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LOCAL LAWYERS READ DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLIDAY



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

From left to right, lawyers Tom Kokoska, Gene Thompson, Robert McPherson and Todd Alvey joined at the south entrance of the Gray County Courthouse to read The Declaration of Independence on Thursday morning in observance of our independence and to remind us why we celebrate the Fourth of July. Attornies in 50 counties throughout the state of Texas did this as well

DPS now offers option to donate to veterans' fund

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DPS

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), along with State Representative Joe Farias and the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC), today announced a new opportunity for customers to make voluntary contributions to the Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) when they apply for an original or renewal driver license or personal identification card.

"For more than 200 years, courageous men and women have joined the U.S. Military and selflessly fulfilled a pledge to serve and protect this great nation at all costs," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This donation option is a new way for Texas residents to honor and assist veterans across the state, and we're proud to facilitate this effort."

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Storm cleanup effort continues

SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF PAMPA

The City of Pampa is continuing with its cleanup efforts following the storm that brought high winds and caused widespread damage in the City. The City of Pampa crews are now removing hazards from the municipal parks as well as City maintained property so that normal mowing schedules can resume. City crews will not be making another street to street removal of limbs.

Citizens are responsible for cleaning and removing the trees and debris from their property. Please do not place limbs in the alleys or stack them in the street or frontage right of way. Placement of the limbs in the right of ways, including alleys is a violation of City Ordinance.

The City of Pampa Landfill tipping fees for trees and tree limbs has been waived while residents continue cleaning their properties. This will be extended
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Remembering the reason we have our freedoms



Photo by John Lee

On Friday, July 4, millions of Americans flocked to firework stands, purchased fireworks and shot them off where they were allowed to. Millions more gathered with their families and went to city parks where they could watch a firework display put on by their city. It is important to take a moment and remember why we celebrate Independence Day and reflect on those who have fought to protect those freedoms. The Freedom Museum here in Pampa is one way to remember those who have fallen in the name of liberty.

Pre-k and kindergarten-aged ESL students hold summer showcase

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK

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Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Bilingual learning program director Carmelita Gage took some time to pose with some of the students enrolled in the program before the showcase.

Although the bilingual learning academies wrapped up their summer program at Wilson Elementary not long ago, the pre-k and kindergarten-aged students went a bit longer and had their end of program showcase on Thursday morning.

After singing a few songs in both English and Spanish for their parents and families in attendance, everyone migrated to the cafeteria to see what the children have been

working on this summer.

Program Director Carmelita Gage said there were about 78 students enrolled in the program, which just completed its second summer of existence in Pampa.

Josh Knight, a parent of one of the students in the program, Lilianna, said that he enjoys getting the opportunity to send his daughter.

"It really brought her back up on her Spanish because she had gotten a little rusty," he said. "She would come home and show us the dances and songs they were learning."

Knight also said that he thinks the program is a positive experience for the kids and he likes that the school year doesn't come to an end just yet for the children. The program also provides his daughter with a positive learning environment, which allows Lilianna, who is normally very shy, to open up more and make friends as well.

"They get to do activities that they may not get to do at home," he added.

Program Principal Keana Daughtry said that the program is focused on literacy, math and science. Through fun activities, the students received enrichment in these areas, and each child was sent home at the end of the program with an enrichment backpack, which will allow their parents to continue working with them in these fields of study.

The children also got to take field trips throughout the course of the program.

"They went to the library once a week and did activities there. They also went to the fire station and to the Freedom Museum," Daughtry said.

She added that the adults are not the only ones who get excited about the learning experience.

"The kids are excited to be here and they love the activities," she said.

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UNITED WAY BASKET WINNER



Submitted photo

The Pampa United Way Executive Director Jana Gregory is pictured with this week's basket winner, Janet Addington. This week's drawing was at Pampa H2O.

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In 2013, the 83rd Texas Legislature passed House Bill 633, authored by Rep. Joe Farias, which allows Texans to make donations to the FVA during driver license transactions.

"I am proud that our efforts in the 83rd Legislature have lead up to this moment today. The work that the Texas Veterans Commission and Department of Public Safety have done to implement this new program will help the veterans of Texas for years to come," said Rep. Farias. "This action will allow the people of Texas to donate to a fund that directly impacts veterans' lives."

"We need to honor the sacrifice made by our veterans

and military families," said State Sen. Wendy Davis, who sponsored the legislation during the 83rd Legislative Session. "I am proud to have pushed to create another venue for Texans to show their generosity and make a financial contribution to our nation's heroes who have already sacrificed so much."

The donation option is available for customers who apply in-person at a DPS driver license office and during online transactions. Customers can only make donations when applying for an original or renewal driver license/identification card — not during other transactions, such as changes of address or card replacements. Applicants can choose how much they wish to donate, and the contribution must be in whole dollar amounts and must be paid at the time of

the transaction. "Through the generous contributions of all those interested in supporting veterans, we can make a significant difference in the lives of Texas veterans and their families," said Thomas P. Palladino, executive director for the Texas Veterans Commission. "On behalf of the Texas Veterans Commission and Texas veterans, we thank the Texas Legislature for creating this donation option and our partners at DPS for their hard work leading its implementation." The TVC administers the FVA, and awards reimbursement grants to eligible charitable organizations, local government agencies and Veterans Service Organizations that provide direct services to Texas veterans and their families. DPS also collects con-

tributions to the Blindness Education Screening and Treatment Program, and Glenda Dawson Donate Life — Texas Registry (organ and tissue donor program) during the driver license and identification card application process.

For more information on how to donate to the FVA, please visit <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Fund-for-Veterans-Assistance.aspx>. For additional information about the FVA, please contact Cheri Smith at 512-463-4828.

To find a driver license office near you, visit

www.dps.texas.gov/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/search.asp. Residents, who are eligible and want to renew a driver license or identification card online, can visit www.dps.texas.gov.

Cleanup

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through next Friday, July 11th. Even though the Landfill will be closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday we will re-open from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm this Saturday, July 5th so that residents have ample time to make disposals.

As a service for Pampa residents, the City has also opened up four temporary

drop-off locations to dispose of tree limbs only:

1. Hobart Street Park on the east side of the park on Municipal Drive.
2. Northcrest Park on the north side of the park.
3. The old MK Brown swimming pool parking lot on the east end.
4. Marcus Sanders Park on the south end of the park.


City of Pampa residential roll-off containers are available for free and will be delivered to residential property in the order that it was requested for a 3

hour maximum time period. The time period that the box will be dropped off and collected will be assigned by landfill personnel. There is no guarantee of a specific time period for the placement of the box and customer requesting this service can expect delayed delivery times. There will be no custom time preferences granted for delivery of the container. This service is available for residential customers only. No businesses. The service will be offered now until July

11th. Please call the landfill if you would like to request a roll off at 806-664-1131. We will not be delivering roll-offs on July 4th.

The City of Pampa would like to thank all of those who have helped with the massive cleanup effort. The landfill has taken in over 539 tons of trees and tree limbs so far. This calculates to over 1 million pounds that have been removed from the damaged areas by the City of Pampa, citizens, volunteer groups and contractors.

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Four Pampa residents featured in Amarillo exhibit

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The 15 & One photography exhibit that opens this week at ArtGecko Gallery at Sunset Center in Amarillo will feature photographs of four Pampa men.

The four portraits were originally part of 23 portraits taken at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 on Cuyler. The photographs in the exhibit here are of Blake Villanuela, Danny Martin, Dennis Boyd and Larry Stevens.

The exhibit, which opens at 6 p.m., Thursday at The Galleries in Sunset Center, features the work of photographers and their visualizations on the theme "Red, White and Blue." Amarillo photographer Ralph Duke and ArtGecko Gallery owner and photographer David Alan Corbin began a series of photography shows about five years ago with 15 photographers taking pictures based on one idea. This year, the show has grown to include 32 photographers in the Texas Panhandle. They include works by Duke, Corbin, Ernesto Guzman, Israel Guajardo, Sherry Atkins, Alan Stephens, Gentrye Houghton, Loretta Corbin, Marla Pacheco, Marc Strict, David Bowser, Nikki Penniman, Harley Harrell, Shane Ortiz, Kellie Kelly, George Wesley, David Bechtol,

Jeff Harbin, Tom Higley, Steve White, Jim Livingston, Ashley Bea Miller, Brit Nicole, Brad McBride, Russell Parker and Amy Hart.

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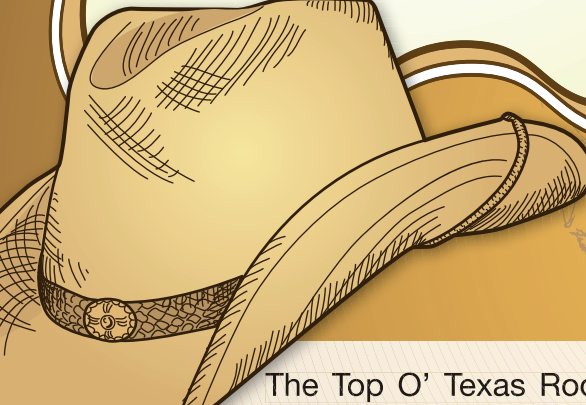
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2014-2015 TOTRA RODEO QUEEN



The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is now taking entries for the Queen Contest. They are excited to hold the contest this year and crown the TOTRA Queen for 2014-2015.

Entry forms are at the rodeo office at the Chamber of Commerce and can also be requested by emailing TotRodeo@gmail.com.

To enter you must be a female and between the ages of 14-19 years of age by August 1, 2014. Contestants will be judged on horsemanship, public speaking and the ability to properly represent the association.

The entry fee is \$125 per contestant and each contestant must find a local business sponsor.

Entries are due by July 7 at 4 pm. There will be an informal mandatory meeting for contestants on July 7th at 6 pm at the Chamber of Commerce.

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Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 93 degrees. Winds south-southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 6:38 a.m. No chance of rain.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 67 degrees. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunset at 9:03 p.m. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 94 degrees. Winds south-southwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:34 a.m. No chance of rain.

Sunday night: Mostly clear at 68 degrees. Winds south at 11 mph. Sunset at 9:05 p.m. Chance of rain 10 percent.

Monday: Partly cloudy with a high of 94 degrees. Winds south-southwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:34 a.m. No chance of rain.

Monday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 68 degrees. Winds south-southwest at 12 mph. Sunset at 9:03 p.m. No chance of rain.

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Obituaries

Ambrose "Gene" Parr

Ambrose "Gene" Parr, 76, of Ponder, passed away on Wednesday, July 2, 2014. He was born on Jan. 3, 1938 in Oswalt, Okla. to Arthur Parr and Pauline Loard Parr. He married Mary Elizabeth Bullard in Oklahoma on March 3, 1957. He was a Little League Baseball coach, Ponder ISD School Board President and a member of the Plumbing Union in Fort Worth 146 Local.



Ambrose "Gene" Parr

Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 6, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. at DeBerry Funeral Directors. A graveside service will be held on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Sanger Cemetery. Arrangements were made by DeBerry Funeral Directors of Denton.

Gene is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, Mike, Jay, and Sam Parr; sister, Patricia Stewart; brother, Charles Parr; seven grandchildren, Chris, Aaron, Jordan, Joseph, Kara, Kobie and Kassie; and three great-grandchildren, Brooklynn, Bryonna and Brian. He is preceded in death by his parents.

DPS trooper seizes 30 pounds of marijuana

SUBMITTED BY DPS
AMARILLO – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Wednesday on Interstate 40, yielding 30 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$130,000.

At approximately 7:34 a.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2014 Ford Fusion traveling eastbound on I-40, for a traffic violation, near Conway in Carson County.

The driver of the Fusion was identified as Richard L. Chaplin, 58, of Joplin, Mo. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered 30 bundles of marijuana in the trunk.

Chaplin was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and booked into the Carson County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from San Francisco to Joplin, Mo.

For the record Several arrested on theft charges

STAFF REPORT

• Laura Katherine Pulse, 26, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for theft of property — between \$50 and \$500.

• John Ferguson, Jr., 53, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for his second driving while intoxicated offense.

• Piper Pingleton, 21, Fritch, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for theft of property — between \$50 and \$500.

• Korbin Cole Ramirez, 18, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for two charges of capias pro fine — no driver's license.

• Adam Ray Cook, 21, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for theft of property, open container, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear.

• Eddie Fuqua, 62, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Department of Public Safety for his third or more driving while intoxicated offense.

• Travis Glenn Mask, 22, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for possession of a controlled substance — Cooke County.

• David Ray Muels, 32, Guthrie, Okla., was arrested by GCSO Thursday for a fugitive warrant, no driver's license, no insurance and displayed a license plate belonging to another.

• Manuel Victor Renteria, 22, Pampa, was arrested by GCSO Thursday for criminal mischief.

• Justin Reed Ensey, 34, Pampa, was arrested by PPD Thursday for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and theft under \$50.

• Antonio Mario Short, 28, Pampa, was arrested by PPD Thursday for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• Justin Michael Wehrenberg, 26, Weatherford, was arrested by DPS on Thursday for driving while license was invalid with a previous conviction.

• Brandi Colleen Bradstreet, 30, Pampa, was arrested Thursday for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years old and criminal mischief.

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Bouncin' Around

Berry picking

When we lived in Illinois, every year about this time my mother would look forward to our annual trip to Thompson's Strawberry Farm in Kenosha, Wis.



JUDITH SMITH

A 15-minute drive would take us to the entrance of the huge farm, where we were given large flats to hold whatever we picked. Then we'd drive to a parking area, walk to the beginning of a row, and start picking. We were strictly on our honor to put more in the boxes than in our mouths, but a few berries somehow didn't make it to the box.

One warm June day, when our daughter was about four, our picking day coincided with Mom's birthday, and she was in fine spirits when we picked her up. Grammy promised our daughter strawberry shortcake for dessert when we got home. On the way, however, the skies started to darken with ominous storm clouds, and Catherine, who was afraid of storms, wasn't too sure she wanted to get out of the car.

Mom said, "Oh, honey, don't worry. If it thunders, just crawl under a strawberry plant."

We hadn't gotten too far down our row of berries when, sure enough, there was a rumble of thunder. Mom turned and started to laugh. I followed her gaze, and there was our daughter, head first under a clump of strawberries! The storm soon headed off away from us, and we finally coaxed Catherine out from under the plant to resume our picking.

We really enjoyed that strawberry

shortcake later! My husband isn't a fan of strawberries, but he really loves raspberries. So when our very dear neighbor, Audrey, gave us a few starts of her raspberry bushes, Ron was pleased.

The bushes did well, and the first summer we had a good crop of raspberries. I watched Ron cutting the grass in the back yard one afternoon, and laughed when I saw what he was doing. He'd cut a strip to the east, then come back and stop near the fence on the west, pick a few berries, and pop them in his mouth!

This went on until he ran out of bushes and he finally finished cutting the grass. Another year was a very dry summer. Raspberries need a lot of water for their sweet juiciness, so the bushes didn't produce many berries. I decided to try picking enough for supper one day, but only got a few, so I put them in a dish with a bit of sugar, and put them in the fridge.

I repeated this over a few days until it looked like there was enough for the three of us to have for dessert. Our daughter took the first taste, made an awful face, and said "These raspberries taste funny!" We both tasted ours, and to my horror and Ron's amusement, we found the berries had "turned"—and would have made some dandy raspberry wine!

In 2006, we spent a year north of Atlanta, in a rental house. We were delighted to find blueberry bushes along the whole fence line in the back yard. The neighbor said we were welcome to pick everything on our side of the fence. One day the four grandkids, who lived nearby, spent the day with us. I gave them

each a container and showed them how to pick the berries.

I made one "rule" to begin with—I told them they must eat one berry for every two they picked! They were more than willing to comply, and they were very happy kids when their mom used some of the berries the next day to make blueberry pancakes for them. The next week when they came over, we went outside to pick berries, and there was not a single berry to be seen.

There weren't any on the ground, or any evidence that birds had done the dirty deed. Our neighbor across the street came over and told us that the neighbors on the other side of our fence apparently decided we were getting too many berries, and they slipped over and picked them all after dark the night before! What brought about this line of berry stories?

A few weeks ago as I was weeding in our back yard, I discovered strawberry plants. Not the tiny wild strawberries, but real, honest-to-goodness strawberries! The other day, to my extreme delight, I found two very lovely ripe strawberries. I picked them, brought them in the house and rinsed them off. I let them sit on the counter for about ten minutes, and then I ate those two strawberries, savoring every last bit of juicy goodness, and remembering all the wonderful times I've had berry picking.

Who knows, maybe next year the crop will be good enough for me to make a 2nd-generation strawberry shortcake.

Judi Smith resides in Pampa and can be reached at jsmith46@aol.com.

The importance of supporting our soldiers

Yesterday we celebrated the Fourth of July. This is the day we celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence (1776) and our independence from the Kingdom of Great



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Britain. It is important that we remember these soldiers of the American Revolution and the many soldiers who have followed them and given us the freedom that we all enjoy.

There is another group of people we need to think of during these times. The wives, husbands, parents and children of those serving away from home. This too is a hard and stressful job.

When Keith was stationed in Japan for the first year we were married, I remember going to the mailbox daily and hoping for a letter. It could be several weeks in between communication and then I might get

a flood of letters at once. He would let me know when he was going to be able to call and I would make sure I would be by the phone. His calls usually came about 2 a.m.

For me this was easier than for most. I was still going to school and we didn't have a family. But it was so hard to wait for the letters and the calls, and it felt almost unbearable while he was gone.

The families waiting for their soldiers can always use our support. They, too, must be strong and carry out the daily routines while they keep their soldiers in the back of their minds. If you know someone who is waiting for someone to come home, show them your care. Offer to make them dinner, watch the kids, mow their lawn or just listen if they need to talk.

Sometimes a little extra support can make a difference.

Thank you to all the men and women who have or are serving our country. And thank you to the families supporting those soldiers!

Letter to the Editor Pampa Citizens and Taxpayers

Hear ye, Hear ye!
Please come to the Pampa City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 8 in support of the need for a more concerted effort from City Hall to enforce ordinances. If you care about Pampa's appearance and want change, your presence will be greatly appreciated.

Dennis Palmitier
Concerned Citizens for a Clean Pampa

Americans lose while immigrants gain

American-born workers have had a net loss in jobs since 2000, while all of the job growth since then has gone to immigrants, according to a remarkable new study by the Center for Immigration Studies. This revelation comes as some Republican politicians continue to flirt with amnesty and the



PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

disastrous proposal of so-called immigration reform.

Meanwhile, a new Gallup poll proves that the American public is increasingly fed up with the high levels of immigration flooding our job market and our nation. By nearly a 2-1 margin, Americans now want less immigration rather than more: 41 percent would like to see a decrease in immigration, while only 22 percent want to see immigration increase.

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Why government isn't working and how to make it better

Government just doesn't work very well. That's the persuasive thesis of three important books published this year.



MICHAEL BARONE

John Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge's "The Fourth Revolution" takes a historical and international (and British) perspective.

They argue that the welfare state, a creation of early 20th-century Brits, has become clunky in comparison to recent reforms in Scandinavia and the Asian model most highly developed in Lee Kuan Yew's Singapore.

Peter Schuck's "Why Government Fails So Often" looks at a multitude of federal programs and concludes that most, though not all, have "deep structures" which make "policy failure and mismanagement" inevitable.

Philip K. Howard's "The Rule of Nobody: Saving

America from Dead Laws and Broken Government" takes a different approach.

Howard, a New York lawyer and founder of a group called Common Good, starts off with anecdotes showing how law prevents problems from being sensibly solved.

A bridge blocking New York's harbor from the newest supertankers can't be elevated without 47 permits from 19 government agencies, and environmental groups will bring lawsuits at multiple stages.

A lifeguard is fired for saving a man outside his zone of the beach. A community soup kitchen was shut down because it served potluck meals and had no kitchen to be inspected. Day care centers have to offer two sets of blocks with at least 10 blocks a set (who counts them each day?).

You get the idea. You've almost certainly encountered this sort of thing in your daily life. "Legal rigidity trumps everything," Howard writes. "Law has crowded out the ability to

be practical or fair."

American laws and regulations tend to be over-detailed and to rob government officials of all initiative and, therefore, responsibility. Case in point: The 2,700-page Obamacare, with a 28-word definition of "high school" and a (so far) 7-foot high pile of regulations.

How did this democratic nation come to be saddled with, as Howard puts it, "a government run by clerks and jerks"?

Howard traces it back to Progressive and New Deal legislation, which gave regulators wide latitude to enforce vague laws. In response, Congress in 1946 passed the Administrative Procedures Act, which tended to produce bureaucratic bloat and paralyze government action.

The biggest changes came in the 1960s. Southern segregationist officials purported to follow the law, but in fact blocked equal rights for blacks. The response — effective in breaking segregation, but a disaster otherwise — was a

distrust of all officials and detailed rules that robbed them of discretion.

At the same time, the just-born environmental movement used new statutes and court decisions to bring lawsuits to achieve the goal of BANANA (Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anything).

These were liberal initiatives, but conservatives also got into the business of tying officials' hands.

Corporations came to seek detailed regulations that would provide them "safe harbor" protection against prosecutions and lawsuits. K Street lobbyists with ties to both political parties developed a lucrative vested interest in complex laws and regulations.

Howard wants to undermine this "rule of nobody." Get rid of all the detailed instructions and trust the common sense of responsible individuals to make decisions promptly in line with social norms.

He notes that in 1988, Australia got rid of de-

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Among the 22 percent who want to expand immigration are Democrats who view illegal immigrants as a way of expanding their party's political base. But that shortsighted political motivation is certainly not good for our country, and it is devastating for the dwindling job opportunities available to Americans.

In 2000, 114.8 million Americans who were born in the United States had jobs here. Nearly a decade and a half later, in 2014, that total had decreased to 114.7 million, and millions of Americans have been unemployed for many years.

Millions of new jobs were created during that same period in the United States, but immigrant workers soaked up all that job growth. There was a net gain of 5.7 million in jobs during those 14 years, from 17.1 million in 2000 to 22.8 million in 2014, but the overall net effect was that 100 percent of the job growth went to immigrants and 0 percent to workers born in the U.S.

Steven A. Camarota is research director for the Center for Immigration Studies and the lead author of this startling report. His investigation proves that there are now 58 million Americans born in our country who do not have jobs and that 34 percent of working-age Americans are without work, a number far higher than in 2000 when the number of out-of-work Americans born here was 26 percent.

Despite the scandal of so few jobs for Americans,

the legislation pushed by Democrats for so-called immigration reform would vastly expand job opportunities for immigrants at the expense of American-born workers. The Senate's misguided Gang of Eight bill would sharply increase the numbers of legal and illegal immigrants in our country, far above the 40 million who are already here, plus adding an incentive for many more to illegally enter our nation.

Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama has been a leader against expanding immigration under the guise of the phony "immigration reform," and he persuasively explains how hurtful unrelenting immigration is for our nation and especially for U.S. workers. He observed that the recent findings in this report by the Center for Immigration Studies "are shocking, and represent a dramatic indictment of immigration policy in Washington, D.C."

In the last presidential election, Mitt Romney lost because he failed to attract the support of millions of working-class Americans who have been hit the hardest by the harmful consequences of liberal demands for more and more immigration. Sessions wisely advises Republican leadership to "sever themselves from these demands and present themselves to the American public as the one party focused on everyday working people."

Sessions is obviously right in counseling that "the sensible, conservative, fair thing to do after 40 years of record immigration is to slow down, allow assimilation to occur, allow wages to rise, and to help workers of all backgrounds rise together into the middle class." Republican Majority

Leader Eric Cantor was defeated in a landslide in his own primary after failing to heed this advice. Will other Republican leaders finally get the message?

Meanwhile, the Democrats' and media demands for "immigration reform" have had another devastating effect on our nation: attracting a projected 100,000 children to cross our Mexican border illegally in this year alone and bringing with them contagious diseases that could "spread like wildfire," according to Dr. Jane Orient. "Legal immigrants have always been required to undergo health screenings," Orient explained, "but these kids coming have no medical screenings and no vaccine records."

The doctor observed that many childhood diseases have been largely and wonderfully eradicated from our country, such as measles and chickenpox, but that leaves Americans without natural immunity against them. If they are brought into this country by unlawful immigration, then they can spread quickly, and young doctors who have never seen some of these diseases may be slow to recognize them.

Noroviruses are highly contagious infections that carry symptoms of diarrhea and vomiting. "All we need is one outbreak of that virus, and we would have an overwhelming public health crisis," Orient warned.

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Better

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tailed nursing home regulations (so many square feet per resident) and substituted general standards, including "homelike environment," "privacy and dignity."

Academics who decried this reform were surprised to find that nursing homes improved under the new standards. Regulating by principles rather than rules replaced arguments and nitpicking with cooperative conversations and consensus.

Howard would like to reconstruct the federal government along similar

lines. Laws with budgetary impact should sunset periodically, to prune the legal code of the underbrush planted by now-defunct legislators.

Presidents should be freed from the entanglement of detailed restrictions and 1970s legislation barring them from not spending funds and hamstringing advisory committees.

Judges should be empowered to dismiss invalid claims quickly. Someone should be given the authority to conclusively and speedily decide environmental issues. Congress should set up commissions to propose simplified legal codes on everything from education to entitlements

to the environment.

Pretty radical stuff, and both liberals and conservatives will fear potential changes. The current president has low credibility and a demonstrated incapacity to compromise.

I'm not sure I'd trust Howard's inevitably elite-dominated commissions. But his central insight — that ordinary Americans can be trusted to behave responsibly — is a good starting place in reforming government.

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Area support groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, starting June 26 at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The**

Pampa Group meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Cancer Support** meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at

noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.

■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

■ **Accolade Home Care sponsors a Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. For more information, call Lindsey Been at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.

Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

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. 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.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

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.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

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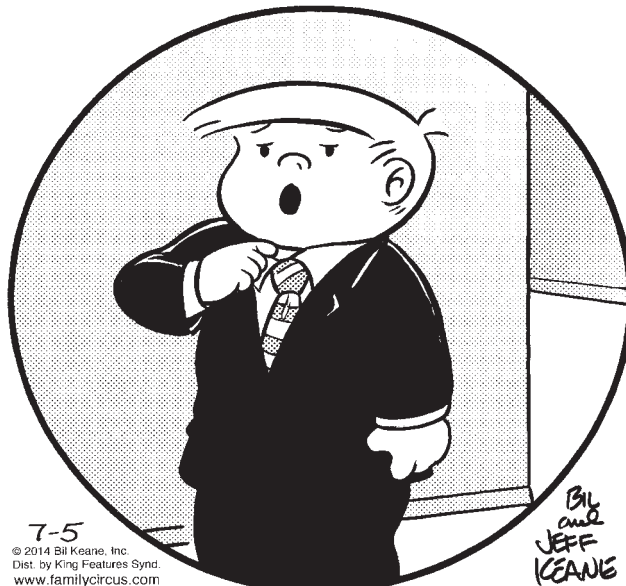
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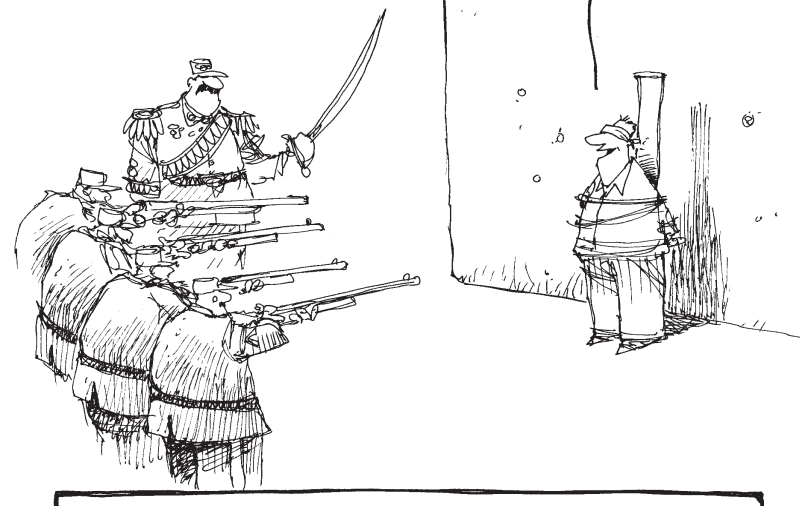
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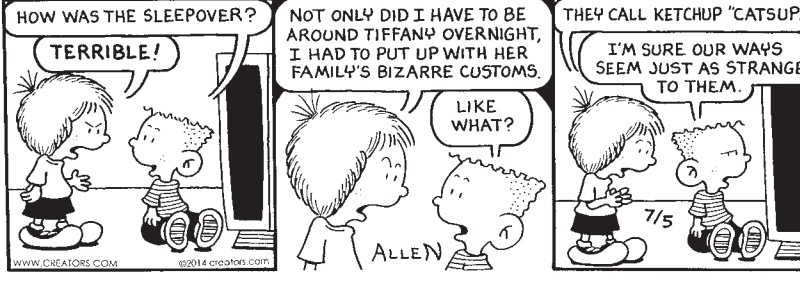
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 7, 2014:
This year you manifest creativity and determination, though not necessarily together. If you are in an artistic field, you will see more acknowledgment for your work. If you are single, you are likely to have a very intense love life. You could be overwhelmed by many different potential sweeties. If you are attached, you might discover that you have a new addition to the house. For some people, it might be a baby; for others, it could be a puppy, a new roommate or some other change involving your home. Watch a tendency to overspend. You are very emotional and sometimes have difficulties with your mood swings. **SCORPIO** is also emotional like you, but does not reveal their feelings as easily.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might have a lot to think about, as a friend might express a little too much consideration for your comfort level. Your intuition comes into play. Could this person want to coax you in a certain direction? You might feel out of sync with others in general. One person could be particularly demanding. Tonight: Togetherness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Defer to others and see a situation for what it is. A loved one or partner could be aloof and touchy. Understand what is going on with this person. Conversations move forward, allowing you to gain insight. You are overly cautious with funds. Tonight: Listen to others and what they want. Note what isn't said.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be aware of others' needs and what they might require. Your feelings come forward, and you might be hesitant to pursue a certain path. Your sensitivity might be offended by another's request. Be true to yourself no matter what goes down. Tonight: Stop at the gym.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to understand more of what is motivating those around you. They might be coming from a place of negativity, but you can help them turn it around to a more positive attitude. Tap into your creativity. Tonight: Love blossoms.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Make time for what you need and want to do. You might want to take a nap or have a discussion with a family member or roommate. Schedule time for a snooze or talk sometime during the day. Your instincts guide you with a domestic or

personal matter. Tonight: Mosey on home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Return calls while balancing other matters and errands. You could be quite touched by a comment from someone you respect. Be more aware of what is happening within your immediate circle. You might want to share your thoughts with a dear friend, loved one or partner. Tonight: Catch up on news with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Curb a need to be overly possessive and demanding. You want situations to take the twists and turns you would like. You can only create so much, as you only have so much control. Be careful about spending. You easily could make a mistake. Tonight: Be more direct.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might go out of your way to ease another person's stress level. Your sensitivity to the moment and other people allows for greater give-and-take. Be sure you want to proceed in your present chosen direction. If you opt to make a commitment, it will be likely to occur, but it will demand endurance. Tonight: What pleases you.

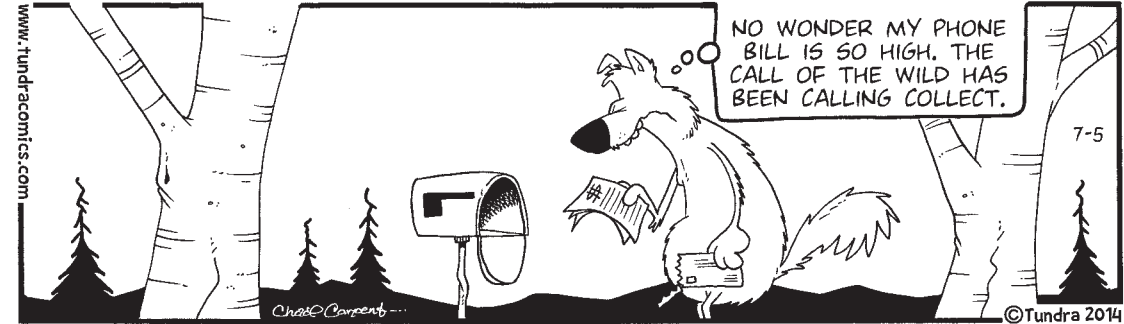
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to see a situation move in a new direction -- think again. The ramifications and what you would need to do could be more than what you are willing to do. Investigate an unusually creative idea. Could it really work? Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Zero in on an objective outlined in a meeting. You might have a surprising response to this goal. Discuss and debate all you need in order to root out a problem. You find that the obligations are far more serious than you'd anticipated. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Notice that others look to you for advice and often admire your choices. Your unpredictability throws many people, as they don't understand you well. Often what looks irrational to others is highly logical. You have often thought out your seemingly "impulsive" actions. Consider sharing your processing more often. Tonight: Working late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Read between the lines when someone makes what seems like an outrageous statement. Your feelings might be involved, making your detachment a must. What is being said probably has a deeper meaning than you are aware of and possibly has nothing to do with you. Tonight: Make sure music is involved.

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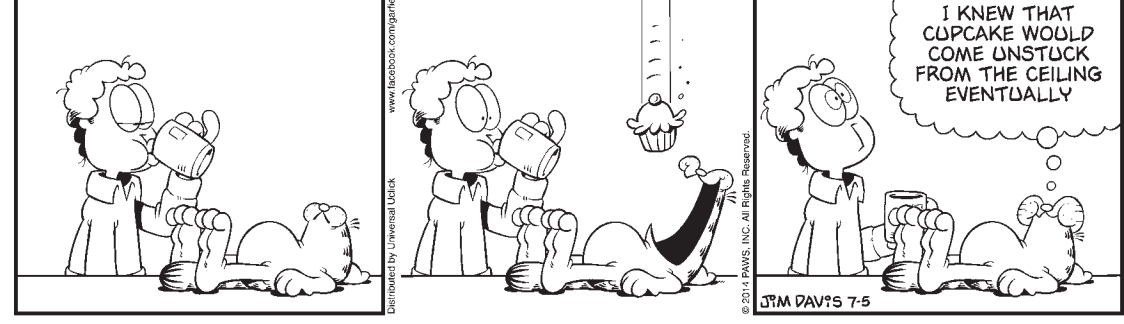
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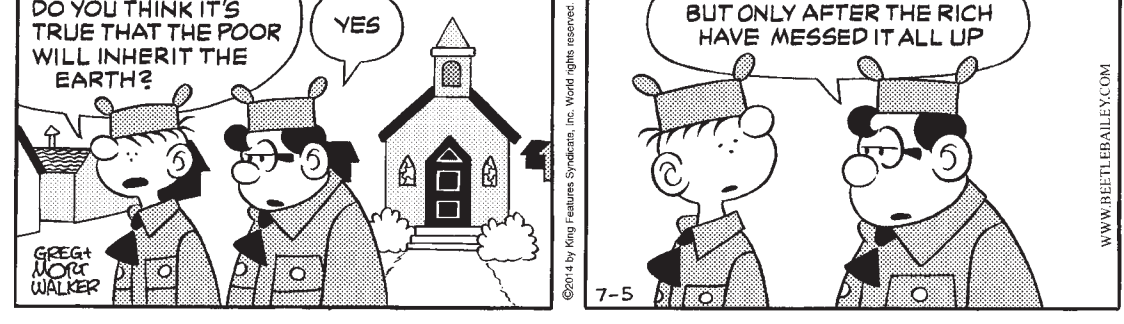
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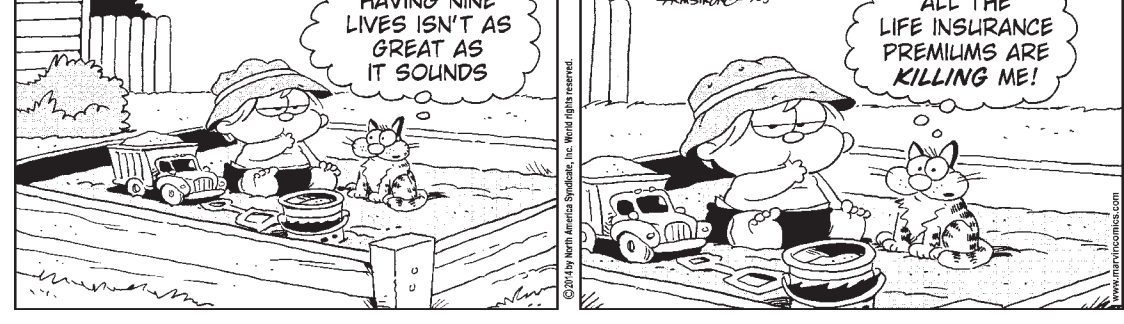
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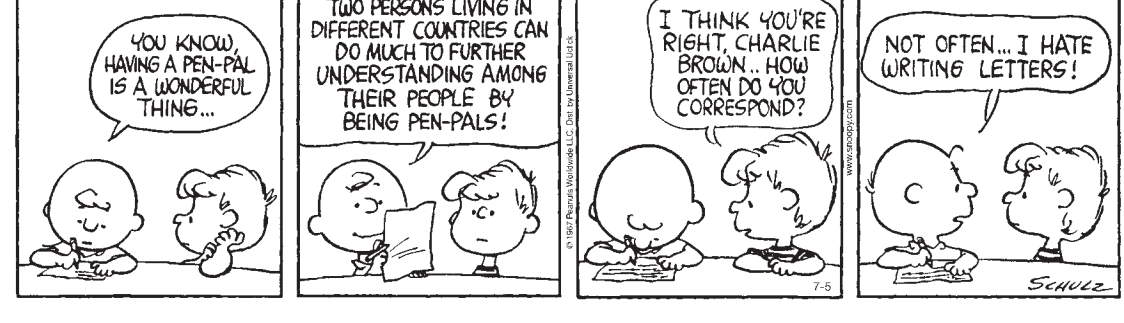
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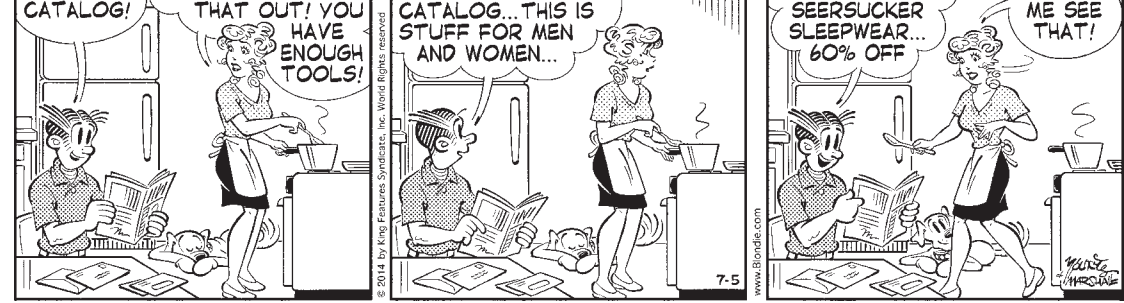
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Walmart hiring approximately 80 new jobs in Borger

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Walmart will hire approximately 80 associates to work at the relocating Walmart slated to re-open this fall in Borger at the intersection of Roosevelt and Opal. A temporary hiring kiosk has opened inside the current store at 1401 W. Wilson St.

Applications will be accepted from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. Interested applicants may also apply online at <http://careers.walmart.com>.

Through Walmart's Veterans Welcome Home Commitment, the company will offer a job to any qualified veteran who has been honorably discharged within the past 12 months.* Interested veterans may find out more at <http://walmartcareerswithamission.com>.

According to store manager Summer Covington, the store will be hiring both full and part-time associates.

"This relocation is exciting for our community,

and I am looking forward to meeting potential associates who will make the customer experience even better," said Covington.

Walmart provides a benefits program to eligible full and part-time associates. For example, it provides a variety of affordable health and well-being benefits including healthcare coverage with no lifetime maximum. Walmart also offers eligible associates matching 401(k) contributions of

up to six percent of pay, discounts on general merchandise, an Associate Stock Purchase Program and company-paid life insurance. Additionally, eligible associates receive a quarterly incentive based on store performance.

The majority of new associates will begin work in September to help prepare the store for its grand re-opening.

*Veterans must be within 12 months of active duty and meet Walmart's standard hiring criteria.

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sunday horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 6, 2014:

This year you often feel as if you need to make a decision for the group. Pressure to deal with the outside world often conflicts with your personal life. A physical move is a strong possibility. If you are single, you will have an opportunity to stop thinking about a former love. Get to know this new love interest well before getting too involved. If you are attached, the two of you might make a major change on the homefront. Often you have different opinions from each other. Learn how to compromise. SCORPIO absolutely adores you!

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)

★★★★ Allow a loved one to steal the stage. You have a strong personality that easily could outshine many people. Be more responsive to a special request without asking too many questions. Just go with the flow for a change. Tonight: Cater to someone else's needs.

This Week: You work well on a one-on-one level.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could be more practical and direct if you were not so worried about others' responses. Allow someone else to take the lead for a change, and all you'll have to do is simply respond. You could gain a sudden insight into a close loved one. Tonight: So many invitations.

This Week: Keep communication flowing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to start working on a project that you have been putting off for way too long. Loosen up, and enjoy some downtime. A friend easily could surprise you with an offer you can't say "no" to. Verbalize what is on your mind.

Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

This Week: Dive into work Monday. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You have a tendency to over-indulge. A loved one might entice you into going on what he or she deems a fun adventure. Don't make a judgment -- just be willing to revise your plans. Spontaneity can add a delightful element to your day. **Tonight:** Forget tomorrow; live now.

This Week: Your creativity allows greater give-and-take.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You'll make your point easily, especially if you are relaxed. Others won't be too reactive. Zero in on what is important for friends when choosing plans. Someone might let you know exactly what he or she wants from you. **Tonight:** Make it a quiet night at home.

This Week: Consider staying close to home, at least until Wednesday. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You'll perk up by midafternoon. Return calls, and you might be surprised by some of the news you hear. You could feel pressured by someone who wants to feel more secure. A loved one is likely to react in his or her normally quirky way. **Tonight:** Think about tomorrow.

This Week: Be careful how you tell someone that you do not agree with him or her.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might wake up feeling as if you are unstoppable. By midafternoon, some of that exuberance might no longer be present. Relax and enjoy a more easygoing pace. Your

sensitivity and openness could make all the difference in an interaction. **Tonight:** Be spontaneous.

This Week: You could see a problem arise after you have committed to a purchase.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You could feel energized in the afternoon, which will bring you out of a funk that has been plaguing you for a while. Reach out to someone at a distance who you care about.

Catching up on news and gossip could be fun. Tonight: You are the lead actor.

This Week: Go for what you want, especially on Monday and Tuesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might have a problem when dealing with someone who wants to control others. You can try to explain that one cannot control others, but if this person is set on using manipulation, then your words are likely to be powerless. **Tonight:** Where your friends are.

This Week: You might want to lie low until Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Now that some of the weekend craziness has died down, reach out to a pal you go out with often. Catch up on each other's news. A parent or older relative might be irritated or angry. Return this person's calls as soon as possible. **Tonight:** Among the crowds.

This Week: You get what you want early on in the week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Reach out to someone who you weren't able to spend

time with this weekend. You tend to enjoy this person more than you do others. Your conversation could involve an unexpected twist, so be sure to listen carefully. **Tonight:** Out till the wee hours.

This Week: Stay on top of your work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Catch up on someone else's news, and make plans to get together very soon. Be willing to indulge a loved one, but be careful, as you could pull the wild card financially. Anything can happen when it comes to money. **Tonight:** Paint the town red.

This Week: Take an overview, and do some research.

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Lifestyles

Gray County marriage applications — April 1-June 30

STAFF REPORT

- Jonathan Combs and Haley Lane Ellis. Applied April 1.
- Christopher Wilson and Meredith Fleming. Applied April 1.
- Jarrod Wayne Slatten and Margaret Jill Russell. Applied April 2.
- Nathan Stillwagon and Shea Lewis. Applied April 3.
- Justin Dean Whaley and Carey Ann Feltman. Applied April 4.
- Angel Aaron Araiza and Victoria Rodriguez. Applied April 7.
- Jose Luis Lugo Aguilar and Raquel L. Vazquez. Applied April 14.
- Justin Fuentes and Kasie Dawn Ramirez. Applied April 15.
- Sean Paul Beedy and Aleah Kirsten Noble. Applied April 21.
- Evaristo Vega Nava and Gloria Maria Guerrero. Applied April 21.
- Donnie Ray Basham and Mary Selina Smith. Applied April 21.
- Ernesto Cruz and Misty Brittain. Applied April 21.
- Paul Edwin Lyons and Stephanie Lynn Hunt. Applied April 24.

- Jody Allan Grizzell and Tamie Breann Heckman. Applied April 25.
- Ramon Ponce and Ashly Lee Lucas. Applied April 28.
- Kyle Michael Crossley and Brandy Rose Garcia. Applied April 28.
- Fritz Schotte and Mariah Alexandria King. Applied April 28.
- Anthony Dewayne Dunn and Kimberly Young. Applied April 28.
- Chase Kutter Anderson and Bailey Ann Adcock. Applied May 5.
- James Wyatt Devaney and Debora Ann Smith. Applied May 13.
- Aucencio Lira Guerrero and Maria Josefina Soto. Applied May 14.
- Jose Basurto Artega and Erika Huerta Story. Applied May 15.
- Edward Keith Hopson and Rebecca Lynn Gilbert. Applied May 19.
- David Ray Dowless and Story Lumae Pairsh. Applied May 22.
- Stephen Eugene Martin and Melinda K. Martin. Applied May 30.
- Wesley Dwayne Kimmell and Tiffany Lynn Partain. Applied May 30.
- Ismael Ayala Tonche

- and Norma Irene Madrid. Applied June 2.
- Steven Kent Newton and Bianca Oviedo Omana. Applied June 6.
- David Mikel Hartley and Tammy Marie Barker. Applied June 6.
- James Franklin Slater and Christie Louise Vaughn. Applied June 9.
- Canaan Marshall Rhoads and Brittany Weatherford. Applied June 9.
- James Ray Jennings and Kimberly Deel Prox. Applied June 9.
- Bryan Lee McClelland and Jennifer Lynne Kidd. Applied June 10.
- Colton Wayne Barton and Kendra Renee Towles. Applied June 10.
- Alfredo Vaquera and Carizma Delaluz Soto. Applied June 10.
- Ramon Alfredo Jimenez and Elizabeth Faith Woody. Applied June 11.
- Cameron William Nix and Lindsay Hardin. Applied June 12.
- Morris Ray Crump and Michael Kirkpatrick. Applied June 13.
- Christopher Romero and Samantha Nichole Hale. Applied June 13.

- Samuel Don Haynes and Johnetta Phillips. Applied June 13.
- Michael Keith Norton and Carol Lynn Pierce. Applied June 16.
- Houston Lee Gass and Jessica Diane Burns. Applied June 17.
- Christopher Daniel Jones and Sherry Jo Burns. Applied June 17.
- Frederick James Sweet and Darby Rachel Morris. Applied June 17.
- Brandon Alan Smith and Megan Ann Jouett. Applied June 18.
- Jonathan Michael Cook and Cheyenne Lynn Hoskins. Applied June 20.
- Anthony Hernandez and Brittany Lashay Allen. Applied June 23.
- Matthew Shoenrock and Kathryn Lesperance. Applied June 23.
- Schrade Duane Thompson and Madilyn Shults. Applied June 25.
- Richard Douglas Budd and Sheila Tolbert. Applied June 26.
- Dino Cesar Aguilar and Araceli Avila. Applied June 27.
- Robert Richardson and Deborah Maria Chambers. Applied June 30.

WEDDING BELLS

Morris Crump and Michael Kirkpatrick



A marriage Rite for Morris Ray Crump and Michael Elizabeth Kirkpatrick was held on June 20, at 7:00 pm at Saint Matthew Episcopal Church, Pampa, Texas. The services were performed by the bride's mother The Rev. Suzanne Wilkinson, Deacon. The service was assisted by the bride's father Ernest Wilkinson, Deacon. John McGarr of Canadian read the Scriptures for the service. A reception was held in the Parish Hall. The couple honeymooned in New Mexico at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Christmas in July: TV week of holiday programming

NEW YORK (AP)—The Hallmark TV channels are beginning a week's worth of holiday programming on the Fourth of July — but think ornaments and egg nog instead of fireworks and hot dogs.

The stunt on the Hallmark and Hallmark Movie channels begins Friday afternoon and continues into the early morning hours of July 15. Mostly, it will be repeats of the holiday movies that Hallmark traditionally airs during the last two months of the year.

"This is a little bit of escapism," said Bill Abbott, president and CEO of the Crown Media Family Networks, "and that's what television is for."

Hallmark's "Christmas in July" began two years ago as a single weekend intended as corporate synergy. The programming aired to draw attention to the annual debut of new holiday ornaments by Hallmark Cards, yet unexpectedly struck a chord with viewers. The weekend averaged 747,000 viewers, or 55 percent above more season-appropriate fare that aired the same weekend the year before, the Nielsen company said.

Viewership ticked up slightly in 2013 when Hallmark expanded its offerings, and this year the network went all-in. In addition to the movies, Hallmark's day-

time show "Home & Family" will offer holiday tips oriented to the time of year, like saving up for shopping or storage of decorations.

"You're always concerned with how viewers will react to this kind of stunt," Abbott said. "The passion that they reacted with was a surprise, on social media particularly. We would receive a lot of feedback. People would buy ornaments and go home and watch a holiday movie."

Besides the rerun movies, Hallmark will air for the first time "Angels Sing," a former theatrical release starring Harry Connick Jr. and Connie Britton.

"Often you can enjoy these movies more when it's not the holidays because the holidays are such a time of stress and hustle and bustle for people," he said. "Sometimes anticipating the season is better than actually being in the season."

Movies that play best in the summer tend to be family stories where the holidays are more of a backdrop, Abbott said. The Debbie Macomber series will be emphasized, for example. A holiday music special wouldn't particularly work.

Hallmark has toyed with the idea of a holiday-oriented network full-time, although it would feature other seasons besides Christmas.

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Lifestyles

Review: Evolutionary advances in new smartwatches

NEW YORK (AP) — New Android wristwatches from Samsung and LG make a few evolutionary advances, though I won't be rushing out to buy either.

Samsung's Gear Live and LG's G Watch are good products and will appeal to those who like to be among the first to own new gadgets.

The watches serve as pedometers and let you catch up on email, texts and Facebook notifications while your phone is in your pocket or charging in the bedroom. Even with the phone in your hand, you can check messages on the watch and keep playing video on the phone.

Both smartwatches try to keep things simple through voice commands rather than touch. They use Google's Android Wear system, which I reviewed earlier.

Android Wear has a lot of potential but still lacks the functionality of even last year's smartwatches. Your ability to reply is limited, and there's not much you can do yet without a companion phone nearby.

The companion phone must run Android 4.3 or later, which covers about a quarter of the Android devices in use. It doesn't have to be a Samsung or LG phone. Visit <http://g.co/WearCheck> from your phone to check compatibility. Don't even bother if you have an iPhone.

Even with its release of the Gear Live, Samsung

will continue to sell the Gear 2 line of smartwatches, so I'll start there.

Samsung's Gear 2 (\$299, released in April):

I find the Gear 2 most useful for its fitness features. The watch counts the steps you take each day. It estimates distance and calories burned and measures heart rate on your runs, hikes and bike rides. The features are rather basic, so active users might prefer a gadget dedicated to a specific task, such as measuring distance and pace using GPS. But the Gear 2 does offer a good introduction to newcomers.

Shots from the watch's 2-megapixel camera are mediocre, but that beats missing the shot entirely because your better camera is in your pocket or handbag. If you don't need the camera, you can save \$100 with the Gear 2 Neo, which has similar features otherwise. Both have speakerphones for making phone calls.

The Gear 2 line doesn't use Android Wear, but a fledgling system called Tizen. Samsung says that helps extend battery life to two or three days, instead of the single day on the original, Android-based Galaxy Gear. Unlike the Android Wear watches, the Gear 2 and the Gear 2 Neo both require a Samsung phone.

Samsung's Gear Live (\$199, starts shipping next week):

Out of the box, the Gear

Live looks much like the Gear 2. But once you turn it on, it stays on. The watch face doesn't go dark as the one on the Gear 2 does after inactivity.

Unfortunately, the promised battery life is back down to a single day, though actual performance varied depending on use. The best I got was a day and a half on a full charge. In the worst case, about half the charge was gone in just five hours.

The Gear Live doesn't have as many fitness features. You can count steps and measure heart rate, but you can't measure distance or calories with built-in apps.

In addition, there's no camera or speakerphone. To make calls, you need a Bluetooth headset paired to your phone.

Because the Gear Live and the G Watch both use Android Wear, they have similar functionality. You control both mostly by voice. There aren't many icons or buttons on the screen, as you'd find on previous smartwatches.

You do have to get used to swiping left (for more information) or right (to dismiss a notification). But otherwise, the interface is clean and simple. One thing I wish for: a central place to view notifications, including ones I've dismissed.

LG's G Watch (\$229, starts shipping Thursday):

LG is hoping to make its

watch easier to use by making it without a physical button. It's not really needed when voice control is so prominent, and I've used the Gear Live's physical button only as a fallback for when I couldn't figure out how to do something.

The LG watch has about a third more battery capacity than Samsung's, but both watches lasted about the same amount of time in my tests.

The resolution and colors on LG's always-on screen aren't as good as they are on Samsung's, though LG's notifications use larger type and are easier to read.

The G Watch can count steps but doesn't have a heart rate sensor — the biggest way it differs from the Gear Live. The G Watch doesn't have a camera or speakerphone either.

The G Watch's strap feels rubbery, but it's replaceable with any standard 22-millimeter watch strap. The hard-plastic feel on Samsung's watches isn't much better, but you can replace their straps, too.

Motorola plans to come out with the round-faced Moto 360 this summer, while the ones out so far have had square displays. And Apple is widely expected to have its own smartwatch this fall.

I recommend waiting to see what they do. You might still gravitate toward Samsung's or LG's watch, but you risk regret if you buy one now.

Weekly Menus

Lunch In The Parks — Wilson Only

MONDAY, July 7
Beefy queso nachos or pizza, corn, pinto beans, peach cup

Breakfast- Cinnamon tastry
TUESDAY, July 8
Oven fried chicken or corndog, mixed vegetables, sliced cucumbers, mixed fruit, biscuit

Breakfast- Biscuit
WEDNESDAY, July 9
Spaghetti & meat sauce or mini twin cheeseburgers, green beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit

Breakfast- Breakfast pizza
THURSDAY, July 10
Grilled cheese sandwich or chicken nuggets, sliced potatoes, broccoli florets, strawberry cup

Breakfast- Pancake 'n sausage on a stick
FRIDAY, July 11
Chicken fried steak or hamburger, french fries, baked beans, fresh fruit, burger garnish

Breakfast- Cereal
Lunch In The Parks
MONDAY, July 7
Pizza, carrot sticks, peach cup, milk

TUESDAY, July 8
Corndog, cucumbers, fruit juice, milk
WEDNESDAY, July 9
Mini twin cheese burgers, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk

THURSDAY, July 10
Chicken nuggets, broccoli florets, strawberry cup, milk
FRIDAY, July 11
Hamburger, pickle spear, fresh fruit, milk

Pampa Meals on Wheels
MONDAY, July 7
Corndog, macaroni/cheese, pork beans, pudding

TUESDAY, July 8
Meatloaf, peas/carrots, potato casserole, peaches
WEDNESDAY, July 9
Mexican casserole, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, mixed fruit

THURSDAY, July 10
Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, sugarless cake
FRIDAY, July 11
Beef tips, cream corn, baked apple, cookies

Abbott acknowledges 'challenges' in chemical laws

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott now says accessing information about dangerous chemicals in Texas is "challenging" after earlier suggesting that people can easily learn whether places near them store potential risks.

Abbott told The Associated Press on Wednesday that as governor he wants

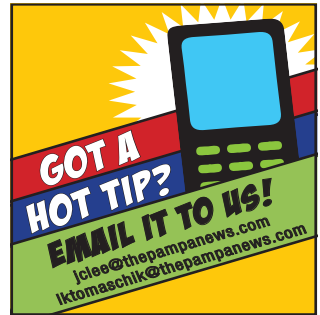
fire stations — and not the state — to take the job of giving the public information about dangerous chemical locations.

State health officials had made those addresses available upon request. That began changing after Abbott's office ruled recently that some locations remain confidential, citing laws intended to prevent

terrorism.

Abbott on Tuesday had called it "win-win." But Wednesday, he said the information is "challenging to get under its current structure."

The ruling drew rebuke from open records advocates and Democrat Wendy Davis, Abbott's opponent in November.



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New York City police to subway acrobats: Sit down

NEW YORK (AP) — The underground acrobats who flip, somersault and pole-dance among New York City subway riders as trains roll are drawing a new audience — police officers.

The New York Police Department is cracking down on the subway showing who use the tight quarters of the nation's busiest transit system as moving stages for impromptu — and illegal — pass-the-hat performances. More than 240 people have been arrested on misdemeanors related to acrobatics so far this year, compared with fewer than 40 at this time a year ago.

Police Commissioner William Bratton acknowledges he is targeting subway acrobats as part of his

embrace of the “broken windows” theory of policing — that low-grade lawlessness can cultivate a greater sense of disorder and embolden more dangerous offenders.

“Is it a significant crime? Certainly not,” Bratton said recently.

But the question is, he added, “Does it have the potential both for creating a level of fear as well as a level of risk that you want to deal with?”

The subway acrobats say they're just out to entertain, make a living and put a little communal levity in New York's no-eye-contact commuting.

“We all, as New Yorkers, get these force fields around us. We just try to go inside the train and change the vibe,” said a performer

named Besnkheru, who, because of the crackdown, spoke on the condition that his full name not be used.

Hopping on and off trains one recent afternoon, Besnkheru sang to amplified recordings ranging from Michael Jackson to Latin jazz while his performance partner, Domingo, danced, clowned and used the car's bars and poles like playground equipment.

Sometimes, he dangled upside down with his head within a foot or two of a rider's face.

The pair got some glares but many smiles — some from passengers who initially seemed determined not to look — and several dollars.

“It's such a part of New York culture,” said rider

Joli Tribuzio, an actress.

But other passengers resent becoming a captive audience for acrobats and break-dancers in a cramped subway car.

“I don't like all that action right in front of my face,” rider Kesia Hudson said.

Police believe most riders agree with Hudson. And though no injuries have been reported, they also insist the showmanship is a safety issue.

“If the dancers make a mistake, someone could get hurt,” said Chief Joseph Fox, head of the NYPD's Transit Bureau. “The dancers themselves could get hurt.”

Police have responded by studying passenger complaints to determine when and where to put

plainclothes officers on trains to nab acrobats.

The arrests are usually uneventful but can turn nasty. An acrobat who was being arrested spit on one officer and tried to bite another.

“No matter how you look at it, it's dangerous,” Fox said. “It's dangerous for us, too.”

Two decades ago during Bratton's previous stint as commissioner, his “broken windows” crackdowns targeted public drinking, panhandling and most notably the squeegee men who sprang out at intersections to wash the windshields. This time, the department has targeted illegal motorcycles, graffiti — and the acrobats.

Andrew “Goofy” Saunders and some friends

started doing routines on trains in 2007, hoping to make \$10 to enter a dance competition. Seven years later, the group — W.A.F.F.L.E., for We Are Family For Life Entertainment — has a shoe-brand sponsor and has been booked for music videos, parties, even a wedding.

“We're not just knuckleheads. ... We're actually about something,” said Saunders, 20.

But the roughly 12-person troupe has largely stopped performing on subways because of the police attention. Members now hope to line up a public space to flip with permission.

“There's no reason for being locked up for doing what you love,” Saunders said.

5 questions for the man in charge of Holiday Inn

NEW YORK (AP) — Richard Solomons sits in one of his hotels, explaining how travelers can't be stereotyped. A businessman this week might be on vacation the next. For each trip, they have different needs.

As CEO of InterContinental Hotels Group — one of the world's largest hotel chains — Solomons, 52, knows a thing or two about beds, showers and the things that make or break a stay.

The company has almost 690,000 hotel rooms in nearly 100 countries. Its most iconic brand, Holiday

Inn, might be for families or travelers mixing business with pleasure. Holiday Inn Express is for short trips where guests want to rest and then go. Its new Even brand is all about well-being.

The InterContinental group now has more than 4,700 hotels and 1,100 more under development. The bulk of those new projects — like at other hotel chains — is overseas.

Solomons, CEO since July 2011, recently sat down with The Associated Press at the InterContinental Times Square to talk about how the worldwide hotel market is growing, what guests want and how to get free Wi-Fi. Answers have been edited for length and clarity.

Q: There's been tremendous growth in the number of hotel brands — 110 just with the 10 largest chains. Is that too many?

A: I don't really care about the top 10. I care about us. We have nine. I use the car industry as an example. When I was kid, you had a sedan, a wagon, a sports car and that's probably it. (Today) you look at BMW or Audi's lineup: 15 different styles of cars. This (is part of a larger) personalization trend. The brand feels relevant to me and my needs. For a brand to be loved, some people have to dislike it. Otherwise, you are just bland.

Q: Your latest brand, Even, features healthier food and improved fitness facilities. Do travelers really think that much about their health?

A: There are millions who worry that while traveling they can't live the way they want to live. It is about people not falling off the wagon in terms of food, sleep and exercise. It comes down to a better gym, a more-sophisticated offering of food and, yes, the staircase is somewhere I can see and use it.

Q: You are rumored to have rejected a \$10 billion acquisition bid from another hotel company. Do you see any consolidation coming in the hotel industry?

A: If you look at the current crop of big hotel chains, they've been created through acquisition, largely. Twenty percent of the world's hotel rooms and 50 percent of the fu-

ture supply are part of the top five hotel chains. Scale matters in this industry. It's a global business.

We have the scale that we need. We're growing share quite significantly. We have the financial resources to do what we need to do. I don't think there's any driver of consolidation in the same way you might see in other industries. I don't have a crystal ball, but with the pipeline (of hotels under construction), we don't need it.

Q: Earlier this year, you made Internet free for all members of your loyalty program, including those without elite status. Why?

A: You can get free Internet almost everywhere. You can get it for spending 99 cents at McDonald's, or at Starbucks or frankly, in

some cities, anywhere on the street. So you are kidding yourself (to charge). It's recognizing what the consumer wanted.

Q: How closely is your business tied to that of airlines?

A: The low-cost airlines have really helped the hotel business. As airfares have come down — it's gone the other way in the U.S. — but in the rest of the world as airfares have come down it's encouraged people to travel more and spend more on hotels. If I have a vacation budget of \$1,000 or \$2,000 and I'm spending less on airfare, I'll stay longer and I'll stay higher-end. Most of our business is domestic, and much of it drive-to or train-to in some parts of the world.



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Lohan sues over 'Grand Theft Auto V' game

NEW YORK (AP) — Lindsay Lohan is suing the makers of the “Grand Theft



Lindsay Lohan

Auto” video games. The actress says the latest installment used her image and created a character based on her without her permission.

Lohan's lawsuit was filed Wednesday in a Manhattan court. “Grand Theft Auto V” game maker Take-Two Interactive Software Inc.

and subsidiary Rockstar Games declined to comment.

“Grand Theft Auto V” was released in September. Sales topped \$800 million on its first day.

Lohan's lawsuit says a character named Lacey Jonas is an “unequivocal” reference to the “Mean Girls” and “Freaky Friday” star.

The suit says Lohan's image, voice and styles from her clothing line are depicted. It says the game features West Hollywood's Chateau Marmont hotel, where Lohan once lived.

The character also seeks help skirting paparazzi.

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US employers added robust 288k jobs in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers accelerated their hiring last month, adding a robust 288,000 jobs and helping drive the unemployment rate to 6.1 percent, the lowest since September 2008.

It was the fifth straight monthly job gain above 200,000 — the best such stretch since the late 1990s tech boom. Over the past 12 months, the economy has added nearly 2.5 million jobs — an average of 208,000 a month, the fastest year-over-year pace since May 2006.

Thursday's jobs report from the Labor Department made clear that the U.S. economy is moving steadily closer to full health after having shrunk at the start of the year.

June's job gain followed additions of 217,000 jobs in May and 304,000 in April, figures that were both revised upward. Monthly job gains so far this year have

averaged 230,833, up from 194,250 in 2013.

Investors appeared pleased by the news. When stock markets opened Thursday, an hour after the government released the jobs report, the Dow Jones industrial average traded above 17,000 for first time. By 10 a.m., the Dow had risen about 65 points.

The unemployment rate dipped last month from 6.3 percent in May to its lowest level since the financial crisis struck at full force in the fall of 2008 with the bankruptcy of the Wall Street firm Lehman Brothers.

"Since February, this has now become a textbook jobs expansion," said Patrick O'Keefe, director of economic research at the consultancy CohnReznick. "It is both broad and accelerating."

The June job gains were widespread. Factories added 16,000 workers, retailers 40,200. Financial and

insurance firms increased their payrolls by 17,000.

Restaurants and bars employed 32,800 more people. Only construction, which gained a scant 6,000, appeared to reflect the slow recovery of previous years.

Job growth has averaged 272,000 over the past three months. In May, the economy surpassed its jobs total in December 2007, when the Great Recession officially began.

The number of long-term unemployed has dropped 1.2 million over the past year to just under 3.1 million. That's half what it was three years ago.

Still, researchers at the liberal Economic Policy Institute estimate that 6.7 million more jobs would have been needed to keep up with population growth.

The challenge is whether the job gains will pull more Americans back into employment and lift wages that have barely budged.

Many people who lost jobs during the recession and were never rehired have stopped looking for work. Just 62.8 percent of adult Americans are working or are looking for a job, compared with 66 percent before the recession.

Average pay has grown just 2 percent a year during the recovery, roughly in line with inflation and below the long-run average annual growth of about 3.5 percent.

Despite the improving job market, most employers still have plenty of applicants to choose from, and many workers with jobs don't have enough confidence to look for better-paying ones.

The lack of strong wage growth means the Federal Reserve may not feel pressure to start raising short-term interest rates soon as a way of controlling inflation.

"We are still not seeing

any significant pickup in wage growth," Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, wrote in a research note. "We suspect that Fed officials will continue to cling to the view that there is still plenty of slack in the labor market."

The economy actually shrank in the first three months of this year at an annual rate of 2.9 percent. It was the sharpest quarterly contraction since the recession. Ferocious winter storms and freezing temperatures caused factories to close and prevented consumers from visiting shopping malls and auto dealers.

Still, the winter failed to freeze hiring and job growth has continued with little to no interruption. This should help to speed economic growth because more jobs lead to more paychecks to spend.

Most economists say annualized growth is track-

ing a solid 3 percent to 3.5 percent in the current second quarter. Growth over the course of the entire year should be closer to 2 percent for the entire year, roughly similar to the 1.9 percent increase in gross domestic product achieved last year.

Other than the weak growth at the start of the year, some other signs point to the improving health of the economy.

Auto sales rose at the fastest pace in eight years in June. Dealers unloaded vehicles at an annual pace of 16.98 million last month. Factory orders picked up last month as well, according to a report this week by the Institute for Supply Management.

Home sales also strengthened in May, after having sputtered in the middle of last year when higher mortgage rates and rising prices hurt affordability.

Israel bolsters forces along volatile Gaza border

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military bolstered forces along the volatile border with the Gaza Strip on Thursday in response to intensifying rocket fire as tensions remained high over the deaths of three Israeli teenagers and an Arab youth who Palestinians allege was killed in a revenge attack.

Buses carrying Israeli forces could be seen heading to the Gaza border area, where soldiers milled about organizing their equipment. The troop movement was "defensive" but Israel remained prepared for any additional violence from the Palestinian territory, military spokesman Lt. Col. Peter Lerner said.

"Everything we are doing is to de-escalate the situation but on the other hand be prepared for actions that can develop if they do not de-escalate on their behalf," Lerner said.

Israeli defense officials, speaking on condition of anonymity under military guidelines, said the deployment included tanks, artillery and ground forces. Israel's last major operation in Gaza, a territory controlled by the Hamas

militant group, took place in late 2012.

Police in east Jerusalem, meanwhile, continued to investigate the disappearance of Mohammed Abu Khdeir. Family members say the 16-year-old was abducted Wednesday shortly before a charred body was found in a Jerusalem forest.

The family has blamed extremist Jews for killing him in revenge for the deaths of the three Israeli teens whose bodies were found in a field in the West Bank on Monday after a more than two-week search.

Israel has accused Hamas of being behind those deaths, and arrested hundreds of Hamas operatives in the West Bank as part of a broad manhunt in the largest ground operation in the West Bank in nearly a decade.

The suspected killing ignited clashes in east Jerusalem between rock-throwing Palestinians and Israeli forces, who responded with stun grenades and rubber-coated bullets on Tuesday.

The rioters set tires ablaze and torched three light-rail train shelters, leaving city streets cov-

ered in stones and debris.

The situation in east Jerusalem, home to most of the city's Palestinian population, remained tense, though there were no reports of violence Thursday.

Although police were still trying to identify the body at a forensics lab, Abu Khdeir's family set up a mourning tent near a mosque in east Jerusalem. Some 100 people crowded into the tent, including the grand mufti of Jerusalem, the area's top Muslim cleric, to pay their condolences.

The Israeli troop mobilization came as near-daily rocket fire from the Gaza Strip has intensified in the weeks since the Israeli teens disappeared on June 12. Israel has responded with airstrikes.

Two Palestinian militants died in an airstrike last week, and a young Palestinian girl was killed by an errant rocket attack. The Israelis have not suffered any serious casualties.

More than a dozen barges late Wednesday struck two homes and knocked out electricity in the southern border town of Sderot but caused no

injuries. Israel said it responded with overnight airstrikes on 15 Hamas targets. Ashraf al-Kidra, a Palestinian medical official, said 10 civilians were wounded.

Two more rockets fell Thursday, one of them striking an industrial area in southern Israel.

The Israeli military spokesman said security coordination between Israel and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' forces in the West Bank was continuing in order to "limit points of friction" ahead of the first Friday of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which is expected to be tense because of the developments. Thousands of Palestinians normally enter Jerusalem to pray at the Al Aqsa Mosque.

Hamas seized Gaza in 2007 from forces loyal to the Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Abbas recently formed a unity government backed by Hamas meant to end the seven-year rift, but Hamas, which possesses thousands of rockets, remains in firm control of the coastal strip.

Israel threatened tough

action against Hamas in response to the killing of the three teens. Hamas praised their suspected abduction but denied responsibility.

East Jerusalem was quiet Thursday morning but police said units were still patrolling the area. An Associated Press cameraman filmed Hebrew graffiti reading "death to Israel" and "death to Jews."

Police said they were trying to pinpoint the motive behind the killing.

"The investigation is

continuing in order to determine whether this was criminal or nationalistic," police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said.

The incident elicited international condemnation and prompted calls for calm from Israeli leaders.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu demanded a swift probe of the "reprehensible murder."

Abbas said it was clear extremist Jewish settlers were responsible for the death and called on Israel to bring the killers

to justice.


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Analysis: Purge displays Chinese leader's ambition

BEIJING (AP) — The ouster of one of China's top military figures reflects Communist Party leader Xi Jinping's determination to impose his personal authority far more ambitiously than his recent predecessors.

Since being appointed party leader in late 2012, Xi has moved aggressively to make his personal stamp with campaigns against graft and official waste and by waging an offensive against liberal, Western ideas. Party and government officials and managers of state companies have fallen. Advocates for official transparency and a fairer society have been jailed.

In possibly his boldest move so far, Xi struck Monday at the core of the military elite when the ruling party expelled Xu Caihou (Shoo Tseye-hoh) a retired general who had been deputy chairman of its Central Military Commission, which controls the Chinese military. The party said Xu would face charges in a military court of taking money and property in exchange for promotions and other favors.

Xi has tried to establish his authority over the People's Liberation Army

more quickly and effectively than his predecessors Hu Jintao and Jiang Zemin and to show he is willing to tackle corruption in the politically influential military.

"The investigation started in March, so it took barely three months for Xu to be expelled from the party," said Dali Yang, an expert in Chinese politics at the University of Chicago. "It really shows a remarkable ability by Xi and his colleagues and also a very strong signal to try to clean up the military and to make the military a force that's focused on military matters rather than promotions and corruption."

The dozens of officials ensnared in the crackdown, including Cabinet figures and former executives of state-owned energy giant PetroChina Ltd., make this the most sweeping purge since the upending of the Chinese leadership during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

Xi's forceful style is a contrast with Hu and Jiang, who were seen as relatively weak leaders who had to win agreement from others on the party's ruling Standing Committee. After Hu became party leader in 2002, Jiang resisted giving up his last official post

on the military commission until two years later. By contrast, when Xi took office in 2012, Hu handed over all his party posts.

Xi has dedicated his first 20 months in power to establishing his authority over seemingly all strategic areas.

That has prompted suggestions he might be trying to roll back the consensus-oriented leadership of the past two decades and restore rule by a dominant strongman. But experts say collective leadership is here to stay because the ruling party is wary of returning to the turbulence China endured under the former supreme leader Mao Zedong.

Xi took charge of committees that shape policies on national security, the Internet and economic reform. That reduced the role Premier Li Keqiang, the party's No. 2 leader, plays in managing the economy, typically the premier's responsibility.

The new leader has espoused a vision of a "Chinese Dream" of boosting national pride and quality of life. Abroad, he has taken an aggressive stance on Chinese sovereignty over disputed territories, squaring off against Japan and the Philippines.

After deadly attacks blamed on militant Muslims, Xi ordered an unusu-

ally severe security crackdown that produced 380 arrests in the first month. Elsewhere, activists who have called for transparency and accountability in the government have been jailed or harassed.

Moves that win Xi the most public favor appear to be campaigns to root out graft and to compel party officials to live more simply.

"I think there's a kind of core, belief conviction element to this, which is that Xi has always sounded, since being elevated to power, like someone who feels like this has been his destiny," said Kerry Brown, an expert in Chinese politics at the University of Sydney.

"He's got all these powers and it seems to imply this kind of rather striking sense of destiny. The language he uses is increasingly grandiose and almost messianic."

The announcement of Xu's expulsion followed rumors that Xu, 71, had been detained from his sickbed in March. Some observers had thought Xu would be spared prosecution because of terminal cancer.

Experts said Xu was seen as an ally of Jiang, who still wields influence.

"Xu Caihou was often considered as Jiang's man

and so probably this case indicates the further weakening of Jiang's influence and generally the weakening of what you may call 'old man politics,'" said Warren Sun, a Chinese leadership expert at Australia's Monash University. "He probably wants to signal more clearly the arrival of the Xi Jinping era."

Chronic corruption has fueled public frustration and Xi has warned it could threaten the party's grip on power.

In military affairs, party leaders worry pervasive graft is weakening the PLA's ability to fight.

The armed forces were ordered to give up most of their business interests more than a decade ago, but a secretive, authoritarian official culture has allowed bribery and other abuses to continue.

Previous Chinese leaders "had little control over the military and virtually let them have a free run and so corruption became very rampant," said Sun. "This is something that Xi Jinping's predecessors did not have the guts to deal with, but now we see him take action on something that's long overdue."

The purge of Xu eliminates an ally of one of Xi's rivals, former Chongqing party secretary Bo Xilai, who fell from power after

his wife, Gu Kailai, was accused of killing her British business partner. Gu was convicted of murder and Bo was imprisoned last year on charges of corruption and abuse of power in a case that many saw as a result of party infighting.

Similarly, the party is widely believed to be investigating a retired senior leader, Zhou Yongkang, a former member of the party's apex of power who was seen as a Bo ally.

The party also on Monday had announced the expulsions of three senior officials believed linked to Zhou, which observers believe mean a public move against Zhou is inevitable.

"It's a life or death game within the party, and you will fall if you make any concessions," said Zhang Lifan, an independent political commentator in Beijing. "Thus you must defeat all the tigers within the party."

Lingering uncertainty about Zhou's fate might help Xi keep senior officials on edge.

"It creates this constant atmosphere of wariness and fear among the elite," said Brown of the University of Sydney. "There's this extraordinary manipulation of people not really knowing what's going on, and I think that's probably something that Xi is using."

Boston Pops' annual July Fourth show a day early

BOSTON (AP) — The annual Boston Pops Fourth of July outdoor concert and fireworks show, one of the city's signature events, has been moved up a day because of potential heavy rain ahead of Hurricane Arthur.

The celebration is being rescheduled for Thursday, to what appears to be the better of two potential bad weather days, organizers and public safety officials said Wednesday.

The performance takes place in the Hatch Shell along the Charles River

Esplanade, with fireworks set off from barges on the river. Hundreds of thousands of people usually attend.

"It's not optimal. We wish it were, but we've got to deal with this," state police Col. Timothy Alben said.

He said security arrangements are ready, because the public final rehearsal would have been held Thursday night anyway.

Alben said officials recognize that afternoon road closings ahead of the show will affect traffic on a work day. People

were urged to use public transportation.

Alben said the performance could be canceled Thursday if the weather isn't safe. Because of performer contracts, Alben said the concert cannot be pushed to Saturday. However, he said the fireworks show perhaps could be.

If the celebration takes place Thursday, the fireworks display will be streamed live for the first time starting at 8 p.m. on www.BOSTONPOPSJULY4.org and www.CBSBOSTON.com.

The webcast also will

be available for 24 days on demand at www.BOSTONPOPSJULY4.org.

The concert has been delayed in the past because of threatening weather during a performance, and the fireworks have been rescheduled.

Arthur is forecast to pass well east of New England beginning Friday night. Moisture bands ahead of the storm are expected to bring rain and thunderstorms.

Other Massachusetts communities also have rescheduled fireworks shows because of the weather.

Ukraine president appoints new defense officials

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's president shook up the leadership of his struggling military on Thursday, appointing a new defense minister and top general tasked with stamping out the corruption that has left the country's armed forces faltering before a pro-Russian insurgency.

President Petro Porosh-

enko denounced the "complete collapse" of the government's ability to supply the armed forces in a sometimes angry speech in parliament.

He won approval for his choice of Valery Heletey as defense minister, replacing Mikhailo Koval. Lt. Gen. Viktor Muzhenko was appointed chief of the mili-

tary's general staff.

"Today the revival of the army is starting from the scratch, the army which is capable of fighting and winning," Poroshenko said in parliament. "I have witnessed that during meetings with soldiers and officers while visiting the zone of anti-terrorist operations — the army which knows how to and is able to defend its people and country."

Kiev has struggled to re-assert control over the country's industrial east, where fighting between government troops and pro-Russia separatists has claimed more than 400 lives since April. The army has been unable to prevent rebels from occasionally cruising the countryside in armored vehicles or to dislodge them from the occupied town of Sloviansk.

Heletey is a former senior Interior Ministry official who headed the government service that protects top officials.

Poroshenko also appointed Yury Kosyuk, an agriculture magnate and one of Ukraine's richest men, to oversee defense issues in the presidential administration, and promised to "purge the army of thieves and grafters." Accusations of corruption have been rife as Kiev's operation against the rebels continues.

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Jesse Thomas

Jesse Thomas, graduate of Balko Highschool in Oklahoma, is the newest technician at Culberson Stowers. He has over 10 years experience in the automotive industry. Jesse and his wife Tiffany (Perryton HS alumni) lived in Houston area for 8

years. They chose to move back to

Pampa, where their heart is. Tiffany works for DPC in Borger. They have a 3 year old son. When asked why he enjoys this line of work he said, "This is what I know. I enjoy working with my hands and the interaction with people. I also have the opportunity to train and that is very enjoyable."

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In last week's column, I shared some stories about the history of the Social Security number. That was a prelude to this week's column. I have been saving up some emails I've received over the past several weeks about SSNs. Here are a few of them.

Q: I saw an online ad that said there were hidden meanings to Social Security numbers and that for \$9.99 they would send me a booklet that explains the "secrets behind the SSN." I almost sent the money, but then remembered your column. Do you have any idea what I would get for the money?

A: I'm not exactly sure what they will send you, but I can tell you it will be the world's shortest booklet! In fact, I will share with you the so-called "hidden meanings" to a Social Security number in the next couple of paragraphs. If you want to send me ten bucks for doing that, I'd appreciate it!

Are you ready for the big secret? The first three numbers — of the nine-

digit SSN — used to be an indication of where you were living when you got your first Social Security card. (I say "used to be" because since 2011, SSNs are just issued randomly.) The other six numbers, both in the past and still today, mean nothing. That's the "hidden meaning." I can't even guess what else would be contained in the \$9.99 booklet.

Now back to those first three numbers. Here is an example of what they can tell you for numbers issued before 2011. My Social Security number starts with the numbers "394." You can check the Social Security Administration website, www.socialsecurity.gov (I did a search under "meaning of SSN") and find out that 394 numbers were issued in Wisconsin. That's it! That's the big secret.

In the past, you used to be able to search just a bit deeper. You were able to learn that "394" numbers

were issued in the state of Wisconsin between the years 1955 and 1962. And it was in those years that I got my first Social Security card. This information was really only helpful to genealogists. For example, if you were doing research on some long lost relatives and had their SSNs, you would have been able to learn which state they were living in when they got their card and in roughly what years they were living there. That obviously isn't really a big genealogical clue, but it is one tiny bit of information to help fill in a family tree.

Alas, I searched SSA's website and could no longer find that more detailed information. The agency has adopted policies they say are to "protect the integrity of the SSN." Issuing the numbers in a totally random fashion (again, since 2011) is part of that new policy.

Q: I am about to turn 62 and plan to apply for Social Security. But I am in a bit of a panic because I can't find my

Social Security card. Will I have to get a replacement before I can file for my retirement benefits?

A: You can replace your lost Social Security card if you want. But you don't need it to apply for Social Security benefits. You obviously need to know what your number is, which I'm sure you do, but you don't need the little paper SSN card.

In fact, come to think of it, I haven't seen my own Social Security card in maybe 30 years or so. I've got a hunch it's buried somewhere in a box in my basement or attic. But I have no desire to look for it. Nor can I think of any reason I would need it. I'm not saying there aren't times when you might need to show someone your Social Security card. But I am saying that I don't expect to encounter any of those situations in the rest of my lifetime.

If you are applying for a job, you often need to show an employer your Social Security card. And sometimes if you are trying to get certain kinds of government benefits, you need to show your card. But most of the time when anyone needs your Social Security number, you

just tell them the number without having to show the card.

To get a replacement card, you can go to www.socialsecurity.gov or visit your nearest Social Security office. And that leads to the next question.

Q: I recently had to go to my local Social Security office to turn in my birth certificate after I applied for retirement benefits online. I was simply shocked by all the young people and children I saw in the waiting room. I thought Social Security was for old people! No wonder the system is going belly up if we are handing out monthly checks to anyone who walks in the door!

A: They are not handing out monthly checks to all those young people you saw. They are handing out Social Security cards. As someone who spent a big chunk of his lifetime working in Social Security offices around the country, I can tell you that probably 80 percent of the people who go to a Social Security office are there to replace a lost or missing Social Security card.

Q: If I have my Medicare card, do I need to have my Social Security card, too?

A: The Medicare card and Social Security card are used for entirely different reasons. And sometimes, your Medicare number and your Social Security number are not the same.

In the answer to the prior question, I discussed when and why the Social Security number and card is used. You usually need your Medicare card when you visit a hospital, doctor, or other medical provider — especially for the first time.

If you are getting Social Security benefits on someone else's Social Security record, then your Medicare number will be different from your Social Security number. For example, if you receive widow's benefits, then your Medicare number is your husband's Social Security number with the letter "D" behind it. "D" is the symbol used to designate widow's benefits. Don't ask me why it's not "W."

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

US seeks more security at some overseas airports

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence officials are concerned that al-Qaida is trying to develop a new and improved bomb that could go undetected through airport security.

There is no indication that such a bomb has been created or that there's a specific threat to the U.S., but the Obama administration on Wednesday called for tighter security measures at foreign airports that have direct flights to the U.S.

American intelligence has picked up indications that bomb makers from Yemen-based al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula have traveled to Syria to link up with the al-Qaida affiliate there, known as the Nusra Front, according to a counterterrorism official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter by name. The enhanced security measures have been in the works for the past month, he said.

Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula long has been fixated on bringing down airplanes with hidden explosives. It was behind failed and thwarted plots involving suicide bombers with explosives designed to be hidden inside underwear and explosives secreted inside printer cartridges shipped on cargo planes.

Over the past year,

Americans and others from the West have traveled to Syria to join the fight against the Syrian government. The fear is that fighters with a U.S. or other Western passport, who therefore are subject to less stringent security screening, could carry such a bomb onto an American plane.

The counterterrorism official declined to describe the bomb. But officials in the past have raised concerns about non-metallic explosives being surgically implanted inside a traveler's body, designed to be undetectable in pat-downs or metal detectors.

The call for increased security was not connected to Iraq or the recent violence there, said a second U.S. counterterrorism official who was not authorized to speak publicly by name. Another U.S. official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the increased security measures had nothing to do with the upcoming July Fourth holiday or any specific threat.

The extra security is out of an "abundance of caution," the U.S. official said.

"People should not overreact to it or over-speculate about what's going on, but there clearly are concerns centered around aviation security that we need to be vigilant about," Homeland Security Secre-

tary Jeh Johnson said late Wednesday on MSNBC.

British airports stepped up security after the reports.

Authorities said in a statement that passengers "should not experience significant disruption" and that there would be no change in the threat level. "The safety and security of the public is our paramount concern. The UK has some of the most robust aviation security measures and we will continue to take all the steps necessary to ensure that public safety is maintained."

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg told ITV that Britain was working with the United States and other countries, "so that where credible new threats are identified a response is then implemented in airports around the world."

"The hope is that the majority of travelers will not be unduly disrupted, but I hope also that people will understand that we have to work together across the

world to deal with people who want to inflict harm," Clegg said.

Meanwhile, the State Department has instructed U.S. Embassy employees in Algeria to avoid U.S.-owned-or-operated hotels through July 4 and the Algerian Independence Day on July 5.

"As of June 2014 an unspecified terrorist group may have been considering attacks in Algiers, possibly in the vicinity of a U.S.-branded hotel," according to the message from the U.S. Embassy in Algeria.

The U.S. shared "recent and relevant" information with foreign allies, Johnson said in a statement Wednesday. "Aviation security includes a number of measures, both seen and unseen, informed by an evolving environment."

It wasn't clear which airports were affected by the extra security measures, but industry data show that more than 250 foreign airports offer non-stop service to the U.S.

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In dry California, water fetching record prices

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Throughout California's desperately dry Central Valley, those with water to spare are cashing in. As a third parched summer forces farmers to fallow fields and lay off workers, two water districts and a pair of landowners in the heart of the state's farmland are making millions of dollars by auctioning off their private caches. Nearly 40 others also are seeking to sell their surplus water this year, according to state and federal records. Economists say it's been decades since the water market has been this hot. In the last five years alone, the price has grown tenfold to as much as \$2,200 an acre-foot — enough to cover a football field with a foot of water. Unlike the previous drought in 2009, the state has been hands-off, letting the market set the price even though severe shortages prompted a statewide drought emergency declaration this year. The price spike comes after repeated calls from scientists that global warming will worsen droughts and increase the cost of maintaining California's

strained water supply systems. Some water economists have called for more regulations to keep aquifers from being depleted and ensure the market is not subject to manipulation such as that seen in the energy crisis of summer 2001, when the state was besieged by rolling blackouts. "If you have a really scarce natural resource that the state's economy depends on, it would be nice to have it run efficiently and transparently," said Richard Howitt, professor emeritus at the University of California, Davis. Private water sales are becoming more common in states that have been hit by drought, including Texas and Colorado. In California, the sellers include those who hold claims on water that date back a century, private firms who are extracting groundwater and landowners who stored water when it was plentiful in underground caverns known as water banks. "This year the market is unbelievable," said Thomas Greci, the general manager of the Madera Ir-

rigation District, which recently made nearly \$7 million from selling about 3,200 acre-feet. "And this is a way to pay our bills." All of the district's water went to farms; the city of Santa Barbara, which has its own water shortages, was outbid. The prices are so high in some rural pockets that water auctions have become a spectacle. One agricultural water district amid the almond orchards and derrick fields northwest of Bakersfield recently announced it would sell off extra water it acquired through a more than century-old right to use flows from the Kern River. Local TV crews and journalists flocked to the district's office in February to watch as manager Maurice Etchechury unveiled bids enclosed in about 50 sealed envelopes before the cameras. "Now everyone's mad at me saying I increased the price of water. I didn't do it, the weather did it," said Etchechury, who manages the Buena Vista Water Storage District, which netted about \$13.5 million from the auction of 12,000


acre-feet of water. Competition for water in California is heightened by the state's geography: The north has the water resources but the biggest water consumers are to the south, including most of the country's produce crops. The amount shipped south through a network of pumps, pipes and aqueducts is limited by the drought and legal restrictions on pumping to save a threatened fish. During the last drought, the state Department of Water Resources ran a drought water bank, which helped broker deals between those who were short of water and those who had plenty. But several environmental groups sued, alleging the state failed to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act in approving the sales, and won. This year, the state is standing aside, saying buyers and sellers have not asked for the state's help. "We think that buyers and sellers can negotiate their own deals better than the state," said Nancy Quan, a supervising engineer with the department.

Quan's department, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the State Water Resources Control Board have tracked at least 38 separate sales this year, but the agencies are not aware of all sales, nor do they keep track of the price of water sold, officials said. The maximum volume that could change hands through the 38 transactions is 730,323 acre-feet, which is about 25 percent of what the State Water Project has delivered to farms and cities in an average year in the last decade. That figure still doesn't include the many private water sales that do not require any use of government-run pipes or canals, including the three chronicled by the AP. It's not clear however how much of this water will be sold via auctions. Some of those in the best position to sell water this year have been able to store their excess supplies in underground banks, a tool widely embraced in the West for making water supplies reliable and marketable. The area surrounding Bakersfield is home to some of the country's largest water banks.

The drought is so severe that aggressive pumping of the banked supplies may cause some wells to run dry by year's end, said Eric Averett, general manager of the Rosedale Rio Bravo District, located next to several of the state's largest underground caches. Farther north in the long, flat Central Valley, others are drilling new wells to sell off groundwater. A water district board in Stanislaus County approved a pilot project this month to buy up to 26,000 acre-feet of groundwater pumped over two years from 14 wells on two landowners' parcels in neighboring Merced County. Since the district is getting no water from the federal government this year, the extra water will let farmers keep their trees alive, said Anthea Hansen, general manager of the arid Del Puerto Water District. Hansen estimated growers would ultimately pay \$775 to \$980 an acre-foot — a total of roughly \$20 million to \$25.5 million. "We have to try to keep them alive," Hansen said. "It's too much loss in the investment and the local economy to not try."

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Hurricane Arthur forms in the Atlantic

RODANTHE, N.C. (AP) — Arthur strengthened to a hurricane early Thursday and threatened to give North Carolina a glancing blow on Independence Day, prompting the governor to warn vacationers along the coast not to risk their safety by trying to salvage their picnics and barbecues. Forecasters expect Arthur to whip past the state's Outer Banks on Friday without making landfall. One local remarked that he was more worried about his tomato plants than storm damage. But North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory warned: "Don't put your stupid hat on." The first named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season prompted a hurricane warning for much of the North Carolina coast and a mandatory evacuation for visitors to the Outer Banks' Hatteras Island as of 5 a.m. Thursday. Residents also were advised to leave the island. A voluntary evacuation was announced for the Outer Banks' Ocracoke Island, accessible only by ferry. The islands are linked by North Carolina Route 12, which has been sliced apart twice in recent years as storms cut temporary channels from the ocean to the sound. Hatteras Island is particularly vulnerable to storm surge and flooding and the road is easily blocked by sand and water. In addition to the hurricane warning, tropical storm warnings were in effect for coastal areas in South Caro-

lina and Virginia. Gary Reinhardt, 63, and his wife Lori, both of Sarasota, Florida, said they planned to exit low-lying Hatteras Island on Thursday morning. So were nearly two dozen other family members from California, Nebraska and Michigan. A long line of cars, trailers and recreational vehicles already formed a steady stream of traffic before sunset Wednesday. "I'm worried about the road. It took way too long to get here," said Gary Reinhardt, adding that the two-and-a-half-hour delay to get on the island came Sunday, when there was no hurricane threatening. Reinhardt worried their departure would take twice as long Thursday. Mike Rabe of Virginia Beach, Virginia, planned to stay in his beach home the entire weekend. He and his wife, Jan, arrived Wednesday at the house they bought two and a half years ago and set to work stowing lawn furniture and anything else that could be tossed about by hurricane winds. He said he was going to spend Thursday helping a friend and longtime resident prep his nearby water sports shop and campground for bad weather. "I'm going to help him prepare and then I'm going to ride it out," said Rabe, 53. Other areas of the Outer Banks were taking a cautious, but still-optimistic approach: No evacuations had been ordered for areas north of Hatteras, including the

popular town of Kill Devil Hills, which was the site of the Wright brothers' first controlled, powered airplane flights in December 1903. Farther north, the annual Boston Pops Fourth of July concert and fireworks show was moved up a day because of potential heavy rain ahead of Hurricane Arthur. Organizers and public safety officials said the celebration was being rescheduled for Thursday, which appeared to be the best of two potential bad weather days. The holiday weekend was not expected to be a complete loss for the estimated quarter-million visitors vacationing on the Outer Banks. Forecasters said the storm would move through quickly with the worst of the weather near Cape Hatteras about dawn Friday. Then it was expected to clear. In the Myrtle Beach area, the heart of South Carolina's \$18 billion tourism industry, Arthur was expected to move by Thursday night, spinning wind gusts from 40 to 50 mph toward the high-rise hotels and condominiums lining the oceanfront. Early Thursday, Arthur was about 340 miles (545 kilometers) southwest of Cape Hatteras and moving north around 9 mph (15 kph) with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph (120 kph). The National Hurricane Center predicted Arthur would swipe the coast early Friday with winds of up to 85 mph. The storm would be off the coast of New England

later Friday and eventually make landfall in Canada's maritime provinces as a tropical storm, the Hurricane Center predicted. "Although the current forecast doesn't indicate this will be a major impact, we are taking it very seriously," McCrory said. "I don't want you to put at risk not only yourself but also people who may try to help you." He signed executive orders declaring a state of emergency for 25 counties and one that waives regulations allowing faster restoration of power and debris removal. Generators, lanterns and flashlights, water and other supplies were snapped up in stores on the Outer Banks on Wednesday. Danny Couch of Buxton, who owns and operates a company that offers bus tours of Hatteras and Ocracoke islands, said local businesses have a narrow window to make their money each year. "We've got that 15-week stretch between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and every week counts. ... The local business community holds its breath as Labor Day approaches but now we're holding our breath for July 4th," he said. "These stumbling blocks come up in front of us that have to be surmounted." But Bill Motley, who works at Ace Hardware in Nags Head and has lived on the Outer Banks for 13 years was not too concerned about storm damage.

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Feds booed in California after migrant standoff

MURRIETA, Calif. (AP) — An overflow crowd in a Southern California community where protesters turned back Homeland Security busloads of immigrants gave a harsh reception to federal officials behind the decision to bring them to their city in the first place.

Local politicians calling for secure borders proved far more popular with the crowd Wednesday night in Murrieta.

“Send them back! Send the back!” the special-meeting crowd chanted, shouting down Chief Border Patrol Agent Paul Beeson after he took responsibility for transferring the Central American children and families to Murrieta from Texas, where the numbers are too much for facilities to handle.

On Tuesday, the buses were rerouted an hour south to San Diego after they were met with flag-waving

protesters in Murrieta.

The Wednesday night crowd, gathered at a high school auditorium that seats 750 in the desert city of 100,000 people, groaned when Beeson said four of the immigrants had to be hospitalized, two with scabies and two with fevers.

And Beeson conceded that he did not know where Tuesday’s immigrants nor several more waves slated to arrive from Texas in coming days will end up.

“We will make decisions when they arrive where it makes the most sense to put them,” he said.

The federal government is working to deal with a flood of Central American children and families fleeing to the United States.

More than 52,000 unaccompanied children have been detained after crossing the Texas-Mexico border since October in what President Barack Obama has called a humanitarian

crisis. Many are under the impression that they will receive leniency from U.S. authorities.

Murrieta Mayor Alan Long, who urged locals to oppose the immigrant transfer plan before it began, said the city will track any spending it does over the issue and send a “big fat bill” to Washington.

“Change needs to occur at the federal level in many ways,” he said to a loud ovation.

Riverside County Supervisor Jeff Stone, was wildly cheered after calling for secure borders and denouncing what he called the “exploitation” by the federal government of the traumatized women and children immigrants.

Another group of roughly 140 immigrants arrived from Texas for processing on Wednesday, but they were sent to El Centro more than 140 miles away and were met without incident.

DPS Urges Drivers to Move Over, Slow Down for Emergency Vehicles

AMARILLO — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will place special enforcement emphasis on the Move Over/Slow Down law, that requires drivers to move over or slow down for emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated.

DPS troopers will be stopping violators who

fail to obey the Move Over/Slow Down law. The law states that a driver must either vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle (if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction) or slow down 20 miles per hour below the speed limit.

The emergency vehicles protected by the law include police, fire, EMS,

TXDOT and tow truck vehicles. Violation of this law could result in fines up to \$200. The punishment could be more severe if there is property damage or injury.

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The Point After

USA is out of the World Cup. What now?

I have written several columns about soccer lately, and I will go ahead and wrap it up today.

The USA's World Cup chase came to an end Tuesday night, despite Tim Howard's World Cup record 16 saves in a 2-1 extra time loss to Belgium. We have reasons to be optimistic about the future. For the first time in US soccer history, the USA made it to the knockout round in consecutive World Cups.

Support has skyrocketed for soccer in the USA as well. Bars and stadiums were packed during games, and Americans bought more World Cup tickets than anyone else aside from the hosting Brazilians.

There are several individual players to get excited about. 19-year-old Julian Green scored the USA's goal against Belgium. 20-year-old defender DeAndre Yedlin also looked good against Belgium and has speed that kills. 21-year-old John Brooks scored the game-winner versus Ghana.

If you enjoyed the World Cup, you don't have to wait another four years to keep supporting Team USA. The Americans will be back on the field on Sept. 3 in a friendly versus the Czech Republic.

Competitively, the next big tournament is the U-20 World Cup, which will be held from May 30 to June 20. The tournament is for players ages 20 and younger. You will be able to get a look at some of the USA's future players.

The Women's World Cup will be held from June 6 through July 5. The USA

should come in as the favorite, but haven't won the World Cup since 1999. They lost in the championship game to Japan in the last World Cup. The USA women's soccer team has won the last two Olympic titles.

The US men's national team will be looking to defend their Gold Cup title. The Gold Cup determines the best team in North America, and will be held from July 7 to 26. Mexico and the USA have combined for 11 of the 12 Gold Cup titles. The USA may not field their best team, but there should still be a lot of talent on the team.

Something else to get excited about is the 2016 Copa America, which will be held in the USA. It will include teams from both North and South America. Also that summer is the Olympics, which both the men's and women's teams will compete in. World Cup qualification will also begin during the summer of 2016 and will continue through early 2018.

There is also club soccer that you can enjoy. The English Premier League will begin its season Aug. 16, and features some of the best players in the world. If you want a team to pull for, I suggest Everton. The team is anchored by American goalkeeper Tim Howard. Major League Soccer is also in full swing. Many of the members of the USA national team play in the MLS.

So there are some tips to continue your soccer enjoyment in the future. However, if soccer is not your thing, we are only 54 days from college and high school football season.

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FORREST GRIMES

Ex-Olympian Zamperini dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Louis Zamperini, an Olympic distance runner and World War II veteran who survived 47 days on a raft in the Pacific after his bomber crashed, then endured two years in Japanese prison camps, has died. He was 97.

Zamperini's death was confirmed by Universal Pictures studio spokesman Michael Moses. A family statement released early Thursday said Zamperini had been suffering from pneumonia.

Zamperini is the subject of Laura Hillenbrand's best-selling book "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption," which is being made into a movie directed by Angelina Jolie and is scheduled for a December release by Universal.

"After a 40-day long battle for his life, he peacefully passed away in the presence of his entire family, leaving behind a legacy that has touched so many lives," the family statement said. "His indomitable courage and fighting spirit were never more apparent than in these last days."

"It is a loss impossible to describe," Jolie said in a statement. "We are all so grateful for how enriched our lives are for having known him. We will miss him terribly."

A high school and University of Southern California track star, Zamperini competed in the 5,000-meter run at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. He finished eighth but caught attention by running the final lap in 56 seconds.

In World War II, he was a bombardier on a U.S. Army Air Forces

bomber that crashed in the Pacific Ocean during a reconnaissance mission. He and one of the other surviving crew members drifted for 47 days on a raft in shark-infested waters before being captured by Japanese forces. He spent more than two years as a prisoner of war, surviving torture.

In May, Zamperini was named grand marshal of the 2015 Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, which next New Year's Day will feature the theme "Inspiring Stories."

In accepting the honor, Zamperini, wearing a USC cap, recalled that Hillenbrand, in researching the book, asked to interview his friends from college and the Army.

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Seattle Mariners at Chicago White Sox...WGN 1 p.m.
Arizona D-Backs at Atlanta Braves.....FS1 3 p.m.
Blue Jays/A's or Astros/Angels.....MLBN 9 p.m.

Tennis

Wimbledon.....ESPN 8 a.m.

Golf

Open de France.....GOLF 7 a.m.
Greenbriar Classic.....GOLF 12 p.m.
Greenbriar Classic.....CBS 2 p.m.
Nova Scotia Open.....GOLF 2 p.m.

Cycling

Tour de France.....NBCSN 5 a.m.

World Cup Soccer

Argentina vs. Belgium.....ABC 10:30 a.m.
Netherlands vs. Costa Rica.....ESPN 2:30 p.m.

Canadian Football

Saskatchewan at Toronto.....ESPN2 2 p.m.

Auto Racing

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Bouchard, 2011 champ Kvitova reach final

LONDON (AP) — Eugénie Bouchard defeated French Open runner-up Simona Halep 7-6 (5), 6-2 Thursday to become the first Canadian to advance

match point and will play 2011 Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova, who beat fellow Czech left-hander Lucie Safarova 7-6 (6), 6-1.

No. 7 — the highest ranking for a Canadian woman — by reaching Saturday's final and would go to No. 6 by winning the championship. Bouchard would also be the youngest Grand Slam champion since 19-year-old Maria Sharapova won the 2006 U.S. Open.

"I've put in a lot of hard work and it's been kind of years in the making to me," Bouchard said. "So I believe in myself and I expect good results. I've had a good start to the season, but I expect myself to do even better than that."

In a semifinal that was delayed twice in the first set — first by a left ankle injury to Halep, and then when a woman spectator fell ill during the tiebreaker — Halep double-faulted on break point in the second set and then was broken again by Bouchard to give the Canadian a 4-1 lead.

No. 3-seeded Halep, who saved three match points in the seventh game and two more in the final game, appeared to be increasingly affected by her ankle injury and looked down at her feet several times after hitting shots.

"It was difficult to continue ... I felt a big pain in the moment, but then was better with the tape," Halep said. "But, still, I

couldn't push anymore with my leg. My first serve was really bad after that."

On Bouchard's first match point, Halep hit an ace, but Bouchard did not appear ready to receive, and she went to speak with chair umpire Kader Nouni. But the point stood and Bouchard failed to clinch the match.

"When Simona tossed I heard someone scream in the crowd," Bouchard said. "It had happened a few times already. This time I didn't feel prepared to return, so I put my hand up. I felt like we should have replayed the point, but he said, no, it was her point. Just happy I kept my focus and didn't get distracted."

The tiebreaker was delayed briefly when the female spectator became ill. With Halep leading 3-2, Nouni jumped from his chair to alert security officials to the woman's illness and told both players to go to their sideline chairs.

Temperatures on Centre Court were 77 F (25 C) under sunny skies.

Following a delay of four minutes and after the woman was escorted from Centre Court by medical staff, the tiebreaker resumed. The woman returned to her seat later in the match after treatment.



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UCI to work Tour

AIGLE, Switzerland (AP) — The International Cycling Union will again work with the French anti-doping agency to test riders on the Tour de France.

UCI President Brian Cookson says in a statement, "this partnership demonstrates that all anti-doping organizations can join forces to ensure the reputation of cycling."

Several measures have been put in place "to ensure the maximum efficiency of the control system" including the blood testing of all the cyclists shortly before the start in Leeds, England, on Saturday.

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Auto Racing
Formula One: British Grand Prix.....CNBC 6:30 a.m.
IndyCar Series in Lond Pond, Pa.....NBCSN 11 a.m.

Tennis
Wimbledon.....ESPN 8 a.m.

Golf
Open de France.....GOLF 6:30 a.m.
Greenbriar Classic.....GOLF 12 p.m.
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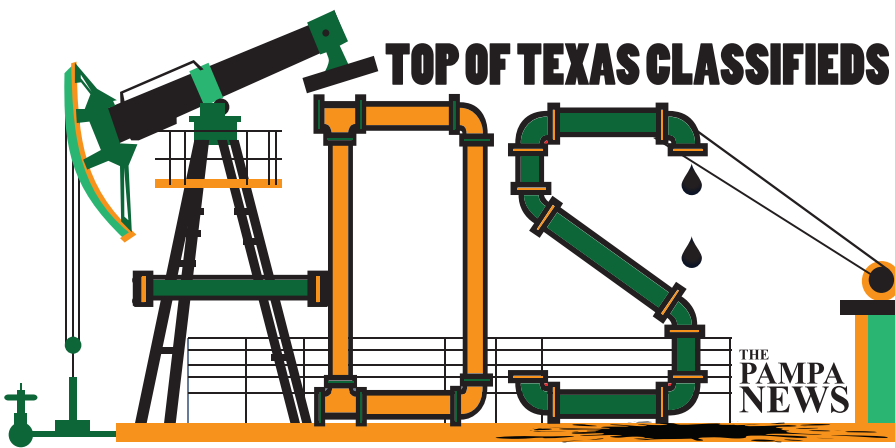
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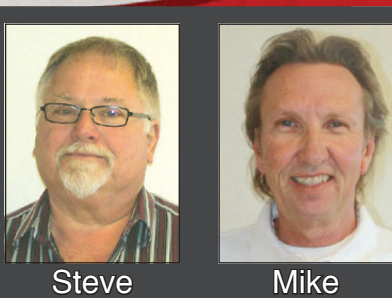
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Pump & Engine Mechanic (Millwright/Machinist) □ Borger Refinery (Job Requisition #00RID)

Company Overview:

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Description:

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

Responsibilities may include:

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

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

Relocation not available for this position.

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

- **Analysis:** Analyzes problems, situations and circumstances and understands their impact on and risks for the business. Integrates information, guidelines and requirements from different sources to evaluate alternatives and make effective decisions. Draws optimal conclusions from financial, business, quantitative and qualitative information in a timely manner.
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Basic/Required:

- Legally authorized to work in the United States
- 2 years or more experience working with pumps, compressors or engines as a Pump and Engine Mechanic, Machinist, or Compressor Mechanic; **OR** an Associate's Degree in Industrial Machinery Maintenance; **OR** a certificate of completion from an accredited Pump and Engine Mechanic program
- Must be at least 18 years of age
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 - To work with petroleum products that are under high pressure and heat
 - To read technical procedures and materials in English
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Preferred:

- Hold a certificate of completion from an accredited Pump and Engine Mechanic program or have relevant military experience
- 1 or more years of direct experience working in a refinery and/or chemical industry
- 2 or more years of recent continuous full-time work experience
- Past experience with SAP's Maintenance Module or other ERP Maintenance modules
- Good oral and written communication skills pertaining to documenting inspection and repair information

All application must be submitted electronically at www.phillips66.com, click on Careers then choose US Experienced Careers. You can □Search□by city and state (Borger, Texas) or job title (Pump & Engine Mechanic □Borger Refinery) or job requisition number (00RID). In order to be considered for this position you must complete the entire application process, which includes answering all prescreening questions and providing your eSignature on or before the requisition closing date of **July 14, 2014**. To seek computer help with the on-line application process visit your area Workforce Solution office.

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Welder □ Borger Refinery (Job Requisition #00IRF)

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Relocation is not available for this position.

Basic/Required Qualifications

- Legally authorized to work in the United States
- Must have one of the following: High school diploma or GED equivalent and Code Certified with a minimum of 2 years of experience as a Welder; **OR** a certificate of completion from an accredited Welding program
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- Must have a valid driver's license
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1929 Lea St	\$225,000	4/2.5/2 2556SF/GCAD
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11953 McCullough	\$175,000	3/2/2 1344SF/GCAD +/- 21.3 acres
2419 Cherokee Dr Pending	\$170,000	3/2/2 2216SF/GCAD
1607 Pecan Av, Panhandle Pending	\$160,000	3/1.75/2 2021SF/CCAD
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2231 Beech Ln	\$135,000	3/2/2 1748SF/GCAD
1610 Pecan Av, Panhandle Pending	\$133,900	3/1.75/2 1777SF/CCAD
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1701 Coffee St	\$88,500	1/3/0 2032SF/GCAD
1527 N Sumner St	\$72,500	3/1.75/2 1028SF/GCAD
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532 Red Deer St	\$65,000	3/1.75/3 1846SF/GCAD
1510 Williston St	\$60,000	4/1/1 1404SF/GCAD
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1117 Garland St New Listing	\$53,800	3/1/1 1370SF/GCAD
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420 Grove, McLean	\$38,000	3/1/1 1077SF/GCAD
1313 N Christine St Pending	\$33,700	4/2/1 1711SF/GCAD
1912 N Banks St Pending	\$33,000	3/1/1 961SF/GCAD

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30th & Charles St	\$1,400,000	45.9 acres land N of Walmart
30th & Charles St	\$653,400	5 acres in city limits- \$3 sqft
Fm 14 Rd, Lefors	\$530,000	530 acres w/water well
916 N Crest	\$397,000	Office Building
854 S Hobart/900 Wilks St	\$150,000	4 lLots + 10' on north
523 W Foster Av	\$105,000	7,598SF/GCAD
1701 Coffee St	\$88,500	Church
Chaumont	\$60,000	Residential Lots
Chaumont	\$50,000	Residential Lots
Chaumont	\$40,000	Residential Lots
538 S Cuyler St	\$35,000	Business Building
Chateau-Rue Dr	\$35,000	Residential Lot
107 Main St, Miami	\$28,500	Office Building
Lynn St	\$11,500	Residential Lot
Lynn St	\$10,500	Residential Lot
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The City of Pampa, Texas will receive sealed bids for the following until 11:00 a.m., July 21, 2014, at which time they will be opened and read publicly in the City Commission Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 200 W. Foster Ave., Pampa, Texas:
ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) FOR WATER
Specifications may be obtained from the City Engineering Office (Second Floor, City Hall, Jildardo, Arias, 806-669-5750). Tax-Exemption Certificates shall be furnished upon request.
Bids may be hand delivered to the Office of the City Secretary, Room 205, City Hall, Pampa, Texas, delivered via courier to the Office of the City Secretary, 200 W. Foster, Room 205, Pampa, Texas 79065, or mailed to P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Texas 79066-2499. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) FOR WATER BID ENCLOSED, Bid No. 14.02.C" and shall reflect the date and time of bid opening.
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The City Commission will consider bids for award at the July 22, 2014 City Commission Meeting.
/s/ Karen Price
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G-21 July 5, 12, 2014

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5 LOTS ON BANKS		\$75,000
1101 HARVESTER	2/2/1 1479 SQFT.	PENDING
1101 SIERRA	3/1/2 1118 SQFT.	\$77,000
710 DOUCETTE/WD	4/1.75/0 1464 SQFT.	\$82,000
1715 BEECH	2/2/1 1986 SQFT.	\$93,000
1309 WILLISTON	3/1.75/0 1682 SQFT.	PENDING
2319 NAVAJO	3/1.75/2 1898 SQFT.	\$100,000
321 FROST & 309 BROWNING	2750 SQFT.	\$ 99,000
2113 LYNN	4/1.75/2 2007 SQFT.	\$114,500
1932 ZIMMERS	3/1.75/2 2150 SQFT.	\$125,000
134 GREENBELT	3/1.75/0 1497 SQFT.	\$145,000
1916 HOLLY	4/2/2 1848 SQFT.	\$149,900
1237 CHRISTINE	4/2.75/2 2872 SQFT.	\$135,000
1821 HOLLY LN.	3/2.5/2 1840 SQFT.	\$152,500
1020 RUSSELL	4/2/2 2456 SQFT.	\$195,000
132,133GREENBELT	7/5/0 3118 SQFT.	\$233,000
2236 DUNCAN	4/3/2 2778 SQFT.	\$235,000
2101 CHESTNUT	4/2.75/2 3039 SQFT.	\$240,000
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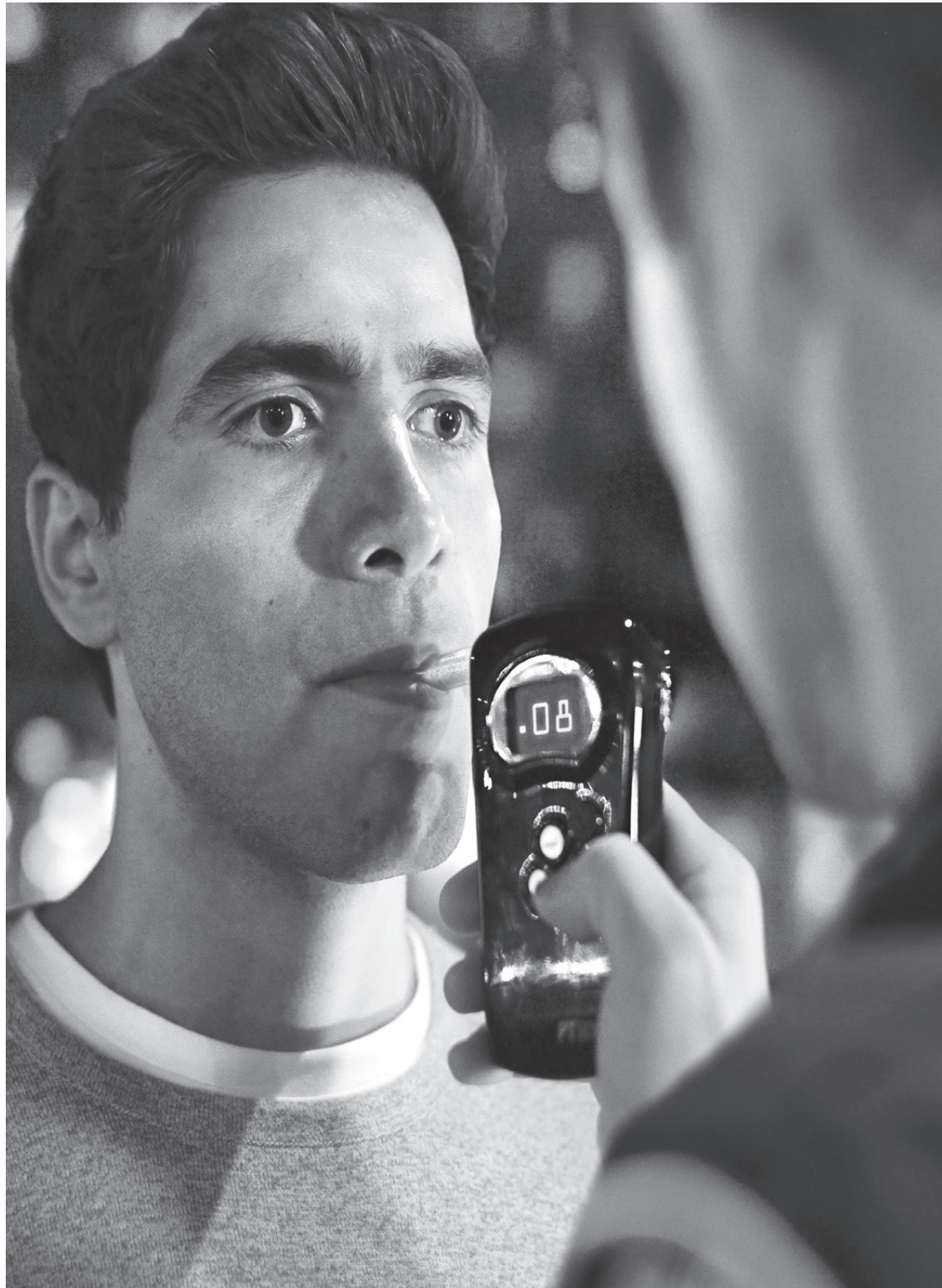
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My friend's husband has been writing a novel for several years. He just self-published it, and it's available on Amazon. He gave me a copy, asked me to read it and enter a great review on the Amazon page. The problem is the book is filled with misused and misspelled words, and there is missing punctuation. He even switched the names of two characters. (His wife, who is a "perfectionist," was his editor.)

Aside from the fact that I don't want to finish the book, I know he or my friend will ask me how I liked it. I don't want to lie because I'm afraid if someone else brings these things to their attention, they'll know I didn't read it or think I should have told

them. I know they will be embarrassed if I bring it to their attention.

Frankly, I think it's too late to say anything negative because the book has already been printed. I also don't want to cause hurt feelings because I know how long he worked on this project and he's proud of it. How do I handle this? — READER IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR READER: He's a friend, right? And you're only a reader, not a literary critic whose credibility will suffer if you don't point out every flaw. Find SOMETHING you liked about the book and mention that on the Amazon page. You could call it a "page turner" because you had to turn from Page 1 to Page 2,

didn't you?

In a case like this, less is more. And remember, you're doing this in the capacity of being a friend, not an English teacher.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend whose son was involved in a shooting which ended in a death in her house. Should I send food, flowers and a nice note in the mail or stand back and not intrude? I sent a text asking if she was OK and if I could do anything for her family, but I don't know what else to do. We are more than acquaintances but less than great friends. — UNSURE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR UNSURE: If the funeral has been held, your friend does not need flowers. At a time like this, she could use some moral support. Call her and tell her you would like to bring some food over and ask what she may need. Then bring it to her, and be ready

to listen if she wants to talk. Your presence and your caring will be meaningful, because when a tragedy like this happens, people don't know what to say, which isolates the person who is grieving.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

7-7 CRYPTOQUOTE

M G I A O X O N E X D Z M K Q Q N G
X Z D V A P J Q A X Z A , X O N I A O
X O N N G F Z Z V G S Q N B A Q X R
X O N F A D S Z A N D G D V A K N A X .

— B G T A B D X . V A K O Q A K O
Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE ONLY ANGELS IN LOS ANGELES ARE IN HEAVEN, AND THEY'RE LOOKING DOWN ON THE DODGERS. — TOMMY LASORDA

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. Reuse the tiles in the bunch for each grid.

LEVEL

A C E G G I I J
L M O S U U V

U
I O
U
O I U
E U

Yesterday's Answer: WINDOW, TRAY; PICTURE, SCREEN; DOORWAY, DESK; NOTEBOOK, FRIDGE 7.5

BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the word groups below, 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, one path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

LEVEL

T Y P E P U L P
L O C O F O A M

Yesterday's Answer: WAVEABLE, MANAGER, ORGANISM 7.7

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Perfect places
1 Volume setting
6 Irene of film
11 Deference
12 News item
13 Texas player
14 Cheese chunk
15 Accent
17 Swiss peak
18 Ball point?
19 Vigorous fights
22 Pub offering
23 Boutique buy
24 Approach for a loan
25 Himalayan kingdom
27 Boar's mate
30 Feign
31 Pitcher's stat
32 King, in Latin
33 Humbled
35 Personal concern
38 Pol's concern
39 Draw out
40 Indonesian island
41 Squelched

DOWN 1 California peak
2 Low-cost inn
3 Menu choice
4 Folk tales
5 Winter worry
6 Chapel seat
7 Hail, to Caesar
8 Piano parts
9 "Life of Pi" director
10 Flight units
16 Yellow raisin
20 News quote
21 Dine late
24 Crude abode
25 Starr of the comics
26 Bolt partner
27 Bagel choice
28 Salem's state
29 Big boots
30 Is a snoop
34 In the heart of
36 Green prefix
37 Stimp's pal

Yesterday's answer

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39						40			
41						42			

7-5

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 1 Boise's state
6 Sailors, informally
11 Kick back
12 Verdi creation
13 Hogs
14 Surprise win
15 Fabric worker
17 Glimpse
18 Sun-bather's slang for a tenement roof
22 Jai —
23 Farm machine
27 TV's "Uncle Miltie"
29 Sleeper's sound
30 Aquanaut's base
32 Murder
33 Tripped
35 Buddy
38 Creative germ
39 Straighten
41 Garlic unit
45 Heavyset
46 "— de Lune"
47 Scout's rider
48 Fall flower

DOWN 1 Tax agcy.
2 Grass droplets
3 Boxing great
4 Fliers
5 Daisy variety
6 Research references
7 Phone download
8 Reduced amount
9 Grove growth
10 Fill up
16 Pencil holder, at times
18 Bar bills
19 Out of the wind
20 — avis
21 Hard rubber spheres
24 Swimming spot
25 Buffalo's lake
26 Tear asunder
28 Corrode
31 Unopened rose
34 Pilgrimage site
35 Yester-year
36 Singing voice
37 Serengeti cat
40 Stomach bit
42 Granola
43 Compete
44 Mess up

Saturday's answer

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7-7



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211 Cherry St, Skellytown
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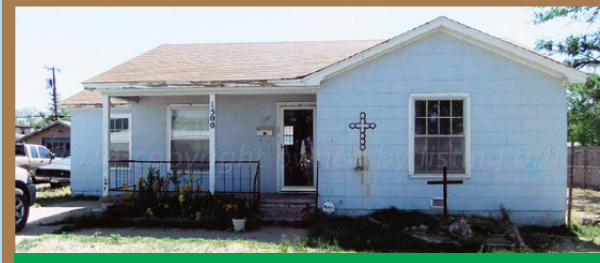
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111 E 7th St, Lefors
MLS #14-9990 2 bed - 1 bath - 1320 sqft



710 N Main, McLean
MLS #12-9415 3 bed - 2 bath - 1610 sqft



1500 Coffee St, Pampa
MLS #14-10052 3 bed - 1 bath - 1409 sqft



804 N Wells St, Pampa
MLS #14-10016 3 bed - 1 bath - 1084 sqft



310 N West St, Pampa
MLS #14-10081 4 bed - 1.75 bath - 1917 sqft



1535 N Russell St, Pampa
MLS #13-9952 2 bed - 1 bath - 1624 sqft



#31 4800 LL, Greenbelt
MLS #12-9608 2 bed - 1.75 bath - 1618 sqft



1818 N Evergreen, Pampa
MLS #14-10004 3 bed - 2 bath - 122 sqft



2015 N Russell St, Pampa
MLS #14-9982 3 bed - 1.75 bath - 1594 sqft



513 N Powell St, Pampa
MLS #13-9870 3 bed - 1.75 bath - 1917 sqft



2207 N Chestnut, Pampa
MLS #14-10074 3 bed - 1.75 bath - 2072 sqft



1114 Mary Ellen, Pampa
MLS #14-10083 4 bed - 1.75 bath - 2768 sqft



305-311 East 2nd St, Lefors
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441 W Brown St, Pampa
MLS #12-9327 1 bath - 24,075 sqft



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MLS #13-9847 1 bath - 1584 sqft



203 S Main St, White Deer
MLS #12-9561 1 bath - 1,260 sqft



612 S Gray St, Pampa
MLS #13-9950 2 bath - 39,150 sqft



119 & 121 S Starkweather
MLS #14-9994 1 bath - 2268 sqft



2505 N Perryton, Pampa
MLS #14-10097 25,270 sqft



1600 W Kentucky, Pampa
MLS #14-10055 120,000 sqft



520 W Tascosa St, Miami
MLS #14-10098 2 bed - 1 bath - 1,256 sqft

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8601 W Cemetery
MLS #14-10017 Acreage
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MLS #14-10019 Commercial Lots
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