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Pampa ISD bond election doesn't pass, loses May 9 election 812-621

■ All of Lefors elections pass, alcohol sales to become legal.

STAFF REPORT
More than 1,400 voters in Pampa came out for Saturday's bond election. The Pampa Independent School District bond election only had 621 (43.34 percent) vote for the bond while 812 voted against (56.66 percent).

The Pampa ISD bond election was to approve a \$30.34 million bond which would cover the cost of a new intermediate school (\$25.68 million) and improvements to the Career and Technology Education program and facilities at Pampa High School (\$4.66 million).

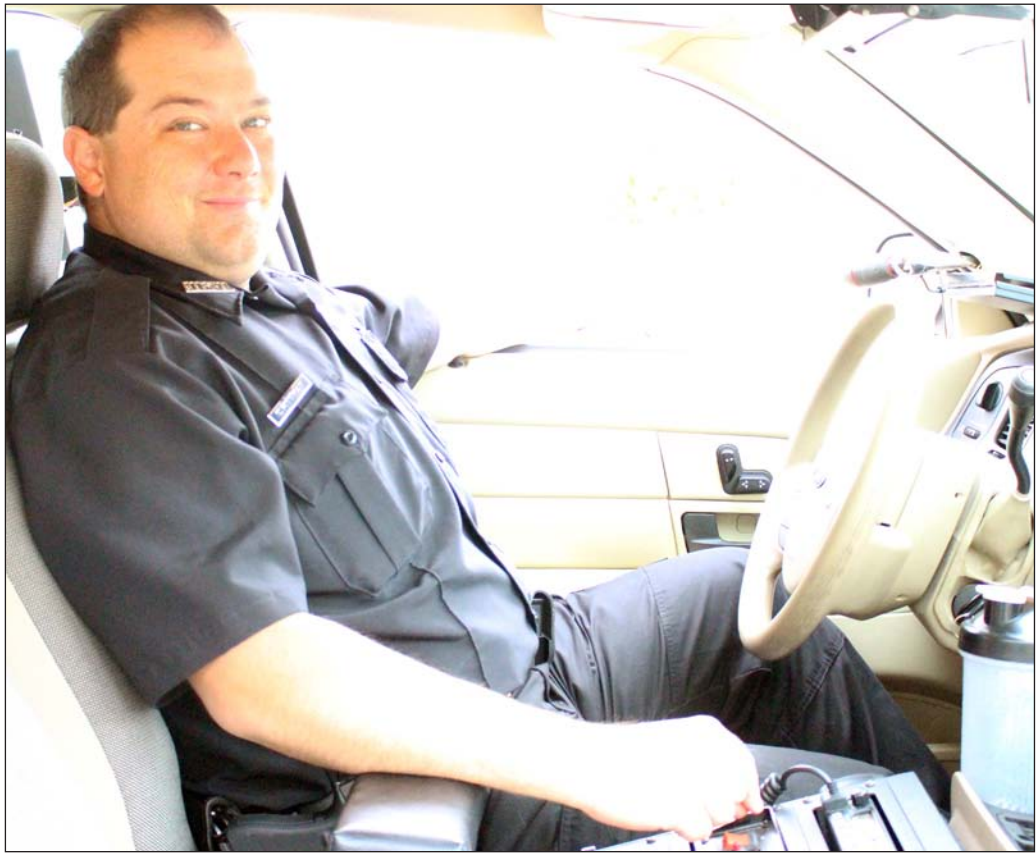
The new school would alleviate the overcrowding at Pampa Junior High School and the elementary schools. The Career and Technology Education program portion was to help prepare the high school for House Bill 5, which is aimed at helping those students who are en-

tering the workforce following high school.

Regardless of what the result of the bond election would have been, the Pampa ISD Board of Trustees has to canvas the votes at the May

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Travis Pittman takes over as city marshal of Lefors



By **JOHN LEE**
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Travis Pittman has wanted to work in law enforcement in one way, shape or form all of his life.

Pittman came to Pampa in 2010 and began working as a deputy for Gray County Sheriff's Office.

When the opportunity presented itself last month to begin working as the city marshal in Lefors, it was an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"I figured I'd be able to serve the community better," Pittman said. "I'll actually be able to enforce the laws that I feel like the taxpayers are paying me to do. There were times (at GCSO) that I wanted to run traffic or do another field activity but I had to stay at the office that day."

Pittman said as city marshal he can approach his job and responsibilities the way he needs to while keeping the taxpayers in mind.

City marshal's have the same authority as a municipal police officer and Pittman's jurisdiction does extend to Gray County.

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Cardiology and you

By **JOHN LEE**
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This week is hospital week. As part of hospital week, The Pampa News will be running articles pertaining to health and Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Pampa Regional Medical Center and Dr. Mohannad Bisharat practice preventive medicine in the field of cardiology to raise awareness of the broad scope of cardiology.

A part of that is awareness. The hospital and Dr. Bisharat try to make the community aware of the many different components of cardiovascular health since cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 cause of death in the country.

"We are focusing on community outreaches," Dr. Bisharat said. "In fact there is an American Heart Association fundraiser (Kick Start Your Heart) on May 2 that PRMC is sponsoring."

Dr. Bisharat said many people present late what they have been dealing with for a while, which is one of the worst things a patient can do.

PRMC does offer a line of diagnostic and therapeutic services. "They include echo-cardiograms, which is an ultra-sound of the heart which allows us to evaluate the function of the heart and it's four valves," Dr. Bisharat said.

PRMC also uses stress testing which allows doctors to evaluate different issues with the heart. This can be done with a standard exercise or by a chemical injection which imitates the chemical changes of exercise on the body.

"If a stress test is abnormal for any reason, that is where red flags are raised," Dr. Bisharat said. "Usually further work up is needed."

This work could include starting some type medical procedure, including angiogram catheterization or cardio catheterization.

"Cardio catheterization and angioplasty are both new in Pampa," Dr. Bisharat said. "The facility has worked

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CUB SCOUTS EARN ARROWS OF LIGHT



Submitted photo

Three Cub Scouts, Marcus Fletcher, Riley Coble and Colin George, pictured left to right, earned their Arrow of Light awards at their Blue and Gold banquet May 2. The Arrow of Light is the highest honor you can receive as a Cub Scout. It represents several years of achievements. These three boys have now bridged to a Boy Scout troop and will begin their journey as Boy Scouts.

Abbott's pre-K bill easily passes Texas Senate

By **MORGAN SMITH**
The Texas Tribune

ing it 25 to 6.

The money is intended to coax school districts into improving existing pre-K programs, which the state currently funds for students from low-income, English-language learning, military and foster families.

A key early education bill backed by Gov. Greg Abbott has cleared both chambers of the Legislature, with the Texas Senate on Thursday capping funding for the pre-kindergarten grant program at \$130 million and approv-

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High 70 Low 50	High 67 Low 52 60%	High 78 Low 57

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. South wind 10 to 20 mph. Sunrise at 6:42 a.m.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. South southeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Sunset at 8:40 p.m.

Wednesday: A 60 percent chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high near 67. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:42 a.m.

Wednesday night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunset at 8:40 p.m.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 6:41 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind around 10 mph. Sunset at 8:41 p.m.

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on acquiring the top-notch machines in order to do the procedures.”

Both procedures are very common and are done in thousands of hospital around the world. They are usually done under conscious sedation. Most of the time patients are released the next morning after this procedure, followed by an appointment.

“I like to build long-term relationships with my patients to maximize the medical outcome,” Dr. Bisharat said. “And to minimize the recurrence of the disease.”

Another common cardiovascular disease is peripheral arterial disease (PAD).

The cath lab at PRMC empowers doctors to treat patients of the disease with minimally invasive procedures, most through a needle stick.

Symptoms of PAD include charlie horses, decreased walking distance, chronic leg and foot pain, loss of muscle strength and shape, hair loss and even ulcers and gang-greens. PAD and peripheral vascular disease (PVD) are the number-one cause of amputations.

The risk factors of PAD, PVD and heart disease are all the same.

High blood pressure, diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, age and smoking.

“Looking through these factors, it’s easy to see that some of these factors are modifiable or controllable,” Dr. Bisharat said. “We can help people, through the right medical treatment, to have their diabetes and high blood pressure under control. With the aid of medical treatment and the right dietary restrictions we can control cholesterol levels. And of course, smoking is a personal choice.”

Other factors include exercise and diet habits. Dr.

Bisharat added that 40 minutes, three times a week, of exercise is advised for most patients.

But Dr. Bisharat said being prepared is the best way to prevent heart disease.

“Be prepared,” Dr. Bisharat said.

“Always be proactive. If you start having any symptoms contact your doctor. When we talk about heart disease, it’s critical and the outcome is not always favorable.”

Some symptoms of heart disease include chest pains, shortness of breath on exertion, chronic fatigue and tiredness or loss of the ability to perform daily activities. Sometimes the chest pains can actually occur in the shoulder or arm.

Some uncommon symptoms of heart disease include dizziness, passing out episodes, palpitations, back pain and even as simple as persistent coughing.

Something even young people should look into is

inherited heart disease.

“Hereditary arterial disease are common and transmitted through the genes,” Dr. Bisharat said.

“This is a factor that we can not change but we can slow down the disease or control it. You have to discuss your family history with your doctor.”

One risk factor is premature cardiac death, which is when a first-degree relative dies before the age of 45 in males and 55 in females.

“Ask for further cardiac treatments if you have a family history that reflects the conditions like premature heart death, arrhythmic death or so on,” Dr. Bisharat said.

Dr. Bisharat added the improvements to PRMC’s cardiology has helped to put Pampa on par with other hospitals.

For more information on Pampa Regional Medical Center and their cardiology programs, contact PRMC at 806-665-3721.

Pre-K

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The measure offers up to \$1,500 per child to school districts that agree to implement certain teacher quality and curriculum measures over the next two years.

The House must decide whether to accept changes made by the Senate before the bill can head to Abbott’s desk.

The six votes against House Bill 4 all came from Republicans: Troy Fraser of Horseshoe Bay, Van Taylor of Plano, Konni Burton of Colleyville, Don Huffines of Dallas, Bob Hall of Edgewood and Brandon Creighton of Conroe.

“I applaud Governor

Abbott’s efforts to enhance the pre-kindergarten program for families that do not have the luxury of keeping their child in a home-learning environment, but our current pre-kindergarten funding level of \$1.5 billion is more than sufficient to reach that goal,” Creighton said in a statement after the vote.

The bill has encountered opposition from a number of conservative groups that view the program as a step toward requiring pre-K for every child.

The bill’s supporters — including its Senate sponsor, state Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels — have repeatedly stated that is not the case.

“I want to send a clear

message that these dollars are for quality, not expansion,” Campbell said as she introduced the legislation on the floor.

The plan has received lukewarm reviews from early education policy experts, who say it stops short of promoting two reforms they view as fundamental to quality pre-K: class-size limits and full-day programs.

Critics also say school districts may not make long-term investments in higher standards because the funding comes in the form of grants that are subject to the whims of the Legislature, rather than through relatively more stable school finance formulas.

The \$130 million likely to be included in the final

budget for the plan is a little over half of the \$208 million the Legislature cut in 2011 from grants that helped districts expand their pre-K programs.

Shortly after the vote on Thursday, Abbott issued a statement praising the Senate’s action.

“Today’s vote is essential to implementing high-quality education standards for Texas pre-K students, providing them with the tools necessary to succeed, and improving accountability and transparency measures for participating pre-K programs across the state,” he said. “Working together we can — and will — strengthen the foundation for the future success of our state’s early education system for generations to come.”

Pittman

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“City marshal has county-wide jurisdiction inside the county that the municipality resides in,” Pittman said. “As city marshal inside my municipality, I am able to serve and process paperwork and carry just

as much authority as any other peace officer.”

Being a lone officer in Lefors, Pittman will be working with GCSO to help enforce county laws.

“Well we have a good work environment,” Pittman said.

“They know if they need anything they can call me and vis versa, if I need backup I can call them and they will come down and

help. For the most part we all handle our own cases, but say we had another homicide and I go to a house and I suspect foul play I can call the sheriff’s office since they have the resources they have and they will come down and do an agency assist.”

Pittman’s new position does take a little more education and freshening up on city ordinances.

“I am now a department head,” Pittman said. “So now I have to go through and get all of my department head certifications and chief certifications. I’ve also got to switch over from thinking in a county aspect to thinking in a city aspect as far as civil cases.”

Pittman used the example of a car wreck to explain his role in Lefors

versus when he was a deputy. As a deputy he didn’t usually have to work city car wrecks whereas now he has to work his own if they happen in the city of Lefors.

Pittman also wants to use his new job to help beautify Lefors with ordinance enforcement.

“Right now Lefors has some houses that are not in the greatest of shape and a few even need to be condemned,” Pittman said.

“I’m working with the community to help clean the city up. With the help of the mayor and the city council, we want to go through and clean the city up and get some buildings up to code and maintained.”

To reach Pittman, contact the City of Lefors at 806-835-2200.

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18 board meeting.

Since the bond election didn’t pass, the next direction the District takes will be addressed at that meeting.

Total numbers are: ab-

sente vote, 222 (95 for, 127 against), early vote (373 for, 352 against) and election day (153 for, 333 against).

In the Lefors elections, Lefors Independent School District’s bond election passed with 108 (73.97 percent) voting for and 38 (26.03 percent) voting against.

The Lefors ISD special election is for the issue of a \$3 million bond for the construction, acquisition, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the district. The bond is also for the purchase of new school buses.

Total numbers in the Lefors ISD election are: four absentee votes (two for, two against), 61 early votes (48 for, 13 against) and 81 on election day (58 for, 23 against).

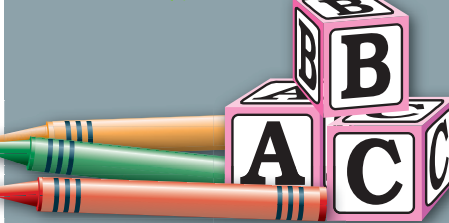
Concerning alcohol sales, 104 (79.39 percent) voted for and 27 (20.61 percent) voted against.

Total numbers in the City of Lefors election are: one absentee (for), 58 in early voting (44 for, 14 against) and 72 total on election day (59 for, 13 against).

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OBITUARIES

Naomi Lee "Scottie" Cornelison

Naomi Lee "Scottie" Cornelison, 87, of Pampa, died May 10, 2015, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Lee Cornelison, her son, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cornelison was born Oct. 21, 1927, in Kellyville, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1986. Naomi married Alvin Cornelison on Feb. 3, 1947, in Pampa. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She enjoyed bowling, quilting, knitting, cooking, and most of all, spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Minerva Medley; a brother, Harold David Medley; a sister, Zelona Johns; and two grandsons, Roy Tyler Reeves and Michael Townsend Cornelison.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin Cornelison of the home; three daughters, Paula Burns and Peggy Adkins and husband Jim, all of Pampa, and Donna Gordy of Skellytown; a son, Lee Cornelison and wife Brenda of Pampa; two sisters, Lorraine Ingle of Fletcher, Okla.; and Mavis Cofer and husband J.C. of Marlow, Okla.; six grandchildren, Michelle Duvall, Troyce Reeves, Stacie Furgason, Brady Burns, Jeanine Malone and Jeff Adkins; 17 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Missions, PO Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

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



Naomi Cornelison

Dorothy was preceded in death by her mother, Helen Miller; her brother, Randy Dale Miller; a grandson, Terry Ragan; and a daughter-in-law, Sandra Ragan.

Survivors include her husband, Dorman Hall of the home; a son, Bobby Ragan of Pampa; a stepdaughter, Jenny Swirczynski of Greenville; a brother, Dannie Miller and wife Terry of Pampa; nine grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

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

Bessie "Beth" Lankford

Bessie "Beth" Lankford, 90, of Amarillo died on Friday, May 8, 2015. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in Llano Cemetery with Pastor Joe Andrajack of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church officiating.

Arrangements are by LaGrone Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors, 8310 S. Coulter.

Bess was born on Oct. 16, 1924, in Cotton Valley, La., to Oscar and Irene Nichols. She married Earl Lankford on Nov. 2, 1951, in Clovis, N.M. She worked in health care and nursing until she was 80 years old. Bess loved fishing, backpacking and Native American Art and Culture. She also loved to cook and bake. Bess was a strong willed woman who was never afraid to speak her mind. She loved her family and will be missed by them.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a grandson Allen Baumgardner.

She is survived by two daughters, Toni Pacific Connally and husband Pat and Sonja Pacific Anderson, both of Pampa; a son John Pacific and wife Kathy of Utah; a sister, Bettie Casados of Dumas; six grandchildren, Traci Baumgardner and husband Jerry Flynn of Springfield, Colo., Christine Pacific of Seattle, Wash., and Melanie Pacific, Stephanie Pacific, Anthony Pacific and Annie Pacific; three great-grandchildren, Allen Baumgardner -Zuzik and wife Jessica currently living in Malawi, Theodore Pacific of Seattle, Wash., and James Parker Lynn of Springfield, Colo. and close friends, Edna Faulkner and Bruce Weinberger.

The family would like to offer their sincerest thanks to the staff of Interim Healthcare and especially to Kendra Smith and Princess Smith.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Maverick Boys and Girls Club, 1923 S. Lincoln, Amarillo, Texas 79109.

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Bessie "Beth" Lankford

Clyde L. Tidwell

Clyde L. Tidwell, 85, of Pampa, died May 9, 2015, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at Briarwood Church, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Tidwell was born Feb. 15, 1930, in Pampa, where he lived most of his life. He married Gwen McAdams on Oct. 1, 1949, in Pampa; she preceded him in death on Oct. 5, 2012. Mr. Tidwell worked for Skelly Oil, Getty and Texaco for 37 years as a field operator. He was an Army veteran; serving with the 35th Infantry Regiment, member of the Pampa VFW #1657 and was a Baptist. He enjoyed watching rodeos, Pampa Harvesters and the Dallas Cowboys. Clyde was a people person and loved spending time with his kids and grandchildren.

Clyde was preceded in death by his parents: Ollie and Grace Tidwell; daughter: Connie Sue Tidwell; grandson: Jeremy Morris; three brothers: his twin, Claude Tidwell, Roy Tidwell and Bill E. Tidwell; three sisters: Bessie Howard, Sandra Evans and Mary Tidwell.

He is survived by his daughter: Cara Morris and husband Robert of Amarillo; a son: Alan Tidwell and wife Cathy of Gainesville; his brother: Bobby Tidwell and wife Phyllis of Oklahoma City; two granddaughters: Cami Ferland and husband Lance of Murphy, and Lindsay Perez and husband Dr. Brandon Perez of Durham, N.C.; four grandsons: Cory Stone of Addison, Chris Morris of Amarillo, Justin Morris and wife Andrea of Amarillo, and Travis Tidwell and wife Pam of Seiling, Okla.; 13 great-grandchildren: Cooper and Gracie Stone, Trevor and Luke Ferland, Jeremy and Graham Morris, Davis and Emma Kate and Grace Perez, Lauren Redden and husband Tyler and Paige, Tori, and Alyssa Tidwell; and nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and several cousins.

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



Clyde L. Tidwell

Dorothy Louise Hall

Dorothy Louise Hall, 86, of Pampa, died May 10, 2015, in Pampa.

Memorial graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor of Briarwood Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hall was born May 7, 1928, in Clines Corners, N.M. She had been a resident of Pampa most of her life. Dorothy married Dorman Hall on Oct. 1, 1966, in McLean. She was an LVN for many years, working at Worley Hospital in Pampa. She loved to go camping, and loved all animals, especially her dog "Buddy."

FOR the RECORD

Fabens man arrested for disorderly conduct

STAFF REPORT
Julian Espinosa-Ramirez, 23, Fabens, was arrested Sunday by the Pampa Police Department for disorderly conduct — language.

Toby James Smith, 38, McLean, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for speeding.

Doyle Nip McKnight Everett, was arrested Saturday by PPD for capias pro fine — no seatbelt, capias pro fine — failure to appear.

William Gollihugh, 21, Howardwick, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for bond surrender — possession of marijuana — Potter

County.
Jennifer Montevalvo, 26, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Amber Loree Caviness, 32, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for capias pro fine — no driver's license, theft — less than \$50, failure to appear.

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Prairie Plains Perspective Red (white and blue) alert?

The Cold War reached its height with the events surrounding the Cuban Missile Crisis, particularly those very tense 13 days in October, 1962. I ought to know, I'm a post war Baby Boomer. During those 13 days America and the world waited — seemingly on the brink of a nuclear war, while President John F. Kennedy and the USSR's Nikita Khrushchev hashed things out. That sorta stuff tends to hang around the memory bank, especially so hearing the accentuated slanted version from a parent.



DENNIS PALMIER

For we folks living in the Texas Panhandle at that time, then Amarillo Air Force Base and its fleet of B-52's along with Pantex held a very poignant meaning with us. Had there been a nuclear war, those B-52's would have flown off and dropped nuclear bombs on USSR targets that Pantex built. Likewise, the two Panhandle institutions would have been targets for the USSR. Reiterating, that

sorta stuff tends to hang around the memory bank and ditto again, the parent thing.

I swear she was a John Bircher. During those Cold War years my mother dearest, actually until the day she died, would after watching the news or reading the newspaper come up with the craziest of ideas that our government was out to get us. Course, I and my two brothers were tasked our growing up years with hearing her conspiracy themed rants. Not till out from under her roof and existing in my own world did I fully understand her political ways. 'Twas all about those pesky Democrats, communists, ne'er do wells and miscreants destructing her America.

An Army training exercise, Jade Helm 15, is scheduled to take place this summer in the southwest part of Texas. Jade Helm 15 will extend into six other southwestern states as well. The training exercise has to a high level, cranked up protests and fear mongering from conspiracy theorist types. Per Jade Helm 15, my need to be current event aware has taken me back to those toilsome

memories of mother dearest and into the here and now with a few friends.

Out of socio-political origins comes conspiracy theorists and their belief that Jade Helm 15 is our conniving current president and federal government enacting Marshall law where first, he'll remain president past the end of his second term. Secondly, he will order our armed forces to go door to door and disarm ala Nazi Germany, we gun owning Americans. An ill wind conspiracy theorists fear this summer will come. Ill winds such as these sadden me, concern me and grate against my sense of well being. Hearing first this inanity all those years from mother dearest and now the same from friends; it's as if all common sense has once again, taken the back road...

Conspiracy theorists, per Wikipedia, are humankind's modern day superstitious folk who carry with them a hypothesis that accuses two or more persons, a group or an organization of having caused or covered up through secret planning and deliberate

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Don't know much about history

In March, President Barack Obama teased the notion of making voting mandatory. "It would be transformative if everybody voted," he said during a Cleveland event. "That would counteract money



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more than anything." Spokesman Josh Earnest walked back the idea the next day, after whetting the appetites of liberal activists. Too often, partisans talk about tinkering with our system to improve voter turnout without fixing why the electorate isn't showing up.

Voter turnout in 2014 was the lowest it has been since World War II. Not coincidentally, the midterm elections, with lower participation, shifted control of the Senate to the GOP. Thus, Democrats have looked at all manner of gimmicks to increase voter participation. Los Angeles is considering a lottery for voters. San Francisco supervisors are entertaining a measure to lower the voting age to 16 in some municipal elections.

I have my own suggestion for improving voter turnout: Knowledge is power. If American schools did a better job teaching about history and government, students most likely would grow up to be more engaged adults. Alas, the latest testing by the National Assessment of Educational Progress — aka NAEP or The Nation's Report Card — found that just 18 percent of eighth-graders scored "proficient" or better in history; 23 percent scored proficient or above in civics. In short, close to 4 in 5 middle schoolers don't know much about history, while 3 in 4 don't know much about their government.

The good news is that those scores didn't drop since NAEP tested those subjects in 2010. The bad news is that NAEP only tested eighth-graders this go-round. In 2010, NAEP also tested fourth-graders and high-school seniors; only 12 percent of seniors scored proficient or better in history. Roger Beckett, executive director of the Ashbrook Center at Ashland University in Ohio, sees the decision not to test all three grades as a bad sign. The new education fad is STEM — science, technology,

engineering and math — which means, Beckett noted, "we don't talk about the crisis in history and civic amnesia."

In a country that Beckett argues teaches to the test, having fewer tests means getting less instruction. "If we don't have this educated citizenry that knows something about this country and how government works," quoth Beckett, "it's going to affect the decisions they make at the polls — or (whether) they think it's important enough to show up."

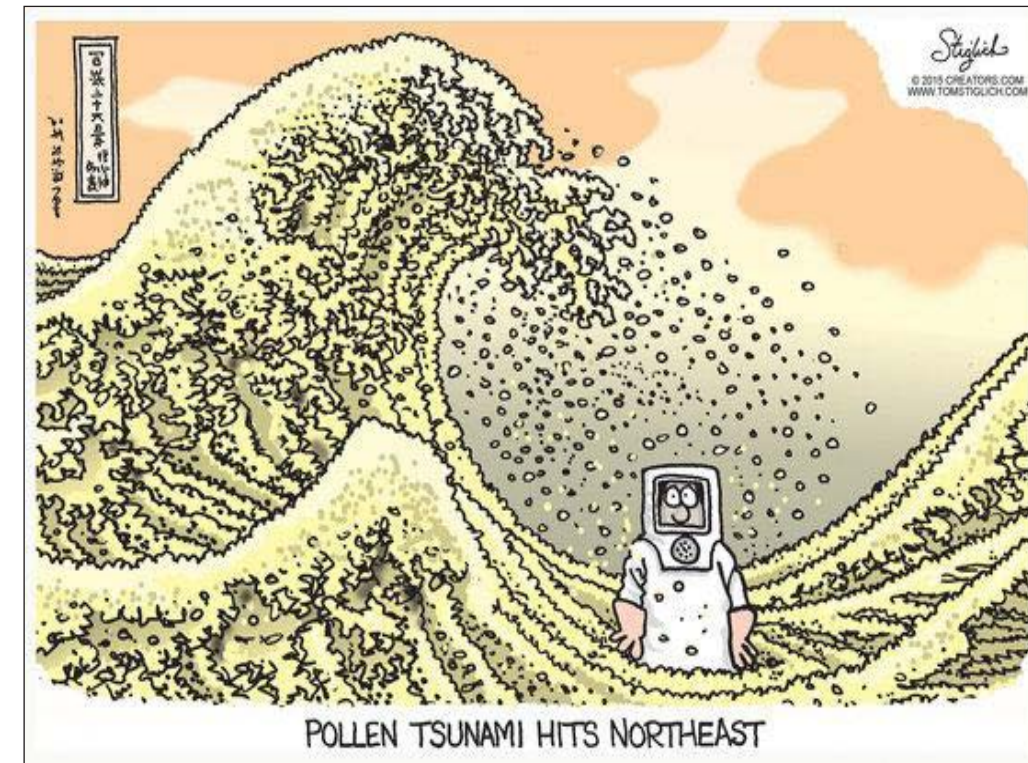
Beckett is particularly concerned about the low number of students who scored as "advanced" — 1 percent in history, 2 percent in civics. By comparison, 9 percent of eighth-graders scored as advanced in math in 2013.

Consider what students did not know. Asked how the three branches of government can limit the powers of the other two, 17 percent of students gave acceptable or complete answers. Some 13 percent didn't even try to answer. Asked which belief is shared by most Americans, more than half of eighth-graders answered that most Americans believe the government should guarantee everyone a job. Only 32 percent answered, "The government should be a democracy."

If young people don't understand that the White House doesn't operate by fiat or that the courts and Congress have a role in determining national policy — including immigration policy — they may feel let down by the system when it actually is working as designed. Kids today wouldn't buy a cellphone without knowing how it works, yet their schools graduate young people into the world without a grounded understanding of how their own democratic institutions operate best.

The very fact that Los Angeles is thinking of dangling a cash prize to entice citizens to vote says it all. Let's just toss out the tenet that citizens have responsibilities by throwing them treats. Democracy is an experiment in self-government. Self-government works best when people know as much about how to wield that power as they do about their cellphones.

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Just a Thought

Take time to enjoy and treasure the journey

A few years after graduating from High School when I was home from



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college, my father sat me down to have a visit. With tears in his eyes, he apologized and told me how sorry he was that he did not spend more time with me while I was growing up. He told me it is sad how our lives are laid out; at the same time that we are raising our children, we are working hard seeking to get ahead in our career.

As a junior at Baylor University back in 1979, I remember my Anthropology professor telling the class about a study which showed that if each person on earth worked only three hours a day, there would be enough food, clothing, and shelter for each of us to live a comfortable existence.

His point was clear. The fact that we will each work far greater than three hours each day is a result of our desire to get ahead in this world. I have always remembered that lesson. From time to time I wonder about the "American way" and the high price we pay to get ahead.

What we do with our time is a choice each of us makes. Sometimes it seems that the world controls us rather than us controlling

our world. We wander from one thing to another as if we are lost in the trees rather than looking at the forest as a whole. We get so wrapped up in the trivial that we don't spend time on what is important.

Sometimes we get so focused on the destination that we fail to enjoy the journey. Our entire world is shaped around a point in time in the future when we feel everything will come together. We can still move towards the destination, but we need to remember the journey is what is important.

I like this story about an American banker and a Mexican fisherman. It brings together for me my father's sharing from his heart and the lesson taught by my college professor.

An American investment banker was at the pier of a small coastal Mexican village when a small boat with one fisherman came to the bank. Inside the small boat were several large yellow fin tuna. The American banker complimented the Mexican fisherman on the quality of his catch and asked him how long it took him to catch those fish. The Mexican said, "It only took just a little while." The American asked, "Well, why don't you stay out longer and catch more fish?"

The Mexican responded, "I have enough to meet my needs and to take care of my family. Why?" The American inquired, "But

what do you do with the rest of your time?"

The Mexican fisherman said, "Well I sleep late. I fish a little. I play with my children. I take a siesta with my wife Maria. I stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine and play the guitar with my amigos. I have a full and happy life."

The American scoffed at him and said, "Look, I have a Harvard MBA, a Master's Degree in Business Administration and I can show you how to spend more time fishing. With the proceeds you can buy a bigger boat and then several boats, and then you would own a fleet of boats. Instead of just selling your catch to the middleman, you could directly control the whole market. You could shove out all of the middle people, control the cannery, and then you could move from this small village to New York where you would control your world wide empire."

The fisherman with a puzzled look on his face said, "How long would this take?" The American replied, "About 20 to 25 years."

The Mexican said, "But then what?" The American smiled and said, "Well that's the best part. When the time is right, you can announce an initial public stock offering and sell your company stock and become a multimillionaire."

The Mexican looked at him in bewilderment and

said, "And then what?"

The American said, "And then you can retire and move to a small coastal fishing village where you can sleep late, fish a little, play with your grandkids, take a siesta with your wife Maria, and stroll to the village in the evening to sip wine, play the guitar, and sing with your amigos."

What a powerful illustration about the choices that we make. We work away our lives looking forward to a future that we could enjoy today. We get so wrapped up in looking upward as we seek to climb to the top of the ladder that we fail to realize that by the time we get there our family is gone and much of life has passed us by.

My challenge to you today is to choose quality of life now. Don't spend you life trying to get to where you can be today. Life happens while we are making plans. Life happens while we fail to make plans. Either way, each day is lived and then it is gone. Enjoy and treasure each step of the journey. Don't overwork striving for a destination that you may find empty when you get there.

Just a thought...

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Death toll from defective GM ignition switches rises to 100

DETROIT (AP) — The families of at least 100 people who died in crashes caused by faulty General Motors ignition switches will be offered compensation by the company.

The number revealed Monday by attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who was hired by GM to compensate victims, is the first acknowledgement by the company that the defective switches have caused at least 100 deaths. The total stood at 97 as of last week.

Through much of last year, GM had blamed the switches for 13 deaths but conceded the toll would rise. During a Congressio-

nal hearing on the switches in June, Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., said the death toll could rise to 100 based on lawsuits and media reports.

Feinberg has said each validated death claim would start at \$1 million and rise depending on the circumstances of the crash. The company, he said, would pay claims regardless of whether the victims contributed to the cause of the crash.

In addition, GM has agreed to make offers to another 184 people who were injured in crashes caused by the switches in older-model small cars

such as the Chevrolet Cobalt.

Feinberg's compensation fund received 4,342 claims by the Jan. 31 deadline, and about 14 percent of those are still under review. A total of 1,759 have been deemed ineligible, and another 1,633 were deficient or turned in without documentation.

GM knew about defective switches for more than a decade but recalled them only last year. The switches can slip out of the "on" position, causing the cars to stall, disabling some important safety features.

GM paid \$200 million

to settle claims filed with Feinberg as of March 31, according to its quarterly report to U.S. securities regulators. The company set aside \$550 million for Feinberg to pay claims and says that number could rise to \$600 million. Feinberg says there is no cap on the total amount of money he can pay out.

So far, Feinberg has made 193 compensation offers and 140 have been accepted. Five have been rejected, leaving 48 outstanding, according to Camille Biros, deputy administrator of the compensation program for Feinberg.

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action, an event or situation which is typically taken to be illegal or harmful. Think trashing of our Constitution with emphasis on the second Amendment as being illegal and jet contrails, oh wait, I mean chemtrails, as being harmful.

Texas, say conspiracy theorists and evidently our governor...is going to be invaded! Not by the Reds mind you, by our own sons, daughters and grandchildren serving in the armed forces! Okay, this sorriest excuse for a president may be many things, is many things... But do these conspiracy theorists think Americans will let this president and whatever supporting staff cast aside the Constitution? Do these conspiracy theorists think our sons, daughters and grandchildren serving in the armed forces will follow such orders? Sadly, to both questions, yes they do.

Listen up conspiracy theorists, for damned nigh two centuries Texas has been the home of armed forces installations. There's Ft. Bliss (home of the Army's

largest armored division), Ft. Hood (largest Army base in America), Ft. Sam Houston (home of the fifth Army), Lackland AFB, Dyes AFB, Laughlin AFB, Sheppard AFB, Corpus Christi Naval Air Station... Yep, I'd say it's a tad more than an invasion, Texas has long been surrounded, from within... And, they've routinely held training exercises outside the bases and forts.

There is so much in the world today weighing on America's shoulders. What is she to do with the likes of conspiracy theorists? As I reacted with my mother dearest, hearing from friends those same rants sometimes drives me crazy. Well, this is America, people have a right to wallow in their inanity. As I did with my parent, I have a right to wonder about them.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall: Smart mirrors boost sales

NEW YORK (AP) — Imagine a fitting room with a "smart" mirror that suggests jeans to go with the red shirt you brought in. It snaps a video so you can compare the image side-by-side with other colorful shirts you try on. It might even show you how the shirt will fit without you having to undress.

A handful of primarily upscale retailers, including Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom, are testing versions of this high-tech fitting room. And experts say the masses will be able to try these innovations at more stores in the next few years as the technology gets cheaper.

This trend is a way stores aim to catch up to online rivals like Amazon.com that are able to gather information on which items shoppers browse and use that to recommend other products. The new technology that enables physical stores to collect much of the same data as online retailers raises privacy questions, but executives say customers are offered a choice and the data is protected.

Stores are tapping into the significant role the often-forgotten fitting room can play in purchase decisions. While 36 percent of store browsers wind up buying something, 71 percent of shoppers who try on clothes in the fitting room become buyers, according, Paco Underhill, a retail consultant. Yet the typical fitting room isn't always inviting: Only about 28 percent of shoppers even walk into a dressing room of a typical clothing chain, Underhill says.

"The dressing room experience in many places has been close to miserable," Underhill said. "There's bad lighting. They're dirty. And they have poor service."

Some companies are working to change that impression. Later this year, Big Space, a technology company, plans to test at an undisclosed clothing chain a new mirror that recognizes the gender of a customer and makes recommendations based on that. Customers also will be able to request or purchase the items directly from the mirror and have them shipped.

Other technologies already are being tested in stores. In recent years, stores that include Bloomingdale's and Top Shop have tested technology that enable shoppers to see how they look in an outfit without trying it on.

The patented MemoryMirror from a Palo Alto, California-based company called MemoMi is one of the most advanced in this so-called virtual dressing, a feature that's expected to be tested in U.S. stores later this year. The mirror is outfitted with sensors, setting off motion-triggered changes of clothing. MemoryMirror uses pixel technology that captures even small details such as a wrinkle on a skirt as it moves.

Even for those trying on the clothing, the mirror also doubles as a video camera, capturing a 360 degree view of what an outfit looks like and making side-by-side comparisons. Shoppers can replay the video and share with friends.

Earlier this year, Neiman Marcus rolled out the MemoryMirror outside fitting rooms in three of its locations — Walnut Creek, California, San Francisco and the Dallas suburb of Willow Bend. It is considering activating the "virtual dressing" feature.

John Koryl, Neiman Marcus's president of Neiman Marcus stores and online, said the mirror allows the retailer to for the first time have specific information regarding who tried on the dress and bought it. He said while shoppers must register for a unique account with their email address to use the mirror's features. Any data collected on the mirror's usage is anonymous and aggregated, he said.

Online seller eBay also has fitting-room technology that some stores are testing. Designer Rebecca Minkoff's first two stores in New York and San Francisco are testing the new fitting room technology that uses radio frequency identification that embeds data in clothing tags. It will be rolling out the technology when it opens stores in Chicago and Los Angeles later this year, says CEO Uri Minkoff.

It works this way: a

touch screen allows the customer to flip through a catalog and indicate which items he or she wants in the dressing room. The customer inputs their cellphone number and the sales clerk texts when the fitting room is ready. When the shopper walks in the dressing area, the mirror recognizes the items and displays the different clothing on the screen.

Minkoff said the two stores testing this technology are selling the clothing two and a half times faster than expected and shoppers are increasing the number of items they buy by 30 percent. "We are creating dressing room therapy," said Uri Minkoff.

EBay also is working with Nordstrom, helping the company understand how the technology performs on a larger scale. Nordstrom uses the mirrors in some fitting rooms in Seattle and in San Jose, California, but they work a little differently: Shoppers are equipped with bar code scanning devices so they're able to see what's in stock in the dressing area. "We will listen to the customer as they use the mirror and see what changes make sense to improve the experience," said Nordstrom's spokesman Dan Evans.

The new technology has some consumer advocates concerned. "One assumes that the mirror is not looking back at me unless you are in a fairytale," said Nuala O'Connor, president & CEO of nonprofit

Center for Democracy & Technology. "People love new technology as long as they are aware of what is happening to them and have control of their data."

But some customers are embracing it. Wendy DeWald, of San Francisco, spent \$1,000 on her first trip to the Rebecca Minkoff store; she's returned a few more times. She doesn't mind sharing some of her personal data to get a better experience. "I'm pretty blown away," she said. "It's a toy in the dressing room. It enhances the experience."

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Church of Nazarene holds flag dedication



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Pastor Jimmye and the congregation at the Church of the Nazarene held a new flag pole dedication ceremony on Sunday, May 3. The church says they believe their freedoms in this great nation are a blessing from God and see no conflict between our nation and their joyous worship to Almighty God, who was the guiding hand to the formation and development of our great country! He is alive and well. They are very thankful for the freedom to carry our Bibles, to pray and worship God openly and freely, and assemble for times of praise and fellowship. We are excited to invite our military, both active duty and veterans, to our ceremony as we dedicate the flag pole and hoist high an American flag that flew proudly over a military installation in Afghanistan. The flag was given to John Radcliff by his grandson Ben, a Marine proudly serving our country and defending our freedoms today. John is presenting the flag to our Church this Sunday and we are honored to fly the red, white, and blue!! We will have prayer for our military.

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Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum to host Smithsonian American Art Museum Touring Exhibition "George Catlin's American Buffalo"

■ Exhibit will be in Canyon May 30 through Aug. 30, 2015.

SUBMITTED BY PPHM

CANYON — American artist George Catlin (1796–1872) journeyed west five times in the 1830s, traversing the Great Plains where he visited and painted more than 140 American Indian tribes. The exhibition "George Catlin's American Buffalo" presents 40 original Catlin paintings from the Smithsonian American Art Museum's collection to show the crucial role of the buffalo in Plains Indian culture. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will host the Smithsonian American Art Museum Touring Exhibition "George Catlin's American Buffalo" May 30- Aug 30, 2015 in the Foran Family Galleries.

Join PPHM at the public opening of the exhibition for George Catlin's American Buffalo on Friday, May 29th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. This reception will be free to members and WTAMU faculty, staff and students and non-members will be charged \$10. Tickets can be purchased at panhandleplains.org or by calling (806)651-2235.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum holds the nearly complete surviving set of Catlin's first Indian Gallery—more than 500 works—painted from life in the 1830s. The exhibition is organized by the museum in collaboration with the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Adam Duncan Harris, the Petersen Curator of Art and Research at the National Museum of Wildlife Art, is the guest curator.

The exhibition debuted May 10, 2014 at the National Museum of Wildlife Art. It then traveled to the Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Springs, Calif. (Oct. 1– Dec. 29), the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls, Mont. (May 31, 2014 – Sept. 14, 2014), the Mennello Museum of American Art in Orlando, Fla. (Oct. 4, 2014 – Jan. 1, 2015) and will travel to the Reynolda House Museum of American Art in Winston Salem, N.C. (Feb. 12, 2015 – May 3, 2015) before making its way to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum is the only Texas venue in the nation-wide tour of the exhibition which has already been seen in Wyoming, Kansas, Florida, North Carolina, California, and Montana. The exhibition is particularly appropriate for PPHM as it is part of West Texas A&M University, whose mascot is the buffalo.

"George Catlin was a nationally recognized artist and one of the earliest western painters. This exhibition is very relevant to our mission at PPHM which is to promote and showcase the finest exhibits of western art," said Guy C. Vanderpool, Director of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

"Catlin's Indian Gallery is an unparalleled collection of great artistic and historical significance that contributes to understanding America's frontier and the cultures of the

Plains Indian tribes," said Elizabeth Broun, The Margaret and Terry Stent Director of the Smithsonian American Art Museum. "This exhibition features the paintings showing the ways Native American life centered on the buffalo, consistent with the National Museum of Wildlife Art's focus on humanity's relationship with nature."

Catlin was among the earliest artists of European descent to travel beyond the Mississippi River to record what he called the "manners and customs" of American Indians, painting scenes and portraits from life. His intention was to document these native cultures before, as

he feared, they were irrevocably altered by settlement of the frontier and the mass migrations forced by the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Catlin recorded the massive herds of buffalo that roamed the Great Plains of the American West. In chronicling the lifeways of Plains Indian cultures, he captured the central importance of the buffalo in the daily lives of American Indian tribes, from food and shelter to ceremony and naming.

Catlin was a prolific writer as well as a painter. In the 1830s, Catlin wrote that without some greater measure of restraint on the part of advancing settlers, the buffalo would soon be eradicated from the Great Plains. He called for the United States to establish a national park as a sanctuary for both bison and the American Indians he encountered on the plains. His vision came true, in part, in 1872 with the foundation of Yellowstone, the world's first national park, set aside for the benefit and enjoyment of the American people.

In his illustrated essay and commentary on Catlin's paintings, Harris explores the artist's representation of the close relationship between Native Americans and the buffalo. Using Catlin's own writings, he also considers the artist's role as an early proponent of wilderness conservation and the national park idea, and how that advocacy remains relevant today — to the Great Plains, the buffalo and land use, including a movement today to create a "buffalo commons."

About George Catlin

Catlin, a lawyer turned painter, decided in the 1820s that he would make it his life's work to record the life and culture of American Indians living on the Great Plains. In 1832, he made an epic journey that stretched over 2,000 miles along the upper Missouri River. St. Louis became Catlin's base of operations for the five trips he took between 1830 and 1836. Catlin traveled the frontier, painting landscapes and portraits of native tribes to document their lives and customs. He produced hundreds of canvases, which he called his Indian Gallery. Ambitious in scope, and filled with color and closely observed detail, the Indian Gallery remains one of the wonders of the 19th century. Catlin's dream was to sell his Indian Gallery to the U.S. government so that his life's work would be preserved intact. After several failed attempts to persuade various officials, he toured with it in Europe in the 1840s. He was forced to sell the original Indian Gallery due to personal debts in 1852. Catlin then spent the last 20 years of his life trying to recreate his collection.

In 1872, Catlin journeyed to Washington, D.C., at the invitation of Joseph Henry, the first secretary of the Smithsonian. Until his death later that year, Catlin worked in a studio in the Smithsonian's "Castle." A Philadelphia collector's widow donated the original Indian Gallery—more than 500 works — to the Smithsonian in 1879.

Publication

A catalog accompanies the exhibition, with an essay and entries on each artwork in the exhibition by Harris. The book is published by the Smithsonian American Art Museum in association with D Giles Limited, London. It is available for purchase for \$49.95 (hardcover only).

Credit

"George Catlin's American Buffalo" is organized by the Smithsonian American Art Museum in collaboration with the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Generous support for the exhibition has been provided by Mary Anne and Richard W. Cree, and Lynn and Foster Friess. Additional support for the

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About the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

Located on the campus of West Texas A&M University, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum is the largest history museum in Texas, with more than two million artifacts—dedicated to preserving this area's past. PPHM offers visitors a chance to step into panhandle history with special exhibits, a permanent collection, Pioneer Town, cell phone tours, educational tours and special events. For more information about PPHM please visit www.panhandleplains.org.

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County conservation partners host local work group meeting in Gray County

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PAMPA —The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Gray County and the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District cordially invite the public to attend their 2015 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting May 21, 2015, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conservation stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Gray County farmers and ranchers better conserve on-farm natural resources.

The agenda of the meeting is to up-

date attendees on recent conservation efforts and to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investment can continue to benefit Gray County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Gray County are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Zach Criddle, district conservationist, at (806) 665-6561 Ext-3. For more information, visit the NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

Musical of the book 'Beaches' to wash ashore in Chicago

NEW YORK (AP) — Chicagoans, get out your hankies — a stage musical of "Beaches" is coming.

The show, based on Iris Rainer Dart's 1985 novel about two best girlfriends, will begin previews in June at the Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois. It made its world premiere last year at Virginia's Signature Theatre.

The film version of "Beaches," directed by Garry Marshall and released in 1988, starred Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey as women whose friendship is tested by a love triangle, failed marriages, single parenthood and a fatal illness. It featured the song "The Wind Beneath My Wings."

The stage version is written by Dart and Thom Thomas, with music by David Austin and lyrics by Dart. Eric Schaeffer

will direct. Previews start June 24. If all goes well, producers are eying a Broadway run.

The latest version of the musical stars Shoshana Bean and Whitney Bashor. Bean's Broadway credits include "Hair-spray" and "Wicked." Bashor was in the musical "Bridges of Madison County" and on HBO's "Boardwalk Empire."

Dart's first foray on Broadway — "The People in the Picture," based on her Jewish European forebears — starred Donna Murphy but got mixed reviews in 2011.

The "Beaches" musical will be choreographed by Lorin Latarro, have scenic design by Derek McLane, lighting design by Howell Binkley, costume design by Alejo Vietti and sound design by Kai Harada.

AP Exclusive: Self-driving cars getting dinged in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Four of the nearly 50 self-driving cars now rolling around California have gotten into accidents since September, when the state began issuing permits for companies to test them on public roads.

Two accidents happened while the cars were in control; in the other two, the person who still must be behind the wheel was driving, a person familiar with the accident reports told The Associated Press.

Three involved Lexus SUVs that Google Inc. outfitted with sensors and computing power in its aggressive effort to develop "autonomous driving," a goal the tech giant shares with traditional automakers. The parts supplier Delphi Automotive had the other accident with one of its two test vehicles.

Google and Delphi said their cars were not at fault in any accidents, which the companies said were minor.

Since September, any accident must be reported to the state Department of Motor Vehicles. The agency said there have been four, but would not comment about fault or anything else, citing California law that collision reports are confidential.

The person familiar with the accident reports said the cars were in self-driving mode in two of the four accidents, all of which involved speeds of less than 10 mph. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because

they were not authorized to discuss the reports publicly.

Five other companies have testing permits. In response to questions from the AP, all said they had no accidents. In all, 48 cars are licensed to test on public roads.

The fact that neither the companies nor the state have revealed the accidents troubles some who say the public should have information to monitor the rollout of technology that its own developers acknowledge is imperfect.

John Simpson, a longtime critic of Google as privacy project director of the non-profit Consumer Watchdog, pointed out that the company's ultimate goal is a car without a steering wheel or pedals. That would mean a person has no power to intervene if a car lost control, making it "even more important that the details of any accidents be made public — so people know what the heck's going on."

A chief selling point for self-driving cars is safety. Their cameras, radar and laser sensors give them a far more detailed understanding of their surroundings than humans have. Their reaction times also should be faster. Cars could be programmed to adjust if they sense a crash coming — move a few feet, tighten the seat belts, honk the horn or flash the lights in hope of alerting a distracted driver.

A higher priority so far is teaching them to avoid causing a serious accident that

could set public and political acceptance of the technology back years, said Raj Rajkumar, a pioneer of the technology with Carnegie Mellon University.

In the October accident involving Delphi, the front of its 2014 Audi SQ5 was moderately damaged when, as it waited to make a left turn, another car broadsided it, according to an accident report the company shared with AP. The car was not in self-driving mode, Delphi spokeswoman Kristen Kinley said.

Google, which has 23 Lexus SUVs, would not discuss its three accidents in detail.

The accidents are not Google's first: In a briefing with reporters a year ago, the leader of Google's self-driving car program acknowledged three others between when the company first sent cars onto public roads six years ago — without the state's official permission — and May 2014.

In a written statement, Google said that since September, cars driving on streets near its headquarters in Mountain View had "a handful of minor fender-benders, light damage, no injuries, so far caused by human error and inattention."

Google said that while safety is paramount some accidents can be expected, given that its cars have gone "the equivalent of over 15 years of typical human driving" since fall. That would be approximately 140,000 miles. Google said its cars

have gone over 700,000 miles in self-driving mode since they first hit the road in 2009.

The national rate for reported "property-damage-only crashes" is about 0.3 per 100,000 miles driven, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In that context, Google's three in about 140,000 miles may seem high. As the com-

pany pointed out, however, perhaps 5 million minor accidents are not reported to authorities each year, so it is hard to gauge how typical Google's experience is.

Three other states have passed laws welcoming self-driving cars onto their roads. Regulators in Nevada, Michigan and Florida said they were not aware of any accidents.

As self-driving cars proliferate, other issues will arise that human drivers have dealt with for decades, notably who's liable for an accident. Each test car is required to have \$5 million insurance.

Interest in accidents will remain high, especially if the self-driving car is at fault, said Bryant Walker Smith, a law professor at the University of South Carolina who has written extensively on the technology.

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From Rockies east, severe weather casts a wide net

(AP)— South Dakota was the center of weather extremes Sunday, with a tornado damaging a small town and injuring at least nine people on the eastern side of the state and more than a foot of snow blanketing the Black Hills to the west.

Parts of several Great Plains and Midwest states were in the path of severe weather, including Texas, which saw at least two likely tornadoes. At the same time, a tropical storm came ashore in the Carolinas, and wintry weather affected parts of Colorado.

Tropical Storm Ana made landfall near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on Sunday morning and was downgraded to a tropical depression by Sunday afternoon. The storm's maximum sustained winds were at 35 mph, and it was expected to move over eastern North Carolina on Sunday night.

In South Dakota, Gov. Dennis Daugaard said nine people were injured Sunday morning when a tornado tore through the tiny town of Delmont — about 90 miles from Sioux Falls. None of the injuries was life threatening and

seven of the nine had been treated and released from the hospital, Daugaard said. There were no fatalities.

South Dakota Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Kristi Turman said about 20 buildings were damaged and the town has no water, power or phones. The town was evacuated, authorities said.

"Our house is flat. There is nothing left," said Stephanie Lunder, 34, of Delmont. She was with her husband and four children in the basement when the storm hit. The tornado heavily damaged a church where children attending Sunday school were forced to retreat to the basement, residents said.

In Texas, a likely tornado late Sunday night hit the small city of Van, about 70 miles southeast of Dallas, according to National Weather Service senior meteorologist Eric Martello.

Fire Chief Jeff Hudgens said Van sustained "some significant damage" to "multiple homes" and said agencies were responding to confirmed injuries. The number of people hurt and the extent of

their injuries was not immediately clear. Earlier in the day, another likely tornado ripped roofs off buildings and damaged trees near Denton, about 40 miles northwest of Dallas, according to National Weather Service meteorologist Tom Bradshaw. There were no immediate reports of injuries or fatalities.

The area also experienced torrential rains that led to widespread flash flooding. Authorities in Denton County said Sunday that two groups of people had to be airlifted by helicopters to safety.

About 100 miles west of Fort Worth, people in the sparsely populated ranching and farming community of Cisco were left to clean up from Saturday's tornado that left one person dead and another in critical condition.

Cisco Fire Department spokesman Phillip Truitt said the two people were near each other.

The National Weather Service said that tornado was rated an EF-3, with winds ranging from 136 to 165 mph. At least six buildings were damaged south of Cisco, as well as six others near Lake

Leon, Truitt said. A strong line of storms moved through the Dallas-Fort Worth area Sunday morning, forcing significant delays and a total of 100 flight cancellations at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Dallas Love Field Airport.

Forecasters issued tornado watches through Sunday evening for parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Missouri.

Farther north, a late-season snow fell in parts of the Rockies, western Nebraska and western South Dakota.

National Weather Service meteorologist Kyle Carstens said between 10 to 18 inches of snow was on the ground Sunday morning in the Black Hills of South Dakota and totals could reach 20-24 inches by the time the system moves out. Rapid City, South Dakota, had 8-11 inches, accompanied by 20-30 mph winds.

Nearly 18 inches of snow fell in southern Colorado, a state that also saw hail, flooding and tornado warnings over the weekend.

Along with Saudi king, most Gulf rulers to skip US summit

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — It is not just the Saudi king who will be skipping the Camp David summit of U.S. and allied Arab leaders. Most Gulf heads of state won't be there.

The absences will put a damper on talks that are designed to reassure key Arab allies, and almost certainly reflect dissatisfaction among leaders of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council with Washington's handling of Iran and what they expect to get out of the meeting.

Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir announced late on Sunday that newly installed King Salman will not be attending. The ostensible reason was because the upcoming summit on

Thursday coincides with a humanitarian cease-fire in the conflict in Yemen, where a Saudi-led coalition is fighting Shiite rebels known as Houthis.

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, who is also interior minister, will lead the Saudi delegation and the king's son, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who is defense minister, will also attend.

President Barack Obama had planned to meet King Salman one-on-one a day before the gathering of leaders at the presidential retreat but the White House did not take his decision to skip the summit as a sign of any substantial disagreement with the United States.

The king, who took power

in January after his brother King Abdullah died, has not traveled abroad since his ascension to the throne.

The tiny island kingdom of Bahrain said separately that its delegation would be headed by the country's crown prince, Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

Bahrain, whose leadership has close ties to the Saudis, is an important military ally of the U.S. It is the longstanding host to the Navy's 5th Fleet, which is responsible for operations around the Arabian Peninsula and northern Indian Ocean, and is Washington's main naval counterbalance to Iran.

At the summit, leaders of Gulf nations will be looking for assurances that they have Obama's support at a time when the region feels under siege from Islamic extremists and by Iran's rising influence. The Gulf states worry the nuclear pact taking shape with the U.S., Iran and other nations may embolden Tehran to act more aggressively in the region.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has

expressed similar concerns, saying the emerging deal will leave too much of Iran's nuclear infrastructure intact while giving it quick relief from economic sanctions.

Netanyahu has been an outspoken critic of the deal, raising tensions with the White House. U.S. attempts to reassure Israel that the deal will have strong safeguards have done little to ease its concerns. Netanyahu has claimed that moderate Sunni Arab countries see "eye to eye" with Israel on the matter, though he has not elaborated.

Abdulkhaleq Abdullah, a professor of political science at Emirates University, said Gulf leaders were staying away from the Camp David gathering to signal their displeasure over the nuclear talks.

"I don't think they have a deep respect, a deep trust for Obama and his promises. There is a fundamental difference between his vision of post-nuclear-deal Iran and their vision," he said. "They think Iran is a destabilizing force and will

remain so, probably even more, if the sanctions are lifted. ... They're just not seeing things eye to eye."

The sultan of Oman, Qaboos bin Said, is among those staying away. The sultanate will be represented instead by the deputy prime minister, Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said, and other officials, the country's official news agency announced.

The sultan's absence comes as little surprise. The long-serving monarch, whose country maintains cordial relations with Iran and has served as a go-between for Tehran and Washington, returned home in March after spending several months in Germany being treated for an undisclosed illness.

Health issues will also keep the president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, from attending. He suffered a stroke in January last year and has not been seen publicly since.

The influential Abu Dhabi crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al

Nahyan, will lead the Emirati delegation. The president's half-brother, he held talks with Obama at the White House last month.

Abdullah, the Emirati professor, said the Gulf ties with the United States remain strong, but they have been strained during Obama's tenure.

He said Obama is seen within the region as impersonal compared to his predecessors. He also noted that recent comments to The New York Times in which Obama warned that dissatisfaction at home was perhaps a bigger threat than Iran came across as unnecessary "lecturing."

"You just pre-empted the whole meeting with this kind of statement," he said.

Among those who will be at the summit is the Kuwaiti emir, Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah. He arrived at Andrews Air Force Base on Monday, the official Kuwait News Agency reported.

Also, Qatar's emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, is scheduled to depart Monday to take part in the meeting.

Final Civil War land battle was 150 years ago in Texas

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — It's common knowledge that the four bloody, thunderous years of the American Civil War came to a solemn end when Southern Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox — but it's not true.

The final land battle of the war wasn't fought until more than a month later,

150 years ago Tuesday and Wednesday, on a barren, wind-swept coastal plain at the southern tip of Texas.

And the Confederates won.

How the battle of Palmito Ranch came about involves a tale of one officer's ego and another's stubborn refusal to yield.

It was fought on land where little has changed in more than a century, marked by patches of prickly pear cactus, void of the namesake palm trees and buffeted periodically over the decades by storm surges and hurricanes from the nearby Gulf of Mexico.

"You don't just come here," says Craig Stone, with the Cameron County Historical Commission. "You have to want to be

here."

Stationed on Brazos Island, Minnesotan Theodore Barrett, a newly promoted Union brigadier general, wanted to be here.

The Confederate forces further up the Rio Grande at Brownsville had thumbed their noses for years at the Union's river blockade. They used neutral-flagged vessels at the then-Mexican port of Bagdad as a conduit for supplies.

"(Barrett) decided he needed some glory, needed something to make him look good," said Don Barnhart, an historian and volunteer at the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth.

Ignoring an informal truce imposed a couple of months earlier by lo-

cal commanders, Barrett launched what he planned as a surprise attack.

His men were spotted, then sparred with Rebel soldiers. The next day, Confederate troops led by Confederate Col. John Salmon "Rip" Ford repulsed the Union forces in the main engagement and chased them back some seven miles nearly to Brazos Island before Ford broke off the pursuit.

Ford, a former Texas Ranger and newspaper editor, had been present when his boss, Gen. James Slaughter, and Union Gen. Lew Wallace agreed to an informal truce a couple of months earlier. Wallace had told his adversaries a fight on the Rio Grande was useless and "would have no effect on the final result of the contest," Ford recalled.

"We, on the Confederate side, admitted the fact," he added.

Nevertheless, Ford didn't back down when Barrett's troops attacked.

"Boys, we have done well," Ford told his men, according to his memoirs, housed at the Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas. "If memory is correct, the federals had about 50 killed and wounded, and 113 prisoners," he wrote. "Our loss a small number wounded."

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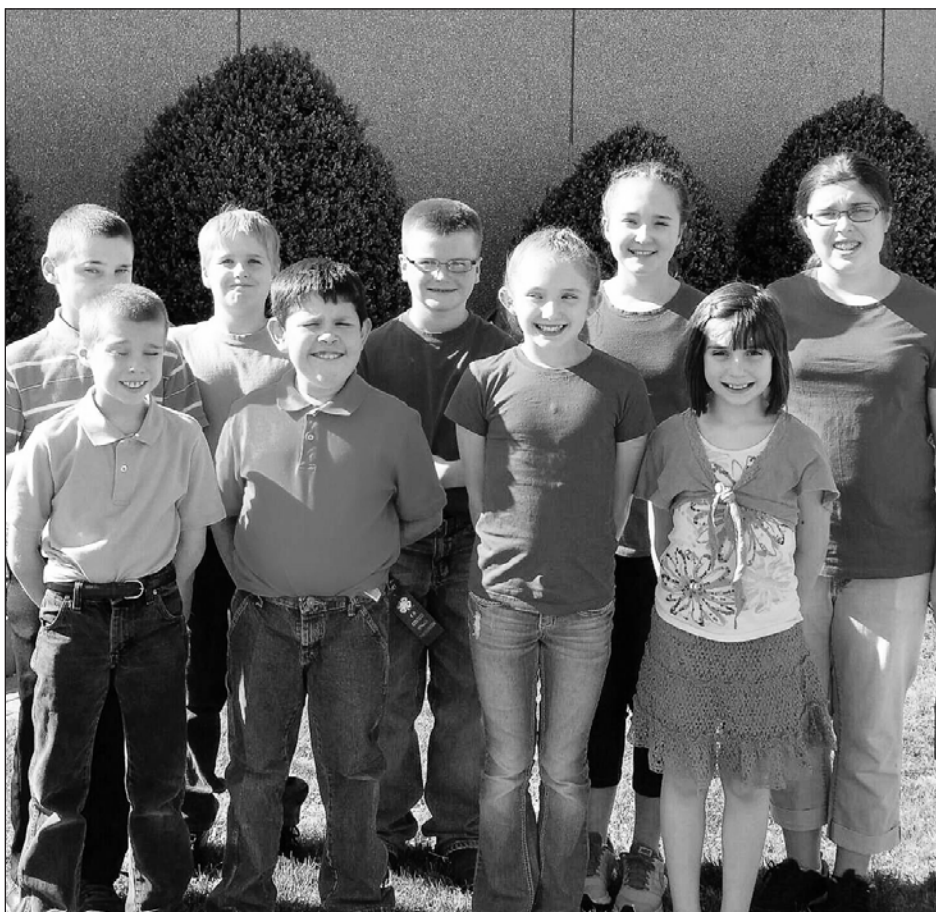
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Three consumer education teams competed at the District 1 4-H Consumer Decision-Making Contest in Amarillo on Thursday. Picture are: front row, from left, Joshua Lee, Tony Soria, Savannah Sellers and Lorelei Williamson. Back, Izaak Lee, Duncan Youree, Brycen Epperson, Jacee Sellers and Keely Williamson.

Bryan Williamson speaks at Kiwanis



Photo by John Lee

Bryan Williamson, pastor at First Baptist Church, spoke at The Pampa Downtown Kiwanis Club on Friday afternoon. It was also ladies day at the club and Williamson spoke to club members about his mother and the importance of having mothers in life.

Commissioner Bush encourages Texas veterans to be heard - "What Does Freedom Mean to You?"

■ VLB Voices of Veterans special project honors veterans across Texas.

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AUSTIN - Commissioner George P. Bush, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board, is encouraging active duty military veterans, their family members and those who honor our freedoms to participate in a special project of the Voices of Veterans program. The VLB is asking, "What Does Freedom Mean to You?" All Texans are encouraged to submit a brief video about what freedom means

by June 15th. "Military members and veterans know what it means to sacrifice for our freedom," Commissioner Bush said. "In honor of those who serve, we want to hear from all Texans about what freedom means to them. Just keep it short and simple - either submit a video selfie or have someone record you. Please help us honor Texas veterans and their service to America - and let us know what freedom means

to you." Participants can record a video shot on a mobile phone or other camera that tells us what freedom means to them, then submit the video online. Around the Fourth of July, the VLB will release a compilation video with submissions from veterans all over Texas. The deadline to submit videos is June 15th. For complete information about the video campaign and to submit a video, visit www.VoicesofVeterans.org or call the VLB Veterans Call Service Center at 1-800-252-VETS (8387).

About Voices of Veterans
Everyone who served in the U.S. military has a story to tell and the VLB helps Texas veterans preserve those stories for future generations. Through Voices of Veterans, Texas veterans and military members have the opportunity to share their experiences. The stories are recorded, archived permanently, and

available online for all to hear. "Some of the most profound moments in our nation's history live on in the memories of our military veterans," Commissioner Bush said. "I'm honored to invite those of you who have honorably served in America's armed forces to participate. The Voices of Veterans Program ensures the stories of courage and service - your stories - inspire Texans for decades to come. If you, or someone

you know, is a veteran who would like to participate please contact us. Thank you and may God bless our Texas veterans." Follow the Texas General Land Office on Facebook at <http://www.txglo.org/facebook>, or on Twitter at www.txglo.org/twitter, or YouTube at www.txglo.org/youtube. Follow the Texas Veterans Land Board Voices of Veterans program at <https://www.facebook.com/voicesofveterans>.

Defense rests after nun says marathon bomber is truly sorry

BOSTON (AP) — Lawyers for Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev rested their case Monday to save him from the death penalty, calling a famous death penalty opponent as their final witness to testify that Tsarnaev told her, "No one deserves to suffer like they did."
Sister Helen Prejean, who was made famous in the 1995 movie "Dead Man Walking" starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn, met with Tsarnaev five times since March at the request of the defense. She said she could hear in his voice that he regretted his role in the 2013 attacks, which left three people dead and more than 250 wounded.

"I had every reason to think that he was taking it in and that he was genuinely sorry for what he did," Prejean testified Monday. The defense team called more than 40 witnesses during the penalty phase of his trial in the hope of convincing the jury that Tsarnaev's late older brother concocted the plot and that Tsarnaev deserves life in prison instead of execution. His teachers recalled a sweet, hardworking boy, while his Russian family members wept as they described a kind child with an infectious smile. A psychiatrist said Tsarnaev's father struggled with severe post-traumatic stress disorder, while others described a mother who

became obsessed with religion. From the beginning of the trial, Tsarnaev's lawyers admitted he participated in the bombings but said his older brother, Tamerlan, was the mastermind. The brothers placed two pressure-cooker bombs near the finish line of the marathon April 15, 2013. Days later, the brothers also fatally shot a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer in his cruiser. Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was convicted of all 30 charges against him during the first phase of the trial, including 17 that carry the possibility of the death penalty. During the penalty phase, Tsarnaev's lawyers urged the jury to consider Tsar-

naev's young age at the time of the bombings — 19 — and his dysfunctional family as mitigating factors and grounds to spare his life. Friends and family members said 26-year-old Tamerlan embraced a radical form of Islam and became a domineering influence on Dzhokhar. The Tsarnaevs — ethnic Chechens — had lived in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan and the volatile Dagestan region of Russia, near Chechnya, before moving to the U.S. in 2002, when Dzhokhar was 8. Prosecutors had argued that Prejean's testimony should be excluded, but a judge ultimately decided to

allow it. The Roman Catholic nun began prison ministry in 1981 in New Orleans and corresponded with Patrick Sonnier, a death row inmate who had been convicted of killing two teenagers. She became Sonnier's spiritual adviser and wrote a best-selling book on her experiences called "Dead Man Walking," which was later turned into a movie. During their case, prosecutors called bombing victims who gave heart-breaking testimony about watching loved ones die

or having their legs blown off in the blasts. They portrayed Tsarnaev as an equal partner with his brother in the plan and someone so heartless that he placed a bomb behind a group of children, killing 8-year-old Martin Richard. Tamerlan Tsarnaev was killed days after the bombings when he was shot during a gun battle with police and Dzhokhar ran him over during a chaotic getaway. Dzhokhar was later captured hiding in a dry-docked boat.

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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 hand-out 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 Urrutia, 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.

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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.

The church will be hosting a Marriage Seminar "Strong Marriage

Workshops," with Trey and Lea Morgan, of Childress, on May 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a free lunch as well as childcare provided. To pre-register, email mehyouth@gmail.com

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

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

Worship service is at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, preceded with adult and children's Sunday schools. We do offer nursery service for our Sunday mornings.

Come worship with us and stay to socialize with us. Try us out and see if we can fill your worship needs.

For more information please call our church office at 665-1031.

Rushing Wind Emmaus

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet Saturday, May 9, in the Waka Christian Center starting at 6 p.m. with a potluck meal. Sponsors training will be available followed by a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided, and family and friends are welcome.

If your church would like to be added to this list or are hosting a special event let us know! Email jcleee@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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The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

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

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

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

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

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

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

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

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

■ Accolade Home Care sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. 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.

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'Macbeth' to 'Mad Max' set to invade Cannes Film Festival

NEW YORK (AP) — There will be no selfies on the red carpet at the Cannes Film Festival this year, but, rest assured, there will be every other type of image-making at the French Riviera extravaganza.

Photographers will form flashing gauntlets through which many of the top stars and filmmakers in movies will stream on their way to premiering hotly anticipated films on screens that are less theaters than movie cathedrals.

Nowhere are films and filmmakers taken more seriously or superficially than at Cannes, the Cote d'Azur capital of cinema, which kicks off its 68th annual edition Wednesday.

"It's a circus," says Todd Haynes, ("Mildred Pierce," "I'm Not There"), who will premiere his 1950s lesbian melodrama "Carol," starring Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara. "It's a mad beast like nothing else. Nothing compares to Cannes, in my experience. It's an extremely important place."

At this year's festival, Haynes is one of two American filmmakers among the illustrious films in competition for the Palme d'Or. The Cannes top honor has occasionally gone to American directors (Francis Ford Coppola, Quentin Tarantino), including this year's jury heads: Joel and Ethan Coen. (They won in 1991 for "Barton Fink.") The other American in competition is also a former Palme winner: Gus Van Sant (2003 for "Elephant"), who will bring "The Sea of Trees," a drama about suicide and survival starring Matthew McConaughey and Ken Watanabe.

"It's only me and Gus Van Sant, who is also a gay Portlander, that are U.S. representatives," says Haynes, speaking from his home in Portland, Oregon. "I wrote him as soon as I saw that we were officially included."

But if the American contingent is narrow in neighborly proximity, this year's festival is otherwise striking for its international breadth. More than ever, the movies in competition at Cannes are international productions, shot on sets that could easily pass for United Nations assemblies.

The Italian stylist Paolo Sorrentino will present his follow-up to the Oscar-winning "The Great Beauty": "Youth," an Alps-set drama in English, starring Michael Caine and Harvey Keitel. Joachim Trier, the Norwegian filmmaker of "Oslo, August 31," will also premiere an English-language drama, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Gabriel Byrne. "Sicario," a Mexican border crime drama starring Emily Blunt and Benicio del Toro, is the latest from the Quebec director Denis Villeneuve ("Prisoners").

Even a multi-national Shakespeare will come to Cannes. "Macbeth," by the Australian director Justin Kurzel, stars the Irish, German-born Michael Fassbender and the French Marion Cotillard. Fassbender was thoroughly impressed by Cotillard tackling Lady Macbeth in a second language.

"I can't speak highly enough of her," Fassbender says. "For me to take it on, it was, 'OK, Shakespeare.' But she's French speaking. I just thought it was incredible bravery. And she's excellent."

Stranger, surreal pairings are also in the offing. "Tale of Tales," by the Italian director Matteo Garrone ("Gomorra"), is loosely based on 17th century fairy tales, and its trailer promises the sight of Salma Hayek eating the heart of a beast. "The Lobster,"

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The PAMPA NEWS Community Calendar

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 806-664-1990.

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 NO MEETING ON APRIL 29

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.

May 2015 DSHS Immunization Clinic

The May 2015 Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule has been announced. All five 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 May 6, May 7, May 13, May 19, May 20. 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.

Lovett Memorial Library

Free Spanish classes will be offered every Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Lovett Memorial Library is located at 111 N. Houston St. and can be reached 806-669-5780.

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.

Crews search for missing after twisters hit Texas, Arkansas

VAN, Texas (AP) — Emergency responders searched through wreckage in parts of Texas and Arkansas early Monday after a line of tornadoes battered several small communities, killing at least two people and injuring dozens of others.

As many as 10 people were still missing at daybreak, raising the possibility that the number of dead could climb.

Two people who lived in adjoining mobile homes in Nashville, Arkansas, were killed after several twisters were reported late Sunday.

Howard County Sheriff Brian McJunkins told KLSA-TV that two other people in the town about 50 miles north of Texarkana were critically hurt.

In neighboring Texas, a likely tornado pummeled the small city of Van. Chuck Allen, the fire marshal and emergency management

coordinator for Van Zandt County, said about 30 percent of the community was damaged.

Ten adults were unaccounted for and 26 had been taken to hospitals. The extent of their injuries was not immediately clear. About 50 people stayed overnight at a church shelter, Allen said Monday at a news conference.

The damage ranged "from completely destroyed homes, damaged homes, to trees and power lines down," Allen said in an email to The Associated Press.

Authorities were going door to door in the city of 2,600 about 70 miles southeast of Dallas, searching for injured people.

Utility companies were working to restore damaged infrastructure, and road and bridge crews sought to re-open streets and highways to provide access to first re-

sponders, he said.

The American Red Cross planned to open a shelter at First Baptist Church in Van, Allen said. Calls to the church rang unanswered early Monday.

The Van Independent School District said on its website that schools would be closed Monday.

The National Weather Service believes at least one tornado hit Van on Sunday night, senior meteorologist Eric Martello said. Weather service crews were surveying the area Monday.

Floods resulting from the same storm system that rolled across North Texas caused a huge sinkhole to open up in Granbury, some 40 miles southwest of Fort Worth. The 40-foot-wide sinkhole swallowed the parking lot of a supermarket and damaged water and sewer lines beneath, WFAA-TV reported.

Farther north, in Lake

City, Iowa, a suspected tornado tore the roof from a high school as about 150 students, family and faculty attended an awards ceremony inside Sunday night.

Dave Birks, girls' basketball coach at South Central Calhoun High School, said people were able to flee to the basement and locker room area about two minutes before the twister arrived.

"The lights went off, and everyone's ears kind of popped," Birks said, adding that school windows were blown out and insulation was scattered nearby. He also said the high jump pit from the school's outdoor athletic complex was missing, and hurdles were scattered everywhere.

Much earlier Sunday, storms struck the small town of Delmont in South Dakota, hurting nine people.

"Our house is flat. There

is nothing left," said Stephanie Lunder, 34, who took shelter with her husband and four children in the basement.

The town's 200-plus residents were asked to leave for safety reasons, state Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Kristi Turman said. They were to be allowed back on Monday to assess their property.

Elsewhere, winter seemed to return briefly to parts of the Dakotas.

The National Weather Service posted winter weather advisories and warnings for southeastern North Dakota and north-

central South Dakota, with a couple of inches of snow and strong winds expected. The same area experienced more than 8 inches of snow over the weekend, breaking snowfall records for those dates in Rapid City.

On Sunday, another likely tornado ripped roofs off buildings and damaged trees near Denton, about 40 miles northwest of Dallas. There were no reports of injuries or fatalities.

Torrential rains led to widespread flash flooding. Authorities in Denton County said two groups of people had to be taken by helicopter to safety.



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PAMPA Sports

Pampa Harvesters win first playoff series since 2007 against the Big Spring Steers

■ Pampa came back from behind in both games. Game one was a 6-5 victory. Game two was a 10-8 victory.

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa Harvesters (12-10-1, 3-5) traveled to Hobbs, N.M., to face the Big Spring Steers in the Bi-District round of the playoffs. The series moved to Hobbs after torrential rains in Lubbock earlier in the week.

Pampa won Friday's game 6-5 and Saturday's game 10-8 to win their first playoff series since 2007. Pampa will travel to Snyder this weekend for the Area round of the playoffs. They will face the Pecos Eagles in a three-game series. Game one will be at 7:30 p.m., Friday May 15. Game two will be at 1 p.m., Saturday May 16. Game three will follow game two if necessary.

Three-run rally in 7th boosts Harvesters.

We pick Friday's game up in the top of the sev-



Photos by Zachary Green

Above, the team poses with their Bi-District gold glove. Below, coach Kaleb Snelgrooes embraces his wife, Becky, after the big win by the Harvesters. Pampa will play Pecos this weekend in the Area round.

Pampa wasn't finished in the inning however, as junior Zack Gates came on to courtesy run for Hooper. Pampa had runners on first and second with still two outs.

Junior Cade Engle smashed a double to right to score Gates, a run that ended up being the winning run. Junior Adam Zuniga grounded out to end the inning, but Pampa not only tied the game, they also took the 6-5 lead and the pressure was now on Big Spring.

Big Spring needed one run to extend the game now in their half of the seventh.

Senior Brody Gaines, who pitched the entire game for Pampa, found a second wind and struck out the first Steer to come to bat. The next batter grounded out to Furgason. Gaines struck out the final batter and Hooper threw to first to complete the out on the dropped third strike.

Pampa won the game 6-5 in seven innings. It was the first loss of the season for Big Spring's pitcher, who was 9-0 before he faced the Harvesters.

Brody Gaines picked up the win and pitched the full seven innings. He allowed five hits, five runs, four earned, walked six and struck out 12. Gaines' going the distance helped Pampa save the rest of their pitchers for Saturday's game.

As we go back and look at what happened in the rest of the game, the first few innings it looked as if we would have a pitching duel with one run deciding the game.

Pampa went down in 1-2-3 order in the first inning.

Save a walk, Big Spring also went down quietly in their half of the first inning.

Junior Jordan Green reached on a catcher's interference in the second inning, but that was all Pampa had going for them that inning.

Gaines struck out two batters and walked one in

enth inning. Pampa was the visiting team and found themselves in a 5-3 hole heading into their final at-bat.

Pampa needed two runs to extend the game. It didn't look pretty to start the inning as junior Jordan Green grounded out to second base. Junior Nathan Furgason then

grounded out to third base. Junior Colton Thompson had a gritty at-bat as the Harvesters were down to their last strike during his at-bat. He ended up drawing a walk to begin the rally.

Junior Ryan Lee also walked. Sophomore Brandt Logan came on to courtesy run for Lee.

Senior Ty Hooper really got the rally cranking as he hit a single to left to score Thompson. Pampa now trailed 5-4, but they still needed one more run to extend the game.

With runners on first and second, senior Braden Keown knocked a single to left to score Logan. The game was now tied 5-5.

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the Big Spring half of the second. Hooper gunned down a runner trying to steal second as he has done so successfully all season long.

Hooper also doubled to left to put Pampa's first hit on the board in the third inning. Hooper was able to advance to third and score on two passed balls during Keown's at-bat.

Pampa led 1-0 heading in to the bottom of the third.

It was a rather shaky inning for Gaines and the Harvesters and it looked as if Gaines was going to be unable to finish the game.

The first Steer singled to short. That was followed by a batter reaching first on a sacrifice bunt attempt. Gaines walked the next batter and the bases were loaded with no outs for Big Spring.

Gaines walked another and Big Spring tied the game at one all.

The next batter flied out to left but it was a sacrifice fly and Big Spring took the 2-1 lead. With the strong winds blowing in, Pampa was thankful that was not a grand slam to left center.

Another batter reached on an error and the bases

were loaded again for the Steers. Once again, there was another runner reaching on an error and Big Spring now led 3-1 heading in to the top of the fourth.

Pampa went down in 1-2-3 order in the next inning and it looked as if Big Spring's pitcher was going to mow them down and settle into a groove the rest of the way.

Big Spring once again started an inning with a base runner as there was a lead off walk. Another runner reached on a fielder's choice, but Pampa got the lead runner out.

There were two outs after a foul tip was caught by Hooper. Gaines struck out the final batter of the inning after a single to end the Big Spring threat.

Green doubled to right to start the rally for Pampa. Furgason struck out and there was one on and one out.

Thompson singled to first on a bunt attempt and Green scored after he previously advanced to third during the Thompson at-bat on a passed ball.

Thompson made it to second on a throwing error and then advanced to third in the Lee at-bat.

Lee hit a single to second on a line drive to score Thompson and the

game was tied at three all heading into the bottom of the fifth.

Big Spring went down in 1-2-3 order in the bottom of the fifth and we headed to the sixth all knotted at three.

It was another 1-2-3 inning for Pampa in the top of the sixth. Zuniga did have a massive hit in the inning that would have been a no-doubt homer if the wind wasn't blowing in.

The Steers had a lead off single to second that was followed up by a single to center and quickly Big Spring had two runners on and no outs in the bottom of the sixth.

Gaines struck out the next batter. On a sacrifice bunt attempt, the batter reached first and another runner scored to give Big Spring a 4-3 lead.

Big Spring added another run to make it 5-3 after a double to left.

Gaines beared down to strike out the final two batters of the inning. Pampa then headed to the top of the seventh down two runs.

Once again the final was Pampa 6, Big Spring 5.

Brody Gaines pitched all seven innings. He allowed five hits, five runs, all earned, six walks and struck out 12 batters. He also got the win in the game.

Ty Hooper was 2-4 from

the plate with an RBI, a double and a run scored. Braden Keown was 1-4. Cade Engle was 1-4 with an RBI and a double. Jordan Green was 1-2 with a run scored and a double. Colton Thompson was 1-2 with two runs scored, an RBI and a walk. Ryan Lee was 1-2 with an RBI and a walk. Zack Gates and Brandt Logan each scored one run as a courtesy runner.

"Brody pitched a great game for us game one. We were resilient. Down by two in the seventh and come back and score three with two outs. That speaks volumes of our team," said head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves. "We've lost some close games and I was glad to see that we got that turned around and won a close game against those guys."

Pampa headed into Saturday needed to win just one out of the two possible games to be played.

Huge 3rd inning boosts Harvesters to victory

We pick up Saturday's game in the bottom of the third. The Harvesters had dug themselves into a huge 6-1 hole.

Sophomore Brendon Woelfle tripled to center to start things off.

Engle followed with a single to center to score Woelfle. Zuniga was hit by a pitch. Junior Rhett Harden struck out for the first out of the inning.

Green had another huge double like he did on Friday night. This one scored Engle and Zuniga to cut the lead to 6-3.

Furgason reached on an error. Thompson reached on a sacrifice bunt attempt to score Green and cut the lead to 6-4.

The Harvesters weren't done as Keown was hit by a pitch. Furgason scored during his at-bat on a steal of home. Thompson scored on a passed ball during Hooper's at-bat. The score was now tied 6-6, but Pampa wasn't finished.

Hooper was hit by a pitch. Logan came on to courtesy run for him. Keown scored on a double steal and Logan was able to advance to second. Woelfle grounded out to score Logan.

Pampa scored eight runs in the third to take control of the game at 9-6.

Junior Zach Hill started on the mound for Pampa but he only lasted one inning. In the top of the first, Big Spring singled then walked then hit another single to load the bases.

The next batter doubled to left to score three runs. After that was another walk.

A single scored two more runs and Big Spring led 4-0. The damage was finally

done in the inning.

Pampa went down in order save a Woelfle single in the bottom of the first.

Big Spring added two more runs in the sixth after a single, double and triple. They led 6-0 before Pampa came to bat in the bottom of the second. There was also a would-be two-run homer for the Steers that went foul in the inning.

Zuniga was hit by a pitch. Harden walked and Green reached on a sacrifice bunt to load the bases for Pampa in the second. There were no outs until Furgason grounded out to second and Zuniga was out on a double play.

Thompson walked. Keown singled to left to score Harden but that was the only run Pampa would record in the inning and they trailed 6-1.

Big Spring went down in order in the third save a single. Sophomore Cody Scarlett came in to pitch in the second and pitched the rest of the game for the Harvesters.

Now we fast forward to the top of the fourth. Big Spring went down in 1-2-3 order with a strikeout sandwiched between two groundouts.

Pampa added an insurance run in the bottom of the fourth. Zuniga singled to center to begin the inning. Harden had a successful sacrifice to move Zuniga over. Green walked and there were two men on base.

Furgason came up and reached on a fielder's choice to score Zuniga. Thompson flied out to end the inning, but Pampa had a 10-6 lead now heading into the fifth.

Big Spring had a walk, a double and another double to score two runs in the fifth. Good thing Pampa got that insurance run as the lead was now cut to 10-8.

Keown walked, Hooper singled and Woelfle walked in the bottom of the fifth for Pampa. Keown and Hooper were caught stealing home in the inning and an Engle strikeout ended the inning.

Big Spring had a double and a walk in the sixth but couldn't get any runs across.

Pampa went down in 1-2-3 order in their half of the sixth.

Big Spring went quietly to end the game as the first batter grounded out to Woelfle. The next batter lined out to Engle. The final batter was struck out by Scarlett.

Final score: Harvesters 10, Steers 8.

Not only was this the first playoff series win for Pampa since 2007, it was also the first playoff win for head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves, who has been with the program for six years.

Zach Hill had one inning of work on the mound. He allowed four hits, four runs, all earned and walked two.

Cody Scarlett pitched the final six innings of the game. He allowed seven hits, four runs, all earned, walked two and struck out six. Scarlett was awarded the win in the game.

"We fought hard to come back again in game two. We came out flat and I don't understand that but we did and we kinda got them going and into a huge hole," Snelgrooves said. "I told the guys just throw up zeros and throw up some numbers on our end. And we did that and we got some crooked numbers. Cody Scarlett, he's a sophomore for us. My dad told me a long time ago, 'hey this kid's going to be special,' and he did a great job for us today. I am very, very proud of him."

Ty Hooper was 1-3 with a stolen base. Brendon Woelfle was 2-3 with a run scored, an RBI, a triple and a walk. Nathan Furgason was 0-3 with a stolen base, a run scored and an RBI. Brandt Logan scored a run and stole a base as a courtesy runner. Cade Engle was 1-4 with a run scored and an RBI. Jordan Green was 1-2 with two RBIs, a walk, a run scored and a double. Adam Zuniga was 1-2 with two runs scored. Rhett Harden was 0-2 with a walk and a run scored. Colton Thompson was 0-1 with a walk, a run scored and an RBI. Braden Keown was 1-1 with a walk, an RBI and a run scored.

"Big Spring, those guys were district champs for a reason. They are a good ballclub. Coach Smith does a good job. I couldn't be more proud of my guys and our senior leadership and the things that they've accomplished so far. Really look forward to what we do from now on," Snelgrooves said.

How does Snelgrooves feel about his first playoff series win as Pampa's head man?

"It's amazing. To do it in your hometown (Pampa) is something special. To do it in a program you've been a part of is something special," Snelgrooves said. "With your wife being a Pampa graduate just like you, it's a really special deal. I am really excited about what the future holds for us. To finally get that playoff series win underneath us and move on is an exciting deal for Pampa baseball."

Once again, Pampa will travel to Snyder this weekend for the Area round of the playoffs. They will face the Pecos Eagles in a three-game series. Game one will be at 7:30 p.m., Friday May 15. Game two will be at 1 p.m., Saturday May 16. Game three will follow game two if necessary.

Pecos is 15-12-1 on the year. They finished third in their district at 6-4, behind Seminole and Andrews.

They beat Clint Mountain View in the Bi-District round.

Stay tuned to The Pampa News' Facebook page for updates as the forecast on Tuesday and Wednesday for Snyder is heavy rainfall yet again.

It has been an unusually wet spring this spring. Hopefully there will not be any changes but stay tuned nonetheless.



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Harvester boys' soccer closes season with banquet

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Aron Avila and Chris Perez with their escorts and gave them their senior gifts.

The team also presented manager, freshman, Julian Arreola with gifts before the awards portion of the banquet.

Next, awards were handed out to the players and there was a reception to follow. This year, things were done differently, as this was a free banquet so the entire families of the players could attend, and donations were accepted for the soccer booster club.

The first of the awards

was the golden boot. This award was presented by goalkeepers Juan Perez and Jayson Thomas and went to the team's leading scorer, junior Eric Samora, who had seven goals on the season.

Zack Trimble and Valentin Velasquez were up next and presented the silver boot, which went to the player with the most assists. Freshman Brendon Baker won this award with seven assists.

Julio Chaves and Jonathan Wosley presented the bronze boot to the player

with the third most points on the season. Points were determined by the number of goals and assists throughout the season. Goals were worth two points and assists were worth one. Freshman Alexis Vasquez took home the bronze boot.

Next up was the award for the most improved player. There were three nominees for this award: sophomore

SOCCER cont. on page 10B

The Pampa Harvesters boys' soccer team held its end of the year banquet Friday evening at Briarwood Church.

After introductions of both the JV and varsity teams were made by coaches Andy Lopez and Joel Baker, a few of the players presented the coaches with gifts from the team.

Since the team was unable to have a senior night game, during introductions Baker introduced seniors



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The academic all-district winners. More pictures on pages 6B and 10B.



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Top left, Elli Peet in a soccer game. Top right, Jamie Aragon before a soccer game. Below left, Jamie's sister Jazlyn is a cheerleader for his game. Below right, Maddie Yates pitches in a game. Bottom left, Tayte Kidd and Karter Kidd before the Optimist Day at the Pampa High School ballpark. Bottom right, Tayte Kidd waits for the pitch.



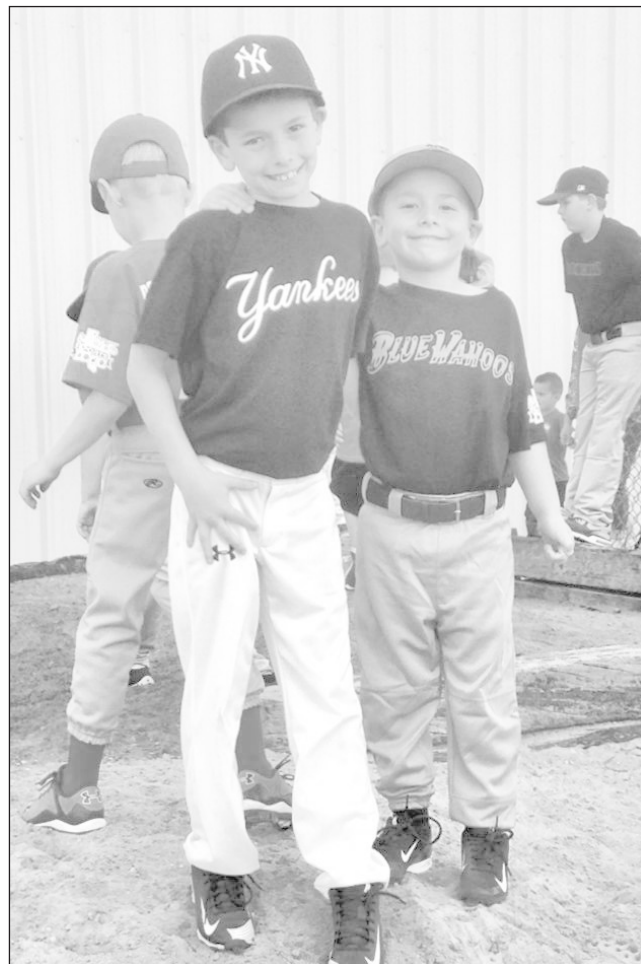
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HARVESTERS TAKE CARE OF BIG SPRING OVER THE WEEKEND



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Top left, Brody Gaines pitches Friday. Top right, Cody Scarlett pitches Saturday. Above left, Cade Engle makes an out. Above right, Jordan Green is safe at second with one of his doubles over the weekend. Below, Braden Keown throws in from the outfield. Second below, Brendon Woelfle throws over to first for an out. Bottom, Rhett Harden tosses it in from the outfield. Pampa will play Pecos this weekend in the area round of the playoffs.



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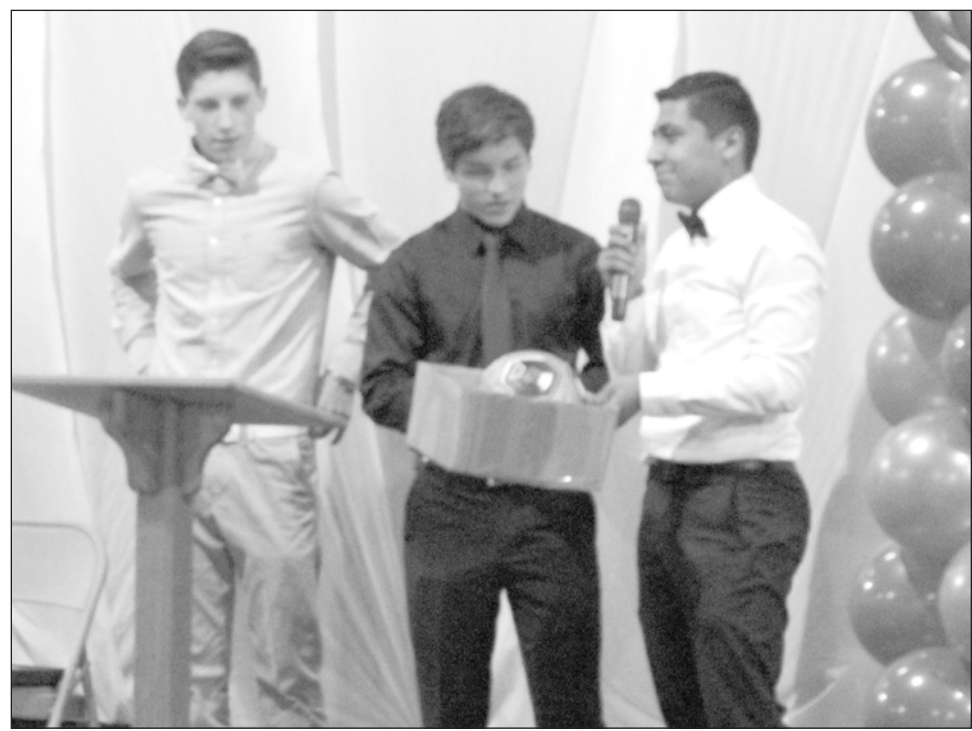
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PAMPA SOCCER ENDS SEASON WITH BANQUET



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Top left, the honorable mentions for All-District. Top right, the manager, Julian Arreola received a gift. Below left, Rodney Kerbo was named most improved player. Below right, NCSAA award for no red cards was presented to the team for no red cards this season. Dario Barragan got the award for the team. Below that, the TASCOCO all-region players. Bottom, the team chant to close out the awards part of the banquet.



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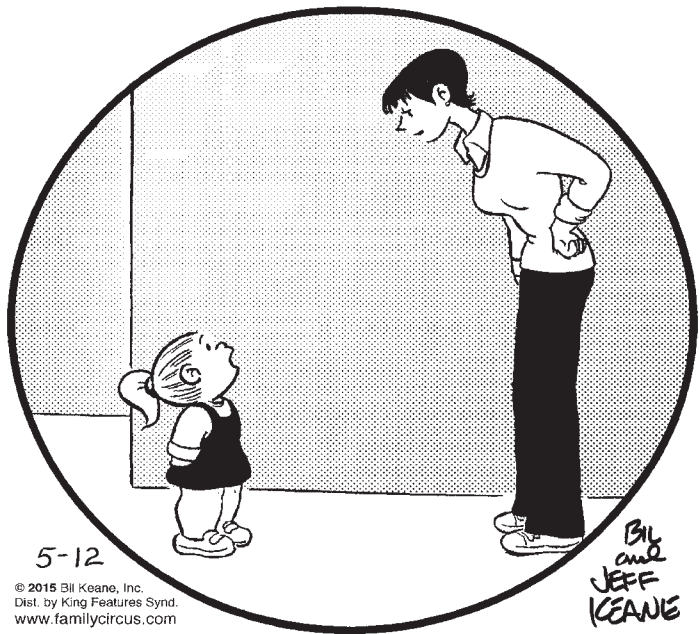
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Bil and Jeff Keane

“Since Mary had a little lamb, can't I just have a little hamster?”

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Baby Blues

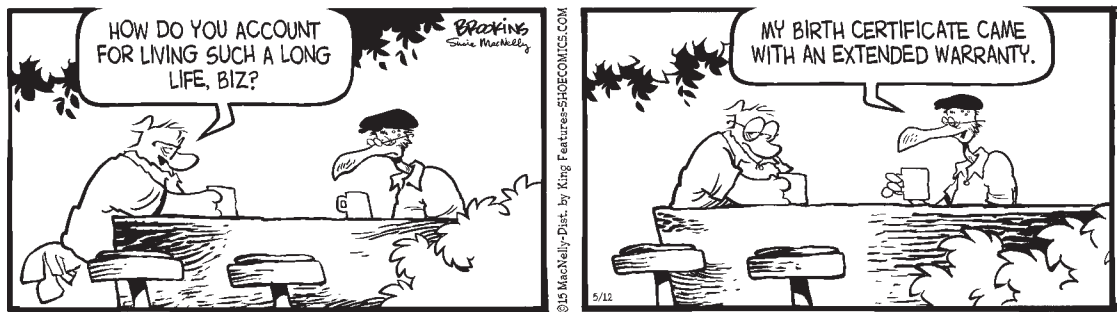


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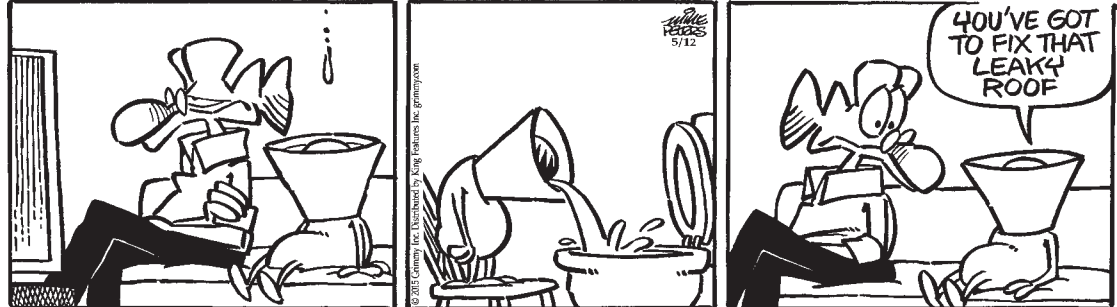


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DAILY Horoscope

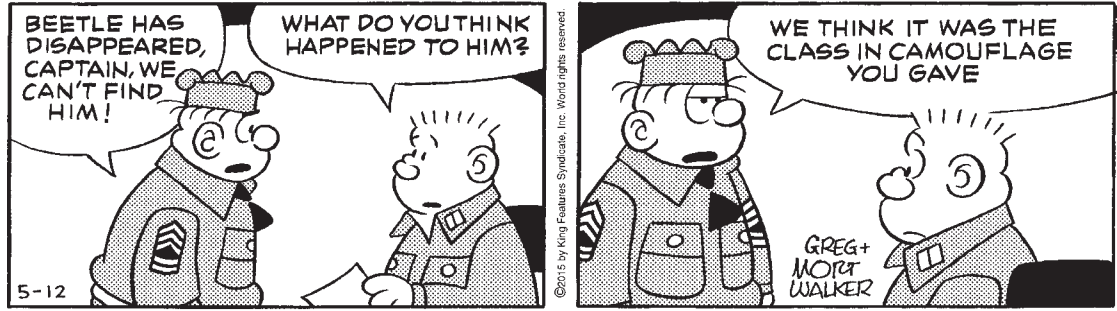
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 13, 2015:
 This year you will emphasize your immediate circle of friends and your long-term goals. You will have a drive to learn more, experience other cultures and break past your present mental barriers. If you are single, you are likely to meet quite a few people who might be of interest to you. Come fall, the possibilities of meeting The One increase. If you are attached, the two of you might purchase a new house or remodel your present one. It will become important to you as a couple to have sufficient privacy. **ARIES** understands you a little too well for your comfort.
 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'll want to take some time to process your feelings. Try not to act too quickly; otherwise, you could experience a problem. Share some of your thoughts with a trusted friend whose feedback might be significant. Tonight: Nap, then decide.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Zero in on a friend who might be a creative type. Conversations could be trying, as he or she might have difficulty being clear. Remain gracious, and try asking a clarifying question or two. A meeting is likely to take up much of your time. Tonight: Let the party go on.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Someone will make it very clear that he or she wants what he or she wants. Stay centered and direct, especially if you are involved. You might need to re-establish a boundary. You have a lot to do, and there is little time for other matters. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Allow your imagination to soar when faced with unavoidable obstacles. You will find a solution. A conversation with someone you look up to will make a big difference in your perspective. Make calls and plans to take off for a few days. Tonight: Listen to the music.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You could be taken aback by a personal situation and an apparent lack of options. You will remain mellow yet direct. Speak your mind to someone you look up to who often gives you sound advice. Be more forthright with this person. Tonight: A force to be dealt

with.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ One-on-one relating will take you down a new path. You could be confused by someone who seems to pull back suddenly. Know that this person will calm down in time. Enlightening news will open the door to a potential change. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You could be tired and withdrawn. How you handle a partner or associate who feels a stronger need to be in control will be more important than you think. You can't put off a discussion any longer. You might be surprised by what is going on. Tonight: Be social.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Dive into a project that can't be delayed any longer. You could be exhausted by a personal matter that seems to be dominant and perhaps takes up too much of your time. Allow your creativity to emerge, and head in a new direction. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You might be mulling over a situation that you have not yet come to a conclusion about. Encourage a discussion, even though a side of you will want to close down the conversation. Ask yourself, Why is there resistance? Get down to the root cause. Tonight: At home.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Speak your mind, and understand what is happening with a close associate. This person might be upset, but can't seem to discuss why. You have a talent for communicating, and it will help him or her to open up. Let your creativity flourish. Tonight: Head home first.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Dealing with funds could be difficult, as a close associate seems to close down no matter what you do. Understand that you can do only so much. Take your cue from a family member or roommate, and give this person some space. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You dominate the present scene more than you realize. An issue with a changing situation could cause an unexpected problem. Nevertheless, you'll decide to continue as you have been. Speak your mind so that those involved can continue down a specific path. Tonight: Hang out.

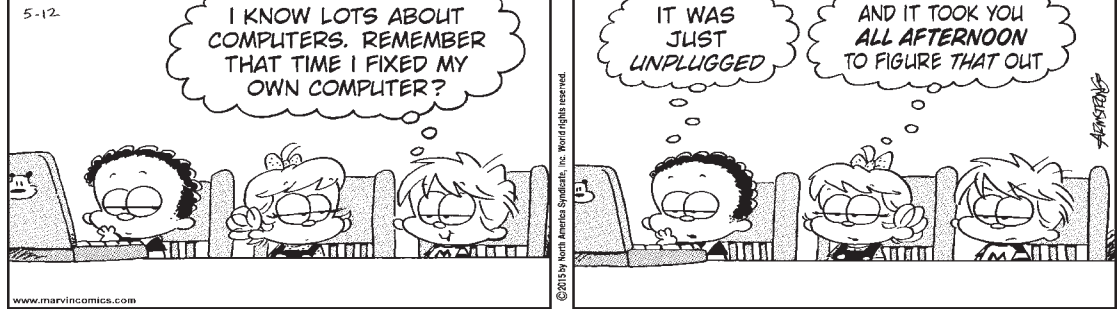
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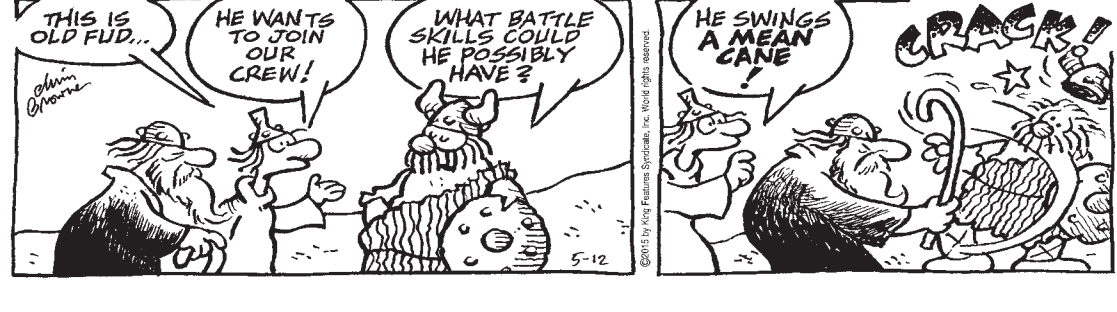
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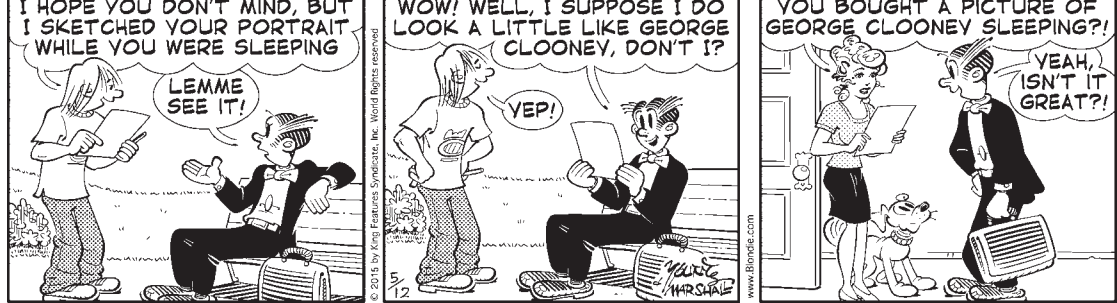
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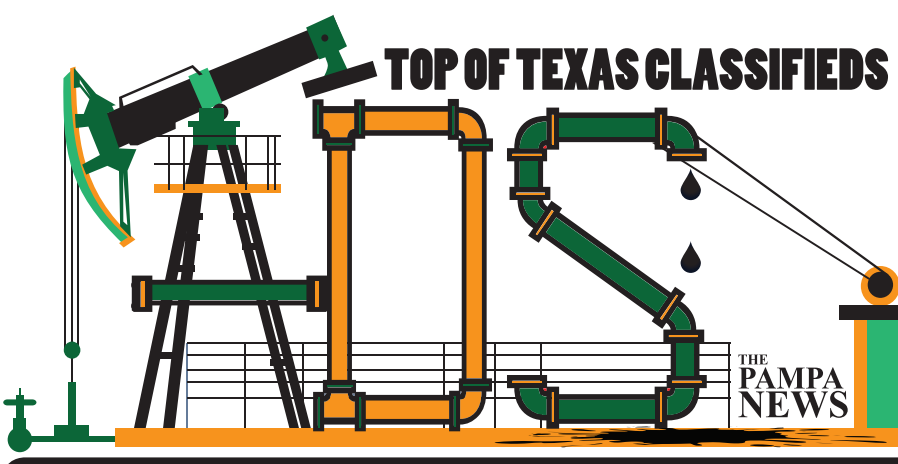


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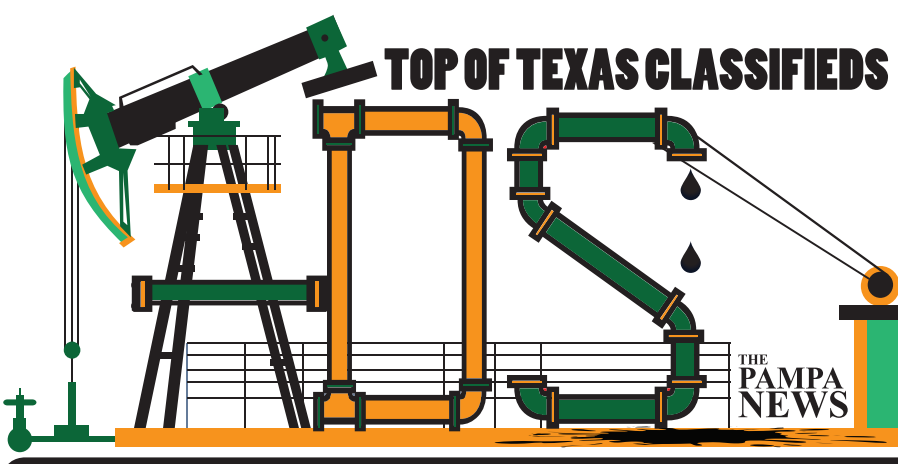
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

5-12 CRYPTOQUOTE

V G W G N B E C N P X W U P H
 Y N B O U B S , N Y Y W B E P L K N Q
 H M U R W V N M X U R W P W O
 H V W M H N Y R G U P L W .

— T U K U U P L W X N Q

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: JUST ABOUT A MONTH FROM NOW I'M SET ADRIFT, WITH A DIPLOMA FOR A SAIL AND LOTS OF NERVE FOR OARS. — RICHARD HALLIBURTON

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Soccer

Continued From Page 3B

Julio Chavez, junior Brak Giles and freshman Rodney Kerbo. Kerbo was awarded Most Improved Player for the 2015 season.

Next, First and Second Team All-District players were introduced, along with those who received Honorable Mention and Academic All-District.

Players who received TASCOS All-Region honors were next up, followed by Academic All-State, which was awarded to senior Aron Avila for holding a grade point average of 90 or above for all four years.

Coach Baker took the podium next to speak about the NSCAA Award, which is a national honor that was awarded to the team for having no red cards throughout the entire season. The team received

the silver award. This season the team had no red cards and only four yellow cards.

“Other teams notice when you play clean,” Baker said. “The thing about these guys is that they never gave up.”

The theme for this year’s season was to keep digging. Baker said he theme came to him because when you dig a well, there is no sign of water until you get there. This season, he had to encourage his team to

keep digging.

Along with the theme came this year’s dig award. This honor went to the player who never gave up and just kept digging throughout the season. Junior Bryan Calderon won the dig award.

“We work hard and we work quietly,” he said. “We’re improving and learning the game, and we’re going to keep getting better. We’re a long way from where we started.”



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

Above, the varsity team as coach Joel Baker talked about them. Top right, Aaron Avila was named to the academic All-State team. Below, the second team All-District players.



Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

Sudoku

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

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced mother of four. I have been single for three years, since my ex chose an affair over our marriage. I am successful and manage my home and finances.

I am, however, struggling with pressure from my ex to get back together. He had several affairs during the 13 years we were married. The pain and self-loathing were unbearable for me. He hasn't changed. Yet he tells our 14-year-old son, "Jackson," that he still loves me and "wants only to be with me." He also told Jackson that he doesn't know why I have chosen to keep our family broken up.

I moved hundreds of miles to get away from this stress. I have a great job and a lovely home. My son stays mad at me, though. He has chosen to live with his dad, and when he visits he demands explanations for why I am not with them. It breaks my heart. I genuinely do not know what to tell him.

His father has already told him about the affairs, but says I should forgive him. Ironically, I DO forgive him. I want my ex to have a beautiful life — without me. What can a mother say to her son to help him understand that some things just won't mend? — MOVED ON IN ALABAMA

DEAR MOVED ON: You would be doing your son a favor to tell him the truth. As it stands, he thinks that a husband having affairs is nothing serious because that's what his father has told him.

Now it's time to tell Jackson that his father didn't do this just once, he did it repeatedly. Explain that you tried forgiving him, and it only caused you more heart-

ache. Tell your son you love him and you're sorry he's angry at you, but it's clear that his father isn't going to change. And that you would rather remain single than let him touch your body — or your heart — again.

If you do, it may teach Jackson that not all women will accept this kind of treatment and endlessly forgive. If you don't, he may follow his father's example and turn out just like dear old dad.

DEAR ABBY: I live in my parents' home. They are long-haul truck drivers and come home every eight weeks or so for a few days. I'm disabled and have a caregiver who comes four days a week.

When my parents stop in and the caregiver is here, they expect her to do for them. They keep four dogs on the truck they take with them and leave four dogs at home with me — so that's eight dogs when they are here. I am extremely grateful for this home and I love them very

much, but right now I feel like a house/dog-sitter.

My son has invited me to go on vacation with his family. Is it my responsibility to make arrangements for the dogs they have left here? I feel like a prisoner in my own home. — HOUSE-SITTER IN THE SOUTH

DEAR HOUSE-SITTER: Because the dogs have been left in your keeping, the responsibility for assuring their safety and well-being in your parents' absence belongs to you. Ask your parents if they would mind a pet-sitter staying in the house when you vacation with your son, or if they would prefer the dogs be placed in a kennel.

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.

BANANAGRAMS!

Using the 15 tiles in the bunch, create 24 different four-letter words and fill them into the blanks below.



Yesterday's Answer: CAREER, SAFELY, SUBSET, REDUCE

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- Drift onto the beach
 - In the style of
 - Mineo of movies
 - Chihuahua cat
 - "Lost Horizon" author
 - Yemen neighbor
 - Human dynamos
 - Caruso, for one
 - Marshy wasteland
 - Reduced amount
 - Old German capital
 - Nodding, perhaps
 - Play division
 - Gift from Santa
 - Neckline shape
 - Poet Dylan
 - Noggin
 - Pinnacle
 - Military level
 - Cruise ship
 - Menus
 - Bread spread
 - "Gun-smoke" marshal
 - Radiance
 - Did salon work
- DOWN**
- Spider's home

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Yesterday's answer

- Middling card
- Equip anew
- Command to Fido
- Auction bids
- Sluggish need
- Marshy area
- Sinking signal
- Suffering cat
- Fare carriers
- Maximum amount
- Laid-back
- Sturgeon eggs
- Pub regular
- Put a stop to

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Watch the Pros

- NBA Basketball**
Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers (2-2).....TNT 6 p.m.
LA Clippers (3-1) at Houston Rockets.....TNT 8:30 p.m.
 - NHL Hockey**
Montreal Canadiens at TB Lightning (3-2)....NBCS 6:30 p.m.
 - Hockey**
Slovakia v. USA World Championship Hockey...OLN 9 a.m.
 - MLB Baseball**
New York Mets at Chicago Cubs.....MLB 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City Royals at Texas Rangers.....FSSW 7 p.m.
 - Soccer**
Bayern Munich v. Barcelona.....FS1 1:30 p.m.
 - Biking**
Tour of California: Stage 3.....NBCS 4 p.m.
 - Golf**
Women's US Amateur Four-Ball Championship..FS1 6 p.m.
 - College Baseball**
Georgia v. Georgia Tech.....FCSA 6 p.m.
- *Game times and channels are subject to change.**

Hidden Hills seniors scramble results

STAFF REPORT
Hidden Hills hosted a seniors four-man scramble on Thursday, May 7. Here are the results.
First place, with a score of 61, was the team of Jerry Walling, DD Lofton, Jerry Dorman and Howard Musgrave.
Second place, with a score of 62, was the team of Kelly Everson,

Doug Reeves, Robert Laughlin, Jim Cantrell and Leroy Morris.
Third place, with a score of 64, was the team of Whitey White, Jim Bridges, John McCall and Carl Johnson.
Jim Brashears was closest to the hole for hole No. 6. Robert Laughlin was closest to the hole for hole No. 15.

Wrestling, taekwondo leave umbrella sports body in protest

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS and its president, Thomas Bach.
Wrestling and taekwondo have become the latest sports to pull out of the umbrella body for international federations after its president launched a scathing attack on the IOC.
United World Wrestling and the World Taekwondo Federation announced their withdrawal Monday from SportAccord, which represents Olympic and non-Olympic sports.
The move comes a few weeks after SportAccord head Marius Vizer delivered a sharply-worded speech in Sochi criticizing the International Olympic Committee

That prompted several sports to quit SportAccord, including athletics, boxing and shooting. The Association of Summer Olympic International Federations suspended its ties with Vizer.
Wrestling federation head Nenad Lalovic says his sport "shall refrain to participate in the activities and games organized by SportAccord" until relations with ASOIF have improved.
The taekwondo federation says it has left SportAccord and pulled out of the 2017 World Combat Games, which Vizer oversees.

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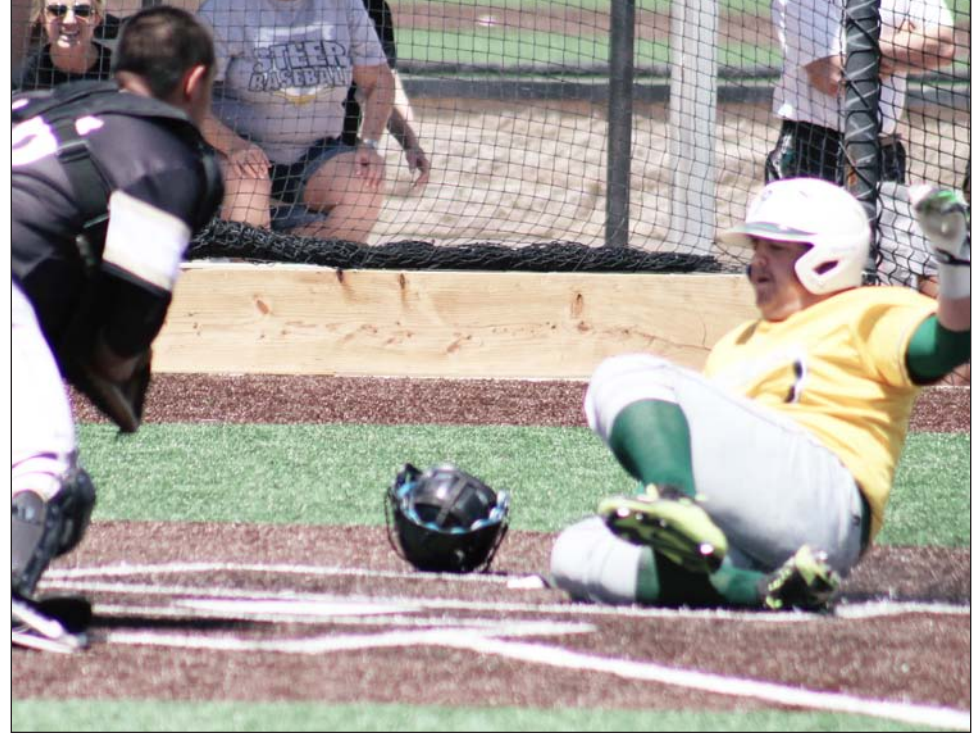
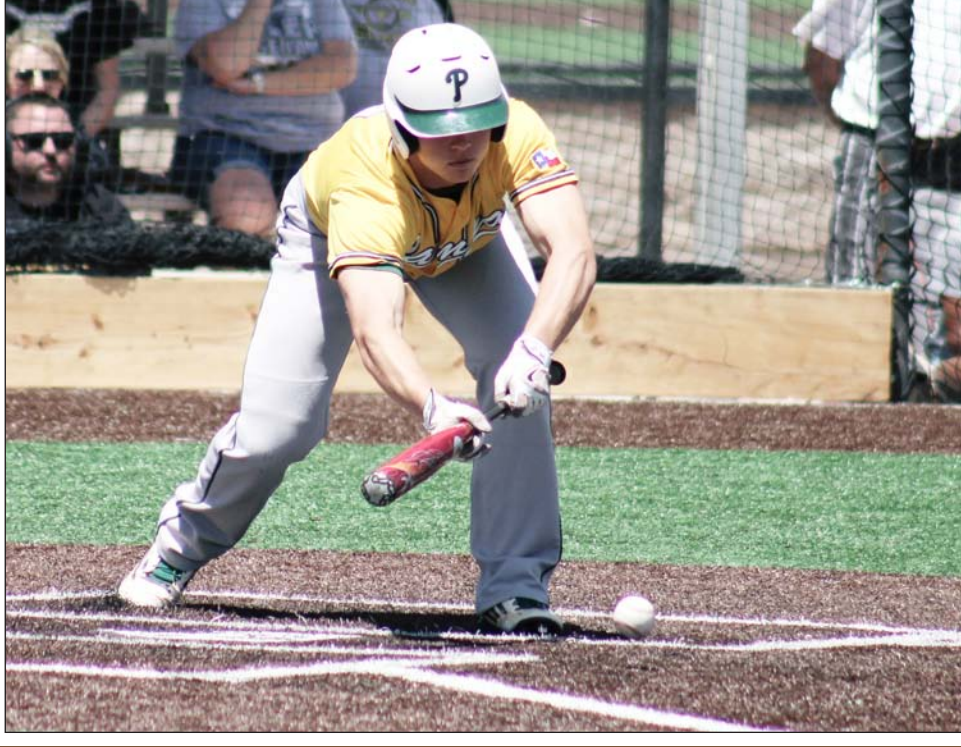
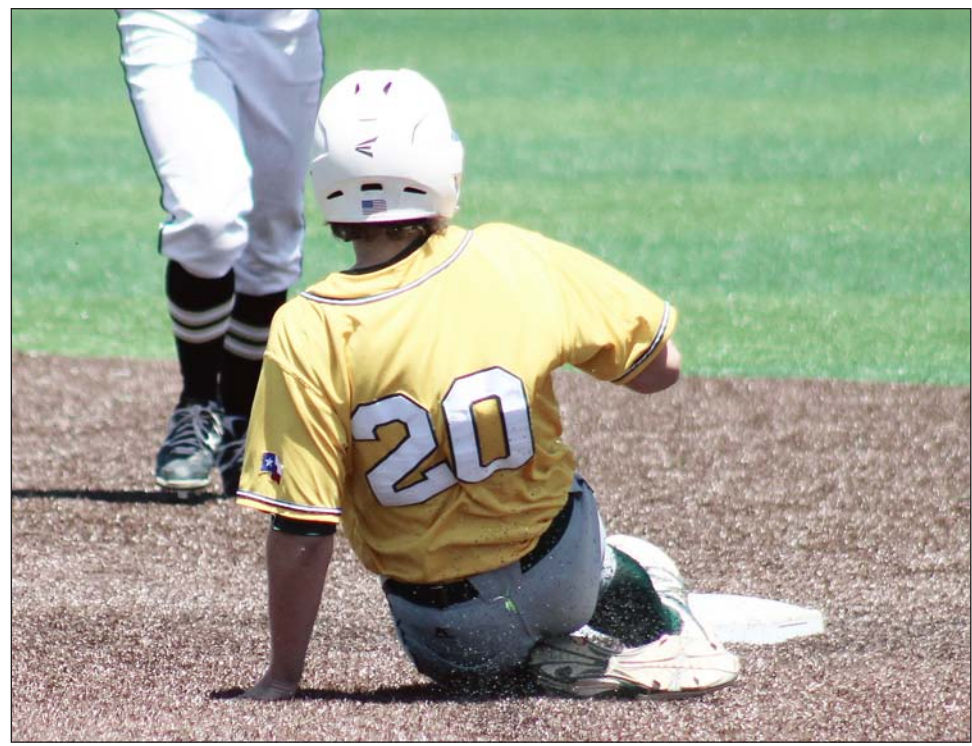
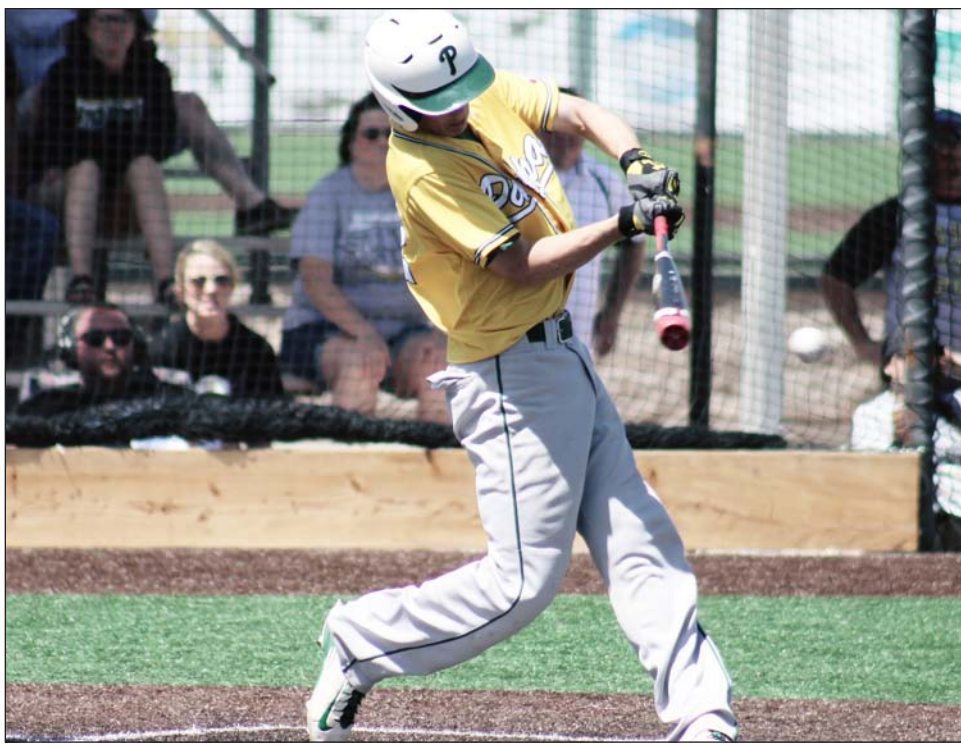
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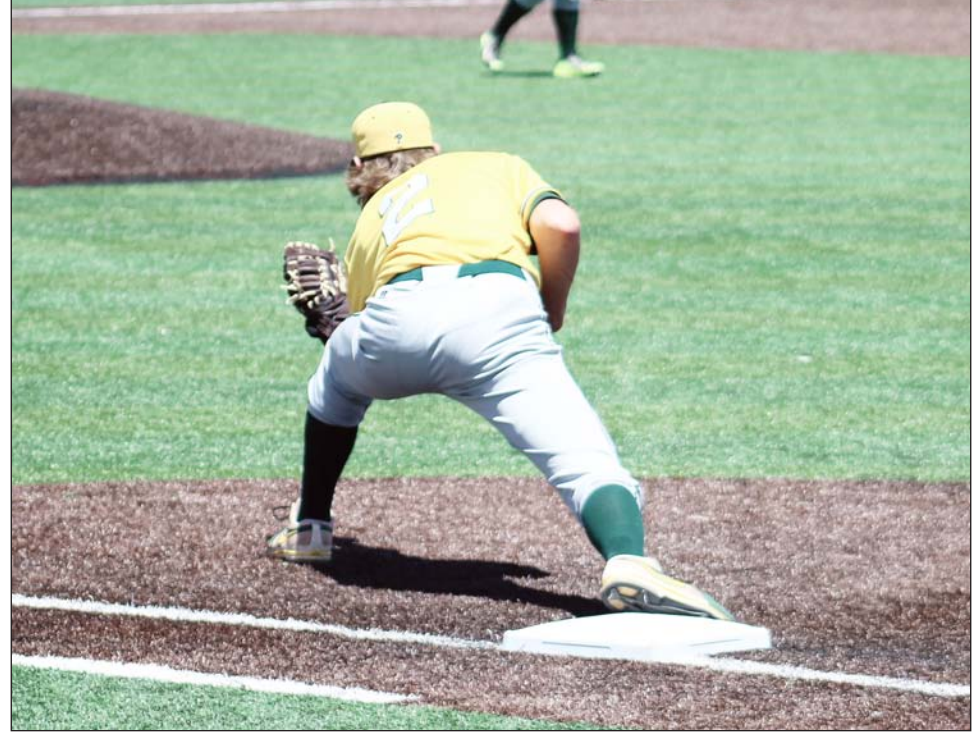
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Top left, Ty Hooper bangs out a hit. Top right, Brandt Logan slides safely into second base. Above left, Colton Thompson lays down a perfect bunt. Above right, Adam Zuniga slides into home safely. Below, Nathan Furgason stretches out to record an out at first base.



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