnor.
 - At 10:45 p.m., to a medical call in the 2100 block of North Lee.
 - At 10:50 p.m., one unit four personnel to a medical call in the 1100 block of Willow.
- Feb. 3**
- At 12:42 a.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical call in the 800 block of Deane.
 - At 7:48 a.m., to a medical call in the 1600 block of North Zimmers.

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For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

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Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th

of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

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The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

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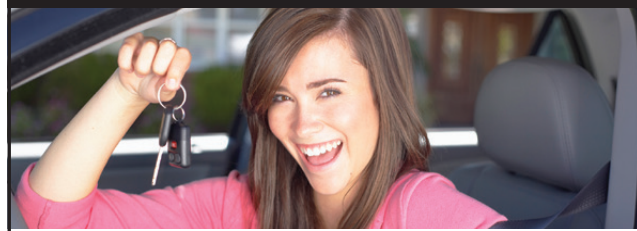
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Rapper dies in Corpus Christi, bandmate charged

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A member of the San Antonio-based rap group the Hooligan Boyz has been charged in the death of a bandmate after an apparent fight at a Corpus Christi hotel.

Nueces County jail records show 31-year-old Christopher Garza of San Antonio was being held Monday on a murder charge. Jail records had no information on an attorney for Garza, whose bond is \$200,000.

The Hooligan Boyz performed Friday night at a Corpus Christi club.

Capt. Michael Alanis (AL'-uh-nee) says police early Saturday responded to a fight at a hotel. Police say 31-year-old Miguel Silva of San Antonio was unresponsive and was pro-

nounced dead at hospital.

A coroner on Monday had no preliminary cause of death for Silva. Toxicology results are pending.

Police are talking to witnesses and checking hotel security video.

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Smith & Nephew said Monday it will pay \$48.25 in cash for each share of ArthroCare Corp., which is based in Austin, Texas.

That's a premium of about 6 percent to its closing price of \$45.38 on Friday.

Smith & Nephew PLC said ArthroCare's expertise in shoulder joint repair will complement its strength in knee repair. CEO Olivier Bohuon said in a statement that the broader product portfolio and the combined sales force will help generate "significant additional revenue."

ArthroCare has 35.4 million shares outstanding, counting options and restricted stock, according to Smith & Nephew spokesman Charles Reynolds. Smith & Nephew values the deal at \$1.7 billion counting ArthroCare's cash. It expects the acquisition to close by the middle of the year.

ArthroCare makes surgical devices, instruments and implants and employs about 1,800 people.

Its stock jumped 6.8 percent, or \$3.08, to \$48.36 on Monday, less than an hour before markets opened.

The stock had already

climbed 13 percent so far this year, as of Friday's close. Much of that gain came after the company announced on Jan. 7 that it will pay a \$30 million fine to resolve an investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice into alleged securities fraud by its former management.

The Justice Department also is charging the company with one count of conspiracy to commit securities fraud and wire fraud, but it has entered into a two-year deferred prosecution agreement with ArthroCare. If the company meets requirements set by the Justice Department, it won't bring charges against the company.

ArthroCare has said that deal will end the Justice Department's investigation, which was first made public in December 2008.

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3. **Teams alternate playing home and away in a series** — In the National Football League it all comes down to one game on a neutral site. In baseball, one team will get four games at home, with the other team getting three at home. Going on the road and taking a game or two is a huge factor in a series.

4. **There is not as much hype** — Almost everyone with a television watches the Super Bowl in some form or another, whether it is for the food, for the party, for the commercials or for the game. The World Series attracts the die-hard baseball fans and not those in it for some other reason.

5. **Baseball plays through the elements without complaints** — It ended up being relatively nice weather for the Super Bowl Sunday, but all the talk for the two weeks leading up to the

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Pampa basketball falls to Dalhart



Left, Gabe Garcia (23) and Brandon Stokes (22) both attempt to snatch a rebound. Right, (24) Tiah Brown makes a 2-pointer during the loss Friday night.

By JOHN LEE
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The Pampa basketball teams both fell to Dalhart on Friday night in matches that were one-sided for a majority of the contests.

The girls were up first taking on a Dalhart Lady Wolves team that has been undefeated throughout District play. The Lady Harvesters fell to the Lady Wolves 72-51, with the heavy difference being in free throws.

The Lady Wolves shot 60 percent (33/55) free

throw shooting percentage, whereas the Lady Harvesters shot 47 percent (11/23).

It was an overall team effort with eight members of the team scoring points. Senior Hayley Burnett led with 15 points. Sophomore Reata Collins had eight points, three on a 3-pointer. Junior Tiah Brown had eight points also and shot 4/7 in free throws.

The Harvesters lost 61-41 Friday night. While their free throw shooting

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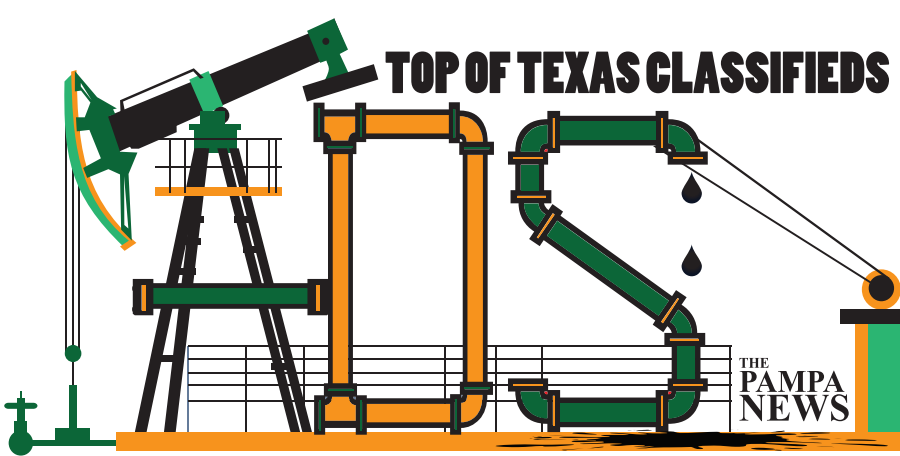
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2-3 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Y X M D Y G G I Y D D G T V S X H K O

W K R Y M B S X G T S V F C S K X .

— R F V C S X O V Y R F X

Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE FIRST LADY IS, AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN, AN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANT ELECTED BY ONE PERSON, HER HUSBAND. — CLAUDIA "LADY BIRD" JOHNSON

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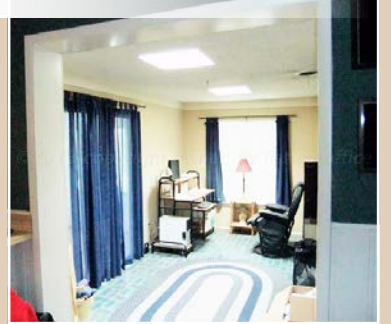
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We Can Help



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I live in a 55-plus retirement community. We do many things together, but we also do things independently. One resident decided to form two men's clubs. One meets every week for breakfast, and the other twice a month at night. The members go to each other's homes for the evening meetings.

Abby, the man who started these clubs is chauvinistic. He made a rule that women are not allowed in their own homes when their husbands host a meeting — "no skirts allowed." Therefore, even though the wife prepares everything for her husband's meeting, she's told to slip out of the house before anyone arrives.

My husband agrees that this is ridiculous and is considering quitting the club, but he

has formed friendships with some of the men. The guys are bamboozled by the leader and tell their wives that anything said at a meeting is "confidential."

The obvious solution would be to meet at a coffee shop, but the man in charge says the homes provide a more intimate setting. My husband feels bad about it, and I don't want him to quit a group he enjoys. Any suggestions? — GOOD LITTLE VEGAS WIFE

DEAR GOOD LITTLE WIFE: It appears the founder of the clubs has his head stuck firmly in the 1950s. And while we can't change that, I do have some suggestions.

The first is that the wives stop preparing anything and let the "bachelors" do it themselves or order take-

out or deli for their meetings. The second is that the "widows" join together for an evening of fun while the men are having their meetings. Of course, nothing that happens during these ladies' evenings of fun should be shared with the husbands — including what they did or what clubs they may have visited.

P.S. Because your husband feels bad about how the women are being treated, perhaps he should consider attending only the breakfast get-togethers and seeing those men in the evening group he has bonded with independently.

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend loses her keys, wallet, credit cards or iPad every day. I have suggested ways to avoid losing her keys. For example — always use the same pocket in her purse or put them in a bowl by the door. She doesn't do it. I think it is to spite me.

She has now become resentful that I have become impa-

tient about it. I'm frustrated because this is something that can easily be fixed, and I'm tired of searching for 20 minutes for whatever she has misplaced. What can I do? — BEYOND FRUSTRATED IN L.A.

DEAR BEYOND FRUSTRATED: The first thing you should do is understand that your girlfriend isn't doing this to upset you, and it's possible that she becomes as upset as you do when it happens. While I agree that part of the problem is that she's disorganized, it could also be that her thinking is scattered. When she puts something down, she isn't fully in the moment. Her thoughts may be on something else.

Frankly, there isn't anything you can do about it. If there is a solution to your girlfriend's problem, it's that she should slow down and think about EXACTLY what she's doing when she's doing it, which is sometimes easier said than done.

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2-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

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F Q L K P W V A P K L D Z P T J
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Z P T E P F Q X E M . X F K J D Q L W L
I X W D F . — B J W U F K J X E

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: DISAPPOINTMENT IS AN ENDLESS WELLSPRING OF COMEDY INSPIRATION. — MARTIN FREEMAN

BANANAGRAMS!

For each word or phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two one-word movie titles. For example, RACY WOKS can be rearranged to spell ROCKY, SAW. The first letter of each word is placed to get you started.

LEVEL

LOVE SO RIGHT
G O

IN FACTIMATE
T F

Yesterday's Answer:

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BANANAGRAMS!

Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, the path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

LEVEL

HAND PARK
FOOT MOVE

Yesterday's Answer: GHOST, OLIVER; TITANIC, FAME 2.4

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Glossy fabric
6 Fresh-water fish
10 Tag number
11 Steer clear of
13 Subway patron
14 Art class staple
15 — rule (usually)
16 Neckline shape
18 Use a chair
19 Northwest Territories capital
22 Pool stick
23 Burden
24 Hospital sections
27 Wading bird
28 Aid in crime
29 Provo sch.
30 Symbol of wealthy beginnings
35 Boxing great
36 Dyeing tub
37 Color
38 Mayor before Koch
40 Fill with joy

DOWN

1 Aerosol output
2 Stand
3 Kind of wave or basin
4 Bar cubes
5 On edge
6 Czech playwright
7 Gardner of movies
8 "The Barber of Seville" composer
9 Deplorable
12 Abhor
17 Ram's mate
20 Big-screen buy
21 Still in bed
24 Japanese mustard
25 Chisholm Trail end
26 Dependent
27 Methods
29 Lingerie item
31 Tennis legend
32 Scarlett's last name
33 External
34 Must have
39 — culpa
41 Set ablaze

Saturday's answer

N	O	D	S		C	H	A	T		
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Angry with
6 Cavalry weapon
11 Disconcert
12 Pleasant smell
13 "Listen up!"
15 Poem of praise
16 Hefty
17 Print units
18 Make good as new
20 Singer Tormé
21 Braying animal
22 Freshener scent
23 Leaves at the altar
26 Marina sights
27 Neighborhood
28 Farm father
29 Cow call
30 Whodunit character
34 Tiny worker
35 Humor
36 In addition
37 "Well, what do you know!"
40 Gives a hoot

DOWN

1 Stately home
2 Home
3 Coolidge's veep
4 Tough wood
5 Springsteen nickname
6 Squad leader
7 Museum stuff
8 Czech region
9 Renowned
10 Grapples, in the sticks
14 Haughtiness
19 "See ya!"
22 Pageantry
23 Caribbean nation
24 Tony Stark's alter ego
25 Dancer's attire
26 Turkey cooking gadgets
28 Destroy
30 Cheese choice
31 Lucy's pal
32 Port setting
33 Carries
38 "My word!"
39 Pot brew

Yesterday's answer

S	A	T	I	N		C	A	R	P		
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READY TO TAKE DOWN STATE



Submitted photo

The Pampa Harvesters wrestling team competed in a regional tournament this past Saturday. The Pampa Harvesters will be sending three competitors to Garland, Texas to compete in the State Tournament on Feb. 14-15. From left, J.T. Belcourt (Regional Champion), Isidro Estrada (third) and Shiann Regalado (third). Jon Cryer also represented the Harvesters well, finishing fourth in his weight category.

SCORING A GOAL



Photos by Butch Noble

The girls' soccer team took on Palo Duro in Amarillo on Saturday. Girls' soccer head coach Hugo Aguilon said they girls played "one of their best games." While they did lose 2-1, Aguilon said he liked what he saw from passing, trapping and shooting, and that there has been a "big change" in the way they played in the past compared to now. Above, junior Karoley Villareal scores a goal off of an assist from senior Jade Smiles. Below, junior Allison Noble stops a ball from crossing into the net. The girls return to action on Friday to take on Caprock at Dick Bivins.



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Five Reasons why the World Series is better than the Super Bowl.

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4. **There is not as much hype** — Almost everyone with a television watches the Super Bowl in some form or another, whether it is for the food, for the party, for the commercials or for the game. The World Series attracts the die-hard baseball fans and not those in it for some other reason.

5. **Baseball plays through the elements without complaints** — It ended up being relatively nice weather for the Super Bowl Sunday, but all the talk for the two weeks leading up to the

GREEN cont. on page 16

Pampa basketball falls to Dalhart



Left, Gabe Garcia (23) and Brandon Stokes (22) both attempt to snatch a rebound. Right, (24) Tiah Brown makes a 2-pointer during the loss Friday night.

Photos by Charla Shults

By JOHN LEE
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The Pampa basketball teams both fell to Dalhart on Friday night in matches that were one-sided for a majority of the contests.

The girls were up first taking on a Dalhart Lady Wolves team that has been undefeated throughout District play. The Lady Harvesters fell to the Lady Wolves 72-51, with the heavy difference being in free throws.

The Lady Wolves shot 60 percent (33/55) free

throw shooting percentage, whereas the Lady Harvesters shot 47 percent (11/23).

It was an overall team effort with eight members of the team scoring points. Senior Hayley Burnett led with 15 points. Sophomore Reata Collins had eight points, three on a 3-pointer. Junior Tiah Brown had eight points also and shot 4/7 in free throws.

The Harvesters lost 61-41 Friday night. While their free throw shooting

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