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Duties of the Gray County Appraisal District

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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Are you a home or landowner and frequently find yourself wondering about where on earth the appraisal value for your property comes from?

The Gray County Appraisal District, located at 815 N. Sumner, is in charge of setting the appraisal values on these properties.

Tyson Paronto is the chief appraiser at GCAD, and he says there are several misconceptions when it comes to what appraisers actually do.

He added that he believes this is due to a misunderstanding of what goes into setting appraisal values. For instance, many people do not realize that the appraisal district is not a stand-alone agency.

Paronto said GCAD actually works for and is funded by 15 different jurisdictions including Gray County, several school districts and cities in the area, the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District #3 and Clarendon College.

He said that another common misconception that people have about the appraisal district is that they raise appraisal values solely to get the taxing jurisdictions more income. He clarified that GCAD has no



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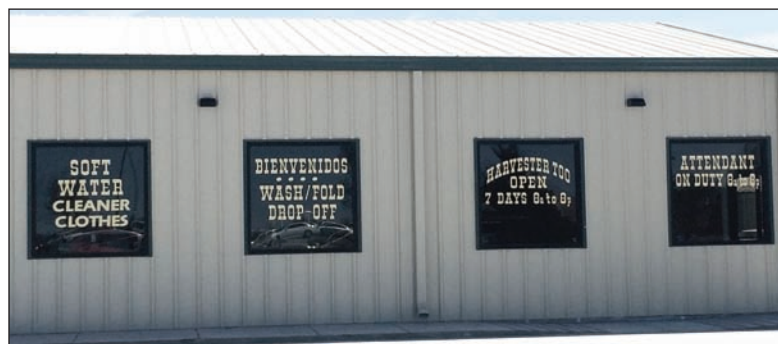
The Gray County Appraisal District is located at 815 N. Sumner. Anyone with questions on appraisal values and how they work is welcome to stop by during regular business hours to speak with an appraiser.

control over how much money the taxing jurisdictions receive because they themselves have state requirements they need to meet to be in compliance with state laws. He

stressed the fact that he and his appraisers set values based on market values and not

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Harvester Too expected to open late this month



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Since the end of 2014 through the new year, there has been some construction going on the east end of the Walmart parking lot that has triggered many community members' curiosity.

John Locke, owner of Harvester Cleaners is proud to announce the new building at this location is a new branch of his business. Harvester Too will be a laundromat open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

After looking into the demographics in 2013 and seeing that one laundromat is fit to serve a town with a population of about 8,000 to

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County Commission to meet Wednesday

STAFF REPORT

The Gray County Commissioners' Court will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 15 in the second floor court room of the Gray County Courthouse, located at 205 N. Russell.

The commissioners will discuss and consider taking action on the following agenda items:

- Pay bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor.
- Consider Treasurer's report.
- Consider County Clerk's report.
- Consider Budget Amendments.
- Consider Road Crossing request on County Road 3.
- Consider Road Crossing request on County Road 4.
- Consider Road Crossing re-

quest on County Road 5.

- Consider Road Crossing request on County Road 6.
- Consider Road Crossing request on County Road 9.
- Consider Road Crossing request on County Road I.
- Consider Road Crossing request on County Road J.
- Consider request to install two 10' signs on County Road 3.
- Consider setting speed limit on County Road 3.
- Consider transfer of Perry Lefors Airport Hangar Lease Lot 28 to Jerry Carlson.
- Consider transfer of Perry Lefors Airport Hangar Lease Lot 41 to Bill Robben.
- Consider burn ban.
- Recognize Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 continuing education.

PAMPA ISD HOLDS "READ INDEED"



Submitted photos

Wednesday afternoon Pampa ISD held a free event called Read Indeed. From 4 to 5:30 p.m. parents and children gathered at the administration building for snacks, refreshments and, of course, reading. They were read Dr. Seuss' "Wacky Wednesday" at the Seuss-themed event. Read Indeed was for children ages pre-k through fifth grade. At the event, they made "Cat in the Hat" hats and did other crafts as well. Parents were given fliers with reading apps for kids, and there were also goody bags with books and a door prize given away. Turn to page 15A for more photos from the event.

Benefit set up for Beverly and Keith Taylor

STAFF REPORT



A benefit will be held on Saturday, May 2, for Beverly and Keith Taylor. Keith has been battling liver cancer since October of 2013 and has been receiving treatments through the Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Keith was eligible for a liver transplant but as of his last appoint-

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Today: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:17 a.m.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Windy, with a south wind 20 to 30 mph. Sunset at 8:14 p.m.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:16 a.m.

Sunday night: A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Sunset at 8:14 p.m.

Monday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 62. East northeast wind around 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:15 a.m.

Monday night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Sunset at 8:15 p.m.

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GCAD

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based on the needs of the tax offices.

The two main job responsibilities for an appraiser are to determine the market value of taxable property and working on the administration and spacial valuations authorized by the local entities and the State of Texas. They also help property owners file appropriate exemptions and work with them on reaching an agreeable appraisal value that is still within the state re-

quirements.

Paronto said the biggest challenge when it comes to his line of work is keeping the public educated on exactly what it is that appraisers do and how these values are set.

He said throughout the year, the appraisers work on gathering data and analyzing that data to better their abilities to set an appropriate appraisal value.

There is no set typical day for an appraiser. With so many responsibilities, they could be out in the field one day collecting data, establishing values from collected data another day or helping a prop-

erty owner or taxpayer file an exemption or reach an agreement on an appraisal value.

So just where do these appraisal value numbers come from? Paronto said that he and his staff look at comparable sales for the areas in which the properties they are appraising are located. They are required by law to not appraise more or less than a five percent difference from the market value of the property. Essentially, when real estate prices for properties go up, so does the appraisal value. These numbers are all market-driven, meaning they can also go down if the trend in the market heads that way.

Properties must be reappraised every one to three years.

Paronto also said the biggest reward in his line of work comes when the annual report that is turned into the state comes back

clean, meaning that they are operating GCAD in compliance with the law, and the state validates that the appraised values are appropriate for the properties and up to the standard.

He and his staff work diligently to stay educated in their field of work as well. Each appraiser is registered and has a Professional Appraiser's License from TDLR. They then need certification hours per a two-year period.

Those interested in learning more about the whys and hows of appraisal values are encouraged to stop by the Gray County Appraisal district between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to speak with a staff member to clear up any potential misunderstandings and gain general knowledge about the field. The phone number for GCAD is 806-665-0791.

CITY BRIEFS

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Laundry

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10,000 people, he said he felt there was a need for another one in the area since Pampa's population is pushing 20,000.

After thinking more about going through with the opening of a new laundromat, construction on the business began in December of 2014.

After eight months of planning and a year and a half total spent on the project, Locke is proud to announce that Harvester Too is expected to open by the end of this month.

This will be a full-service laundromat, meaning that those who do not wish to wait around for their laundry are able to drop it off, and one of the employees working will take care of it. Locke believes this will be

a popular service for those who may not have the time needed to stick around and wait on their laundry.

Locke is also optimistic about the location of his business, since it's nearby the hotels on the north side of town, where many of the town's oilfield workers stay while they're here.

Another unique aspect of Harvester Too is that the machines accept not only quarters, but also debit and credit cards for those who may not have the amount of change needed to operate the machines handy.

The laundromat will have 24 extractors/washers and 20 dryers available for use. Locke expects to have three to four employees on staff to maintain this new business.

Harvester Too is located at 2812 Charles St. on the east end of the Walmart parking lot. For more information on the laundromat, call Harvester Cleaners at 806-665-2222.



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OBITUARIES

Andy Stephens

Andy Stephens died April 1, 2015. He left this planet a happy man – with a great four-generation family, a new grandson and the love of family and a multitude of friends. He is survived by his sons, Casey Stephens of Dallas, Beau Stephens of Houston, Aaron Stephens and wife, Lindsay Sutton-Stephens and grandson, Sutton, all of Salida, Colo. Andy is also survived by his sister, Jackie Stephens of Pampa and brother, Cliff Stephens of Raleigh, N.C. Andy's Uncle, Terry Stephens of Oklahoma City still supplies the family with great stories of our heritage.

Andy also had a much-loved stepdaughter, Aubrey Kollatschny and her husband Aubrey and their children Payton, Juliet, Bryce and Emily.

Andy was born Aug. 26, 1954, in Pampa, the second child of Billy J. and Tillie Stephens, both of whom are passed. He lived in Pampa, where he began a lifetime in Scouting through his personal attainment of Scouting's highest earned award, Eagle. Upon graduation, he moved to Dallas, where he graduated from Elkins Institute with a concentration in drafting; after which he returned to Pampa to live and work, eventually joining Conoco-Phillips, where he worked for the balance of his career.

In Pampa, he met and married Linda West and raised three sons, Casey, Beau and Aaron. The family moved to Fritch, where they remained. In Fritch, Andy continued his career with ConocoPhillips and also became

a Soccer Coach for his kids and Scout Master for the BSA with Troop 548. With the troop, Andy oversaw the attainment of Eagle Scout by his sons as well as nearly 20 other young men. Andy's contribution to scouting was capped in 1992 by the honor of receiving Scouting's highest award, the Silver Beaver, an honorary award bestowed by his peers in observance of his lifetime contribution to Boy Scouting. Andy was also active in the Masonic Lodge, where he served as Master of the Fritch lodge.

Upon retirement in 2012, he moved to Canon City, Colo., where he settled close to friends and family and pursued his passion for motorcycling, while continuing his public service, joining the Florence Eagle Aerie (FOE 169). He became President of the Eagle Riders and served as liaison to the lodge's Cub Scout Troop, BSA Pack 142. He was surrounded by many friends and loved ones, spending his final days with his beloved partner, Diane Hamilton-Nowak.

In lieu of flowers, please consider one of the following organizations:

- Boy Scouts of America
 - Scouting.org / Donate / Troop 548 / in Andy's honor
 - Florence Eagles FOE 169 / Andy Stephens / Help Us Build Our Nest Fund
 - Andy J Stephens Help Us Build Our Nest Fund
- Arrangements are under the care of Funeral & Cremation Care of Colorado. Online condolences at www.holtfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Charles Wayne "Chuck" Bailey

Charles Wayne "Chuck" Bailey, 53, died April 9, 2015, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April

13, 2015, at Trinity Fellowship, with Pastor Andrew Williams of Trinity Fellowship officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bailey was born April 7, 1962, in Tulsa, Okla. He graduated from Inola High School in 1980 and was an avid motorcycleist. He was a former owner of Bailey's Route 66 Auto Body in Claremore, Okla., and worked in the oilfield with Gateway Pipeline before moving to Pampa in 2007. He married Donna Calcote in 2007. Chuck was a corrections officer for the Jordan Unit and was a member of Trinity Fellowship.

Chuck was preceded in death by a sister, Cindy Bailey in 2005; and his father, Howard Bailey in 2011.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Bailey of the home; a daughter, Brandi Bailey of Bixby, Okla.; two stepdaughters, Amanda Willey and husband Blake of Lawton, Okla. and Nancy Eblin of Pampa; his mother, Loretta Bailey of Prague, Okla.; three brothers, Jack Bailey of Tulsa, Okla., Rick Bailey and Ron Bailey and wife Kiley, all of Prague, Okla.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Raymond and Peggy Muncrief of Skellytown; four grandchildren, Keely Roman of Bixby, Okla., Demetri Willey of Lawton, Okla., Kaylee Eblin and Chris "Jr" Harkins, both of Pampa; many nieces and nephews and his three dogs, Moses, Gizmo and Mindy.

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



Andy Stephens



Charles Wayne Bailey

FOR the RECORD

Borger man arrested for assault

STAFF REPORT

Justin Cody Hazelwood, 47, Borger, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Depart-

ment for assault to cause bodily injury to a family member.

- Kimberly Renee Cooke, 43, Panhandle,

was arrested Thursday by PPD for failure to control speed.

- Jerry Joe Cook, 50, Ness City, Kan., was ar-

rested Thursday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for bond surrender — possession of a controlled substance.

Keith

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ment he is no longer eligible and he will continue treatment.

The Taylors have insurance but the expenses coming from doctor visits, cancer treatments, travel and lost wages are extreme when trying to maintain household bills.

The benefit will be from 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes Street in Pampa.

Suicide Doorz will kick off the benefit from 6 to

8 p.m. The band features Steve Collins on the drums, Joe Reed at lead guitar, Cody Brown at bass and Brad Mathis on vocals and guitar.

There will be a live auction from 8 to 8:30 p.m. with auctioneers Ed Brooks and Cole Wilson and ring man Clay Wilson. Look for auction items in future editions of The Pampa News.

The next band to take the stage will be the Texas Pearl Snaps from 8:30 to 11 p.m. The band features Justin Lee on lead vocals and guitar, Stephanie Sullivan on vocals and the BOMB, Josh Lee on bass and vocals, Johnny Grayson on vocals and lead guitar and

Justin Helton on the drums.

Closing out the night is JW Lane and County RD X. This band has played all across Texas to Oklahoma and having even played in Nashville. Their hit, "Weeds," has been played on the radio and they have been on tour with Stoney Larue.

\$10 a person gets you in the door, \$2 donation fills your cup with a beverage of your choice or \$1 for soda.

There will be free water to designated drivers and children 13 and under get in for free.

The Taylors want to say "Thank you" to all of the Pampa Businesses for their donations. This list in-

cludes: Easy's Pop Shop, Easy's West Side, Culligan Water, Walmart, The Pampa News and Mikey's Liquor.

All proceeds will go to Keith and Beverly Taylor. To donate prior to the event, send donations to:

- Cabot NOI Credit Union
- Keith and Beverly Taylor
- 1063 N. Sumner St.
- Pampa, TX
- 806-665-0847

For more questions on the benefit, please contact April Taylor Lee, Leslie Shackelford, Heather Brooks, Joy Wilson or Becky Bailey.

You can reach April at The Pampa News at 806-669-2525.

Pampa Fire Department call log — April 8-10

STAFF REPORT

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

April 8

- At 3:26 p.m., two units and five personnel to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a lift assist.
- At 6:18 p.m., one unit and four personnel to the

11000 block of West U.S. Highway 60 on a medical call.

- At 9:15 p.m., one unit and five personnel to the 1100 block of Ryder on a medical assist.

April 9

- At 5:22 a.m., to the 1200 block of East Harvester on a medical call.
- At 11:42 a.m., to the 200 block of Hobart on a police assist.
- At 12:09 p.m., to the

2200 block of Christy on a false alarm.

- At 2:24 p.m., to the 2100 block of Zimmers on a medical assist.

- At 8:49 p.m., to the 400 block of South Ballard on a medical call.

April 10

- At 9:11 a.m., one unit and four personnel to the 600 block of West Francis on a medical call.
- At 11:31 a.m., five units and nine personnel to the

1900 block of Christine on a structure fire.

- At 11:46 a.m., one unit and four personnel to the 1000 block of North Sumner on a medical assist.

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Lauren Hill, who made inspirational layup, dies of tumor

CINCINNATI (AP) — Lauren Hill's teammates and coaches are remembering the 19-year-old college basketball player with her own inspiring words: "Never give up."

An example she lived by as she fought a brain tumor and rallied those around her to help her achieve her dream of playing in a game.

Several hundred students gathered on the grassy quad at Mount St. Joseph on Friday, spelling out Hill's No. 22 with blue plastic cups on a chain-link fence a few hours after she died at a local hospital. Her death was confirmed Friday morning by the co-founder of her nonprofit foundation, The

Cure Starts Now.

Hill attended the Division III school and played after being diagnosed with the inoperable tumor. She spent her final year polishing a layup and inspiring others to live fully.

"She taught us that every day is a blessing, every moment is a gift," school President Tony Aretz said.

She did it by showing up for practice even though turning her head made her dizzy and left her physically spent. She appeared in four games, making five layups, before the tumor's effects forced her to stop.

Her teammates cried on each other's shoulders Friday while the crowd sang five verses of "Amazing

Grace" during the half-hour vigil. Coach Dan Benjamin hugged each player after they attached flowers to the fence in Hill's honor.

Then, they formed a huddle and yelled, "Play for 22," the team's slogan before each game and practice. The team visited Hill on Thursday to say goodbye.

"One of the toughest moments in my coaching career ever was lying next to her in the hospital bed, holding her hand, thanking her," Benjamin said.

An assistant coach read one of her essays that ended with: "Never give up on your dream. Find something to fight for. I fight for others."

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Bouncin' Around

Peonies

I didn't know what peonies were until I met my future husband and saw the beautiful peony bushes



JUDITH SMITH

his mother grew in their backyard. She had a huge yard, and the line of peonies stretched partway across the backyard. There were dark rose-colored ones, light pink, and white. They bloomed for a fairly short time in the summer, and

Mom would pick big bouquets of the fragrant flowers for the house.

When we bought our first house after Ron and I were married, Mom let me dig several peony plants out which we planted in our yard. The first thing I learned was not to pick the big black ants off the flowers until after they bloomed, and that if I wanted to bring in a bouquet I needed to shake and rinse the ants off then or they'd be all over the house! I produced a bit of a hybrid when I planted a dark red in the same hole with a white one, and the next summer it produced a white flower with scarlet highlights.

When we moved from Illinois to Indiana, I dug up a couple of bushes and moved them with us, planting them in the backyard of our new house where they took root and grew well. Some of the

plants made one more move in the same town when we bought a house in a quieter neighborhood. Unfortunately, peonies don't do well in Georgia, and when we moved to an apartment (back in Illinois again) naturally we couldn't plant any.

When we bought the house we now own here in Pampa, I bought some peony roots and planted them in the fall of 2013. I carefully watered and watched them, but not even the tiniest leaf showed itself the following spring (last year). Last week, I found a package with peony roots at Walmart, and decided to try again since the roots were already showing signs of growth. With the mild weather we've been having, I was happy to note the other day that the plant seems to like where it is and is starting to grow. Imagine my surprise, though, today when I noticed a big, healthy peony plant growing— 18 months later — where I planted the original!

You may wonder why I could be so happy about a flower. To me it is a link to happy times and wonderful memories. I can still see our daughter as a toddler running "in and out the windows" all around her Grandma's peonies in the backyard. Because we enjoyed helping Mom with the heavier outdoor jobs, one of those jobs was cutting back the peonies in the summer

after they were done blooming. We also raked up all the pine needles and Mom would always fix a nice dinner to reward us for our work.

I can still see our old cat, Micque, as he tentatively sniffed a bloom I had brought in the house. I must have missed an ant, because Micque ended up with a big black ant on his nose, providing us with some laughs and the cat with a little fun as he chased the little insect.

Now, Ron and I look forward to seeing big fragrant pink and white blooms in our yard here in Pampa, blooms that will connect all the dots between our travels and remind us of other happy times. It may take a couple of years, but I will be babying those plants with the utmost care until they do bloom.

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



Bathroom wars

More than 30 years ago, conservatives managed to defeat the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, which would have added "sex" to the Fourteenth

Amendment's guarantee of equal protection, by frightening women into believing that it would outlaw separate bathrooms for men and women. In the years since, the courts have effectively done what Congress couldn't, prohibiting discrimination in virtually every aspect of American life — except, of course, bathrooms, which never were really at issue.

Then, as now, most establishments provide separate facilities for men and women. Those that don't — airplanes being the most familiar example — provide "restrooms" that can be used by both sexes. In addition, "family restrooms" have sprung up so that anxious mothers of little boys no longer have to choose between dragging our sons into the ladies' room ("I'm not a lady," my son used to complain) and sending them alone into men's rooms and then patrolling the exit.

I thought the bathroom wars were over, but I was wrong.

Where should a fourth-grader who is biologically a boy but identifies as a girl go to the bathroom?

In Stafford, Va., the school board, reacting to outraged parents, recently overturned the decision of a local elementary school that would have allowed the fourth-grader to use the girls' room. According to news reports, parents were afraid that letting this child use the girls' room would invite predators to prey on vulnerable children.

"We have now opened the door for any predatory individual — student, teacher or anyone in between — within our school system to claim the gender identity to enter the restroom or locker room of the opposite sex to prey upon our children behind closed doors," one parent reportedly claimed.

At the meeting, a man who identified himself as the girl's father said he once agreed with such views, until his child changed his mind. "She's a very special person. I only implore of all of us as we move forward that we don't trade understanding for fear and that we don't trade misconceptions for hate."

No such luck in Stafford, where the local board voted 6-0 to force his daughter to use the boys' room.

Letting a fourth-grader who identifies as a girl use the girls' room will not lead predators to prey upon our children. In debates like this one, the fictitious would-be predators are almost always gay. (Remember the debates about barring gays from teaching, even though all of the evidence showed heterosexual abuse to be a far greater problem.) I suppose it could be seen as a step toward equality that at least here the would-be predators have to be heterosexual. One step forward, a dozen steps back.

Is it worth pointing out that girls' rooms provide individual stalls? Or that teachers use their own bathrooms? Or that most schools don't allow "anyone in between" teachers and students to enter school buildings?

Many of us grew up in a world that we thought was divided very simply between girls and boys. But we were wrong. The experts can explain it better than I, but some children are born with the "wrong" bodies. I can't begin to imagine just how difficult and painful that can be. But school should be a safe place. If other girls — or more likely their parents — aren't comfortable with that, then they need to learn some valuable lessons, not let ignorance reign, as it did in Stafford.

Equality demands respect for individual differences. If anything is an invitation to abuse, it is forcing a child who thinks of herself as a girl and dresses as a girl and holds herself out as a girl to use the boys' room.

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Moving with purpose

In a column I wrote several months ago for The Pampa News, I mentioned the extreme pace at which the spring semester moves and that "busyness" that we all seem to be affected



DR. DAVID YOUNG

by at this time of year. Spring of 2015 certainly does not seem to be an exception. It is hard to believe that the calendar already shows April 11. As the thermometer continues to heat up from a weather standpoint, so does the activity level in both our community and across the state.

In the spring, it seems that families are running from one activity to the next or that parents are having to "split time" to make sure that everything is covered. I know that this is certainly the case for the Young family. The phrase "move

with purpose" has long been used in our family to describe our level of commitment to anything we are engaged in doing, but it seems to be even more relevant this time of year as we battle to not be overcome by the tyranny of the urgent.

As I walk through our schools at this time of year, I continue to see engaging instructional activity as I have seen all year, but there just seems to be a little greater sense of urgency on the part of both teachers and students as we move closer to the end of the year. No group of students probably feels this sense of urgency more than the Senior Class at Pampa High School. While they battle the disease commonly known as "senioritis," they are frantically trying to make sure they have everything complete and all of the necessary boxes checked to close out this phase of their live and prepare for the next. To them I certainly

say — "move with purpose."

The halls of the capitol building in Austin are not exempt from the frenetic pace that exists at this time of year. The 84th Texas Legislature is extremely busy. Committees are meeting until the wee hours of the night almost every day and bills are being voted out of committee, hearing testimony and receiving hearings at a blistering pace. The House has approved a budget and has even begun to try to tackle the 800-pound gorilla of school finance. It remains to be seen what will happen as these ideas move through the political process. The Texas Education Agency has made significant changes to the state accountability system (and more are likely coming as a product of legislative activity) even after students have begun to take the STAAR this spring. Although the actual number of days is waning for this ses-

sion, the lion's share of activity to flow through the legislature is yet to come. It is incumbent on each of us to stay informed and reach out to our lawmakers with feedback when necessary. I have great faith in the process and know that our Panhandle representatives and senators truly have our best interest at heart, but I would still offer the same advice — "move with purpose."

As I sit and type these words, I must be sure to include myself in the group being advised to stay committed to the things that are truly important and not get lost in the harried activity that occurs daily. I am blessed to live in a community that values excellence in all things and to work as a part of a school district that is deeply committed to students and preparing them to be successful after graduation. So toward these things, I commit to "move with purpose."

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New Orleans stands by smoking ban in gambling halls

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans City Council has refused a request from Harrah's Casino to delay the April 22 implementation of a smoking ban in bars and gambling halls.

The New Orleans Advocate reports the casino wanted the delay so it could have more time to prepare the building and customers for the change.

The casino had failed earlier to have itself carved out of the new law altogether.

The ban prohibits smoking cigarettes and electronic cigarettes inside casinos and bars, with the exception of already existing cigar and hookah bars.

Lawyers for Harrah's New Orleans, a large land-based casino next to the

French Quarter, have predicted a 20 percent decline in revenues from a ban. They said that could cost the city \$500,000 in sales taxes and slash by half the \$3.6 million the city gets from the state each year under the law allowing the casino to operate.

The company also has said it might seek to reduce its payments to the city by between \$3.5 million and \$13.5 million a year.

"What we're asking you all today, respectfully, is an opportunity to understand really how this impacts one of the largest businesses in the city of New Orleans, both fiscally as well as physically," Harrah's attorney Jade Russell said Thursday.

Councilwoman LaToya

Cantrell, who sponsored the smoke-free ordinance, said the casino was providing an unsafe work environment for its employees because of secondhand smoke.

"This city will continue to be supportive of Harrah's casino in every way possible, but it has to be as it relates to a safe work environment for all people who deserve it," Cantrell.

The council did some minor housekeeping on the smoking law Thursday, including clarifying that only cigars can be smoked in cigar bars and only hookah pipes can be smoked in hookah bars.

Another amendment made clear that the Fair Grounds casino is included in the ban.

US indexes drift in early trading; GE soars on deal news

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are little changed in early trading on Friday as investors pore over the latest corporate earnings. GE jumped after announcing plans to get out of the lending business.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up four points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,095 as of 10 a.m. Eastern time Friday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 20 points, or 0.1 percent, 17,977, while the Nasdaq composite rose four points, less than 0.1 percent, to 4,979.

EUROPE: Germany's DAX index added 1.4 percent, and France's CAC 40 gained 0.4 percent. A broader index of European shares, the Stoxx 600, hit a record high for the second day running, gaining 0.6 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 gained 0.6 percent.

GEE: General Electric soared 6 percent, the most in the Dow, after the company said it would sell most of its lending arm and shift its focus back to its on its industrial business. GE's stock jumped \$2.08 to \$27.86.

EARNINGS: Angio-Dynamics sank 10 percent after the medical device maker posted dissipating quarterly results and lowered its

earnings expectations for the year. The company's stock dropped \$1.62 to \$16.63.

CHINA: Earlier, sentiment was supported by Chinese data showing consumer inflation remained at 1.4 percent in March, well below the government's official target. That fueled expectations the central bank might launch new stimulus to fend off deflation. Low inflation is a boon to consumers but a bout of potentially damaging deflation could add to fears about the Chinese growth outlook.

ASIA'S DAY: The Shanghai Composite Index added 2 percent, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 1.2 percent. Sydney's S&P ASX 200 gained 0.6 percent, and Singapore, Manila and

New Zealand also rose. India's Sensex shed 0.3 percent.

NIKKEI RECORD: Japan's Nikkei 225 closed down 0.2 percent after briefly rising above 20,000 for the first since April 2000 during morning trading. The gains were based on expectations for Japan's economic recovery and brisk corporate earnings, following aggressive monetary stimulus.

CRUDE: Benchmark U.S. crude rose 42 cents to \$51.20 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

BONDS, DOLLAR: Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.93 percent. The dollar edged down to 120.44 yen from 120.57 yen while the euro fell to \$1.0583 from \$1.0662.

Survivors of 2009 Fort Hood attack to receive Purple Hearts

AUSTIN (AP) — Dozens of survivors and relatives of soldiers who died in the 2009 Fort Hood shooting are finally getting the Purple Hearts they have felt were long overdue.

The ceremony Friday will take place at the sprawling Texas military post where an Army psy-

chiatrist opened fire on dozens of unarmed soldiers and killed 13 people.

Gunman Nidal Hasan was convicted in 2013 and sentenced to death.

Military officials had denied Purple Hearts to victims because they classified the attack as workplace violence and not an

act of terrorism. But Congress approved new eligibility criteria for the medals last year and forced the Defense Department to reconsider.

Many of the Purple Heart recipients have sued the federal government over the attack and are seeking damages.

City of San Antonio, state teaming up on Alamo makeover plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The city of San Antonio is teaming up with state officials to create a master plan for a sweeping makeover of the Alamo and its surrounding plaza.

Land Commissioner George P. Bush says planning will take a year, producing recommendations that could be ready by

2016. San Antonio will contribute \$1 million to the planning process via an existing bond program, and Bush's agency will cover additional costs if they go higher.

Texas last month ended its contract with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, which had over-

seen the Alamo for more than a century.

San Antonio state Sen. Jose Menendez has proposed a constitutional amendment letting voters approve spending \$250 million in state funds to improve the Alamo plaza. It's unclear if that will pass the Legislature, though.

US motorcycle racing seeks to rebuild pipeline to top flight

When the MotoGP grid lines up at the Circuit of the Americas race this weekend, former champion Nicky Hayden will be the lone American in the field and he will not be aboard one of the factory bikes expected to challenge for the win.

It's a far cry from the golden era of American motorcycle racing, when U.S. riders won 13 of 16 world championships between 1978 and 1993.

"The question wasn't if an American was going to win, it was which American was going to win," said Kevin Schwantz, who won the title in 1993. "This was a breeding ground for world champions."

Since then, Americans have won only two championships and none since Hayden's title in 2006.

"I feel some pride and responsibility to keep carrying the flag and representing our country until we're ready to develop some young talent to come in and take my place," Hayden said from his family's hometown of Owensboro, Kentucky.

Hayden and Schwantz hope a new series kicking off in support of the MotoGP races this weekend in

Austin, Texas, will help rebuild the pipeline for U.S. riders to reach the top flight of motorcycle racing. The series called MotoAmerica is headed by three-time world champion Wayne Rainey, who is working to align its rules with international series, bring back regular TV coverage and restore the involvement of major manufacturers still recovering from a collapse in motorcycle sales during the recession.

Hayden's younger brother, Roger, is racing in the top class of the MotoAmerica series, and is serving as a roommate and mentor to 19-year-old teammate Jake Lewis of Princeton, Kentucky.

"I want to be positive," said Nicky Hayden, who made the jump directly from the old AMA series to MotoGP in 2003. "They've definably made a splash, and obviously Wayne's a really big name to lead the charge."

Hayden said he is encouraged by MotoAmerica's initial nine-race schedule — up from six under the previous rights holders last year — and the full three-day race weekends that will give young riders on-track experience.



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The PAMPA NEWS Church Calendar

Hi-Land Christian Church

Wednesday nights, Pastor Mike Sublett teaches 2 special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church.

From 7 - 8 p.m. The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9 p.m. 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).

Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and weekly handout pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study."

I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review something later."

The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about their Bible.

Child care will be provided for anyone who is attending either class.

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Cornerstone Baptist Team KID (Kids in Discipleship) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 until 8:00 pm at 2410 W. 23rd St. All children ages 4 thru 5th graders are invited to attend.

For more information call the church at 669-6509.

New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission."

Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers.

New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters.

Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the

traditional hymns and songs of the church.

Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle.

This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester.

Right across from the high school.

Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also offers Wednesday Bible Class at 7 p.m.

The clothing room is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Keith Feerer is the Preacher and Zac Green is Youth Minister.

For more information call 806-665-0031.

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church.

The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.

The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean.

For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa.

The church extends an open invitation to all

to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.

Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Each Wednesday we have our children and adult Worship On Wednesday (WOW) classes from 5:30-6:30 followed by a light meal. We have an awesome youth program that is trying to grow for sixth graders through high school.

They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday evenings.

All of our classes are open to anyone who would like to attend and learn more about God. This is followed by our choir practice at 7:30 if you would like to join the choir too.

We also offer a Twenties & Thirties, TNT, a group for young adults, that meets on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. for bible study.

If your church would like to be added to this list or are hosting a special event let us know! Email jcllee@thepampanews.com or give us a call 669-2525. We will need the name, address, phone number and any other information about the event.

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City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

Free estate planning workshop coming to Pampa

CLA Estate Services is hosting a free Estate Planning Workshop Tuesday, March 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Plaza Restaurant located at 1201 N. Hobart St. in Pampa. The workshop will provide valuable information for seniors on securing one's estate and retirement planning. Guests will receive a workbook and gain useful information on: pros and cons of wills and trusts; how to avoid probate; long term health care concerns; and tax reduction planning. Please call 1-866-252-8721 to RSVP.

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 three 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. The Department of State Health Services can be reached at 806-669-5323 and is located at 121 S. Gillespie St. in Pampa.

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., the second Monday of each month, 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.

Pampa Post VFW meetings

Pampa Post VFW, Men's Auxiliary, and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. There is a social hour with meal at 6 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For questions, call Danny Martin at 806-662-4367.

CASA of the High Plains

CASA of the High Plains will be open from 5-6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for persons interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer. The CASA office is located in the Brown Alliance for Children at 315 N. Ballard Street in Pampa.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a Judge to represent the Best Interest of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers are crucial to positive outcomes for children in the foster care system.

You may contact CASA at 806-669-7638 for more information.

Citizens for a Better Pampa Meetings

The Citizens for a Better Pampa meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 1925B North Hobart. The group is made up of individuals who want to work with our city commissioners and the city government/employees to help make Pampa a better place to live for all Pampa residents and visitors. All who have concerns, positive ideas, suggestions, and solutions for concerns are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Group members attend the City Commission meetings, then grab a bite to eat and meet at the office conference room (1925B North Hobart) to get acquainted and visit before starting.

For more information, please contact Dale or Phillis at (3 Par Ranch office), 806-665-0805.

April 2015 DSHS Immunization Clinic

The April 2015 Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule has been announced. All six clinics will be at 121 S. Gillespie from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Each time-frame is for the first 10 clients.

The clinics will be on April 1, April 2, April 8, April 15, April 21 and April 22.

There is one available in McLean from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 14 at the Lovett Library located at 302 N. Main.

All times are subject to change or cancellation in case of extenuating circumstances.

Quails Forever meetings


Quails Forever is a new chapter in Pampa. This club meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the main building of Clarendon College Pampa Center. The group focuses on habitat and conservation projects for quails. The goal is to get community members and volunteers interested in creating conservation habitat areas for quail to increase the animal's population and furthermore to improve the environment.

Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin'

First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, holds their weekly Gospel Pickin' and Grinnin' at 6 p.m. every Friday. Everyone is welcome to come out and bring their instruments or their voice. For more information on this weekly event, call Jerry Lister at 806-676-0711 or the church at 86-665-7411.

Editor's note: Email submissions to jcllee@thepampanews.com. Submissions should be 100 words or less and written in the third person. Please include the title of the event, the date and time, physical address, the admission cost or whether it is a free event and a contact number and/or email address for the public.

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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.

- 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. They also have an **Alzheimer's support group**, which is held on the third Monday of each month at First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, at noon. For more information, call Lindsey Presson at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.
- Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, 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.
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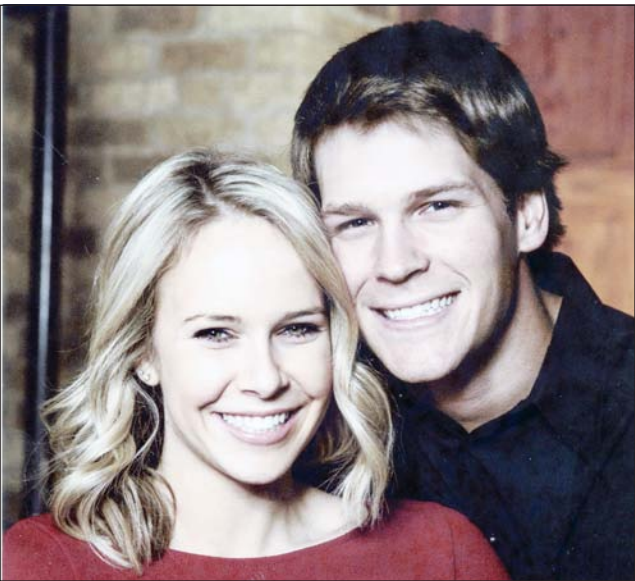
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ENGAGEMENTS

Natalie Parker and Clay Vaughn



C.W. and Lois Parker of Pampa would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Natalie Anne of Lubbock to Clay Vaughn of Abilene.

Natalie is a 2010 graduate of Pampa High School; Texas Tech University Health Science Center in 2014 majoring in nursing. She is employed by Lubbock's University Medical Center Neonatal ICU as an RN.

Clay is the son of Tommy and Shauni Vaughn of Abilene. He is a 2009 graduate of Wylie High School; Texas Tech University in 2013 majoring in University Studies. Clay is a teacher and a coach at Wylie Junior High School in Abilene.

The wedding is planned for June 5, 2015 in Ransom Canyon, TX.

Weekly Menus

Pampa Independent School District

- MONDAY, April 13**
Mini corn dogs or chicken nuggets, green beans, mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges
Breakfast - Pancake n' sausage on a stick
- TUESDAY, April 14**
Chicken quesadilla or steak fingers, pinto beans, celery sticks, pineapple tidbits
Breakfast - Donut
- WEDNESDAY, April 15**
Turkey sub or pizza dippers, sliced cucumbers, peaches
Breakfast - Poptart
- THURSDAY, April 16**
Chicken fried steak or pizza, whipped potatoes, broccoli florets, apricots
Breakfast - Cinnamon roll
- FRIDAY, April 17**
Macaroni & cheese or hot dog, spinach, carrot sticks, pears
Breakfast - Cereal, toast

Pampa Meals on Wheels

- MONDAY, April 13**
Steak fingers/gravy, broccoli casserole, carrots, pears
- TUESDAY, April 14**
Hamburger patties, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, peaches
- WEDNESDAY, April 15**
Oven fried chicken, corn, baked potatoes, pudding
- THURSDAY, April 16**
Turkey/rice, sweet potatoes, peas, pineapple
- FRIDAY, April 17**
Catfish/hushpuppies, macaroni/cheese, pinto beans, apricots

Pampa Senior Citizens Center

- MONDAY, April 13**
Chicken fried steak or chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, beets, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, German chocolate cake, cherry pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
- TUESDAY, April 14**
Beef pot pie or chicken enchiladas, flame roasted potatoes, Mexican corn, peas, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, carrot cake, lemon icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
- WEDNESDAY, April 15**
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, spinach, fried squash, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, black forest cake, peach cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
- THURSDAY, April 16**
Chicken strips or beef stroganoff, tater tots, mac & tomatoes, California blend, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, cinnamon rolls, butterscotch icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread
- FRIDAY, April 17**
Cod fish filets/hushpuppies or corn dogs, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, cookie dough brownies, apple pie, fruit cup, garlic bread stick, hot roll, cornbread

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 12, 2015:

This year you become much more in touch with the role your friends play in your life. You have quite an assortment of pals as a result of your having so many interests. Remain practical and persistent in your professional life. Others will notice the quality of your work. You even are likely to see a promotion or pay raise. If you are single, you will meet someone in the next few months who will be of great significance to you. Be open to the possibilities between the two of you. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy a very close period through summer, where you act like new lovers. **AQUARIUS** is a loyal friend.

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 can forget a lazy day reading the Sunday paper. Friends call and neighbors pop in. You might have wanted to discuss a problem with a friend, but now whatever was ailing you no longer seems significant, as you'll be too busy to deal with it. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

This Week: Zero in on what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Caring becomes much simpler when you aren't so invested in a certain type of outcome. A friend could light up your day with a great idea. Relax with this person. Tonight: Follow the music.

This Week: Choose your words with care.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might decide to make a round of calls. Before you know it, you could be agreeing to meeting a friend or loved one halfway between your two locations. Caring just seems to flow from one person to the other. Tonight: A partner could be grumpy or difficult.

This Week: Look beyond the obvious before you take a stand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You feel most at ease when relating on an individual basis. You might feel as if someone you care about needs your attention. The two of you often have intense and meaningful talks. Today is no different. Tonight: Realize that you are tired and call it a night.

This Week: One-on-one discussions keep your mind busy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by several invitations that head your way. Clearly, you are wanted. A dear friend will be happy to

adjust his or her plans. A friend of the opposite sex could make a loved one quite jealous. Don't allow this to happen! Tonight: Let it all hang out.

This Week: You have very little control over what happens.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You have a project on the back burner that you can't ignore any longer. Say your goodbyes to loved ones, and explain the importance of completing this project; they will understand. You will be available much sooner than you think. Tonight: Reward yourself.

This Week: You have a lot to do, and you will need some personal time midweek.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Your spirited and flirtatious manner certainly stirs up a lot of activity around you. Be careful, as you could find yourself with too many potential sweeties and not enough time for them. Tonight: Be a little naughty.

This Week: You could have a difficult few days.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone whom you haven't seen in a while. This person will be touched by your

caring and happy to share his or her news. Romance naturally blooms, whether you're single or attached. Tonight: Use your imagination.

This Week: Stay close to home, if possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You won't need to make much effort to find company, as several people have already decided that they would like to spend some time with you. You could be somewhat accident-prone at this point. Stay focused! Tonight: Someone you care about insists on a visit.

This Week: Try not to let the cat out of the bag. The less said, the better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Use the early morning for any important matters. Afterward, you could be considering a visit to the casino, or perhaps you'll want to buy a lottery ticket. You feel lucky, but know that you might not be rewarded with the winnings you desire. Tonight: Make it your treat.

This Week: First pay bills and balance your checkbook, then make plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your mind

easily could take a detour, especially if you're thinking about a loved one. Do not stand on ceremony, and make a necessary call to a dear friend or loved one. You'll be up and running once you connect with this person. Tonight: Ask and you shall receive.

This Week: You could have a strong effect on someone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Consider your options carefully before you leap into action. Your awareness of what needs to happen could point you in a new direction. You would be well-served by staying close to home. A roommate or loved one will appreciate the company. Tonight: Not to be found.

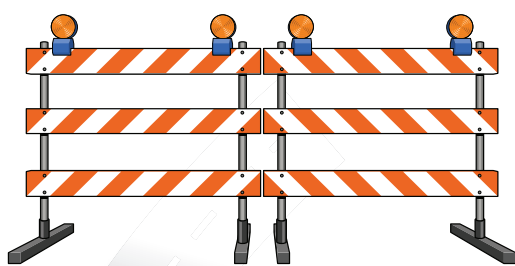
This Week: You will make up for lost time.

BORN TODAY

Actor David Cassidy (1950), author Tom Clancy (1947), TV host David Letterman (1947)

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News From Around the State

Vegetable study targets water savings in the High Plains

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE AMARILLO – Vegetable production is not new in the Texas High Plains, but it is being re-examined in a Texas A&M AgriLife Research study to see if it might offer a water-savings alternative to some cereal grain production.

“Everybody knows we are generally water short in the Texas High Plains and can no longer meet 100 percent of all crop water needs,” said Thomas Marek, AgriLife Research senior research engineer for irrigation water conservation and management in Amarillo. “We grow a tremendous amount of corn for the cattle industry. And we know from our regional water plan that corn production is going to have to be reduced in the future.”

Marek said production changes, preferably to higher valued crops such as certain types of vegetables, may be a partial solution to sustaining future profitability for Texas High Plains’ producers, particularly those within the northwestern area facing water shortages.

“Water is the largest input factor in economically feasible crop production, so numerous water management strategies have been proposed by the region’s water planning committee, the Panhandle Water Planning Group,” he said. “One of those

strategies being considered is that of crop changes to reduce irrigation water use.

“While water use for vegetables may not be less per acre than that of some currently produced cereal grains, less overall regional acreage may be required to potentially maintain or even increase existing profit levels for producers,” Marek said.

He conducted a relatively small demonstration in 2014 with several categories of vegetables at the AgriLife Research James Bush Farm north of Bushland. This study was supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service’s Ogallala Aquifer Program, AgriLife Research and the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Marek said they grew the higher value runner-type vegetables such as squash, zucchini, cucumbers, as well as peppers, onions, melons, tomatoes, black-eyed peas and okra.

“We have a pretty definite range of what we are evaluating at this point,” he said. “The potential has been promising to date.”

All vegetables were grown under a single irrigation level targeted at a high evapotranspiration, known as ET, level. A weather station, which is part of the Texas High Plains Evapotranspiration Network,

was located near the plots and was used to compute daily reference ET to know what the actual water demand was.

Plots were planted on May 29 and again on June 10. This was later than desired, but scheduling conflicts prevented earlier operations. Irrigation was applied using surface-flow irrigation. As the total plot area was relatively small, Marek said irrigation efficiencies were very high, and the total amount of irrigation applied from planting to harvest was 17.46 inches. The in-season rainfall in 2014 was 12.61 inches.

Each vegetable was evaluated on a bedded, two-row, 20-foot long plot size. Row spacing was 30 inches. Vegetables were hand-harvested on a two-to-three-day basis. Data regarding plant count, harvested fruit number, total harvested weight per picking and water use were recorded for each harvest event.

Several things Marek said they determined with the first round of the study were: earlier planting would help increase yield output per plant; and plant establishment with transplants needs to be augmented by the use of protective wind cylinders due to early season high wind speeds in 2014.

“We had area folks driving by the field who asked ‘what are all those white things

out there in the field and what are y’all doing?’ so I knew the local community was paying attention to what we were doing,” he said.

Marek said they will need to look at the heat unit requirements to be sure vegetables can be routinely produced. Also, more research is needed regarding production water use and management within the region before adequate assessment can be made with vegetables as a viable water-saving alternative to current cereal grain production.

The demonstration-type assessment is planned again for 2015 and will be complemented with related projects in the Texas A&M AgriLife cropping system program with wheat stubble involving AgriLife Research scientists and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists, he said.

“The results so far have been promising that we can produce

vegetables,” Marek said. “What’s going to be needed ultimately is to develop the needed market structure again. What we will continue to determine are the production aspects and water-use efficiency of various vegetables and determine what is most efficient over time.”

Amarillo Symphony’s 90th season concludes this month

■ Close Encounters features guest saxophonist, Don LeFevre.

AMARILLO - The Amarillo Symphony, (www.amarillosymphony.org), the leader of orchestral music in the Texas Panhandle since 1924, today announces details regarding its season finale, Close Encounters, on April 24 and 25 at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts in Amarillo.

Featuring legendary music by John Adams, John Williams, Gershwin and Ravel, Close Encounters is filled with musical favorites you’ve probably had a “Close Encounter” with in the movies. From Science fiction to a Gershwin classic to what many baby boomers will remember from the movie “Ten”, this is the concert for date night! Close Encounters will feature favorites like Gershwin’s An American in Paris, plus guest saxophonist, Don LeFevre

will perform Escapades from “Catch Me If You Can” by John Williams with the Amarillo Symphony.

Don LeFevre currently serves as Director of Bands, Associate Professor of Music and Professor of Saxophone at West Texas A&M University where he received his undergraduate and Master’s degrees in Music.

He studied saxophone with world-renowned professor of saxophone, Donald Sinta at the University of Michigan. Under LeFevre’s direction, the WTAMU Symphonic Band has been invited to numerous appearances at the Texas Music Educators’ Association Annual Convention in San Antonio. LeFevre is an active conductor, guest clinician, and performer and has performed as principal saxophone

for the Amarillo Symphony for 24 years.

“We conclude our spectacular 90th season with Close Encounters which displays music by composers we all know and love,” said Jacomo Rafael Bairos, music director and conductor of the Amarillo Symphony. “Two of America’s most famous and popular composers are featured on our first half, as well as WT Professor and Amarillo’s own Don LeFevre as our soloist. We are excited to have Don LeFevre as a part of our 90th season finale and to finish the season with one of our local musicians. We will conclude the season with two of the most famous works of music ever created, Gershwin’s An American in Paris, with its whimsical charm bringing the idea of an American living in Paris to fruition. Ravel’s Bolero

will bring the party of a Parisian Night to Amarillo. This season has been such an incredible joy and honor to lead, and we can’t wait to present our brand new 91st season to you all soon!”

The Amarillo Symphony would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hassan Dana, Osman Dana and Kareem Dana for their generous support of Close Encounters.

The Close Encounters concert series will be held at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 at 8 pm. For more information about Close Encounters concert or to purchase tickets, please visit www.amarillosymphony.org or call 806-376-8782.

The 2014 - 2015 season is sponsored in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Learn more about the Amarillo Symphony at www.amarillosymphony.org.

USDA to issue disaster assistance to help honeybee, livestock and farm-raised fish producers

■ Farm Bill Program Offers Producers Relief for 2014 Losses in more than 40 States.

SUBMITTED BY THE USDA WASHINGTON, April 6, 2015 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Farm Service Agency today announced that nearly 2,700 applicants will begin receiving disaster assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) for losses experienced from Oct. 1, 2013, through Sept. 30, 2014.

The program, re-authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides disaster relief to livestock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish producers not covered by other agricultural disaster assistance programs. Eligible losses may include excessive heat or winds, flooding, blizzards, hail, wild-

fires, lightning strikes, volcanic eruptions and diseases, or in the case of honeybees, losses due to colony collapse disorder. Beekeepers, most of whom suffered honeybee colony losses, represent more than half of ELAP recipients.

The farm bill caps ELAP disaster funding at \$20 million per federal fiscal year and the Budget Control Act of 2011, passed by Congress, requires USDA to reduce payments by 7.3 percent, beginning Oct. 1, 2014. To accommodate the number of requests for ELAP assistance, which exceeded 2014 funding, payments will be reduced to ensure that all eligible applicants receive a prorated share.

Today’s announcement was made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds

on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

To learn more about ELAP, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/elap. For more information about USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) disaster assistance programs, visit disaster.usda.fsa.gov or contact your local FSA office at <http://offices.usda.gov>.

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Sorghum silage a suitable alternative to corn silage, with proper management

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE DIMMITT – Sorghum silage can provide an alternative to corn silage, but not all sorghum silages are equal, according to two Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists.

Dr. Ellen Jordan, AgriLife Extension dairy specialist in Dallas, and Dr. Ted McCollum, beef cattle specialist in Amarillo, recently spoke at a sorghum educational meeting in Dimmitt.

McCollum said forages have nutritional and functional roles in beef and dairy diets. Functionally, roughages are necessary to stimulate rumination which promotes feed breakdown and also reduces acidosis.

Sorghum provides an alternative, especially in areas where rainfall is short, Jordan said, allowing for sustained production in drought conditions and for delayed planting if necessary. It also utilizes water more efficiently than corn and has high biomass yields.

“One limitation to sorghum silage fed to cattle is the digestibility is generally less than that of corn, because corn has less lignin and more grain,” she said. “This can result in less fiber digestion,

a lower dry matter intake and less milk produced in dairy cattle.”

However, brown midrib, or BMR, genotypes of sorghum on average contain less lignin and do offer a higher digestibility, McCollum said, but the BMR genotype alone is not a guarantee of better quality.

Producers have several options where selection of sorghum type is concerned, and it is dependent on animal use, he said.

Sorghum-sudangrass hybrids have coarser stems and broader leaves than true sudangrass. They are higher yielders than sudangrass, with better regrowth for grazing or multiple harvests. The BMR foraging sorghums are lower in lignin content in the leaves and stalks, and the quality, on average, is better than conventional sorghums.

Photoperiod sensitive sorghums are very tall and remain in the vegetative state until day length is less than 12 hours and 20 minutes, which provides more flexibility in managing harvest of the crop. But, McCollum said, they are slow to dry down and have to be swathed. They also tend to have the low-

er feed value of all the different types.

“What you are going to do with it will determine the sorghum silage you choose,” he said. “For steers eating an 80-90 percent silage diet, you might pick the BMRs; but if it is a dry dairy cow that needs to be fed, you can grow the lower quality photoperiod sensitive forage sorghum.

“If I’m looking for energy value in my forage, I’m going to go to a BMR,” McCollum said. “Pick a variety based on the desired fiber, tonnage, quality and starch. Use fiber quality as the primary criteria.”

A concern in feeding whole-plant forage sorghum silage is the low starch digestibility of the kernels, which are often too hard and unprocessed, he said.

“So if you want to ensure better starch availability in the sorghum silage, get out into the field and cut it early,” he said. “If you can’t process the grain head, you need to harvest early. And then leave it in the (silage) pit for as long as possible, because time, moisture and kernel softness are your best aids.”

McCollum said the key to using sorghum silage instead of corn silage is to

replace the corn silage on a fiber basis and not dry matter basis.

Important management steps to sorghum silage quality are:

- Harvest early, soft-dough stage at the latest.
- Target dry matter at 32-36 percent.
- Swath if necessary to obtain the correct moisture.
- Chop at about one-half inch.
- Make sure the storage site is sloped to divert any water.

Jordan said BMR sorghum silage has been shown to support levels of production in mid-lactating dairy cows. It must be harvested and ensiled properly and producers should use inoculants per manufacturer’s directions to improve dry matter preservation and bunk life.

She said sorghum silage should be able to be used for dry cow and heifer rations, although the research projects haven’t been done. And more research is also needed on early lactation cows.

“If processed using steam flaking, sorghum and corn grain can be equal in starch value,” Jordan said. “Sorghum can be an alternative to corn. It allows sustained production in drought.”

TASTE OF PAMPA



Submitted photos

Altrusa International of Pampa is making plans for the fourth "Taste of Pampa" event to be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. April 27 at M.K. Brown Heritage Room. Approximately 18 local vendors will offer samples of their menu to attendees. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Pampa High School jazz band and door prizes will be awarded. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the community service projects supported by Altrusa. Tickets may be purchased from any Altrusan for \$15 for ages 13 up, and \$10 for children 6 to 12, children ages 5 and under will be free.

1 dead, homes destroyed in Illinois town after tornado

FAIRDALE, Ill. (AP) — A tornado brought chaos to a tiny northern Illinois town, killing one person, injuring eight more and sweeping homes off their foundations, as large storm system rumbled across much of the country.

DeKalb County Sheriff Roger A. Scott said in a news release early Friday that 15 to 20 homes in Fairdale were destroyed by the twister that hit the ground around 7 p.m. Thursday.

Matthew Knott, division chief for the Rockford Fire Department, told The Associated Press that just about every building in the town about 80 miles northwest of Chicago "sustained damage of some sort."

A 67-year-old woman was found dead inside her home, DeKalb County coroner Dennis Miller told reporters early Friday. Scott said of the 150 Fairdale residents, another eight were taken to hospitals after the storm hit.

Authorities expressed confidence that there would be no more victims found in the devastated town but that they would be working to account for every resident Friday. All homes were evacuated and power was out across the area. The Red Cross and Salvation Army established a shelter at a high school.

Matt Friedlein, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, said Friday that at least two tornadoes swept through six north-central Illinois counties, and that damage survey teams would visit the area to determine how long they stayed on the ground, their strength and the extent of the damage.

After raking Illinois, Thursday's storm and cold front headed northeast, dumping snow in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and sweeping across

the Ohio Valley overnight, Friedlein said. The system was headed into the Appalachian region Friday morning with the potential for severe thunderstorms but "not anywhere near the threat" that it packed in the Midwest, he said.

Kirkland Community Fire District Chief Chad Connell said he watched the tornado move toward Fairdale from his porch.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," he said, almost lost for words.

Some 20 additional homes were severely damaged or destroyed in Ogle County, adjacent to DeKalb, Sheriff Brian Van Vickle said, adding no deaths or significant injuries were reported there.

Van Vickle said 12 people were trapped in the storm cellar beneath a restaurant that collapsed in the storm in Rochelle, about 20 miles southwest of Fairdale.

One of those rescued from the Grubsteakers restaurant, Raymond

Kramer, 81, told Chicago's WLS-TV they were trapped for 90 minutes before emergency crews were able to rescue them, unscathed.

"No sooner did we get down there, when it hit the building and laid a whole metal wall on top of the doors where we went into the storm cellar," Kramer said.

"When the tornado hit, we all got a dust bath. Everyone in there got

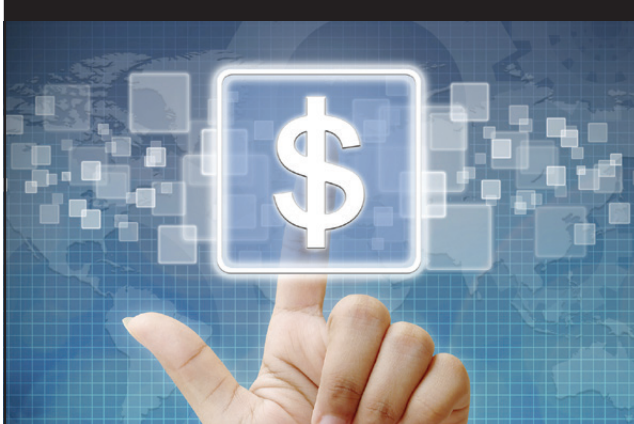
shattered with dust and debris falling out of the rafters."

The severe weather, the region's first widespread bout, forced the cancellation of more than 850 flights at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on Thursday and dozens of others at the city's Midway International Airport. The outlook was much improved Friday, although about 90 flights at the city's two

airports were cancelled and dozens of delays were expected.

Elsewhere, a severe thunderstorm Thursday night damaged the roof of a nursing home in Longview, East Texas, and prompted the evacuation of about 75 residents. No one was hurt but thousands of homes in the area were without electricity after the high winds downed power lines and trees.

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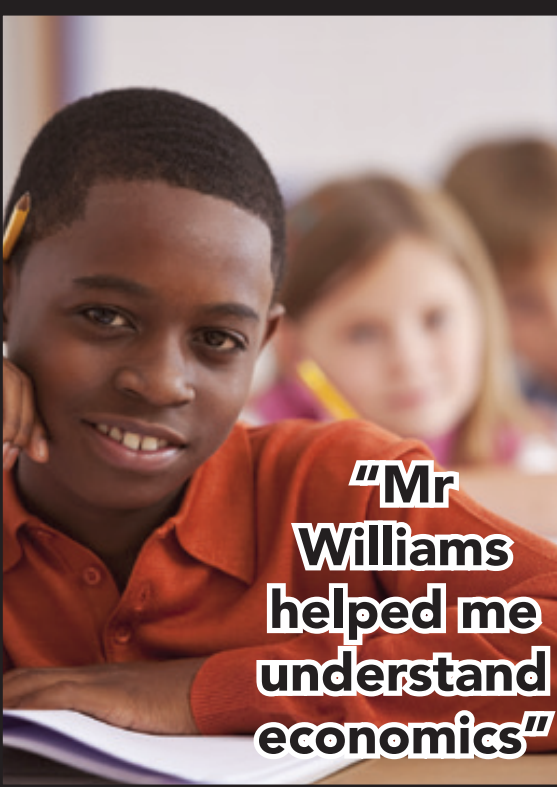
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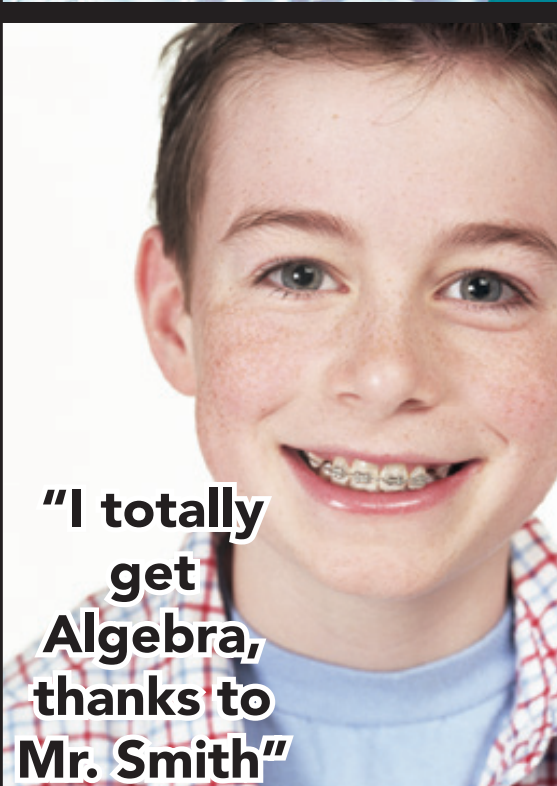
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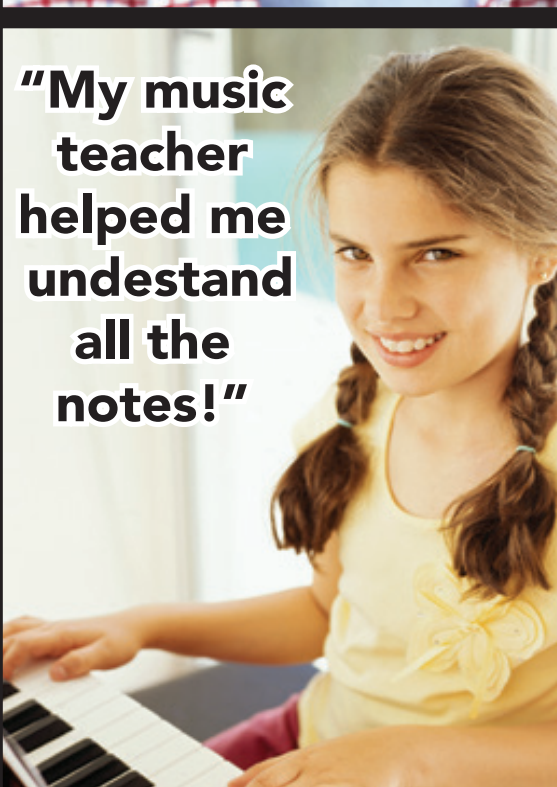
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COPPELL — Texans are still paying \$2.22 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That's the same price as last week and \$1.20 less than last year. Of the major metropolitan areas surveyed in the Lone Star State, drivers in Dallas are paying the most on average at \$2.33 per gallon while drivers in Beaumont are paying the least at \$2.13 per gallon. Across the nation drivers are paying an average of \$2.40, which is also the same as one week ago but \$1.20 less than a year ago.

The price at the pump continues to reflect seasonal price fluctuations as refineries complete scheduled maintenance and prepare for the summer driv-

ing season. While prices could still rise again this spring if global crude prices rise or domestic refineries experience production issues, the timing of this seasonal peak would be within the range of recent years but the "high" would be significantly lower. Consumers continue to experience significant year-over-year savings in the price of retail gasoline.

Production issues have largely been resolved in the Midwest and on the West Coast, following a number of unexpected issues at refineries, which caused regional price spikes over the



past few weeks. Despite these localized swings, the low price of crude oil has kept the national average relatively stable over the past month. Unless there are new regional refinery is-

ssues or global crude prices turn markedly higher, drivers can expect to see pump prices continue to slide leading up to the start of the summer driving season.

"It's a good time to start planning summer trips and perhaps considering destinations a little farther from home or places you've never been," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "Prices at the pump could be significantly less this summer compared to last summer and that will likely free up more money for people to travel this summer season."

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Inspection found no problem at Oklahoma Blue Bell plant

DALLAS (AP) — Days after a foodborne illness was linked to Blue Bell ice cream products, a state inspection of an Oklahoma plant later tied to the infection praised the facility for having no violations and doing a "great job," according to a copy of the inspection report.

Inspectors had no reason to check for listeria during the routine March 18 review as no problems were detected and the facility didn't have a history of issues linked to the illness, said Stan Stromberg, director of the food safety division for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

"With an organism like listeria, you cannot do a visual inspection," Stromberg said on Thursday.

Tainted Blue Bell ice cream products have sickened eight people — five in Kansas and three in Texas. Three of the five in Kansas have died and health officials there say listeria, also known as listeriosis, might have been a contributing factor in the deaths.

Blue Bell has temporarily closed its facility in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and shut down a production line at its facility in Brenham, Texas, where the company is headquartered. Blue Bell has also recalled more than 25 of its products since last month.

In the one-page report about the Oklahoma plant, provided to The Associated Press in response to an open records request, an inspector wrote "No Violations Observed!" and "Keep it up!"

At the time of the inspection, lis-

teria had only been traced to Blue Bell's Brenham facility. Blue Bell issued its first recall on March 13. Stromberg said Oklahoma officials didn't learn until March 22 that listeria was connected to a product produced by the Oklahoma plant.

Stromberg said his agency has been at the plant ever since, working with the Food and Drug Administration and other agencies to determine a cause of the listeria.

"Once you identify where it is, listeria is relatively easy to control. But it's going to be like looking for a needle in a haystack," he said.

Officials in Washington can attest to the difficulty of tracking down listeria at a plant. At least two people became ill after the listeria was detected in products manufactured by Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream. The company responded by issuing a recall in December. It addressed health safety concerns and was given approval to resume operations a month later.

"You may just be working to keep your plant really, really clean, but you also need to work to keep it in good repair because that organism can slide into a crack on the door, or get into the crack where the wall and floor meet," said Lucy Severs, food safety manager for the Department of Agriculture in Washington.

Stromberg said he didn't believe there was any sort of breakdown in the inspection process in Oklahoma as officials don't normally submit samples for laboratory testing as a part of routine reviews, unless

there were problems such as with cleanliness. No such problems were detected in the March 18 inspection, which is one of eight to 10 done each year at the plant.

Before the recall, the facility in Brenham had last been fully inspected in February and the Texas Department of State Health Services had found a couple of minor issues. The Brenham facility is inspected monthly.

"Over the years, Blue Bell has had a good inspection record and very few issues, none leading to any enforcement issue (i.e. penalty)," agency spokeswoman Carrie Williams wrote in an email.

In a statement Thursday, Blue Bell said "the fact that our products may be linked to these events is very distressing to us. We are sorry for this news and we are doing everything possible to determine the cause of the outbreak."

Listeria is a life-threatening infection caused by eating food contaminated with bacteria called Listeria monocytogenes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The disease primarily affects pregnant women and their newborns, older adults, and people with immune systems weakened by cancer, cancer treatments, or other serious conditions.

The CDC said Thursday preliminary tests indicate another three people hospitalized at some point from 2010 to 2012 appear to have a similar strain of listeria as the others, but further testing is necessary before confirming a connection.

Forecasters see fewer than average hurricanes in 2015

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Atlantic hurricane season in 2015 will see fewer than the average number of storms, according to Colorado State University researchers.

Researchers Philip Klotzbach and William Gray say in a news release that cooler ocean temperatures and the expectation that favorable atmospheric conditions will continue through the summer months will mean fewer hurricanes.

The researchers re-

leased their report Thursday.

They say the Gulf Coast and East Coast both have a 15 percent chance of getting hit by a hurricane this season, well below the average for the last century of 30 percent.

Their forecast calls for seven named storms, of which three will become hurricanes with wind speeds of 74 mph or higher.

The federal forecast will be released later this spring.



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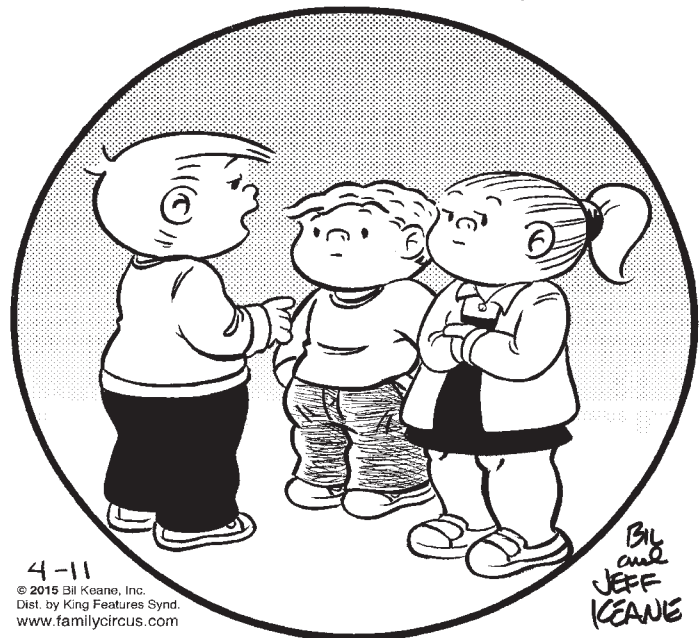
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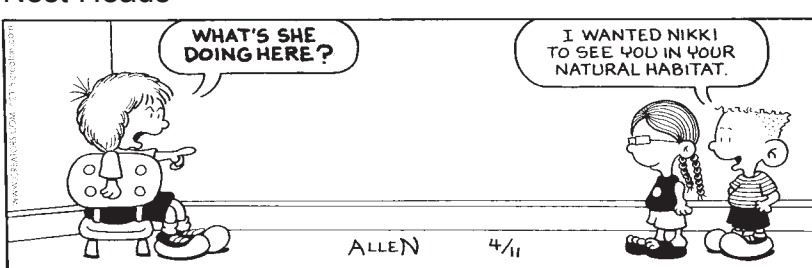
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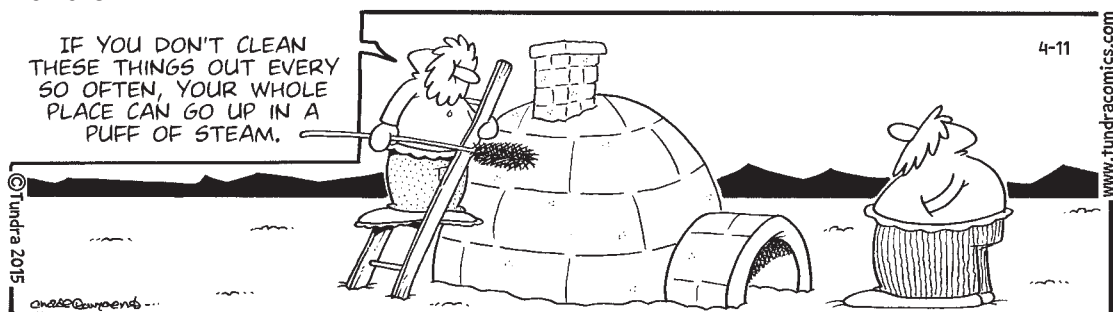
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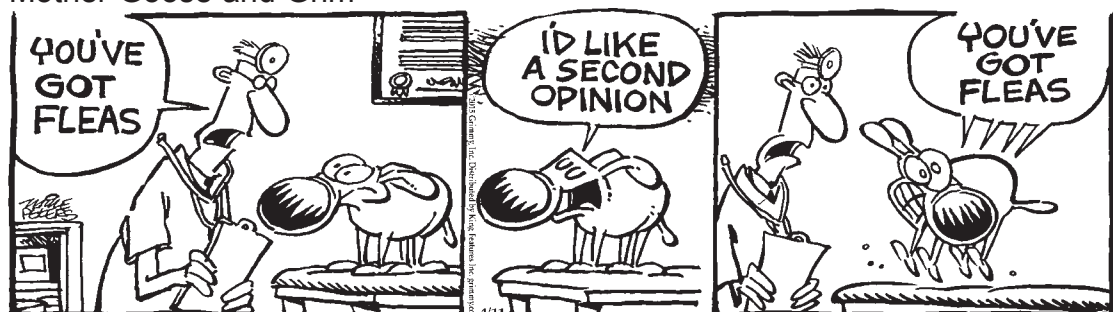
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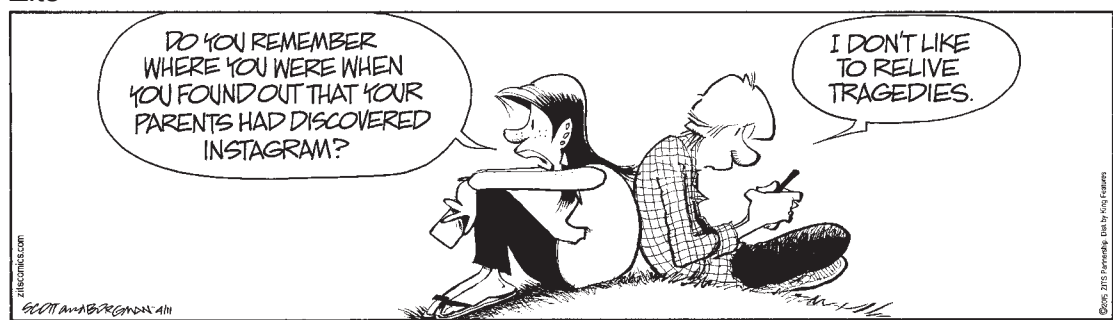
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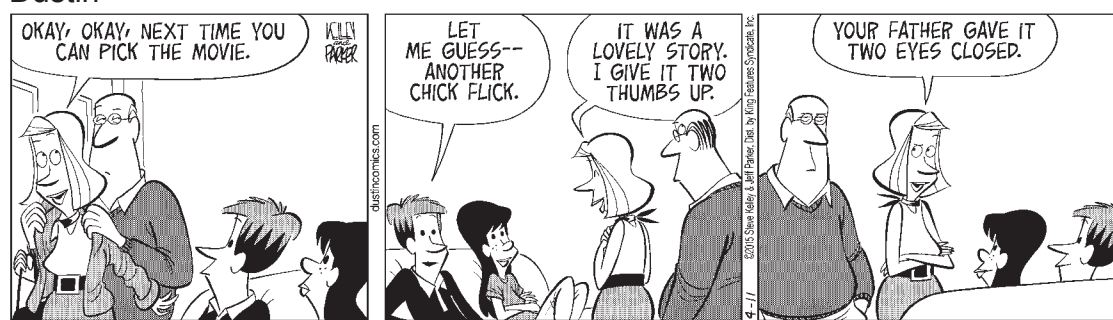
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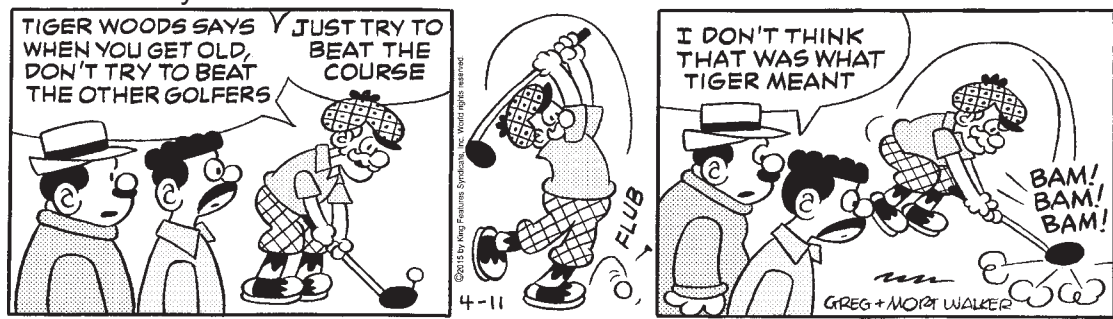
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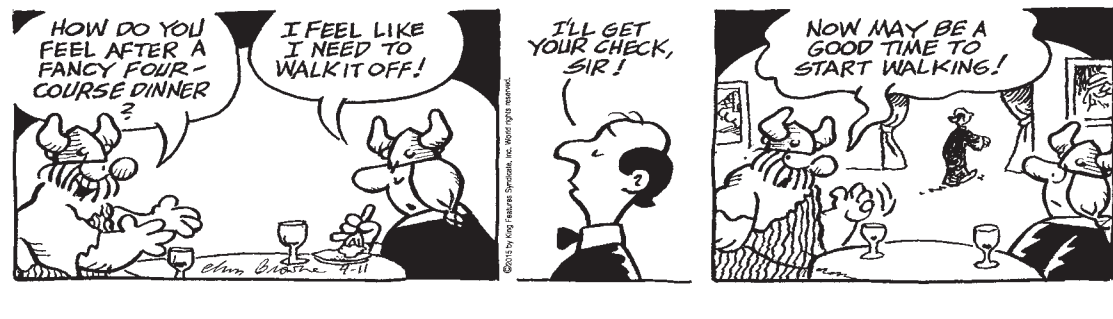
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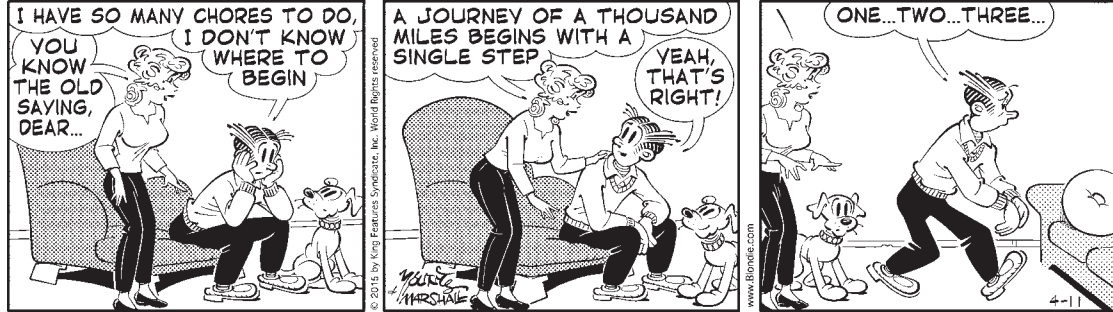
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DAILY Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, April 13, 2015: This year you focus on your long-term desires and needs. How you handle someone and the choices you make could be very different from what you initially had expected. Your actions reflect this transformation. Your ability to move through issues becomes fine-tuned. If you are single, it is likely that you will meet someone of significance in the next few months. You will know when this person arrives on the scene. If you are attached, this year could be one of the best periods you have shared as a couple.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might be more challenging than you realize. If you use your creativity, you'll be able to cut costs and find a better solution to a financial problem. A brainstorming session is likely to serve you well, as it could point you in the right direction. Tonight: Follow a friend's lead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ You might not be aware of how angry you have become. You could find yourself losing it at an inappropriate moment. This is a pattern you won't want to continue. Consider expressing your frustration earlier, before it erupts. Everyone will be happier, including you. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ If you feel anger or irritation developing, it might be best for you to express these feelings as they occur. Others most likely will become more responsive and helpful as a result. A friend might surprise you by forcing you to think outside the box. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be at your wits' end when dealing with a friend who seems to be on the warpath. Understand that this person's anger is not directed at you. Resist having a knee-jerk reaction, and don't hold a grudge. Allow your sensitivity to emerge. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others seem determined to express their feelings, and they want you to hear them loud and clear. Don't neglect to express your thoughts in addition to acknowledging theirs. You'll gain a new perspective as a result. Tonight: Be available, and know that anything can happen!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could feel as if you're

on top of the world when discussing an imminent change. You need to be direct and caring with a friend whom you see often. At this point, you might need some alone time, without the clutter of your day-to-day life. Tonight: Happiest at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could be quite sorry that you reacted to someone in such a volatile way. This person can be needy at times, which might be overwhelming. Remember this occasion so that you will not repeat this performance. Let your creativity open you up. Tonight: Fun and games.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Say little and respond in a more positive way. Your ability to read between the lines with a very angry person will help you find a way to get through to this person. You could feel as if an associate tends to be too forgiving of this individual. Tonight: Off to the gym.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be put off by the hectic pace of your day and by the many requests from others. Pull back some and consider what must happen in order for you to complete what you must, then follow through. Tonight: Work with a loved one who often is erratic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Be aware of what you must do in order to promote a necessary change in your life. Financial security is always important to you, and you can't compromise on this level. A loved one could be challenging, as he or she tends to have different ideas from you. Tonight: Pay bills first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You will be all smiles, even in the face of an emotional storm. You might want to revise your schedule in order to bypass someone who seems to be creating a lot of uproar. A dear friend or loved one will support you in your ideas and your desires. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will be in a position where you need to take strong control of your assets and your work. You could have a surprise presented to you, yet you might seem somewhat scattered and unable to appreciate what is happening. Tonight: Treat a dear friend to dinner.

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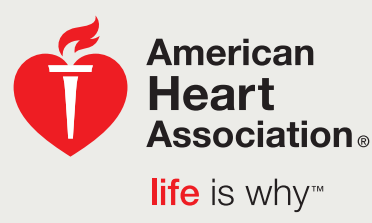
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Harvester swim teams celebrate season Thursday

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa swim teams celebrated their season with a banquet at First Christian Church on Thursday night.

The event kicked off with food, catered by The Plaza. While everyone was eating there was a slideshow showing highlights and pictures of what happened this season. The biggest highlight was the team won their district this season, despite not having a pool to workout in.

After the meal, the awards were passed out.

Every award, except the team fighter award, was given to one boy and one girl swimmer.

The biggest dreamer went to Mathew Foreman and Jennifer Price. The MVP went to Gerrek Watson and Breanna Keeling. The hardest worker went to Nolan Price and Elaine Nava. The biggest heart went to Brent Salazar and Mackenzie Parks. The



Photo by Zachary Green

The 2015 Harvester swim team seniors. From left, coach Tammy Henthorn, Samantha Vanhouten, Esteban Alonzo, coach Colby Dennis and Mackenzie Parks. Best of luck in your future endeavors seniors!

team spirit went to Sergio Resendez and Nikki Anderson. The most improved was Mathew Har-

vill and Olga Castaneda. The team clowns were Jonah Munsell and Jenna Bonner. The most dramat-

ic swimmers were Esteban Alonzo and Alexis Stuart. The most spunk went to Thomas Costly and Kinley

Aiken. The team fighter went to Carolyn Davis.

Next, the swimmer moms pitched in together to get the three seniors a gift. Esteban Alonzo, Mackenzie Parks and Samantha Vanhouten were the seniors this year. They all received a personalized blanket with the Pampa "P" on it.

Before head coach Colby Dennis could close out the banquet, the swimmers wanted to present their presents to him as well as assistant Tammy Henthorn.

Dennis received a clipboard, as he'd like to put it "finally I have a clipboard." He also received a scrapbook commemorating the season.

Dennis had a few remarks to share before closing the event.

"I've been coaching four years at Canyon before here. They have a lot of natural talent there," Dennis said. "But once I came here and saw what we had, there was nothing Canyon

had on us. We have a ton of natural, raw talent here.

"We are one of the most talented teams in the area," Dennis said. "This team is amazing. We've had our ups and downs this year and overcome so much. It's been wonderful. I have enjoyed this and love the program."

The program listed a special thanks to the coaches, Dennis and Henthorn, the athletic director Greg Poyner, the superintendent Dr. David Young and Frank Phillips College.

Frank Phillips College, in Borger, let Pampa come practice swimming at their facilities when the Pampa Youth and Community Center's pool went out.

It was a great year for the swimmers as they won their district, even without having a pool in Pampa to use.

Congratulations to all of the swimmers on a great season and best of luck to the seniors in their future endeavors.

Baseball offering more mental health support to players

CHICAGO (AP) — For Cubs general manager Jed Hoyer, Josh Lifrak is just like hitting coach John Mallee or pitching coach Chris Bosio.

Lifrak is the director of the team's mental skills program, while Mallee and Bosio are two key members of Joe Maddon's coaching staff.

While Hoyer looks at each of them in a similar way, he also knows what that means in terms of a shift in thinking when it comes to mental health and major league baseball.

"I think that it used to be the kind of thing that people would talk to people, they didn't, like, advertise it," he said. "Some guys were ashamed of it, and some people didn't want to have any part of it. I think now it's almost impossible to find someone who doesn't understand that your mental skills coach is no different than a hitting coach or a pitching coach. He's a guy that can really help your players get better."

"That's a shift from like, partial acceptance to like, total acceptance in a very short amount of time."

Long gone are the days when mental health was a taboo subject in major league locker rooms, and the days of a lone sports psychologist even appear to be waning. While individual players have sought help with the mental side of the game for years, teams are responding to the changing attitudes by offering more assistance to their players in the area.

At least three teams — the Cubs, Red Sox and Nationals — announced major changes this year to their approach.

"I think as a whole, the industry is far more comprehensive," said Doug Harris, an assistant general manager for the Nationals who also serves as their vice president of player development and pro scouting. "People are being more creative now, trying to help their players in any way they can."

Harris played a key role in Rick Ankiel joining the organization

in January to work with minor leaguers as a life skills coordinator. He first broached the idea with Ankiel at a spring game last season, and the two had a running conversation that eventually pivoted to more specific details.

"I hope he affects our kids," Harris said. "With his background he has, both personally and professionally, it's a broad range. He's been through a ton in his life. That's what we're looking to tap into."

Ankiel was one of baseball's top pitching prospects when he broke into the majors with St. Louis in 1999. But he struggled with his control in the playoffs in 2000, throwing five wild pitches in his first postseason appearance, and was never the same pitcher again.

He restarted his career as an outfielder and made it back to the majors, finishing with a .240 batting average, 76 homers and 251 RBIs in 11 seasons. He played his final game in 2013 with the New

York Mets.

"For me, I'm a resource and a confidant for these guys," Ankiel said when asked to describe his new role. "Anything they need help with. If they want to talk about stuff on the field, or if they need help with stuff off the field ... whatever it may be. I'm just here for them to lean on and pass along all the things I've learned along my way."

Ankiel worked with Harvey Dorfman during his playing career, and plans to pass along much of what he learned from the pioneering sports psychologist.

The Red Sox announced in January that they had hired Dr. Richard Ginsburg to run their new behavioral health program. Ginsburg also is the co-director of the Paces Institute of Sports Psychology at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Bob Tewksbury, Laz Gutierrez, and Justin Su'a were named mental skills coaches. Tewksbury, who won 110 games in 13 seasons in the majors, had the

same position with Boston for nine years before he spent last year with the players' union.

Chicago unveiled its new mental skills program in February, with Lifrak joining the team after spending 10 years as a mental conditioning consultant at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida. Former major league outfielder Darnell McDonald and Rey Fuentes are coordinators for the department, and Dr. Ken Ravizza has agreed to take on a consultant role.

Ravizza also worked with Maddon during his time with the Angels and Rays.

"I think that everyone can use someone to talk to about how to improve their focus, how to deal with failure, how to deal with stuff off the field," Hoyer said. "It makes a lot of sense, and we're hardly alone. I think a lot of teams have gone the route we are. It just makes sense. It's kind of another tool in your tool box to deal with playing baseball at a high level."

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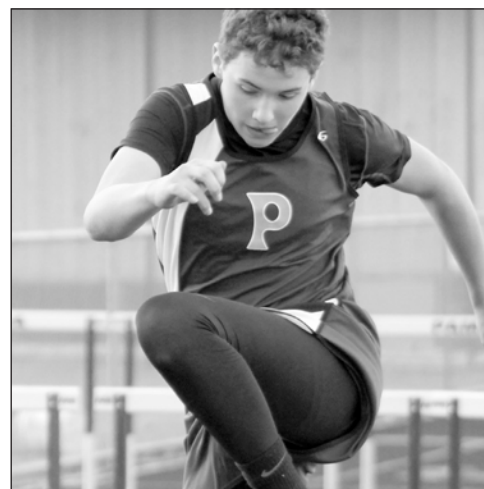
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JUNIOR HIGH TRACK MEET ACTION



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 Top left, Kiarra Terrell runs hard. Top right, Sierra Burr on the hurdles. Above left, Halie West flies over a hurdle. Above right, Micah Rich soars. Below left, Jarron Giles and TJ Conley run the hurdles. Below right, Tyler Luster on the hurdles. Pampa competed in a track meet at the high school on March 31.



Poynor's Pointers

Age and wisdom.

My birthday was a couple of days ago. I had a great day spending the evening with family. I even got a new phone.



GREG POYNOR

I turned 49 (I know I look older, coaching will do that to you). Only one year away from the big five zero. It's funny how fast time passes by. It seems just like a few years ago that I was the young coach on the staff trying to make my way. In just the blink of an eye I was the old coach trying to mentor the young guys.

I often think of the scripture in the Bible that says our life is like a vapor, one second it's there the next minute it's gone. I can tell I've gotten older by who I root for in the sports world. Ask me my favorite golfer and I'll say the "Golden Bear" Jack Nicklaus. Favorite football player ever, that's easy, Roger Staubach.

Larry Bird takes the

top spot in basketball. I could go on and on. The funny thing is the kids I'm coaching don't even know who those guys are. There are some definite disadvantages to getting older. I used to love to demonstrate the drills. Now I try to stay out of the way so I don't get run over. When I do get too feisty I pay for it with aches and sore muscles the next day. But getting older does have some advantages also.

I've been the fiery young coach who could occasionally say the wrong thing at the wrong time. I've been the assistant who was so sure I had such better ideas than the head coach.

I've also been the coach who had the troubled player and maybe was a little too impatient and let a

chance to really help a kid slip through my fingers. With age hopefully comes some wisdom.

I feel that because of my past experiences I am better able to see the other persons point of view, or maybe stay a little calmer in a volatile situation, or maybe even be able to know when it's not about the sport your coaching it's about the life and the future of a young kid.

I'm not sure anyone really likes getting old but as my dad always says, "it's better than the alternative." Just one final important note, I'm still not the oldest coach on our football staff.

That honor belongs to coach J.P. Wright. I know he will appreciate being mentioned in the article.

Greg Poynor is the head football coach and athletic director at Pampa High School. He can be reached at the high school at 806-669-4800.

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 Varsity at Perryton.....Noon - April 18 - Perryton
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Baseball

Varsity v. Bushland.....4:30 p.m. - TODAY - Pampa
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Swimming

JH Swimming.....TODAY - Pecos
 JH District Meet.....April 18

Track

JH District.....TODAY - Perryton
 District.....April 17 - Perryton

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District at Borger.....April 8 - Borger

Golf

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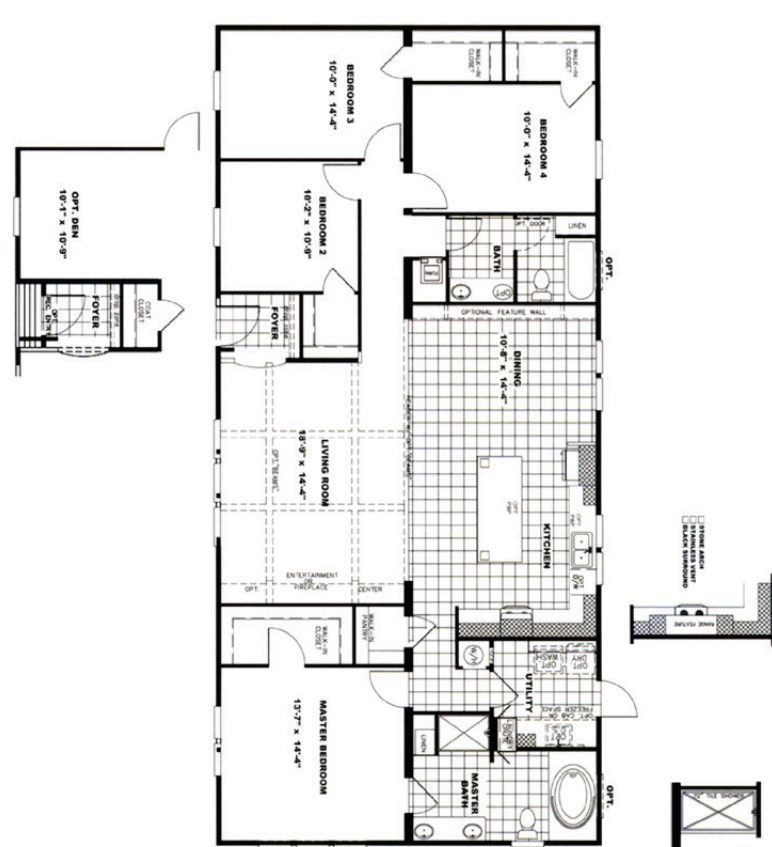
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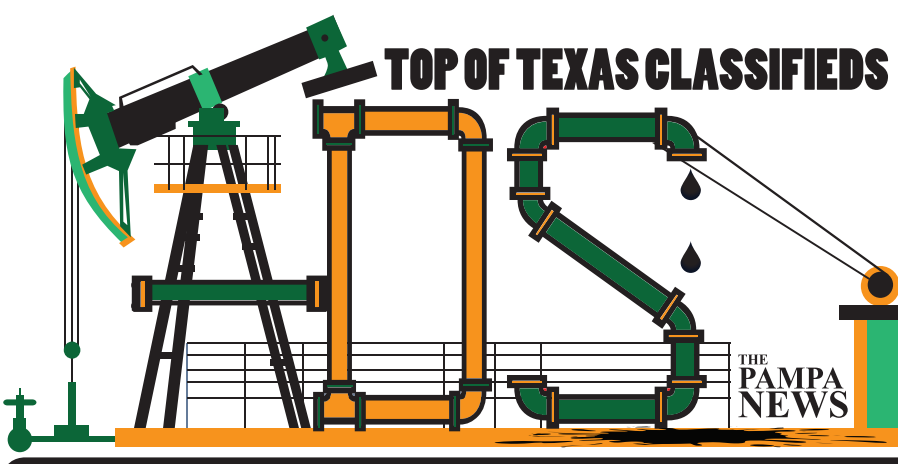


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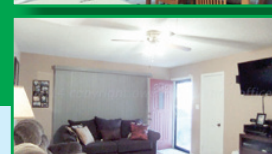
NEW ARRIVAL



2143 Faulkner St.

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A Nice 3 Bedroom 1 Bath home with 2 Living Areas or Office. The Floor Plan is Open from Front Living Area to Kitchen with an Eat At Bar Area. The Den could easily be an office as well. This home has a Separate Utility Room off Den/Office Area. The Fenced in Back Yard is Spacious as the Home is situated on an over size Corner Lot-Plenty of Room for Entertaining or Children to Play-Has Patio too



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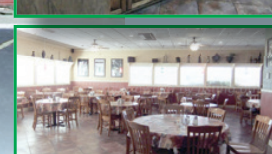


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DEAR ABBY: I have had a very strained relationship with my father for many years. My mother and I are not close because she was incarcerated for most of my life until recently.

I am 16 now, and just found out I'm pregnant. No one knows except the father of my child. For some reason, he is thrilled for us. I, on the other hand, am terrified of the uncertainties.

I know what my father will say. He will want me to get an abortion, but I would never choose that for myself or for my baby. My mother is struggling since she was released from prison and is still trying to get on her feet. I live with my grandparents, who don't have the means to support a child.

It seems like my only option is to move in with my boyfriend and his family while I finish school and then get a job. Please give me an unbiased perspective.

UNCERTAIN IN THE SOUTH

DEAR UNCERTAIN: You appear to be an intelligent young woman, so I will give it to you straight. Although you think you know what your father will say, you can't know for sure until you talk to him and tell him what's going on. I'm advising you to do that because you may need his help. A loving father will give it to you. If you decide to have this baby, he can't force you to get an abortion.

You and your baby's father should also talk to his parents, so that, IF NECESSARY, you will be able to stay with them. You must also be sure to have the best prenatal care possible, so your child will be born healthy. Planned Parenthood has clinics where this care is offered, and you should contact it as soon as possible. If

you check its website, www.plannedparenthood.org, you will also find information about adoption.

You must also make earning your high school diploma a priority, so you will be able to support and educate the child you're bringing into the world, if you decide to raise him or her yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I physically assaulted a male friend (Aiden) who I was -- and still am -- interested in. I'm a survivor of domestic violence and have a troubled past. I have sworn not to touch alcohol, and shared with him some of the horror stories regarding what happens when I drink.

A few weeks ago, I hosted a mutual friend's birthday party at my house. Long story short, Aiden suggested I take a shot. I was unwilling at first, but finally agreed to a birthday toast. After that toast, things are blurry for me. According to other friends at the party, I went crazy.

I want so bad to tell Aiden that I know what I did was unacceptable, but I know he may never

see or speak to me again. As someone who has lived through being abused, I know this is a very difficult thing to ever forgive. How can I even look him in the eye if he ever speaks to me again? -- SORRY BEYOND WORDS

DEARSORRY: Recognizing the part that Aiden played in what happened might help. You described your past and warned him about what happens when you have a drink. Knowing that, he NEVER should have suggested you have an alcoholic beverage to make the birthday toast.

If your paths cross, stand up straight and say you're sorry. But frankly, he owes you an apology, too.

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

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

4-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

C U E X R U X E C O Z X J S X K O
K R O E Y M O X O M O Z X W M E C M R
M H X R O Z Q C E K C L K R Y

C Q W X S C O E O E M R. — KYKL CLEOZ
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I DECIDED TO FLY THROUGH THE AIR AND LIVE IN THE SUNLIGHT AND ENJOY LIFE AS MUCH AS I COULD. — EVEL KNEVEL

BANANAGRAMS!

LEVEL 1

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents, and then rearrange the letters to spell a seven-letter word. For example, in ACNO?SW the ? could be an O, P, Q, R or S. Here it represents a P, which can be combined with the other letters to spell SNOWCAP. We've placed the first letter as a hint.

A ? L N R U Y
L [] [] [] [] [] []

A B D G L ? Y
L [] [] [] [] [] []

? E E L M T U
E [] [] [] [] [] []

Yesterday's Answer: TRACTOR, PLACEBO, EMBASSY, CABARET, SHELLAC

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LEVEL 1

Rearrange the letters of each word below and place them in the blanks so that, together with the two letters that have already been placed, they form a new word.

O R C A
D [] [] [] N

I O T A
N [] [] [] N

P R I M
A [] [] [] T

Yesterday's Answer: Common C; SOCIABLE, OBSTRUCT, PEDANTIC, DERELICT

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Sudokus

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

39 Do a fan's job
1 Refers to job
6 Dance of Brazil
11 Foe
12 Air freshener's targets
13 Top story
14 Martial arts schools
15 In a way
17 Mamie's man
18 Greek vowel
19 Old Spanish money
22 Sinking signal
23 Space above a stable
24 Senator Rubio
25 Actor Richard
27 Lawn coating
30 Apparition
31 Memorable time
32 Back muscle, for short
33 Alley prowler
35 Had longings
38 Job reward

DOWN

1 Stops completely
2 Completely
3 Aquarium fish
4 Give off
5 Fawning flatterer
6 Lawn makeup
7 Commo-tion
8 Minty rum drink
9 Former network anchor
10 Block-heads
16 "Don't worry!"
20 Graceful trees
21 Punk rock offshoot
24 Fellows
25 Rhythmic dance
26 Former network anchor
27 Act the judge
28 Made blank
29 Damp
30 Site
34 Buck or bull
36 Sushi choice
37 Arid

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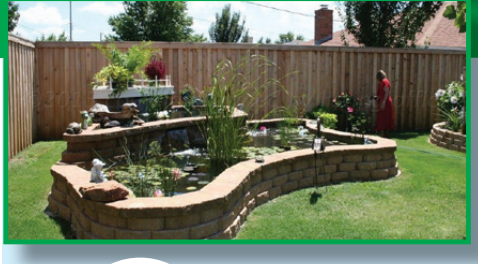
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This home has so many things to love. Raised flower beds, large above ground pond, 10' privacy fence, and lovely detail work on driveway, sidewalk and entry. Heating and Air were replaced a few years ago. Newer carpet, texture, and paint. Granite countertops, stove, microwave and dishwasher!



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Toronto Raptors at Miami Heat.....NBATV 6:30 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies at LA Clippers.....NBATV 9 p.m.

NHL Hockey

Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning.....NBCS 6:30 p.m.
San Jose Sharks at LA Kings.....KAMR 2 p.m.
NCAA Tournament Championship.....ESPN 6:30 p.m.

Cricket

Chennai Super Kings v. SunrisersHyderabad...ESPN2 5:20 a.m.

Australian Football

Port Adelaide v. Sydney.....FS2 4:30 a.m.

Arena Football

Las Vegas at Los Angeles.....ESPN2 9 p.m.

College Football

Oklahoma Spring game.....FSSW 2 p.m.

Basketball

All-Star Game Nike Hoop Summit.....ESPN2 2 p.m.
D-League playoffs.....ESPNN 3 p.m.

Soccer

Swansea v. Everton.....NBCS 6:40 a.m.
Tottenham v. Aston Villa.....OLN 8:55 a.m.
Arsenal v. Burnley.....KAMR 11:30 a.m.

Softball

Radford at Coastal Carolina.....ESPNU 11 a.m.
Auburn at Texas A&M.....ESPNU 1 p.m.
Pacific at BYU.....BYU 2 p.m.
LSU at Tennessee.....ESPN 4 p.m.
UMKC at New Mexico State.....FCS 5 p.m.

College Baseball

Baylor at Texas Tech.....FCSC 2 p.m.
TCU at Kansas State.....FCSP 2 p.m.
Arizona at Arizona State.....ESPNU 9:30 p.m.

Tennis

Women's Family Circle Cup.....ESPN2 12 p.m.

Golf

Masters third-round play.....KFDA 2 p.m.

Horse Racing

From Keeneland.....FS1 3:30 p.m.
Lexington Stakes.....TVG 3:30 p.m.
Arkansas Derby.....TVG 5:30 p.m.
Oka Sho.....TVG 11 p.m.

Auto Racing

Sprint Cup Series from Fort Worth.....KCIT 6 p.m.

Boxing/Fighting

Garcia-Peterson.....KAMR 7:30 p.m.
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Houston Astros at Texas Rangers.....FSSW 2 p.m.

NBA Basketball

Atlanta Hawks at Washington Wizards.....NBATV 5 p.m.
Dallas Mavericks at LA Lakers.....NBATV 8:30 p.m.
D-League playoff.....ESPNN 1 p.m.
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Wrestling

USA Wrestling World Cup.....NBCS 8 p.m.

Soccer

Chelsea at QPR.....NBCS 7:25 a.m.
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MLS: Portland v. Orlando City SC.....ESPN2 4 p.m.
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Softball

Florida State at Louisville.....ESPNU 6 p.m.

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Baylor at Texas Tech.....FCSC 2 p.m.
Campbell at Liberty.....ESPNU 3 p.m.

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Golf

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Auto Racing

FIA World Endurance Championship.....FS1 6 a.m.
FIM Moto2 in Austin.....FS1 1 p.m.
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Watch the Pros - Monday

NBA Basketball

Portland TrailBlazers at OKC Thunder.....NBATV 7 p.m.
Memphis Grizzlies at GS Warriors.....NBATV 9:30 p.m.

MLB Baseball

NY Yankees at Baltimore Orioles.....ESPN 6 p.m.
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