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LaFave set to perform at 'Woody Days' in October

■ *Sinks: "People need to hear him, because he is an awesome musician."*

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Mike Sinks of the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has announced that Austin musician Jimmy LaFave will

play during the organization's annual "Woody Days" in October. This event will be prefaced by a celebration of Guthrie's 100th birthday on the weekend of Friday, July 27 at the center. Sinks said he spoke with LaFave during the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival

last weekend in Okemah, Okla., where Guthrie was born in 1912.

"We hooked up and got to talking, and he said he had that weekend free and would like to do a show for us on his 'Walking Woody' tour," he said. "We're going to get all the details together in the next week or so."

LaFave visited Pampa's folk center earlier this year, and Sinks said the musician is a big Guthrie enthusiast.

"We're just tickled to death, and hope we can get a good turnout," he said. "People need to hear him, because he

is an awesome musician. He likes to describe his music as 'red dirt music.' It's an Oklahoma term, and people have different ideas on how to define it, but it's Oklahoma rock and roll. He does everything. He writes beautiful ballads."

"His voice conveys emotions so well," Sinks added. "When he does a song, it's his song. He makes it his, like Guthrie's 'Oklahoma Hills.' But he's a rocker, too. He's got that Austin-sound down. He's well known, liked and respected around Austin."

THE HEAT IS ON



A crew of workers (left to right) Robert Godwin, Ernesto Gallegos, Bill Hite and Daniel Harper spread hot tar on the driveway of the AmericInn.

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Bite victim 'doing well'

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A family friend of the six-year-old boy who received a severe dog bite last week reports that he is recovering well from the incident.

According to Chana Gray, the boy, Guge Butenhof, was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo on Monday afternoon, following a bite from a male pit bull terrier in the dog owner's home. The bite occurred when Butenhof, who had been petting the dog, leaned on the terrier, according to a report from Animal Control. The dog was placed in quarantine at the Pampa animal shelter and remains there at this time.

Butenhof received stitches and reconstructive surgery from his lip-line to chin, and left the hospital last Friday.

Gray said he is "doing well, and already playing video games."

Correction: The Pampa News reported last week that the six-year-old who was bitten by a dog was a girl. The child, Guge Butenhof, is a boy.

Commissioners' Court addresses fireworks and salaries

■ *Fourth of July activities cause of resident's concern*

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At Gray County Commissioners' Court on Monday morning, two residents spoke about issues in the area, one of which revisited the matter of people shooting fireworks on county roads. It is illegal to shoot fireworks in the Pampa city limits or on county roads.

Terri Sexton, a resident on Tyng Street, also known as County Road E, proposed that the county limit access next year to the road at Tignor and Tyng, as well as at Browning and County Road 9, which feeds into Tyng.

"I must say that the past Fourth of July activities were the worst in the past 13 years that I've resided there, with numerous fires," she said. "Cars were bumper-to-bumper on both sides of the bar ditch. ... It was difficult for (the

Hoover Fire Department) to get up and down that road, because of all the people, the cars and the fireworks. I was very fortunate my pasture did not catch on fire, but it got really close."

She added that the litter left by people shooting off fireworks was excessive.

"You couldn't even drive up and down that street the next morning," Sexton said.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said that he hopes to beef up enforcement of the fireworks ban on county roads next year. He visited the area on Tyng following the Fourth of July, and agreed that the litter was excessive.

"One person was nice enough to put all of their stuff in a box, and left it there, stacked with roman candle remains, and all that other stuff," he said. "...It was a mess. That's something we, as a court, are going to have to address next year."

Peet said the court plans to return to the idea of blocking off the area before the next Fourth of July.

John Tripplehorn also addressed the court, expressing concern that the salaries at the Gray County Sheriff's

Office are not competitive enough to recruit and retain quality employees. According to Tripplehorn, Gray County deputies receive about \$8,500 to \$10,500 less per year than those at surrounding counties, including Hemphill, Hutchison and Moore counties.

"The Sheriff's Office is having a difficult time retaining good guys when they can get paid better elsewhere," said Tripplehorn. "... I don't have the answer, but I think we could go through the budget, and probably find some of the money."

"I'd like to think Gray County is a leader in the area, but we're not leading in paying our law enforcement, and in Gray County, these guys and girls do put their lives on the line every time they go out," he added.

Budget meetings will begin next month for the county's 2012 fiscal year.

In other business, commissioners:

- extended a cost share agreement with the USDA Forest Service for the Lake McClellan Recreation Area;
- approved a forfeiture expenditure of \$300 from the 31st District Attorney's office;
- approved tax bids, dated July 6.

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Today



High 95
Low 69

Tuesday



High 95
Low 69

Wednesday



High 95
Low 70

Today:

A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight:

Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night:

Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday:

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Thursday Night:

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Obituaries

Dorothy Buzzard Zachry, 85

Dorothy Buzzard Zachry, 85, died July 16, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Freddy Lee Hoggatt, 82

Freddy Lee Hoggatt, 82, died July 16, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hoggatt was born November 6, 1929, in Polaska. He married Beverly Ann Roe on March 16, 1950, in Skellytown. He had been a resident of Lake Havasu City, Ariz. for 30 years, moving to Pampa five years ago. Freddy was a master electrician. He retired from Parker Dam California Bureau of Reclamation in 1992, serving as Chief of Parker Dam for 13 years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, IBEW, and AmVets. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the 82nd Airborne Artillery as a corporal. Freddy enjoyed golfing.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly Hoggatt of the home; a son, Roger Lee Hoggatt and wife Yvonne of Clovis, N.M.; sister-in-law, Betty Hoggatt of Hedley; three grandchildren, Ryan Lee Hoggatt, Patricia Ann Crafton and Roger Lee Wroble; and five great-grandchildren. Freddy was preceded in death by three brothers, Ernest Hoggatt, Harold Hoggatt and Johnny Hoggatt; and three sisters, Eula Eager, Allea Altman and Sarah Park.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Faris Jake Hess II, 65

Faris Jake Hess II, 65, of McLean died July 14, 2012, after a short and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Services will be at 2 pm Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in McLean with Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Jake was born on July 30, 1946, to Faris Jake and Leta Mae Hess. Jake lived on the ranch he loved in Collingsworth County. Jake attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. and graduated with a degree in Animal Science in 1968. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. Jake spent his childhood in McLean, and returned in 1971 to begin his career in ranching. In recent years, he was found running the cash register or visiting with customers at the Country Corner.

Jake was involved with many civic organizations: McLean School Board of Trustees, McLean United Methodist Church, McLean EMS, Texas Hereford Association, American Hereford Association, and American Quarter Horse Association. In addition to these organizations, he cared for every person he met and would always extend a generous hand.

Jake's family meant the world to him. He was a loving father to his three children and a caring son to his parents. He is survived by his sons, Tres Hess and wife Danna of Stratford, Tanner Hess and wife, Christi of McLean; and daughter Heather Braden and husband Kevin of Stratford. He loved spending time with his grandchildren: Ty, Shay, Amanda, and Jacob Hess, and Luke, Bryce and Madison Braden. Jake is also survived by his sister, Nancy Blackburn of San Antonio; many cousins, and treasured friends. His parents, Faris Jake and Leta Mae Hess, preceded him in death.

The family would like to express a special thank you to BSA Hospice of Pampa and Amarillo, and the many family members and friends who supported them during this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the McLean-Alanreed Historical Museum and the United Methodist Church Building Fund.



Hess



Hoggatt

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, July 16 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 44 traffic-related incidents.

Animal Control agents and Pampa PD reported 22 animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department responded to nine medical calls.

Friday, July 13

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of West 30th.

Criminal mischief was reported.

A vehicle fire occurred at Hobart and Wilks.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of North Christy.

A burglary occurred at the 1200 block of North Wells.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct occurred at 23rd and Charles.

An accident occurred at Crawford and Prairie.

A threat was reported.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of North Dwight.

Thefts were reported at the 700 block of North Zimmers and the 2200 block of North Williston.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of Coffee.

A theft occurred at the 2400 block of North Fir.

A suspicious person was reported at 23rd and Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 100 block of West 30th.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1100 block of East Francis.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2200 block of Perryton.

An accident occurred at Highway 60 and Highway 152.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1000 block of West Browning.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of South Sumner and the 1100 block of Cinderella.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of North Hobart.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1000 block of South Huff.

An accident occurred at the 700 block of North Somerville.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1800 block of North Price.

Saturday, July 14

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of North Magnolia.

A suspicious person was reported at the 600 block of East Craven and the intersection of Browning and Ballard.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of East Francis.

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of West Foster.

An offense against family and children was reported at Browning and Rider.

Harassment was reported at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported at the 900 block of West Sierra.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 900 block of South Love.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of South Wells.

An accident occurred at the 1000 block of Huff.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 700 block of East Francis.

A theft occurred at the 2200 block of North Williston.

A theft was reported.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 300 block of Henry.

A threat occurred at Al-

cock and Wells.

A suspicious person was reported at the 600 block of East Frederic.

Sunday, July 15

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Wells and Rhame.

A suspicious person was reported at Oklahoma and Nelson and the 200 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of Harlem, the intersection of Christine and Duncan and the intersection of West and Francis.

An accident occurred at Wilks and Highway 60.

An assault occurred at the 300 block of West Medical Plaza.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of Canadian and the intersection of Frederic and Finley.

Phone harassment was reported at the 2100 block of Duncan.

Disorderly conduct occurred at Cook and Somerville, the 1400 block of West Somerville, the 1500 block of West Buckler, the intersection of Buckler and Christy and the 600 block of Plains.

A threat was reported at the 700 block of East 14th.

Monday, July 16

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of South Sumner.

An assault occurred at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, July 16 at 7 a.m.

Friday, July 13

Kymerlee Sue Smith, 51, was arrested by police for public intoxication.

Jarrod Lee Boykin, 29, was arrested by DPS of-

ficers for driving while intoxicated.

Saturday, July 14

Joshua Lee Rivas, 21, was arrested by police for public intoxication.

Sierra Lashae Rochelle Williams, 17, was arrested by police for failure to attend school.

Michael Douglas Crocker, 32, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a habitat, insufficient bond and forgery of a financial instrument.

Hector Garcia, 32, was arrested by deputies for possession of a controlled substance.

Sunday, July 15

Billy Michael Grimes, 51, was arrested by DPS officers for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Barbara Diane Miner, 52, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

Efrain F. Ortega Jr., 34, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while intoxicated.

Luis Eduardo Ortega, 20, was arrested by DPS officers on charges of minor in possession and an open container.

Angela Alvarez Perez, 18, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant.

Antonio Guadalupe Vargas, 21, was arrested by deputies for failure to identify a fugitive from justice and on capias pro fine warrants.

Issac Arizu, 17, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants.

Aaron Anthony O'Neal, 23, was arrested by deputies for public intoxication.

Monday, July 16

Eliseo Zuniga Collazo, 30, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated.

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Amarillo plastic surgeon arrested

LUBBOCK (AP) — A plastic surgeon is among two people arrested in the slaying of a fellow Texas doctor in what police are investigating as a love triangle.

Police on Monday announced the arrests of Dr. Thomas Michael Dixon of Amarillo and David Neal Shepard.

Documents in an arrest warrant suggest Dixon arranged to have Dr. Joseph Sonnier III killed because Sonnier was dating Dixon's ex-girlfriend.

An affidavit says Shepard's roommate allegedly told police that Shepard confessed to shooting Sonnier in his Lubbock home last Wednesday. Sonnier was chief pathologist for Covenant Health System in Lubbock.

Dixon is a well-known surgeon in Amarillo. Police said at a news conference Monday that he paid Shepard three bars of silver — worth a total of \$9,000.

No one answered the phone Monday at Dixon's practice.

RiceTec sued over defective seed

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas rice farmers are claiming in a lawsuit that hybrid seed supplied by RiceTec Inc. was defective and resulted in lower prices for farmers.

The Goldman Phipps law firm in San Antonio and Little Rock announced Monday that 32 farmers have joined a countersuit against RiceTec over the quality and performance of its seed.

Delaplaine farmer Scott Meredith was sued by Alvin, Texas-based RiceTec after he refused to pay the full amount of his bill after his seed was allegedly defective. Meredith countersued.

The farmers claim RiceTec's hybrid seed for long-grain rice produces rice with a thinner husk that is more easily damaged during milling and doesn't store well. The suit also claims rice planted with RiceTec seed does not come up properly.

RiceTec had no immediate comment.

Drought blamed in tollway damage

AUSTIN (AP) — Experts have blamed the Texas drought for up to \$30 million in damage to an unopened stretch of tollway in the Austin area.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Monday that the 2011 drought caused asphalt cracks in some parts of unfinished Texas 130. The area involves about 41 miles between Mustang Ridge and Seguin.

The private consortium building the road, in association with the Texas Department of Transportation, has been repaving since spring.

Chris Lippincott with the State Highway 130 Concession Co. says the repaired tollway should open prior to the November lease contract deadline. Lippincott says the consortium, led by Spanish toll road company Cintra and a subsidiary of San Antonio-based Zachry Construction Corp., is paying for the repair costs.

Children poisoned by lighter fluid

DICKINSON (AP) — Police say two 5-year-old Southeast Texas siblings have been hospitalized after drinking lighter fluid from an unmarked water bottle.

Dickinson police say one girl was in critical condition Monday at a Houston hospital. The other child remained at Clear Lake Regional Medical Center where both youngsters were taken after Saturday's incident.

The Galveston County Daily News reports the children were with their mother, who had stopped at a gas station to fill up. The woman told police that the bottle was left in the car door panel since the Fourth of July.

Sgt. James Johnson says authorities are handling the incident as a criminal investigation. Police did not provide names of the girls or further details Monday.

KBR not liable for soldier's death

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit brought by the mother of a Pittsburgh-area soldier who was electrocuted in his barracks shower at an Army base in Iraq.

U.S. District Judge Nora Barry Fischer has ruled that Houston-based military contractor KBR Inc. couldn't be held liable for the death because military commanders — not the contractor — made the decisions on where to house soldiers and whether buildings with substandard electrical systems were suitable or not.

Attorneys for Cheryl Maseth, the mother of Staff Sgt. Ryan Maseth, say they'll appeal to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

All parties agree that Maseth died in 2008 when an improperly grounded water pump electrified his shower water.

Pipeline company fined for spill

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has fined Enterprise Crude Pipeline \$5,000 for spilling some 4,200 gallons of crude oil into a Texas tributary that feeds into a major river.

The fine announced Monday is roughly \$1.19 for each gallon of oil that ended up in Bull Creek, which spills into the Colorado River. The river is a major source of water for Texas, which is recovering from one of the worst droughts in its history.

The EPA reached an "expedited settlement" with Houston-based Enterprise. It says the company "certified it has investigated the cause of the spill" and cleaned it up. Enterprise was fined under the federal Clean Water Act.

Enterprise says it operates more than 5,200 miles of onshore crude oil pipelines.

Foster care to focus on outcomes

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Child Protective Services is changing the way it contracts for foster care by refocusing on successful treatment for the child.

Officials on Monday updated the Texas House Human Services Committee on their progress since the changes began in 2010.

The department has tentatively awarded new contracts to organizations to offer complete foster services. The non-profit Lutheran Social Services will be responsible for foster care in South Texas, while the for-profit Providence Service Corp. will work in West Texas.

Cover long-term care with 'combo' products

TERRY SAVAGE
Creator's Syndicate

The long-term care insurance industry seems to be throwing in the towel — deciding it can't afford to give you extensive insurance coverage at a price you can afford. That's a shame because the scariest part of retirement planning is not the possibility of a stock market crash or even outliving your money. You can adjust your investments and withdrawals for those possibilities.

The truly scariest part of retirement is the need for long-term, non-skilled health care — a cost that can easily wipe out all your retirement savings in a few years.

Just check out the prices for nursing homes and home health aides at Caregiverlist.com, and you'll see how quickly you can run through your retirement savings, leaving nothing for a surviving spouse or as a college fund for your grandchildren.

Today, it costs around \$80,000 a year for a private nursing home — and only a bit less if you need full-time care at home. And when you run out of money, the only choice is a state Medicaid-funded nursing home, where costs are already pinched. When boomers overwhelm state budgets and facilities, you'll wish you had planned ahead.

That's why I've always recommended the purchase of long-term care insurance, preferably paying in full over 10 years for your policy, if you can afford it. But lately insurers are increasing premiums or cutting back on coverage they will offer. (See my recent column on changes coming by the end of this month in Genworth's popular products). Policyholders have been caught in the squeeze.

There is one other alternative way to plan for the need for custodial care: by using combination products that use life insurance or annuities to fund long-term care costs. If you have retirement savings that are now invested conservatively in bank CDs and money funds, now may be the time to "reposition" some of those retirement assets to do "double duty" as a source of funding for long-term care.

These fast-growing products are based on either a life insurance policy or an annuity, which allow your money to grow tax-deferred. This pool of money inside the insurance contract can be used to pay for long-term care if it is needed. But if you don't use some or all of the money for that purpose, it remains an asset that can be left to your heirs.

There's no "use it or lose it" feature with these combo policies. And there's no worry about rising premiums as there would be with a straight LTC policy. Plus, unless the money used to pay for the policy comes from an IRA, all withdrawals to pay for care come out tax-free.

The most attractive feature of these combo policies is the "leverage" of the insurance contract, which allows you to create a larger pool of long-term care money than if you had just used your savings when the time comes. In fact, you can have as much as six times the amount you paid in premium to use for paying long-term care expenses. And, like all life insurance policies, your beneficiaries receive more

than you paid in premium, assuming you live for at least two years.

State Life Insurance Co., a division of OneAmerica (asset-basedLTC.com), Lincoln Financial Group (LFG.com) and Genworth (Genworth.com) are the largest companies offering these combination products.

Here are a few examples of how you could build a combined LTC/life insurance pool with the State Life's Asset Care product. Assume you have \$100,000 in retirement savings in a bank CD or money market fund — money you're keeping safely invested for just this possibility of needing care one day. That amount would probably cover only one year of care, given the way costs are rising.

But if a 50-year-old woman were to use her \$100,000 to buy State Life's Asset Care product, she would have a \$276,000 life insurance death benefit and an equal amount as a pool of money to draw upon if she needs long-term care. That would give her a monthly benefit of \$5,520 for a 50-month period, just over four years. If she waits until age 65 to buy this product, her \$100,000 deposit into the life insurance policy still generates \$176,000 as a death benefit or LTC pool — a payment of \$3,520 for 50 months of care.

In fact, State Life (OneAmerica) is the only asset-based long-term care product that can provide coverage for two people from the same policy. For more information, call 800-275-5101 or email info@assetbasedltc.com.



Savage Truth.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, July 17, the 199th day of 2012. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 17, 1862, during the Civil War, Congress approved the Second Confiscation Act, which declared that all slaves taking refuge behind Union lines were to be set free.

On this date:

In 1812, British forces captured Fort Michilimackinac on Mackinac Island during the War of 1812.

In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1912, radio and television personality Art Linkletter was born Gordon Arthur Kelly in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada.

In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks.

In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began as right-wing army generals launched a coup attempt against the Second Spanish Republic.

In 1944, during World War II, 320 men, two-thirds of them African-Americans, were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California.

In 1955, Disneyland had its opening day in Anaheim, Calif.

In 1962, the United States conducted its last atmospheric nuclear test to date, detonating a 20-kiloton device, codenamed Little Feller I, at the Nevada Test Site.

In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of suspended walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a tea dance.

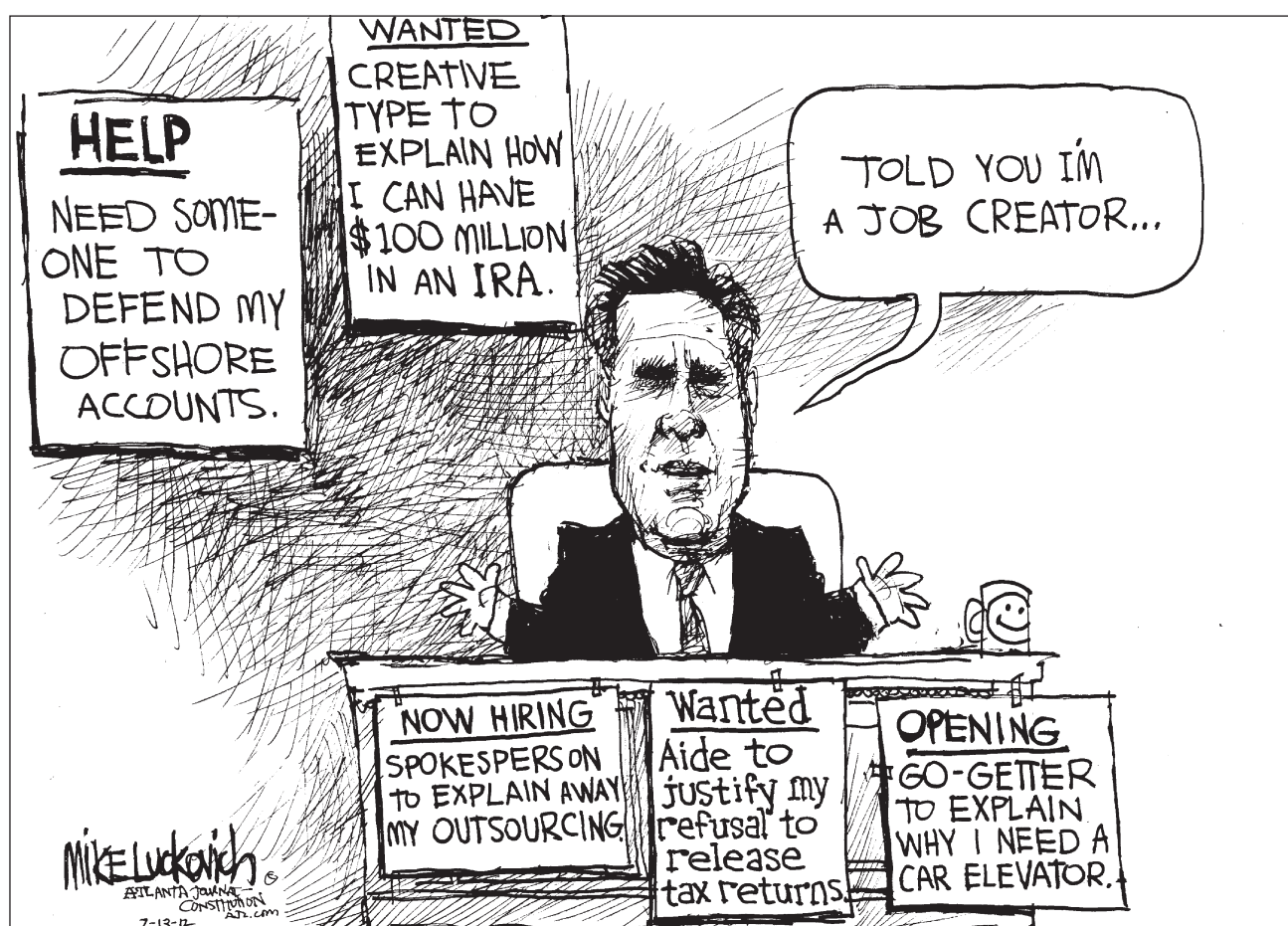
In 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Europe-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off Long Island, N.Y., shortly after leaving John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people aboard.

Ten years ago: A double suicide bombing in Tel Aviv killed two foreign workers and one Israeli. In Britain, a one-day strike by 750,000 municipal employees closed schools, libraries and recreation centers in their first national walkout in more than two decades.

Five years ago: Senate Democrats launched an all-night debate on the Iraq war. VA Secretary Jim Nicholson abruptly resigned in the wake of charges of shoddy health care for veterans injured in the Iraq war. A Brazilian passenger jet crashed while landing in Sao Paulo, Brazil, killing all 187 people aboard and 12 on the ground. Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was indicted by a federal grand jury in Richmond, Va., on charges related to competitive dogfighting. (Vick later admitted bankrolling the dogfighting operation and helping to kill six to eight dogs; he served 23 months in federal custody, the last 60 days in home confinement.) The Dow Jones industrial average crossed 14,000 for the first time before ending the day at 13,971.55.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Phyllis Diller is 95. Jazz singer Jimmy Scott is 87. Actor Donald Sutherland is 77. Actress-singer Diahann Carroll is 77. Rock musician Spencer Davis is 70. Rock musician Terry "Geezer" Butler is 63. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 61. Actor David Hasselhoff is 60. Television producer Mark Burnett ("Survivor," "The Apprentice") is 52. Actress Nancy Giles is 52. Singer Regina Belle is 49. Country singer Craig Morgan is 48. Contemporary Christian singer Susan Ashton is 45. Actor Jason Clarke is 43. Singer JC (PM Dawn) is 41. Rapper Sole' is 39. Country singer Luke Bryan is 36. Actor Eric Winter is 36. Hockey player Marc Savard is 35. Actor Mike Vogel is 33. Actor Brando Eaton is 26. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeremih is 25. Actress Summer Bishil is 24.

Thought for Today: "Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out." — Art Linkletter (1912-2010).



Obama's goose is already cooked

Obama needed a filet mignon in the June employment report. But instead he got a rubber chicken.

Only 80,000 new jobs were created last month, way below Wall Street expectations. It's the fourth consecutive monthly disappointment. For a few months last winter, jobs were rising at an average of 225,000 a month. But that has sloped way down to only 75,000. The unemployment rate continues at 8.2 percent, which is the 41st-straight month above 8 percent. The U6 unemployment rate, which includes discouraged workers, is just under 15 percent.

As voters finalize their election impressions this summer, all of this is bad news for the Chicago incumbent.

In a campaign stop in Ohio on Friday, Obama actually said we're still "heading in the right direction." Is he kidding? As a stagnant gross domestic product drops below 2 percent, employment falters, retail sales decline and the ISM index for manufacturing drops below 50 (signaling contraction)? No objective observer can deny that the economy is headed in the wrong direction.

I don't like playing the pessimist, but the numbers are the numbers. This is exactly what former Clinton advisers James Carville, Doug Schoen and Stanley Greenberg have been warning Obama about. People just don't believe the economy is getting better. So he's gotta change his message.

But what change? Taxing rich people won't create jobs. Neither will bashing Bain Capital. Obama is surrounded by leftist campaign advisers. And it's hard to see them shifting gears to something constructive like making a summer deal to extend the Bush tax cuts for a year, or heaven forbid, backing off the 20-some-odd tax hikes embodied in Obamacare.



LAWRENCE KUDLOW

In other words, Obama's goose may already be cooked.

The Joint Economic Committee (JEC), spearheaded by Texas Rep. Kevin Brady, put out a report saying that the Obama recovery now

ranks dead last in modern times. That's a real milestone in the post-World War II era. It's 10 out of 10 for both jobs and economic growth. According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, real GDP has expanded only 6.7 percent over the 11-quarter recovery since the recession ended. The Reagan recovery at the same stage had increased by 17.6 percent. The Clinton recovery by 8.7 percent.

As for jobs, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the number of private-sector jobs has grown by only 4.1 percent since the cyclical low point. Reagan's record was 10.7 percent.

So much for Obamanomics. Didn't work. Still isn't working. As the JEC put it, spending stimulus, housing bailouts, auto bailouts, financial bailouts, cash for clunkers, cash for caulkers and \$5 trillion in deficit spending left the Obama recovery dead last in modern times.

Whatever happened to the great boom of the '80s and '90s, when the animal spirits were strong and the American economy wasn't held hostage by Europe or China? In an odd twist, both Obama and his top economist Alan Krueger blame "problems built up over decades." Does that mean they blame Clinton? Reagan?

For nearly 25 years — during those bad old decades — the econ-

omy increased 3.3 percent annually. Unemployment dropped from 11 percent to 6 percent to 5 percent to below 4 percent. Obama would swoon for numbers like that. But those statistics come from the era when big government was over, when pro-market forces stopped the expansion of Leviathan and when marginal tax rates were slashed to grow the economy.

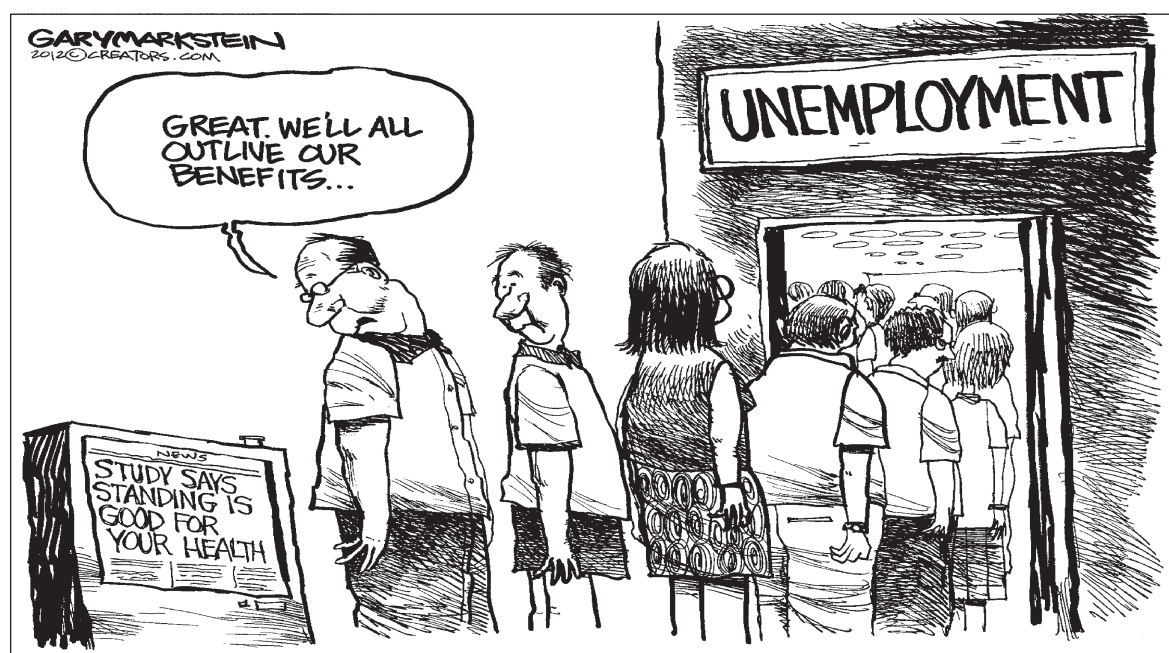
Now the question is, with Obama's economic goose cooked, does Mitt Romney have what it takes to win the election and provide a pro-growth economic model that will restore prosperity at home and America's No. 1 position around the world?

Some powerful figures — including Rupert Murdoch, Jack Welch, and even my brothers and sisters at the Wall Street Journal editorial page — have taken shots at Romney in recent days. But I am more optimistic. In response to his critics on the day of the bad June jobs report, Romney talked about expanding energy resources, approving the Keystone pipeline, cutting taxes and increasing trade with Latin America. He reaffirmed his intention to cut federal spending and eliminate programs.

Basically, Romney is promising a return to free-market, supply-side policies on taxes, trade, regulation and spending. Hopefully he will embrace a sound and stable dollar, as well. I still believe Romney is the most underrated politician in America today, and that he's the most conservative Republican standard-bearer since Ronald Reagan.

In other words, he's some real filet mignon.

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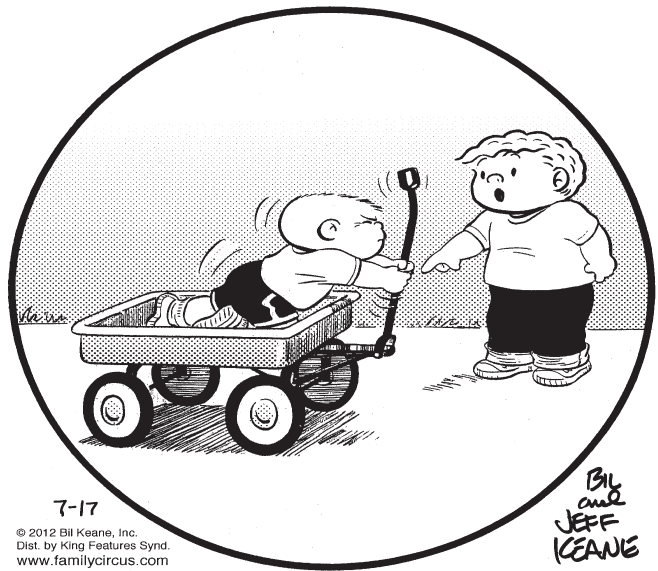
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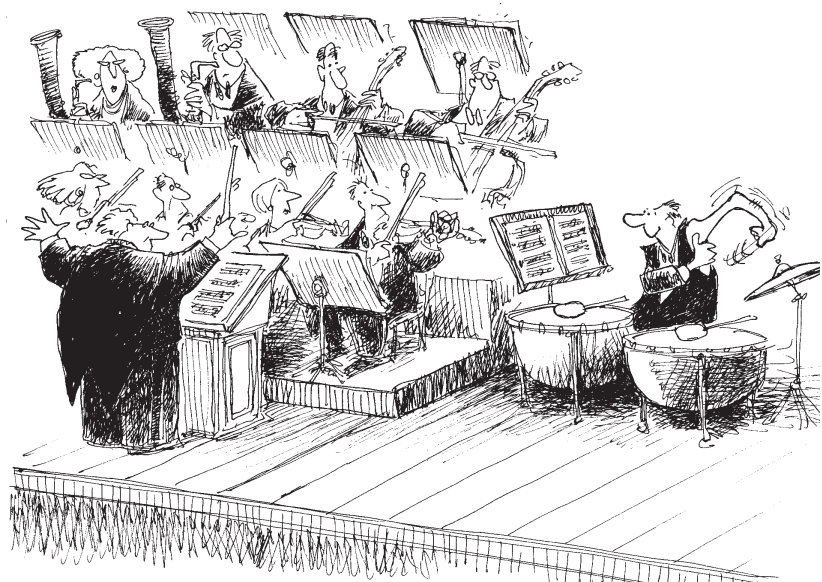


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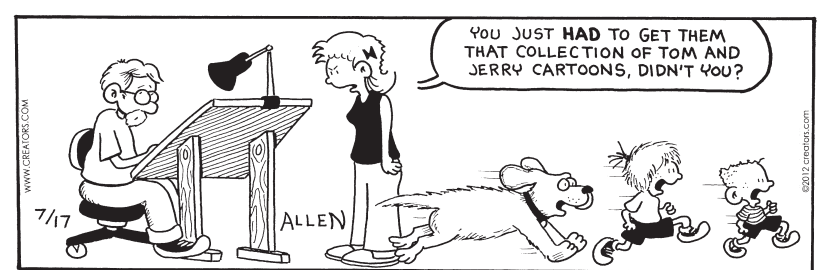
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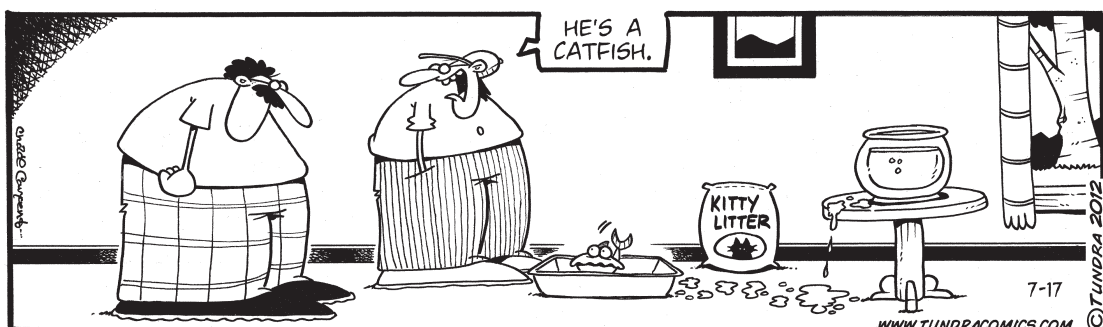
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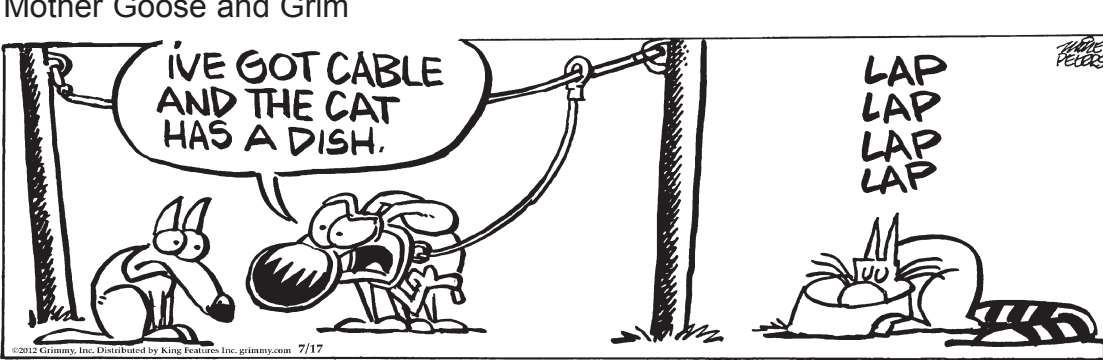
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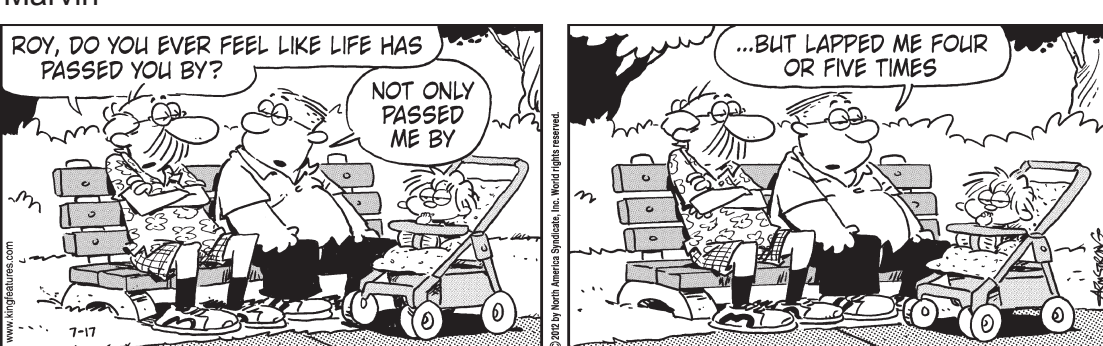
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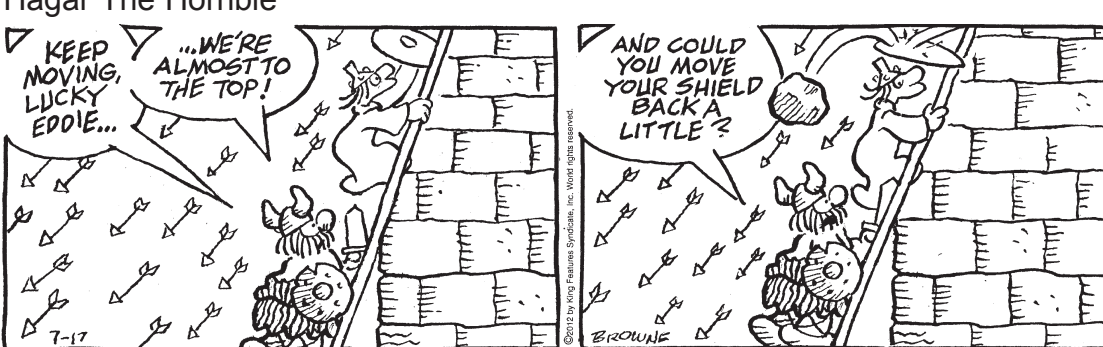
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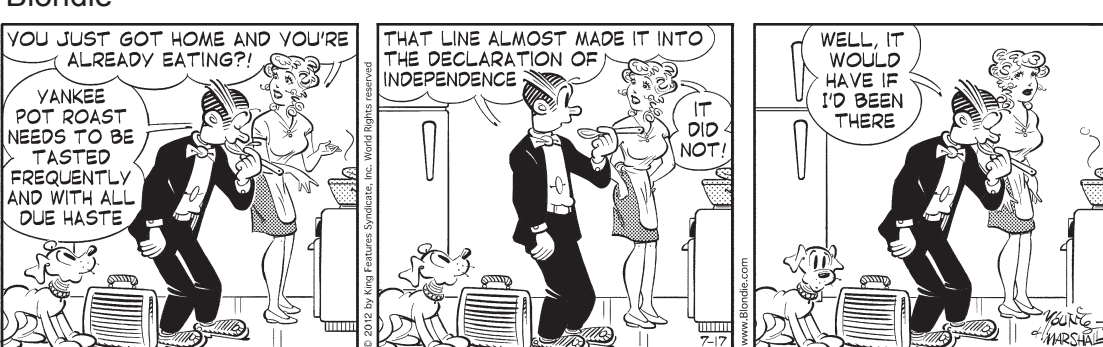
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 18, 2012:

This year use care, as often out-of-the-blue anger erupts. Someone you have counted on could become most unpredictable. You cannot stabilize this person, but you will want to claim your power and maintain an independent profile. If you are single, who you attract might not be what you want on a deep level. Know that there is someone better around the corner. If you are attached, accept your significant other for better or for worse. You could criticize or ignore this person, but that behavior will get you nowhere. CANCER can be provocative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Tension weaves through your plans, domestic life and important interactions. As a result, you might take the most unexpected course of action. Remember that despite the initial shock, there could be long-term reactions. Tonight: Mosey on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You will make an effort to get past any negativity that enters your day. The smart Bull will pull back in order not to catch this attitude. Recognize that someone is explosive. Even if this person loses his or her temper, it might not be directed at you. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Be aware of the cost of heading in a certain direction. Resist taking a risk, no matter how sure it might seem. You could be jolted by events surrounding work or someone you look up to. Be careful. Tonight: Let off steam.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You are all smiles, and it makes a big difference in many people's days. Understand that they might not let you know right away because of the stress they are experiencing. News from a distance could jolt you at first, but you'll use it well. Tonight: It's your call.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Use today's New Moon for some reflection on your long-term desires. An element of difficulty could be coloring this process, but not every day is sunny. The unexpected might occur when dealing with an important person in your life. Tonight: Take a break from your normal pace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Zero in on your priorities.

You feel a restriction, at least mentally, surrounding your funds. Though this attitude could be helpful at times, it might create more negativity than is necessary. A partner or friend will act the way he or she wants to, no matter what you do. Tonight: Indulge without breaking the bank.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Take a stand and listen to feedback. You might want to anchor in and stay calm, despite a certain amount of chaos that enters your plans. You could be angrier or a lot more hurt than you think. Make it OK if you lose your temper. Tonight: Sit back and observe.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. You might take his or her lack of responsiveness personally. Don't—at least not until you have the whole story. Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with an associate. Tonight: An explosive situation could develop, unless you stay mellow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Deal with one person at a time. You could be more irritated by a situation involving a friend or loved one than you realize. The unexpected occurs with a child. Incorporate your innate creativity into anything you do. Tonight: Let off steam.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

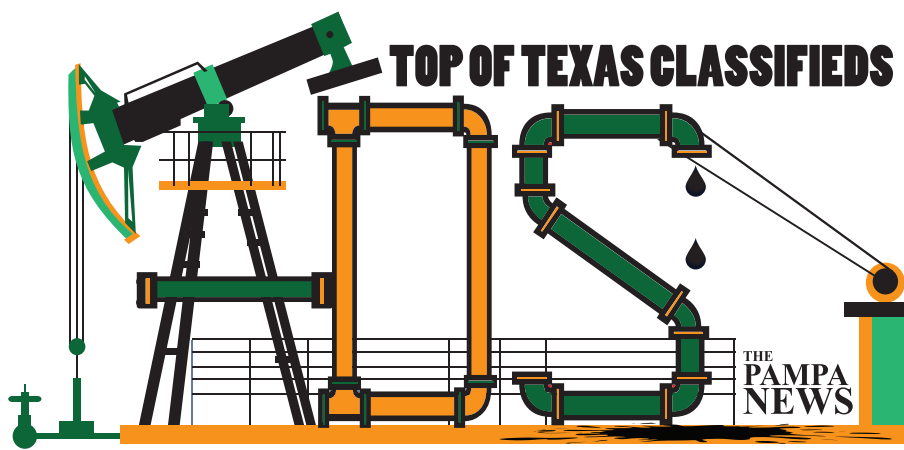
★★★ Defer to others, and know your limits. You cannot handle all the responsibilities all the time. Be smart and learn to delegate more often, even if it is just at home getting the chores done. Pressure builds surrounding an authority figure, and you respond. Tonight: Finally, time to relax with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Remain even, despite a situation that seems to keep building or creating stress. You still could be surprised by an unanticipated development or a change of plans. Do not throw yourself into what appears more and more negative. Tonight: Relax. You need a stress-buster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Let your creativity emerge, despite any present tension. A partner seems to close down one more time. You could be pushing way too hard to please this person, especially with money. Use care with financial matters. Tonight: Stir some sugar into a bitter situation.



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c/o: Vanessa G. Buzzard Attorney at Law 208 N. Russell St. Pampa, TX 79065 DATED the 9th day of July, 2012.

Vanessa G. Buzzard Attorney for Cynthia Ann Wilson State Bar No.: 03547900 208 N. Russell St. Pampa, TX 79065 Telephone: (806)665-7281 Facsimile: (806)669-0972 C-47 July 17, 2012

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Babe Ruth All Stars struggle in Dumas



photo courtesy of **Jeanna Zuniga**

The All Stars returned home from the State Tournament in Dumas on Sunday, hanging up the cleats until next year.

The Pampa 13-15 All Stars traveled to Dumas to compete in the State Tournament on Saturday. Their first game was against Levelland.

The game started well, as Pampa and Levelland were scoreless going into the third inning. Ethan Hunt pitched the first three innings. In the fourth, however, Hunt struggled, the defense committed several errors and Levelland took a 4-0 lead. Casey Martindale relieved Hunt in the fourth inning, and Levelland scored five more runs on five errors to stretch their lead to 9-0. Thomas Haley pitched the fifth inning, and gave up the final run to end the game 10-0. Offensively, Pampa could only manufacture one hit and two walks.

Pampa was then scheduled to play Seminole at noon on Sunday.

Pampa arrived in Dumas

on Sunday to take on Seminole and stay alive in the State tournament. Pampa was hoping to put the disappointing start yesterday behind them.

The second game began much like the first, with both teams scoreless through two innings. The third inning proved to be difficult for Pampa again. Seminole would score three runs and lead 3-1. Seminole would add to their lead, with two more runs in the fourth. The fifth inning was scoreless. Seminole would tack on three more runs in both the sixth and seventh innings to finish the game 11-1.

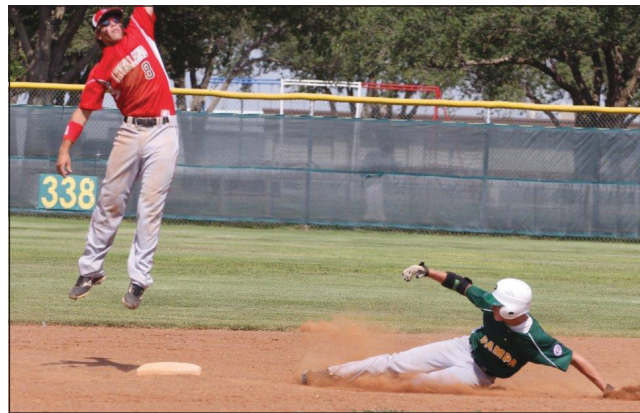
Thomas Haley started on the mound for Pampa and pitched into the third inning before leaving due to an injury. Casey Martindale relieved Haley for a little over an inning. Ethan Hunt finished the game for Pampa. Errors

plagued Pampa's defense again committing ten in seven innings. Pampa surrendered 13 hits and 9 walks to Seminole batters.

Offensively, Pampa managed 5 hits and 4 walks in seven innings. The lone run was scored in the third inning as Jacob Nelson was able to reach third base,

and was driven home by a single to left field by Adam Zuniga.

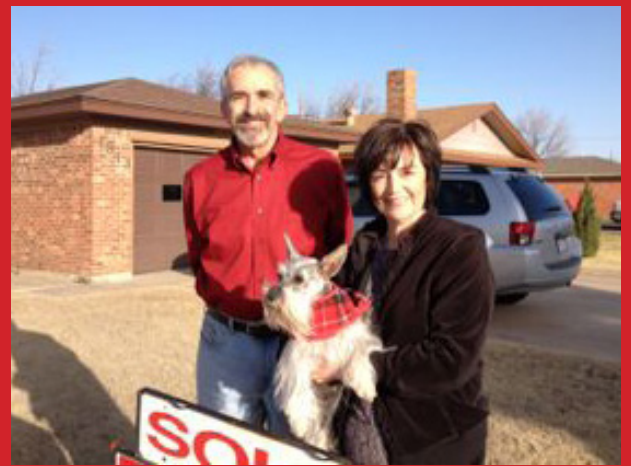
Pampa returned home on Sunday, hanging up the cleats until next year. Congratulations to the 13-15 Pampa Babe Ruth All Stars for competing and representing Pampa.



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Above: Colton Thomas slides safe in second.
Below: Braxton Maul keeps his eye on the ball.

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Championship Flight

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| 1. Doug & Sheila McFtridge | 62 |
| 2. Chris & Whitney Purcell | 64 |
| 3. Kevin King & Tamra Giese | 66 |

First Flight

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| 1. Gene James & Peggy McGuire | 68 |
| 2. Greg & Renita Logan | 68 |
| 3. Buster & Brenda Kelly | 75 |

Second Flight

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| 1. Larry Renfro & Amanda Clawson | 70 |
| 2. Bob & Shelly Cook | 73 |
| 3. Joe & Connie Manzanares | 74 |

Third Flight

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| 1. Bill & Jenni Terry | 76 |
| 2. Mike & Sue Henry | 79 |
| 3. Chris & Jodi Roden | 86 |

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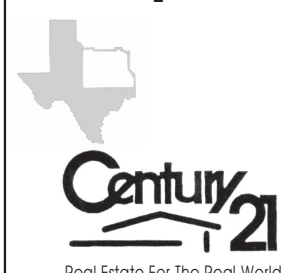


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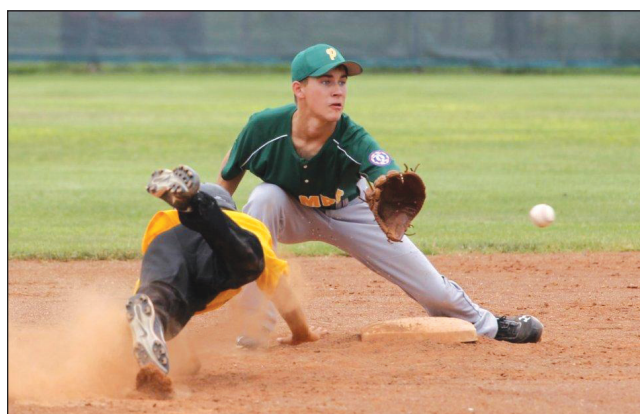
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