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Hastings hit with buyout lawsuit

By **KAREN SMITH WELCH**
 Amarillo Globe-News



Two Hastings Entertainment stockholders want a federal court to stop the retail chain's proposed \$21.4 million sale to a New Jersey licensing and merchandising executive.

Shareholders Andreas Oberegger of London and David A. Capps of Tennessee allege the \$3-per-share price that merchandising mogul Joel Weinshanker wants to pay stockholders of Hastings

is too low, according to the lawsuit filed March 28 in U.S. District Court.

Hastings announced last month it has entered an agreement, subject to share-

holder approval, to be purchased by Weinshanker. The buyout is expected to close this quarter.

The deal would convert the publicly traded Hastings into a private business and cash out shareholders, Hastings Chief Financial Officer Dan Crow has said.

Attorneys for Oberegger and Capps claim Hastings and its leaders teamed with Weinshanker to structure the acquisition so it is unfair to stockholders, according to court documents.

The purchase agreement contained pro-

visions preventing Hastings from wooing other potential suitors that might result in a more competitive share price, the stockholders claim.

"This is the avenue that's available to them (shareholders) under state law in a merger where, essentially, they have no choice but to sell," said Gary Sanders a lawyer and clinical instructor of business law at West Texas A&M University.

"Their remedy is to try to increase the share price in the merger."

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APRIL SNOW SHOWERS BRINGS ...



Left photo by Lindsey Tomaschik, right photo by Dennis Palmitier
 Just when many people had begun to pack away their cold weather clothes, old man winter returned and dusted the area with snow Sunday night and Monday morning. It was an odd sight to see the trees in full-bloom surrounded by snow, even if it wasn't much. Warmer weather is expected to return throughout the rest of this week, but you just never know when the cold will return in the Texas Panhandle. Above, the parking lot at Clarendon College. Right, a view of Pampa from the Schneider House Apartments.



Gray County Grand Jury indictments April 10

STAFF REPORT

The Gray County Grand Jury met April 10 and handed down the following indictments:

- Ricky Joe Diaz, money laundering — between \$1,500 and \$20,000, manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — between four and 200 grams, unlawful use of a criminal instrument, to-wit: a Morton salt container with a false bottom, manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — between four and 200 grams.
- Kamisha Eulon Grimes, kidnapping.
- Michael Valentino, manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — between four and 200 grams.
- Brian Joe Winters, theft of property — less than \$1,500 with two or more previous convictions.
- Aric Anthony Wagner, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, to-wit: a knife.
- Tyler Blane Roberts, possession of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — less than one gram.
- Pete Vargas Perez, possession of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — between one and four grams.
- Clifton Duana Norris, third or more driving while intoxicated offense.
- Christopher Leal, possession of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — less than one gram.

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PRMC earns quality respiratory care recognition in national program



File photo

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Pampa Regional Medical Center has earned Quality Respiratory Care Recognition (QRCR) under a national program aimed at helping patients and families make informed decisions about the quality of the respiratory care services available in hospitals.

About 700 hospitals, or approximately 15 percent of hospitals in the United States, have applied for and received this award.

The QRCR program was started by the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) in 2003 to help consumers identify those facilities using qualified respiratory therapists to provide respiratory care. Hospitals earning the QRCR designation ensure

patient safety by agreeing to adhere to a strict set of criteria governing their respiratory care services.

To qualify for the recognition, Pampa Regional Medical Center provided documentation showing it meets the following conditions:

- All respiratory therapists employed by the hospital to deliver bedside respiratory care services are either legally recognized by the state as competent to provide respiratory care services or hold the CRT or RRT credential.
- Respiratory therapists are available 24 hours.
- Other personnel qualified to perform specific respiratory procedures and the amount of supervision required for personnel to carry out specific pro-

cedures must be designated in writing.

• A doctor of medicine or osteopathy is designated as medical director of respiratory care services.

• Hospital policy prohibits the routine delivery of medicated aerosol treatments utilizing small volume nebulizers, metered dose inhalers, or intermittent positive pressure treatments to multiple patients simultaneously. Circumstances under which this practice is permitted is defined by policy.

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Man admits to arson incident at Sen. Davis' office

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 42-year-old man has been sentenced to seven years in prison for igniting a bag of Molotov cocktails outside the Fort Worth office of state Sen. Wendy Davis.

Cedric Carmond Steele pleaded guilty to arson Monday as part of a plea deal. Tarrant County prosecutors say Steele tossed the bag at the door of Davis' office near downtown. Davis, currently running as a Democratic candidate for governor, was not in the third-floor office at the time of the March 2012 attack. Staffers put out the blaze with a fire extinguisher and there were no injuries. Prosecutors say Steele is a homeless man with a mental disability.

Acting sheriff promises to regain public trust

McALLEN (AP) — The interim leader of a South Texas sheriff's office that's been the focus of federal investigators says he and his staff will work to regain the public's trust after his predecessor pleaded guilty to money laundering.

Acting Hidalgo County Sheriff J.E. "Eddie" Guerra said in a news release Monday that it's "regrettable" that former Sheriff Lupe Trevino's legacy is forever tainted.

Guerra said the community's trust in the sheriff's office was shaken by "story after story of misleading and criminal acts."

Trevino pleaded guilty Monday to laundering campaign contributions

that were tied to a convicted drug trafficker. He was released on a \$30,000 bond and faces up to a 20-year sentence.

Guerra recently was appointed as sheriff by county commissioners after working with the Precinct 4 Constable's Office.

Texas grand jury being seated in Perry case

AUSTIN (AP) — A grand jury is being seated in an investigation into whether Republican Gov. Rick Perry abused his power by vetoing funding for public corruption prosecutors.

Special State District Judge Bert Richardson began impaneling jurors Monday in Austin.

The investigation began after Perry vetoed \$7.5 million in funding last summer for a public integrity unit under Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg.

Perry called on Lehmberg to resign after the Democrat was convicted of drunken-driving. When she refused, Perry pulled state funding for the unit.

Richardson hired a special prosecutor to investigate following a complaint from a public watchdog group.

Perry spokeswoman Lucy Nashed said the governor hired a defense attorney. But she said the facts ultimately will show that the governor was within his rights to veto any bill.

PRMC

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The AARC's QRRC program grew out of growing concerns among health care leaders and the general public regarding the safety and quality of health care services provided to patients. Hospitals that meet the QRRC require-

ments provide a level of respiratory care consistent with national standard and guidelines and should be commended for their commitment to quality care. A list of QRRC hospitals is maintained at the association's website for consumers, www.YourLungHealth.org.

Respiratory therapists are specifically trained health care professionals who work under physi-

cian's orders to provide a wide range of breathing treatments and other services to people with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, lung cancer, AIDS, and other lung or lung-related conditions. They also care for premature infants and are key members of lifesaving response teams charged with handling medical emergencies.

Indictments

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- Beverly Lynn Kirkland, possession of a controlled substance, namely, hydrocodone — between one and four grams.
- Ryan Chase Holt, pos-

session of marijuana — between four ounces and five pounds.

- Efren Hernandez, possession of a controlled substance, namely, cocaine — less than one gram.
- Bradley Lee Davis — tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

- Kathy Sue Cuellar, manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — between four and 200 grams.
- Alton Glenn Cook, possession of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — less than one gram.

Hastings

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The shareholders' lead lawyer, Robert Vartabedian of Amarillo, did not return a call for comment.

Weinshanker, an investor in Hastings before the buyout proposal, dismissed the shareholders' allegations.

"The No. 1 reason I decided to initially invest in Hastings is the integrity and honesty of its management," Weinshanker said in an email. "If someone who has no idea of its business attacks the management's ethics, I will always come to their defense and question the real motives behind the accusation."

Hastings CEO John Marmaduke declined comment on the lawsuit, as did Toby Galloway, a Fort Worth lawyer representing Hastings defendants in the litigation.

Crow did not return a message for comment last week.

The lawsuit alleges the \$3 share price "represents significantly less than half" of the book value of \$7.57 per share the company stated as of Oct. 31.

"In other words, if Hastings' representations are true, shareholders would get well over twice as much if the company just liqui-

dated its assets and sent the proceeds to shareholders rather than proceeding with the proposed transaction," the lawsuit states.

Hastings has closed dozens of stores and trimmed 2,000 positions since its workforce peaked at nearly 7,000 in 2004.

The company's total revenues have plummeted from a high of \$548 million in 2006 to \$436 million for fiscal 2013, according to an Amarillo Globe-News analysis.

The retailer recently put all its focus into remaking stores to emphasize more profitable products as the digital revolution eroded profits from books, music and video.

Company officials have said the Hastings store in Pampa will remain open, despite closure of its stores in Borger and Canyon.

In an earnings report issued March 24, Hastings said the overhauled stores helped the company increase its net income to \$2.3 million in the fourth quarter, compared to income of \$1.2 million, year over year.

Hastings' sales of toys, gifts, action figures, comic books and licensed and branded products — merchandise that is Weinshanker's focus — increased 15 percent on the year, Crow said March 24.

The buyout deal calls for Marmaduke to retire with a \$1.5 million cash payment and for Crow to exit with \$750,000. Crow would remain as a consultant to Weinshanker until Feb. 15, according to Hastings' merger information.

"These days, the vast majority of these going-private transactions are going to get a lawsuit filed by the shareholders," said Todd A. Murray, a Dallas lawyer who tries shareholder litigation cases. "There are a large number of plaintiff firms out there that specialize in trying to maximize shareholder value."

Plaintiff attorneys filed lawsuits in 94 percent of merger and acquisition deals announced in 2013 and valued at more than \$100 million — a total of 612 lawsuits, according to a report from Cornerstone Research.

Litigation was resolved before the deals closed in 75 percent of the cases, the report said.

"Typically, at some point along the way, the lawsuits get settled," Sanders said. "You rarely hear about them actually going to trial."

Shareholder suits also usually start with just a handful of stock owners, he said.

"Then they try to build the number of shareholders," Sanders said.

Murray said shareholder litigation in merger cases often results in negotiated settlements in which the company discloses more information before shareholders must vote.

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Wednesday: Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 76. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 24 mph. Sunrise at 7:10 a.m.

Wednesday night: Mostly cloudy with a low of 36. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 24 mph. Sunset at 8:18 p.m.

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Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 32. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north at 14 mph. Sunset at 8:18 p.m.

For the record

Pampa man arrested for public intoxication

STAFF REPORT

- Jesus Rene Torres, 35, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.
- Jason Leonel Olivo, 26, Canadian, was arrested Friday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces.
- Dylan Ross Ellis, 26, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for capias pro fine — speeding, capias pro fine — failure to ap-

- pear.
- Terral Kade Wilson, 22, Pampa, was arrested Friday by DPS for bond surrender — driving while license is invalid, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Daniel Lee Zumstein, 20, Texoma, was arrested Friday by DPS for possession of marijuana.
- Juan Luiz Hernandez, 35, Corpus Christy, was arrested Saturday by DPS for his second driving while intoxicated offense.
- Michael Edward Neal,

- 35, Amarillo, was arrested Saturday by DPS for assault with intent to cause bodily injury to a family member — Potter County.
- Ryan Chase Holt, 20, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for insufficient bond — possession of marijuana.
- Spencer Eugene Estep, 20, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for resisting arrest, disorderly conduct — language.
- Nicholas Johnathan Pearshall, 18, Lefors, was arrested Saturday by PPD

- for motion to revoke probation — resisting arrest.
- William Craig Stephens, 42, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for capias pro fine — failure to maintain car insurance, capias pro fine — failure to appear.
- Cole Young, 25, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for burglary of a habitation.
- Jimmy Burks, 41, Pampa, was arrested Monday by PPD for two capias pro fine charges.

Utah mom admitted to killing her 6 babies

PLEASANT GROVE, Utah (AP) — Megan Huntsman was clear about what she did with six of her newborn babies.

Huntsman, 39, told police she either strangled or suffocated them immedi-

ately after they were born. She wrapped their bodies in a towel or a shirt, put them in plastic bags and then packed them inside boxes in the garage of her home south of Salt Lake City.



Megan Huntsman

What's not clear is why. A day after her arrest on charges of killing her six babies, investigators and her neighbors puzzled over the grisly discovery, including how she could have concealed a half-dozen pregnancies over a 10-year period.

“How can you have a baby and not have evidence and other people know?” asked neighbor SanDee Wall. “You can't plan when a baby is going to come. Just the thought of somebody putting a baby into a box is a heartbreaker.”

Huntsman, who was arrested Sunday on six counts of murder, was ordered held on \$6 million bail — \$1 million for each baby. The remains of a seventh baby police found appears to have been stillborn, authorities said.

According to a probable cause statement released by police Monday, Huntsman said she gave birth to at least seven babies between 1996 and 2006 at her former home in Pleasant Grove, a leafy, sleepy town about 35 miles south of Salt Lake City.

All but one of them was born alive, she said.

Her estranged husband, Darren West, made the discovery Saturday morning while cleaning out the garage of the house, which is owned by his parents. He called Huntsman, who admitted to him it was her baby, according to court documents.

West called police, who then found the bodies in the garage.

Investigators believe Huntsman is the mother of them all based on what she has told them but have ordered DNA tests to make sure that's the case. Huntsman's three daughters — one teenager and two young adults — also lived in the house.

It could take weeks to get the results, Utah County Attorney Jeff Buhman said.

Investigators believe West and Huntsman were together when the babies were born, but don't believe he was aware of the killings. Buhman said Huntsman is the principle suspect, but didn't rule out more arrests as the investigation continues.

Police declined to discuss whether West or the three daughters have been interviewed.

West pleaded guilty in federal court in 2005 to two counts of possessing chemicals intended to be used in manufacturing methamphetamine, according to court records. In August 2006, he was sentenced to 9 years in prison, but appealed three times.

As he maintained his innocence, Huntsman wrote a letter asking a federal judge to consider leniency at sentencing.

“Darren is a remarkable man, husband, brother, son, son-in-law, friend and father of our three beautiful daughters,” she wrote, continuing, “Please we need this guy to keep our family together.”

Neighbor Sharon Chipman said the couple married young, and Huntsman never worked except for a short stint at a grocery store.

The three daughters who were living in the house were good young women who have turned out remarkably well considering their father has been in prison, Chipman and Wall said.

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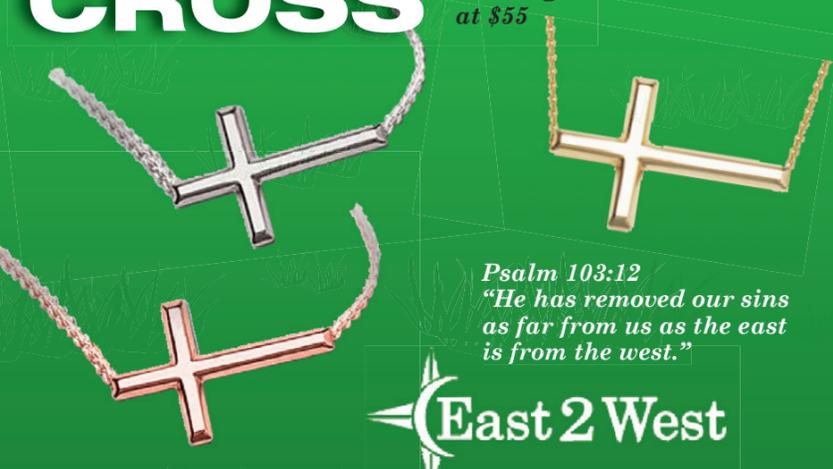
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Prairie Plains Perspective

Oy vey! Climate change will increase crime?

I've had this angst with me well over a week, for there is no 'must have' about it. From the look on your face, you in the white four door BMW 3 Series. Raising your hands and arms up in a defensive position, expecting impact... I know I frightened you. 'Twas my intent, but in retrospect, though you were breaking the law, my action was totally uncalled for. I should not have driven my auto to within a mere couple of inches parallel of your car. Good driver that I am, that doesn't count, for I could have caused a serious



DENNIS PALMITIER

wreck. What did you do, blonde lady BMW 3 Series driver, that was illegal? Motor-ing north on Hobart, you turned left across oncoming traffic into McDonald's by first crossing the double yellow line. That's a tick-etable no no. Secondly, by doing the first no no, you were blocking a turn lane for traffic coming from the opposite direction, also a ticketable no no. In rei-teration, I should not have frightened you so and I apologize. Thanks folks for bearing with me, I had to get that off my shoulders. Now I can get to the task at hand, which is writing my column.

Oy vey, the weather! A study (Fox News, April 9, 2014) claims "Climate Change Will Raise Serious

Crime Rates." That's right. This claim after what, a tad over two weeks, where those wonderkind scien-tists working for the UN said climate change "poses the single greatest threat to humans". Yeah, those wonderkind scientists.

The study, hold on to your seats and pray to your household gods! The study, published in the "Journal of Environmental Economics and Management" (that name alone should tell you something is awry), showed that climate change will cause an additional 22,000 murders, 180,000 cases of rape, 1.2 million aggra-vated assaults, 2.3 million simple assaults (Over this nonsense, I am already de-sirous of 'simply assault-ing' the author), 1.3 million burglaries, 2.2 million cas-es of larceny and 580,000 cases of vehicle theft (get ready) in the United States between 2010 and 2099.

The study didn't men-

tion the rest of the world, mainly because the rest of the world is pretty well duped, or ignorant, when it comes to this climate change malarkey, which means the UN needs Amer-ica to jump onto this cli-mate change bandwagon in order to complete the dupe. Seems President Obama, Sec. of State Kerry and their ilk have jumped on board...but that's another can to kick down the road on a later date. Not to pass on this inanity, the more I read into the study, I could not help but think of what it was like growing up in America between 1940 and 1960, before buildings and homes were, you know, air conditioned.

Specifically, what it was like to grow up with no air conditioning in the South between 1940 and 1960, on those sultry hot windless days of open windows, at-ic and ceiling fans blowing down on and around big

blocks of ice to cool rooms. At night, all the windows would be open while sleep-ing atop the mattresses to abate the heat, wishing and praying for a cool-ing breeze while swatting mosquitos and no secums. Murder, rape, aggravated assaults, simple assaults, burglaries, larceny, vehicle theft; man, those crime sta-tistics must have been over the top! Well, by the author of the above study, his very calculations, crime in the South should have been out the wazoo? It wasn't.

The fact is, many homes in the South are still not air-conditioned, but you don't see or read of peo-ple wreaking havoc upon their fellow man over hot days! I'm willing to bet the ranch, again, that current crime statistics are more closely related to violence depicted on movies, video games, TV, etc. than blam-ing such on the weather! For the matter, let's travel

south of the Rio Grande, into Mexico, Central and South America, where air conditioning is a luxury, and visit crime statistics created there by weather! It's laughable, just makes me wonder why our witless president and secretary of state are promoting this cli-mate change inanity?

Oh, wait! My motoring extra close to the blonde woman BMW 3 Series driver partaking in the two driving infractions, it wasn't due to any childish action, need for anger man-agement, or irresponsible decision making on my part. Climate change insti-gated my rash response!

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Many babies are missing out on bonding

■ Boys more vulnerable than girls to early experience.

BY JOHN MICHAELSON
Texas News Service

AUSTIN — The bonds that children develop with their parents early on can be fundamental to their success in life, but the latest research finds many babies and toddlers are missing out, and that means problems.

A new analysis con-cludes that 40 percent of children are not getting that

needed secure attachment, which family therapist Susan Stiffelman says comes through parents being at-tuned to their baby.

"That means relating and responding and interacting with them in such a way that says 'I'm with you,'" she explains. "We're con-nected. Your needs matter. They can be understood and acted upon." And it sort of sets a template for a child going through life.

The report says those children from birth to age three who do not form strong bonds with their mother or father are more likely to suffer from ag-gression, defiance and

hyperactivity as they get older.

Stiffelman says that lack of a loving bond can also impact other areas for chil-dren, including health and educational achievement.

"Children are very dis-tracted by emotional events that are in their home life or between them and their parents," she stresses. "So, a child who is sent off to school by a parent who crit-icizes and berates them and there's no sense of warmth, these kids don't do well in school because they're dis-tracted all day long."

While some may think that the need for a loving bond is most important for girls, the report finds

that the behavior of boys is actually more affected by early parenting.

"Even though we think of boys as much tougher and more durable and hearty and thicker-skinned, boys it's thought have a greater vulnerability to injuries of attachment," Stiffelman points out. "And so we do see that in more acting out behavior when a little boy is not feeling securely at-tached and connected."

The Baby Bonds review from the Sutton Trust also says that those children without strong attachment to their parents are also at higher risk for depression, family instability and pov-erty.

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Geithner book tour to include Bernanke, Paulson

NEW YORK (AP) — New York on May 14, two days after "Stress Test" is released.

Former Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner (GYT'-nur) won't be the only famous person onstage for his upcoming book tour.

Ben Bernanke, the former chairman of the Federal Reserve, and Geithner's predecessor at the Treas-ury, Henry Paulson, will be among those appearing with Geithner as he pro-motes "Stress Test."

Crown Publishers an-nounced Monday that the two-week tour will begin in

New York on May 14, two days after "Stress Test" is released.

Geithner will be joined by CNBC's Jim Cramer on May 14, by Bernanke in Washington on May 22 and by Paulson in Chicago on May 28. The tour will mark the first time Geithner has made public appearances with Bernanke or Paulson since he left the Treasury in 2013.

Other stops will include Philadelphia, Seattle, Mi-ami and San Francisco.

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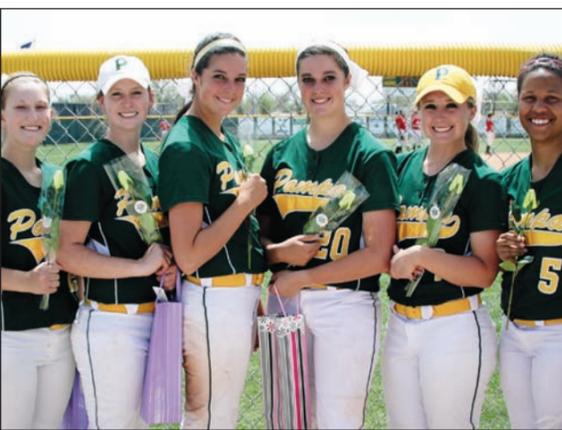
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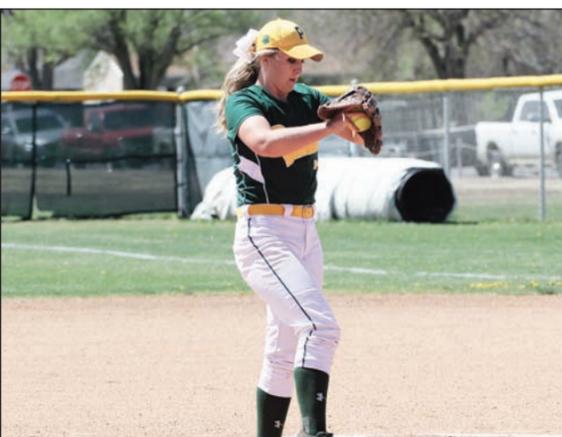
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LADY HARVESTERS CELEBRATE SENIOR DAY



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Above, seniors Mattie Eldridge, Bailey Wichert, Jessie Dixon, Bailey Dixon, Alexa O'Brien and Jazmyn Hair. Below, the seniors go to embrace head coach Bobbi Gill during the senior ceremonies. Below middle, Jessie Dixon slides into base. Bottom, Alexa O'Brien pitches during the game. O'Brien had 10 strikeouts in seven innings. The Lady Harvesters shut out Borger 9-0 on Saturday. It was also senior day and the Lady Harvesters' seniors were recognized for their four years in the program. Brittney Gonzalez was 2/3 with an RBI, a run scored and a walk. Wichert was 1/3 with three RBIs. O'Brien had an RBI and a walk. Kaylee Arnzen had two runs scored. Kassie Jerome was 1/3 with a run scored. Jessie Dixon was 1/4 with two runs scored. Kylie Kreider went 2/3 with a run scored and an RBI. Cameron Schaub was 1/3 with two runs and an RBI. The Lady Harvesters are now 7-0 in District 1-3A action with a date with Dalhart this afternoon starting at 4:30 at Dalhart.



Pampa Harvesters fall to Borger 9-3

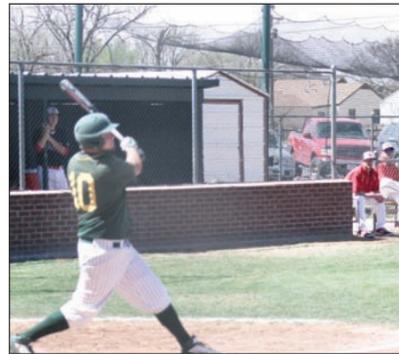


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Left, Brendon Woelfle (14) slides into home plate on a steal. Right, Ethan Hunt (10) hits a home run during the first inning to make it a 2-0 game. The Harvesters fell to Borger 9-3 and have a game at Dalhart today.

■ Four-run inning pushes Borger over Pampa.

BY JOHN LEE
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The Pampa Harvesters lost to Borger on Saturday 9-3 to fall to 1-5 in District 1-3A play with essentially a playoff-clinching game at Dalhart today.

"We had some momentum and I ran a squeeze which didn't work out like we thought it would. I take full responsibility for that," head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said. "This game is a game of momentum and we had some and we kind of gave it back to them. Credit Borger though, they were able to get the clutch hits when they had people on base."

The Harvesters struggled against Borger's pitcher who pitched seven innings and only allowed three hits and a home run. But the Bulldogs had 12 hits on 30 at-bats to score nine runs. Including a four-run inning in the top of the third inning where a double to center field brought in two runs.

The Harvesters' best inning came in the bottom of the first. With freshman Brendon Woelfle scoring on a sacrifice flyout by senior Ryan Powell making the score 1-0, senior Ethan Hunt hit a home run to right field, giving the Harvesters the 2-0 lead. Sophomore Adam Zuniga hit a double to right field, followed by a single to third base by fellow sophomore Colton Thompson. This set the Harvesters in a position where a ground out to the pitcher by sophomore Nathan Furgason

gave Zuniga the chance to take home.

Brendon Woelfle scored one run and had a walk. Sophomore Cade

Engle went 1/4, Ryan Powell 2/4 and Ethan Hunt went 1/1 with a

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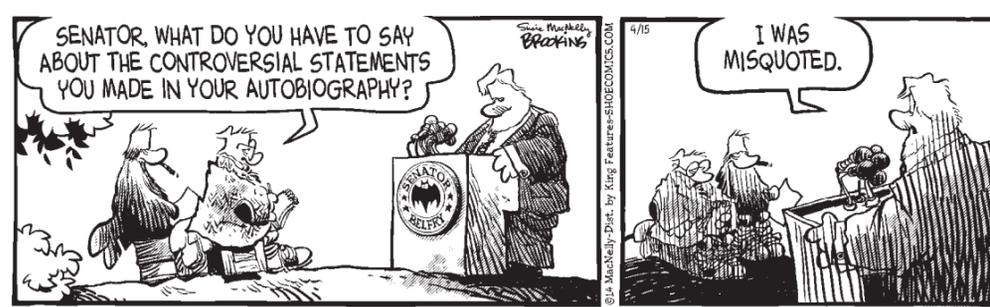
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 16, 2014:
This year you often disagree with those around you. How you manifest this difference of opinion will strongly affect your relationships. If you develop respect for others' ideas, better interactions will emerge as a result. A change on the homefront will be for the better. If you are single, at times you might feel out of sync with others when dating. Realize that not everyone is right for you. The period from July 15 to your next birthday could draw a significant person into your life. If you are attached, you enjoy each other's company. You also enter a new phase of your relationship this year. **SCORPIO** probes to find answers. 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 intensity might be heightened by a night of vivid dreams. A personal or domestic matter will loosen you up. You could see a white rabbit pop out of a black hat. Stay centered in your apparent good fortune, and don't let anyone get to you. Tonight: Togetherness counts. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) **★★★** Others seek you out, as they have plans or a project that they would like to include you in. You might have different plans. How you explain this could define your interactions for a while. Take an overall look at a situation. Tonight: Sort through invitations. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) **★★★★** Focus on a project, rather than allow others to be distracted. You will be optimistic when it comes to an investment. A partner surprises you with a different perspective. You could feel awkward about a personal crisis. Tonight: Take your time heading home. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** Your creativity emerges, and you seem to find answers quickly. On the other hand, others easily could be stumped by a problem. Be careful with a roommate who might decide to cause some uproar. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Ever playful. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★** You need to focus on the here and now, as well as on what direction you want to head in. You need to be determined, or else you will be distracted too easily. Count on your inner voice. You might be receiving an odd

yet valid message. Listen carefully. Tonight: At home. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★★** You could tumble into a snafu, but you will bounce right out. Use care with spending, as it could cause a problem. Tempers might flare regarding something that seems more important than it really is. A meeting could be more instrumental than you think. Tonight: Where the action is. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★** Patience doesn't appear to be very evident right now, as tempers are close to the surface. Respect differences instead of viewing others as being wrong. Unexpected developments involving a partner or close associates will land in your lap. Tonight: Take a break from routine. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★** You could choose to bypass a frustrating situation. If you would like to maximize your energy, detach. Instability comes from an associate and/or a change in schedule. News sheds light on a decision. First, digest the information. Tonight: Alone does not work. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★** Listen to others' complaints. You might be inclined to start a discussion and get to the bottom of a problem. You might be surprised by the anger that arises. Keep your opinions to yourself for now. Tonight: Your popularity is about to soar! **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★** Zero in on your priorities while you can. A boss or a personal situation has the capacity to distract you. Decide how to handle this issue, especially if you have a lot to get done. Realize that you have options. Tonight: Loosen up with a friend. Say "goodbye" to tension. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★** You are full of playfulness, while others seem to be pulling out their hair. If you stop, you will see that a situation has evolved that forces your hand. You need to respond to someone who really could use your support. Tonight: Out till the wee hours. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★** Allow your imagination to wander. How you deal with someone could change radically once you detach and can understand his or her actions, ideas and thoughts. You might not have seen this dimension of this person before. Tonight: Be where there is great music.

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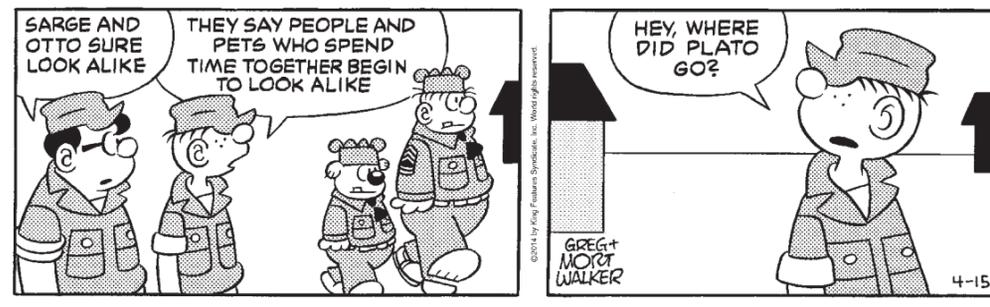
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Lent devotionals

By Mike Sublett

Day 36 – Tuesday – the Temple veil

Scripture: Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John. 19:28-34, 36-37

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: "Make a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim worked into it by skilled hands. Hang it with gold hooks on four posts of acacia wood overlaid with gold and standing on four silver bases. Hang the curtain from the clasps and place the ark of the covenant law behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place (Ex 26:31-33).

It was the curtain that separated the Holiest of Holies, the residence of Jehovah, from the worship in the Holy Place. It was the heavenly Kevlar that shielded the priests who worked in the Holy Place from certain death. Only the High Priest could enter Jehovah's habitation and live; and even then only on the great Day of Atonement.

But that day on Mount Calvary Jesus cried out, "It is finished." And lest anyone miss His point, Jehovah reached to the top of the veil and ripped it in half from top to bottom. No one could dream that a human had torn it because then the rip would have been bottom to top. All would now know that in His anger Father God had spoken.

God's message was clear: the old is finished, the new has just begun. No longer would God be hidden from people in a small room and primarily for His Jewish children. All would now be NEW. God had walked this earth to tell mankind of His love, and instead of a warm reception, He was murdered. And He allowed it to happen so that I could see Him face

to face and walk with Him hand in hand.

Prayer: Father God, I wasn't literally standing there that day at Calvary and my sins hadn't even happened yet. But as surely as the sins of His murderers put Him on that cross, mine did too. I confess to You the wickedness of all my sin. I feel like Mel Gibson did when it came time to shoot the crucifixion scene in The Passion of the Christ. It was a shot of his hand holding the hammer, proclaiming that his sins put Jesus on that cross too. My sins did too. I'm sorry. Thank You for tearing the veil, for removing any separation between You and me. Amen.

Day 37 - Wednesday – a centurion helmet

Scripture: Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John. 19:28-34, 36-37

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified. The centurion stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died. He praised God and exclaimed, "Surely this was a righteous man. Surely he was the Son of God!" (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: Only one helmet on Golgotha that day stood out from the rest. All were just alike except that one. It marked the Centurion, the man in charge of the Roman crucifixion detail. Much has been surmised about him, many things glowing, even glorious. But such was not the case, at least when we first meet him.

Here is what can reasonably be surmised. First, the "duty station" of Judea was unquestionably near the bottom of the barrel. No top notch Roman soldier ever volunteered to go there. Second, since nobody volunteered for Judea, that region only got the rejects, includ-

ing the rejects of the centuries. He wasn't one of the elite of the Roman army or else he would not have been in Judea. Third, the crucifixion detail was near the bottom of the duty preferences of soldiers. It wasn't some honorable duty that most looked forward to. It was the duty that those in trouble or those at the end of the pecking order got stuck with. There was nothing honorable about what they did and they knew it.

So how does this affect the story? I believe that it makes his story that day even more glorious. You see, he didn't jump from honorable to glorious. He leaped from outcast to glorious that day at Calvary. He went from a mediocre, unbelieving nobody heathen to the glorious confessor of the Messiah who would be remembered throughout all of human history. He watched, he listened, he reasoned, he evaluated, and then he said, "Surely this was a righteous man. Surely he was the Son of God!"

Coming from his background, his confession is an awesome testimony to the magnificence of Christ. So what have I done with my background? I surely had a better upbringing than he did, better spiritual training in a church. I've had a better start than him in every way. So what have I done with my blessed life that proclaims an awesome testimony to the magnificence of Christ? That is a tough question.

I know these two Lenten truths. First, I have to confess that often in my life, I have irresponsibly taken this blessed life for granted. And at times I have frittered away time and the opportunities to make a real difference in more lives to the glory of Jesus. Secondly, it is time for these two old habits to fade away and die. It is time to seize the day.

Prayer: Christ, the centurion only had one day's worth of knowledge and experience of You. During that one day he broke all kinds of records in heaven in the spiritual broad jump. I want to make those kinds of leaps with the days that I have left, however many or few they be. Help me not be wasteful with the moments You entrust to me. Lead me in the paths of a faithful steward of

my Master's opportunities. Help me make every moment count. Amen.

Day 38 - Thursday – two legs

Scripture: Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John. 19:28-34, 36-37

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his leg. (The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: So what is so "special" about these two legs? Everybody has two of them. They probably looked stronger than most, probably from a lot of exercise, but still nothing really remarkable. Now if they were the legs of some famous athlete, then it might make perfect sense to call them "special." Are they special because they belong to some famous actor in Hollywood? Everyone would really think that was special. What has this person or these legs accomplished that makes him or them so special?

First, these unique legs belonged to Jesus, the Christ,

the only begotten Son of God. That made these legs the most significant legs in human history; truly one-of-a-kind. They were part of the body of the one who humbled Himself for humanity's sake. Second, they were nailed to the cross on Golgotha. That meant that these legs finished the mission for which they were created. Third, they were not broken. The only reason they weren't broken was that when the soldier came to break them, the One on the cross had already died. Job done! Finally, John said that

these "unbroken" legs were the fulfillment of prophecy.

The primary lesson for me from the unbroken legs of Jesus seems to focus on completing the assigned mission. Had He still been alive, the mission not yet finished, the soldier would have broken his legs. They only remained unbroken because He had already crossed the finish line. The challenge to me is a question: Do I follow through? Do I see God's assignments through to completion? Or

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Previewing the NBA Playoffs.

I will have to admit I may not be the best here since the NBA is one of the few sports I do not get to watch most of the season's games in. Other than a Mavericks game on Fox Sports, or the nationally televised games on TNT, ESPN or ABC, I do not get to catch much of the season.

The playoffs will start on Saturday and run through June. These are the matchups if the season ended Monday morning. At that point many teams had one or two games remaining and some of the seeding are in flux. Check back in the weekend paper for the

full list of match-ups.

Let's start with the Eastern Conference. (1) Indiana Pacers v. (8) Atlanta Hawks. The Pacers split the season series with the Hawks. If anyone has been watching the Pacers these last few weeks of the season, you know they are struggling into the playoffs. They can easily turn on the switch into playoff mode though.

(2) Miami Heat v. (7) Charlotte Bobcats. The Heat swept the Bobcats this year. Michael Jordan is hoping his team doesn't get the dubious honor of playing Miami in round one.

(3) Toronto Raptors v. (6) Washington Wizards. Toronto won the season series 3-1. I think this will be one of the better playoff match-ups in the East, along with the 4-5 match-

up. The Pacers and Heat should turn it on and win their first round series with ease.

(4) Chicago Bulls v. (5) Brooklyn Nets. The Bulls won the season series 2-1. The Nets will be a tough out for the Bulls as Brooklyn just lost their first home game since January 31 on Friday.

Now onto the Western Conference. This Conference is home to the only remaining playoff spot to be had. It is between the Memphis Grizzlies and Phoenix Suns. Currently the Grizzlies are 3-0 against the Suns. The two teams played after press time Monday night. For this column we will assume the Grizzlies won.

(1) San Antonio Spurs v. (8) Memphis Grizzlies. The Spurs swept the Grizzlies 4-0 this year. I don't know if they will sweep, but they should handle this series with ease.

(2) Oklahoma City Thunder v. (7) Dallas Mavericks. This is a scary

match-up for the Thunder. Thunder fans are hoping Memphis wins their last two games (Suns, Mavericks) to topple the Mavericks for the 7 seed. The Thunder went 3-1 against the Grizzlies, but lost 2-1 to the Mavericks.

(3) Los Angeles Clippers v. (6) Golden State Warriors. This may be the best match-up in the Western Conference first round. Golden State is more than capable of making a run, but their six-seed is indicative of their struggles this season. The two teams split the season series.

(4) Houston Rockets v. (5) Portland Trailblazers. If you watched any of the start of the season you would think just by looking at the names this would be a great match-up. Well Portland fell from the top and fell hard. The Rockets own a 3-1 advantage on the season series. Another thing to look for is a high scoring game every time. The teams scored over 215 combined in each

game against each other this season.

I have run out of time but I will quickly give my predictions. I think it will be Miami v. Indiana for the Eastern Conference Finals. I think it will be San Antonio v. Oklahoma City for the Western Conference Finals. That is if the Thunder play how we all know they are capable of. Here late in the season with a slight chance to take home the No. 1 seed,

they faltered. Will the young team crack under pressure?

As much as I want to pick OKC in the Finals, I cannot with logic do it. I predict a Spurs-Heat Finals, a rematch of last year, with the Spurs being crowned champions.

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ZAC GREEN

Ellis, Nowitzki top Suns, get Mavs in playoffs

DALLAS (AP) — Monta Ellis came to Dallas because he wanted to pair up with Dirk Nowitzki and see what kind of scoring tag team they could be.

With the Mavericks in danger of making their playoff road much more difficult, they shared their best moment of the season.

Ellis matched his season high with 37 points and Nowitzki scored 21 of his 23 during a second-half rally that carried the Mavericks back to the postseason in a 101-98 victory against the Phoenix Suns on Saturday night.

"The reason we won is because we had one of the best players on the planet in Dirk," coach Rick Carlisle said. "And because Monta Ellis, at the time we needed him most, stepped up and played his biggest game of the year."

The Mavericks left the Suns and Memphis to battle for the last playoff spot in the Western Conference by winning their home finale, and avoided a possible winner-take-all game at the Grizzlies on the last night of the regular season.

Dallas is back in the playoffs after a 12-year streak ended last season.

"It felt like the playoffs started early this year," Nowitzki said. "This is where we want to be, on the big stage of the playoffs."

Eric Bledsoe scored 29 points and Channing Frye had 21 after a hot start for the Suns, who play Memphis on Monday night in a game that figures to go a long way toward deciding the final playoff team in the West.

"We've got to stay positive," Bledsoe said. "You could tell it was a playoff atmosphere. I thought everybody laid it out on the court."

Ellis and Nowitzki brought the Mavericks back by hitting five 3-pointers between them in less than 4 minutes of the third quarter, erasing most of a 13-point deficit. Then they teamed to get the lead back in the fourth, and Dallas held on in the final minutes.

Nowitzki broke an 89-all tie with a 3-pointer, shouting "Boom!" as he signaled a "3" with both hands. Seconds later, Ellis stole the ball from Frye and hit a tough

layup with Bledsoe riding his hip.

After a rare miss from Frye — who made his first five 3-pointers — Devin Harris hit a 3 from the top of the key, holding his arms up and looking to the ceiling in apparent relief after struggling from long range recently.

The Suns were down 99-91, but got back within two when Bledsoe stole a pass by Ellis and coasted in for a layup with 1:15 remaining. It was one of 19 turnovers for the Mavericks, and the Suns had 18 in a fast-paced game with a lot of wild passes.

Bledsoe then missed a free throw that would have tied the game again, and Ellis missed one of two from the line twice in the final 20 seconds to give Phoenix more chances to tie or go ahead.

The Mavericks were finally safely in the playoffs when Markieff Morris was off target on a high-arching 3-point try with 2 seconds left.

Ellis, who was 15 of 23 from the field and made three of four from long range, kept up his hot shooting in the third quarter and Nowitzki joined him after a cold first half as the Mavericks' top two scorers combined for 44 points after halftime.

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Previewing the NBA Playoffs.

I will have to admit I may not be the best here since the NBA is one of the few sports I do not get to watch most of the season's games in. Other than a Mavericks game on Fox Sports, or the nationally televised games on TNT, ESPN or ABC, I do not get to catch much of the season.

The playoffs will start on Saturday and run through June. These are the matchups if the season ended Monday morning. At that point many teams had one or two games remaining and some of the seeding are in flux. Check back in the weekend paper for the

full list of match-ups.

Let's start with the Eastern Conference. (1) Indiana Pacers v. (8) Atlanta Hawks. The Pacers split the season series with the Hawks. If anyone has been watching the Pacers these last few weeks of the season, you know they are struggling into the playoffs. They can easily turn on the switch into playoff mode though.

(2) Miami Heat v. (7) Charlotte Bobcats. The Heat swept the Bobcats this year. Michael Jordan is hoping his team doesn't get the dubious honor of playing Miami in round one.

(3) Toronto Raptors v. (6) Washington Wizards. Toronto won the season series 3-1. I think this will be one of the better playoff match-ups in the East, along with the 4-5 match-

up. The Pacers and Heat should turn it on and win their first round series with ease.

(4) Chicago Bulls v. (5) Brooklyn Nets. The Bulls won the season series 2-1. The Nets will be a tough out for the Bulls as Brooklyn just lost their first home game since January 31 on Friday.

Now onto the Western Conference. This Conference is home to the only remaining playoff spot to be had. It is between the Memphis Grizzlies and Phoenix Suns. Currently the Grizzlies are 3-0 against the Suns. The two teams played after press time Monday night. For this column we will assume the Grizzlies won.

(1) San Antonio Spurs v. (8) Memphis Grizzlies. The Spurs swept the Grizzlies 4-0 this year. I don't know if they will sweep, but they should handle this series with ease.

(2) Oklahoma City Thunder v. (7) Dallas Mavericks. This is a scary

match-up for the Thunder. Thunder fans are hoping Memphis wins their last two games (Suns, Mavericks) to topple the Mavericks for the 7 seed. The Thunder went 3-1 against the Grizzlies, but lost 2-1 to the Mavericks.

(3) Los Angeles Clippers v. (6) Golden State Warriors. This may be the best match-up in the Western Conference first round. Golden State is more than capable of making a run, but their six-seed is indicative of their struggles this season. The two teams split the season series.

(4) Houston Rockets v. (5) Portland Trailblazers. If you watched any of the start of the season you would think just by looking at the names this would be a great match-up. Well Portland fell from the top and fell hard. The Rockets own a 3-1 advantage on the season series. Another thing to look for is a high scoring game every time. The teams scored over 215 combined in each

game against each other this season.

I have run out of time but I will quickly give my predictions. I think it will be Miami v. Indiana for the Eastern Conference Finals. I think it will be San Antonio v. Oklahoma City for the Western Conference Finals. That is if the Thunder play how we all know they are capable of. Here late in the season with a slight chance to take home the No. 1 seed,

they faltered. Will the young team crack under pressure?

As much as I want to pick OKC in the Finals, I cannot with logic do it. I predict a Spurs-Heat Finals, a rematch of last year, with the Spurs being crowned champions.

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ZAC GREEN

Ellis, Nowitzki top Suns, get Mavs in playoffs

DALLAS (AP) — Monta Ellis came to Dallas because he wanted to pair up with Dirk Nowitzki and see what kind of scoring tag team they could be.

With the Mavericks in danger of making their playoff road much more difficult, they shared their best moment of the season.

Ellis matched his season high with 37 points and Nowitzki scored 21 of his 23 during a second-half rally that carried the Mavericks back to the postseason in a 101-98 victory against the Phoenix Suns on Saturday night.

"The reason we won is because we had one of the best players on the planet in Dirk," coach Rick Carlisle said.

"And because Monta Ellis, at the time we needed him most, stepped up and played his biggest game of the year."

The Mavericks left the Suns and Memphis to battle for the last playoff spot in the Western Conference by winning their home finale, and avoided a possible winner-take-all game at the Grizzlies on the last night of the regular season.

Dallas is back in the playoffs after a 12-year streak ended last season.

"It felt like the playoffs started early this year," Nowitzki said. "This is where we want to be, on the big stage of the playoffs."

Eric Bledsoe scored 29 points and Channing Frye had 21 after a hot start for the Suns, who play Memphis on Monday night in a game that figures to go a long way toward deciding the final playoff team in the West.

"We've got to stay positive," Bledsoe said. "You could tell it was a playoff atmosphere. I thought everybody laid it out on the court."

Ellis and Nowitzki brought the Mavericks back by hitting five 3-pointers between them

in less than 4 minutes of the third quarter, erasing most of a 13-point deficit. Then they teamed to get the lead back in the fourth, and Dallas held on in the final minutes.

Game

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run scored and an RBI on his home run. Adam Zuniga went 1/2 with a run scored and Colton Thompson went 1/3. Nathan Furgason went 0/2 but had a sacrifice ground ball for an RBI.

The Harvesters travel to Dalhart today for what will essentially be a playoff game for them.

"The playoffs have pretty much started for us," Snelgrooves said. "We have a big game at Dalhart Tuesday, it's supposed to be windy but we have got to be up to the task. We are putting Ryan Powell on the mound that day. But if we lose were are out and if we win and Dalhart beats someone else we will have to have a play-in."

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Lent

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do I start well, but finish poorly?

If I'm going to be more like Him, I must start well, remain consistent throughout, and then finish well. That is the lesson for me from the legs of Jesus.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I surely have found myself crying out for Your help a lot during this Lenten season, even more than usual. You were a finisher. No matter what the cost, You finished. I think I've always been a better starter than a finisher. I'm sorry for that, sorry that it is true. In that regard I'm not like You as much as I want to be. So let me say it once again. It seems like I've already said it a thousand times this Lent. But here goes again: Lord, help me. Receive my confession and help me be a finisher. Amen.

Day 39 - Friday - a Roman spear

Scripture: Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John. 19:28-34, 36-37

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken" and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

(The Gospels Interwoven, Zarley)

Devotional: For Roman legionaries it was a common tool of their trade - the spear. From early in their training the spear became a familiar part of their world. The Roman spears were not primarily made for throwing. They were about six feet in total length and were primarily for fighting an approaching enemy who only had a sword. With his spear the Roman soldier could critically wound his enemy

just inches before his opponent could reach him with his sword.

That day at Calvary it wasn't an approaching enemy, but the Lamb of God, hanging dead on a cross. The soldiers thought He was dead, but were not totally sure. Since the sword wouldn't reach far enough to penetrate His side, one of the soldiers retrieved his spear. One thrust and the deed was done, death was confirmed.

So what possible lesson could there be in a spear? That a life of faithful service to Jesus sometimes comes with a price tag of pain? That would be a lesson from the spikes and the hammer. Sometimes the price tag is public shame, dishonor, or humiliation in the eyes of man. That is what this spear stab was.

I remember reading an account of a Christian in one of the Arab nations who was kidnapped and beheaded because of his faith. Afterwards his body was dragged through the town as an act of public disgrace and dishonor. Stabbing the dead body of Jesus was such an act.

But the lesson I need is to remember who really was humiliated that day. Human eyes are so untrustworthy. Most standing there that day thought it was the One on the cross who was humiliated and disgraced. Au contraire! From God's vantage point the dishonored ones that day were the Roman soldiers and the Jewish leaders who jointly murdered His Son.

If a life of faithfulness to Jesus ever requires human dishonor or disgrace, I must follow in His steps. His approval must always mean more than any earthly honor. I must always remember that to exchange secular humiliation for heavenly glory is a bargain every time. May I always remember.

Prayer: Jesus, focusing on You on that cross makes me cry almost every time. I know it was necessary, but part of me always wants to cry out, "STOP!" My flesh seeks to avoid humiliation and dishonor at all costs. My flesh wants the earthly honor and is all too often willing to pay any human price to get it. Stir up the Holy Spirit in me to shackle my flesh, to put my flesh on a permanent Lenten fast, to starve it into submission. Please touch my eyes so that I always see clearly the glory of Your approval and the worthlessness of human praise. Amen.

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Deaths in hospitals from infections down, but still too high

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still cause for concern, one expert says.

Spellman suggests that U.S. officials begin tracking infections as they do in Europe so that patients can make informed choices about where they seek their health care.

fections related to medical equipment — bloodstream infections associated with central lines, ventilator-associated pneumonia and catheter-associated urinary tract infections — many of those procedures aren't carefully followed, putting patients at risk.

Also, "we need to do as much as we can to prevent hospital admissions and make hospital stays as short as possible so patients can avoid getting hospital infections in the first place," Spellberg said. None of these steps will make much of a difference, though, if creating new antibiotics is not accompanied by changes in the way some illnesses are treated to slow what Spellberg calls "the continuing upward trajectory of antibiotic-resistant infections. To do anything less invites a bleak post-antibiotic future, in which infectious diseases once again reign supreme."

In January of this year, as many as 18 patients at North Carolina's Forsyth Medical Center may have been exposed to the rare but deadly Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a degenerative brain disorder.

According to officials, a neurological procedure was performed on a patient who was later diagnosed with the disease, and the equipment used during the procedure was later used on 18 others.

Although the equipment underwent standard sterilization procedures, Creutzfeldt-Jakob requires advanced sterilization techniques.

When we visit the hospital, we don't expect to be released with more problems than when we checked in. But that's a very real possibility, according to a sobering new study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study, which appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine, says that if 25 patients enter a hospital for treatment, at least one of them is statistically likely to acquire an infection, including a potentially deadly one.

The 2011 study by the CDC found that of the 4 percent of hospital patients who acquired infections, about 11 percent of those died — a statistical chance of death of a little less than one half of 1 percent.

And although the numbers are down from previous statistics, the study is

journalism's highest honor, were announced Monday. The newspapers' disclosures about the National Security Agency's spy programs show the government has collected in-

formation about millions of Americans' phone calls and emails based on its classified interpretations of laws passed after the Sept. 11 attacks. The stories are based on thousands of documents handed over by NSA leaker Edward Snowden. The Boston Globe has been awarded a Pulitzer Prize in breaking news, and The New York Times has won two Pulitzers in photography categories.

Post, Guardian win Pulitzers for NSA revelations

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Ex-Texas sheriff pleads guilty to federal charge

McALLEN (AP) — A former South Texas sheriff whose office has attracted the attention of federal investigators pleaded guilty Monday to money laundering.

Lupe Trevino, who resigned about two weeks ago as Hidalgo County sheriff, appeared in federal court and faces a 20-year sentence. He was released on a \$30,000 unsecured bond Monday.

Trevino admitted Monday to laundering campaign contributions that were tied to a convicted drug trafficker, the Monitor newspaper in McAllen reported (<http://bit.ly/1qWKO0V>). Court testimony suggests the amount Trevino laundered could be between \$70,000 and \$120,000.

It is the latest in a series of arrests and convictions of law enforcement officers in Hidalgo County. In December 2013, Trevino's second in command, Cmdr. Jose Padilla, was arrested on money laundering and drug conspiracy charges.

He pleaded not guilty to both charges.

A year earlier, one of Trevino's sons who was a police officer in Mission and two of Trevino's deputies were arrested in a federal drug sting. Those three were part of a joint Hidalgo County and Mission Police Department joint drug task force, and months after the December 2012 arrests, they pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to steal drug loads and resell them to another trafficker. Nine other lawmen, including Jonathan Trevino, the sheriff's son, have been convicted on drug charges in connection to that task force, known as the Panama Unit.

All throughout the process, Trevino maintained he had no knowledge of the activities of his son and deputies.

In a statement, the U.S. Attorney's office said Trevino admitted he accepted the money from alleged drug trafficker Tomas "El Gallo" Gonzalez, knowing

it was from illegal activities.

He admitted he accepted the funds directly and through others as donations for his 2012 election campaign. Part of the money was subsequently deposited into bank accounts Trevino controlled and were comingled with other funds.

Calls to Trevino's phone went unanswered Monday and his attorney Roberto Yzaguirre declined to comment.

Up until now Trevino had maintained he had concerns about Gonzalez's reputation and rumors about his involvement in drug trafficking. "Well, obviously we know what Tomas Gonzalez is," Trevino said when asked about the allegations he had gotten cash from Gonzalez. "And I was not going to accept any monies from any drug dealers."

He also denied ever meeting or speaking to Gonzalez, who went as far as hanging a "Re-Elect

Sheriff Lupe Trevino" sign outside his family's home in Weslaco, Texas.

Gonzalez was arrested in August 2013 on drug trafficking charges. A criminal complaint says Gonzalez's network smuggled drugs to Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Iowa and North Carolina.

Trevino's plea comes three days after his former chief of staff, Maria Patricia Medina, pleaded guilty to a federal count of failing to report a crime.

Federal investigators say Trevino in 2011 and 2012 received cash donations from the trafficker, and contend Medina helped Trevino conceal the donations by filing false campaign finance reports.

Trevino, who began serving as sheriff in 2005, started his career as a local police officer in the 1970s. He spent 14 years as an officer in the Austin Police Department before returning to South Texas to work as an investigator in the district attorney's office.

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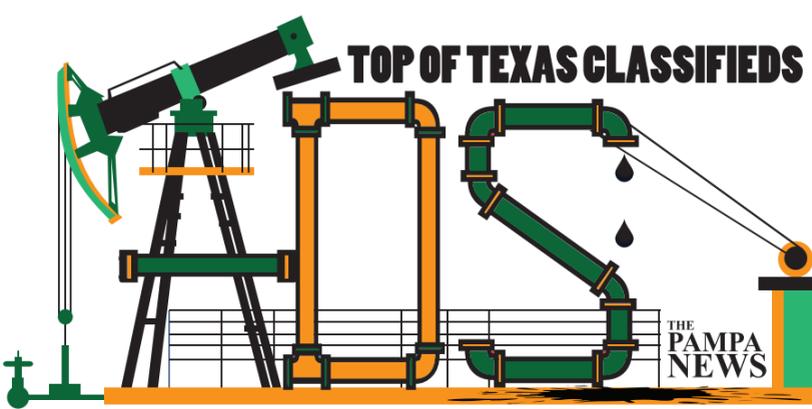
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4-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

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 M A L J A S J B T A B A O N M Y A O
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BANANA BITE:
One word means "radiant lights."

BANANA BITE:
One word means "bravery."

Yesterday's Answer: HEATH, LIBEL, BARON

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I read your Jan. 8 column about the warning signs of an abuser. Would you use your influence to say that men are also victims of abuse?

My son was in a three-year relationship with a woman who scored 15 out of 15 on your list. We knew it was a toxic relationship, but he couldn't see that.

The night he came to us for help, battered and bloody, I finally took a stand. It took six months to get her out of his life. My son was ashamed to be a battered man, and she had told him that men who call 911 go to jail. It kept him from calling.

Please, Abby, help to change that. If you use this, please keep me anonymous. He thinks I'm an "interfering mom," but at least he's not being abused anymore. I love him and miss him terribly. — INTERFERING MOM

DEAR MOM: I'm glad you wrote so I can emphasize that abusers can be members of both sexes, from every economic level and sexual orientation. I received a TON of mail about this:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for including both "he and she" in the warning signs of abusers. My second marriage was a sad

and unhealthy rebound affair. My ex was attractive, talented and host to multiple addictions — risky sexual encounters with men and women, cocaine, alcohol and marijuana. I became aware of her blackouts and outrageous behavior just before our wedding.

I finally left after two years to avoid committing a crime in response to her physical abuse, chronic infidelities, psychological cruelty and pathological intoxication. Please urge men to report their abusers, file charges and flee bad situations! I had no way of knowing what lay ahead for me back then.

Do you have advice for other men contemplating marriage to a pretty party girl? Today I'm happily married to a deeply beautiful and noble woman, and grateful to have found her. — SET FREE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR SET FREE: I think you've stated it well. All I can add is that men who suffer physical abuse at the hands of a partner should go to an emergency room for treatment so their injuries can be documented, then file a formal complaint and end the relationship.

DEAR ABBY: Gay people need to read those

warning signs because abusers abound in the gay community, too. I have gay and lesbian friends who were involved with abusers. Gay and lesbian centers offer counseling for this. LGBT people face the same problems as straights do. — MIKE IN DAYTONA

DEAR ABBY: I spent four years in a relationship before I realized I was being abused. My lady friend pushed for a lifelong commitment within a month of our meeting, was jealous and controlling, shut my friends out, cursed and hit me on more than one occasion and, when I protested, she'd say she was "just trying to get my attention," or "I only got what I deserved." When I finally told her I was leaving, she threatened to kill me.

I have since learned that lots of men suffer psychological damage and physical danger from an abusive spouse or partner. Please inform your male readers they can get help from a skilled therapist or counselor by calling the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women at 888-7HELPLINE (888-743-5754) in the U.S. and Canada. The website is DAHMW.org. — PROFESSIONAL MAN IN ATLANTA

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 Swift

1 Skewered dishes

7 Coffee, in slang

11 Asimov classic

12 Looked over

13 Filing levels

15 Contest form

16 Radiator part

18 Shade trees

21 Feature of some '50s cars

22 Parking attendants

24 Louvre fill

25 Toast spread

26 Carnival city

27 Brewing need

29 Formal salutation

30 Take turns

31 "West Side Story" gang

32 Full range

34 Accountant's arrangements

40 Aid in crime

41 Cotton pest

42 Hard at work

DOWN

1 First aid case

2 Important age

3 Carton

4 Convent head

5 Carried

6 RBI or ERA

7 Hyde's counterpart

8 Seaman's answer

9 Old hand

10 TV spots

14 Coffee add-in

16 Employs

17 Like some beer

19 Deserve

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Yesterday's answer

20 Mixes up

21 Dieter's no-no

22 Brewery sight

23 Sinking signal

25 He was swallowed by a

28 Messy room

29 Sofa's cousin

31 Minty drink

33 Cat

34 Bar bill

35 — Dhabi

36 Marks a ballot

37 Second person

38 Relieve

39 Cunning

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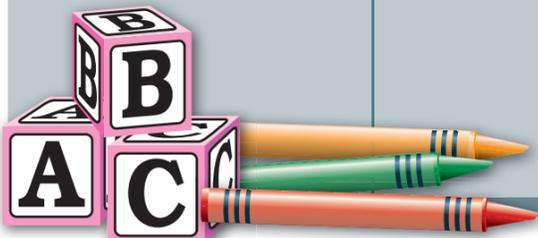
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