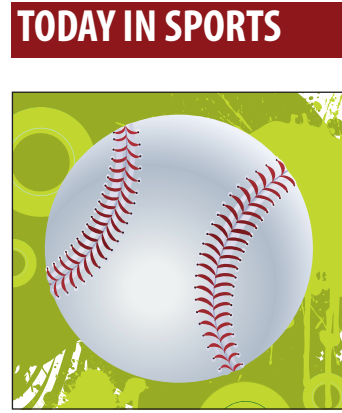


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Accused baby killer indicted for capital murder

STAFF REPORT
 Former Pampa resident Andrew Shane Johnson, 29, was indicted Tuesday by a Hansford County Grand Jury for capital murder in the slaying of 10-month-old Jax Covalt. The grand jury was tasked with considering evidence in the April 18 slaying of Covalt, who was pronounced dead at



Andrew Johnson

Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo at 2:21 a.m., April 19. The infant had been taken to the Hansford County Hospital by his mother the evening prior

to his death before being airlifted to Amarillo. The child suffered multiple wounds due to blunt force head trauma. Johnson was in a relationship with the child's mother, according to authorities. The killing happened in Spearman, which is about 70 miles northwest of Pampa. Johnson was arrested in Pampa on April 19 on un-

related charges and held at the Gray County Jail, where he was served the murder warrant and then transferred to Hutchinson County Jail. Johnson is charged with capital murder because the victim was under the age of 10 years. If convicted of capital murder, Johnson could be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of

parole. If the state seeks the death penalty, a jury could sentence Johnson to die by lethal injection. Mark W. Snider, 84th Judicial District Attorney, said he was pleased with the thorough investigation conducted by the Texas Rangers, Spearman Police Department and the Hansford County Sheriff's Office. The capital murder in-

dictment came from the 84th District Court for Hansford County, and Judge William D. Smith will preside over the case. Johnson presently is being represented by the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases from Lubbock County. He is being housed in the Hutchinson County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

Something big, something red and just like new



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare
 Trent Price, left, assistant fire chief, and Joe Millican, chief, of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department. The engine on the left is a 1972 American LaFrance that has been replaced by the fully restored 2001 model parked behind the men. Below, this custom designed grill for the newer truck was burned out with a laser by Fuzzy's Radiator service of Borger.

Hoover VFD rolls out restored 2001 American LaFrance fire engine.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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 Joe Millican, chief of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, said his department doesn't have the budget to buy anything "big, new and shiny."
 But with \$20,000, a lot of hard work from his firefighters and the generosity of oil drill companies, ranchers and anybody else in the area willing to help out, HVFD now has in its fleet of 17 trucks a fully restored 2001 American LaFrance fire engine. Millican said it's as good as anything that just rolled off the assembly line.
 The truck came from a shop in Dallas, he added.
 "We bought it in March of 2001 and it took a year for us to rebuild it," he said. "We only had to do minor engine work but the body needed a lot of work and repainting. My



guys have put a lot of work into it." On July 4, the truck was dedicated and put into service. It replaces a 1972 American LaFrance that was formerly used for training by the fire academy at Texas A&M University in College Station. A&M donated that truck to West Texas University when it announced plans to start an academy **TRUCK** cont. on page 3



A family store with deep roots in Pampa

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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Frank Morrison was a loving, caring family man who worked hard from a young age. He was the youngest of eight children. After moving to Pampa during high school, Frank began working at Brannon's Grocery Store in 1945 at the age of 16. After high school, Frank married Norma Lister and started a life with her.
 Frank also began selling crackers for Sunshine Biscuit Co., which is how he met the Hills family, who, at the time, owned Mitchell's Grocery Store, located at 638 S. Cuyler St.
 Morrison was a loyal salesman with grocery experience, so when it came time for the Hills to sell the store they offered it to Morrison. He bought the store — built during the Depres-

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3-WAY WRECK



Submitted photo
 No injuries were reported in a collision on North Hobart Street Tuesday that involved three vehicles. A 76-year-old woman driving north in a silver Toyota Camry was struck by a 23-year-old man driving a gold Buick Century south as the Camry turned westbound onto West Gwendolyn, according to a Pampa Police Department collision report. The Camry spun around and struck a parked and unoccupied white Chevrolet Impala.

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Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 87 Low 64	High 89 Low 65	High 89 Low 65

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 87. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south southwest at 18 mph. Sunrise at 6:42 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low of 64. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south southwest at 18 mph. Sunset at 8:58 p.m.

Friday: Sunny with a high of 89. Winds south southwest at 16 mph. Sunrise at 6:43 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 65. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south southwest at 11 mph. Sunset at 8:57 p.m.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 89. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south southwest at 10 mph. Sunrise at 6:43 a.m.

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Obituaries

Julio Ramirez



Julio Ramirez

Julio Ramirez, 81, died July 16, 2013 in Pampa. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 19, 2013 at Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana, with Pastor Heliodoro Silva, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ramirez was born June 20, 1932 in Chihuahua, Mexico. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1997. His family knew he was a hard worker all his life, and he taught all his children to work hard too.

Survivors include five sons, Blas Ramirez and wife Bertha, Jose Ramirez and wife Lorena and Fidel Ramirez and wife Debora, all of Pampa, Armando Ramirez and wife Chela of Santa Fe, N.M., and Alfonso Ramirez and wife Tina of Amarillo, three daughters, Manulea Gallegos and husband Alfonso and Leticia Ramirez, all of Pampa, and Lourdes Chavez and husband Herminio of Chihuahua, Mexico, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Herminia Ramirez, and a daughter, Cecilia Ramirez.

Memorials may be made to Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

For the record

Pampa man arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a license

- Ryan Jared Mattox, 17, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the GCSO for no driver's license, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Jose Vargas, 20, Pampa,

was arrested Monday by the Pampa Police Department for five charges of capias pro fines.

• Nicholas Littlefield, 28, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Gray County

Sheriff's office for violation of probation — wrong or altered registration.

• Daniel Quilimaco, 40, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for bond surrender — second driving

while intoxicated offense, two charges of driving with an invalid license, disregarding a stop sign or red light, no driver's license, failure to appear, theft of property.

Texas man executed for 2002 killing

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Texas man convicted of fatally shooting a retired sheriff's deputy during the robbery of an amusement center more than a decade ago was put to death Tuesday.

John Manuel Quintanilla received lethal injection for gunning down 60-year-old Victor Billings at a game room in Victoria, about 125 miles southwest of Houston. The 2002 slaying came just a few months after Quintanilla had been released from prison after serving a sentence for several burglary convictions.

Asked to make a final statement before his execution, Quintanilla told his wife he loved her.

"Thank you for all the years of happiness," he said.

He never acknowledged his victim's friends or relatives, including two daughters, who watched through a window.

As the lethal drug began taking effect, he snored about a half dozen times, then stopped breathing. At 7:32 p.m. CDT — 15 minutes after being given the drug — he was pronounced dead.

Quintanilla's wife, a German national who married him by proxy while he was in prison, watched through an adjacent window and sobbed.

Quintanilla, 36, became the ninth Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year and the 501st since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982. His was the first of two executions set for this week; the other is planned for Thursday.

Quintanilla's punishment was carried out after the U.S. Supreme Court refused two last-day appeals.

His lawyers contended his confession was coerced by authorities threatening to also charge one of his sisters and that the statement improperly was allowed into evidence at his trial in 2004. The lawyers obtained affidavits from two jurors who said the confession was a key to their decision to convict him.

"It is clear that Quintanilla would not have been convicted of capital murder if his confession had

not been admitted — a fact confirmed by two of his jurors," appeals lawyer David Dow told the high court.

The appeal also argued Quintanilla had deficient legal help during his trial and in earlier stages of his appeals, and that his case would give justices the opportunity to define filing rules in light of recent death penalty rulings from the court.

The Texas attorney general's office said the appeal was without merit and improperly filed, and that the juror affidavits also were improper.

"There wasn't any coercion whatsoever," Dexter Eaves, the former Victoria County district attorney who was lead prosecutor at the trial, recalled last week. He also said that while the robbers, who fled with about \$2,000, were masked, witnesses were able to "describe very clearly who the triggerman was."

Court records show Billings, a retired chief deputy from nearby Edna in adjacent Jackson County, was at the game center with his wife on the Sunday before Thanksgiving in 2002 when the gunmen came in through a back door. Billings approached one of them and grabbed the barrel of the gunman's rifle "so no one else was going to be hurt and paid for it dearly," Eaves said.

He said Billings was shot three times, the last one fired while he was on his knees.

"A very cold killing," Eaves said.

During questioning by detectives for an unrelated robbery some two

months later, Quintanilla made references to the still unsolved Billings case, then led authorities to a canal where divers recovered items used in the holdup.

"They had the mask, the guns and his statements saying who did what," Jim Beeler, Quintanilla's lead trial lawyer, said. "He told them everything."

Beeler said the trial judge overruled his objections and ruled the statements proper and admissible into evidence. He also said Quintanilla signed affidavits ordering that his defense team present no mitigating evidence during the punishment phase of his trial, where jurors deciding his sentence could have considered he had virtually no parental supervision while growing up.

"You want to argue your case, completely and totally," Beeler said. "In that situation, we're not being allowed to present our case, based on our client."

"It's extremely frustrating."

Prosecutors bolstered their case for Quintanilla's future dangerousness by presenting evidence he attacked a jailer with a homemade weapon while awaiting trial.

"He did not do himself any favors," Eaves said.

Quintanilla's accomplice, Jeffrey Bibb, 33, is serving 60 years for murder and 50 years for aggravated robbery.

On Thursday, another Texas inmate is set for lethal injection. Vaughn Ross, 41, is to be executed for a double slaying in Lubbock in 2001.

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Truck

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of its own, but the plans fell through. West Texas then called HVFD and asked if they wanted the truck.

The answer was yes, Millican said.

"We went down there, started it up and drove it home. That was in 2004."

The 1972 American LaFrance has a lot of nostalgia among Texas firefighters, Millican said, because just about all of them trained on that rig.

But the truck is now 41 years old and needed to be replaced. Millican expects another department will buy it and put it back into service.

The 1972 engine only has a 700 gallon tank, while the 2001 can carry 1,000 gallons, Millican said.

The 2001 is safer for the firefighters because it has seat belts — not mandatory in 1972 — and a crew of seven can ride inside the cabin. On the 1972, three or four firefighters must ride outside of the cab and precariously hang on as it races to a call.

Most importantly, Millican said, the department now has a bigger, better truck to serve its rural population in Gray County and beyond.

Now that the 2001 truck has been restored, Millican said a fire department back east offered to buy it from HVFD for \$175,000.

But he isn't going to take them up on their offer.

"My guys put about that much work into it."

As word got out the department was restoring an engine on a shoe-string budget, companies and ranchers around the area donated tires, rims and whatever else they needed, Millican said.

The truck needed a new grill, so Fuzzy's Radiator service in Borger thought the engine would look cool with a grill that showed some attitude because, after all, they are the Hoover Hellfighters.



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Joe Millican, chief of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, points out some of the rescue equipment on board the new truck.

With a laser, they burned out on a sheet of stainless steel a one-of-a-kind design that lets everyone know the big boys have arrived.

The department has 28 certified firefighters, and 15 have the same level of certification as professional firefighters.

There also are several EMTs on the crew and the department has rescue equipment, such as the "jaws of life."

When most people think of a volunteer fire department, they probably conjure up an image of a tin shed with one or two trucks.

And that's a close description of how HVFD got its start 21 years ago in the unincorporated community of Hoover, which is off U.S. Highway 60 as you drive northeast.

Millican said the department was created with assistance from the railroad, which needed help putting out its own fires.

The City of Pampa also helped out.

The station in Hoover is still open, but the department is now based in a much larger station near the intersection of Alcock Street and Price Road.

One bay is big enough to hold nine trucks and three or four trucks can fit into a quonset hut on the other side of the gravel street.

The department also has a large station house with an office, classroom, kitchen and a rec room.

Asked how many square feet it is, Millican responded, "I don't know. No-

body's ever asked me that question before. It's big."

The volunteers get a budget from Gray County that covers their basic expenses, Millican said, but if they want to buy anything special, that has to come from donations.

"A lot of people have been good to us," Millican said.

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Vigilantes for justice

George Zimmerman exhibited the good sense not to flash a triumphant high-five after a jury found him not guilty of second-degree murder or manslaughter in the 2012 shooting death of an unarmed 17-year-old named Trayvon Martin. There was no public victory dance, only a quiet exit from the harsh public spotlight.

I had expected the jury to find Zimmerman guilty of manslaughter. After all, an armed adult shot and killed an unarmed teenager. Though Zimmerman's attorneys deny that race was a factor, I figured Zimmerman found Martin "suspicious" because he was a black teen in a hoodie in a predominantly white gated community. If true, all the government had to do was prove it.

But once a case becomes a cable TV news staple, the odds of acquittal increase. Think O.J. Simpson and Casey Anthony. High-profile cases draw top defense attorneys. Top lawyers know how to impress upon jurors the burden on the prosecution to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

On that, the prosecution failed. As The New York Times reported, after a three-week trial, the details of the fateful brawl between Zimmerman and Martin remained "a muddle, fodder for reasonable doubt. It remained unclear who had started it, who screamed for help, who threw the first punch."

Also, there was a political taint to the case. In the weeks after the shooting, police refused to charge Zimmerman. Civil rights leaders protested; news reports misrepresented Zimmerman's conversation with a 911 operator. Florida Gov. Rick Scott then assigned a special prosecutor, who overcharged Zimmerman with second-degree murder, which requires

the state to establish ill will, hatred, spite or evil intent.

Rachel Jeantel, the friend with whom Martin was talking on the phone when he first encountered Zimmerman, testified that authorities first interviewed her at the home of Martin's mother, Sybrina Fulton. Impartial investigators don't question witnesses in front of the victim's mother.

So though I suspect that Zimmerman was, as Martin told Jeantel, a "creepy-ass cracker" who didn't understand where neighborhood watch ended and vigilantism began, I will trust the jury's verdict.

Oddly, the folks protesting Zimmerman's vigilantism the most loudly are acting like vigilantes themselves. In Oakland, Calif., protesters chanted: "Zimmerman, the people say guilty." NAACP President Benjamin Jealous launched a petition urging the U.S. Department of Justice to file civil rights charges against Zimmerman. First the verdict and then the trial.

The Department of Justice is pursuing the case. On Monday, Attorney General Eric Holder explained, "We are resolved, as you are, to combat violence involving or directed at young people, to prevent future tragedies and to deal with the underlying attitudes, mistaken beliefs and stereotypes that serve as the basis for these too common incidents." Holder seems unaware that the FBI investigated but found no evidence of racial bias on the part of Zimmerman.

Martin's parents have every right to sue Zimmerman in civil court for the wrongful death of their unarmed son.

But the Department of Justice should respect the jury and its verdict. The government doesn't get to keep trying this guy until some jury finds him guilty.

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This Land Was Made for You and Me It's shortsighted to look only at upcoming elections for immigration reform

A few weeks ago Blossom Matthews, the pastor from our church (First United Methodist), attended a conference and a demographic discrepancy caught her eye.

"Thirty three percent of our entire conference is Hispanic," she said in one of her sermons, "but less than 5 percent of our worshipers are Hispanic." She urged her flock to consider this as an opportunity, an opportunity to expand our discipleship and for institutional growth.

Last week, as I've watched the debate over immigration reform, I often thought of her sermon.

Quick trivia question... Which U.S. president said the following? "I believe in the idea of amnesty for those who have put down roots and lived here, even though some time back they may have entered illegally."

Answer correctly and I will write you a \$1 million check — don't expect it to clear the bank, but I will write it for you.

It was Ronald Reagan. He made that comment during a presidential debate. Two years later,

he signed the 1986 immigration reform into law; it included amnesty for any immigrant who entered the U.S. before 1982.

Last week, the Republican-led House of Representatives pledged not to accept, or even modify, the bipartisan immigration reform bill passed by the Senate. Makes me wonder: Why did the father of modern conservatism support amnesty for immigrants but his political heirs do not?

Reagan understood two things: First, that the Cold War would create a refugee crisis. People fled their country due to armed conflict and only America could play the Biblical role of the Good Samaritan — that is, provide political stability and human security.

Second, and more importantly, Reagan firmly believed that creating millions of new American citizens would make this country stronger, not weaker. "Most [immigrants] brought with them few material goods. But with their hearts and minds and toil they have contributed mightily to the building of this great Nation and endowed us with the riches of their achievements," he famously said in 1986.

I was one of those who came to America as a political refugee from the Cold War.

As a 17-year-old, I fled Nicaragua in order to escape the dread of the wars that plagued Central America so, trust me, there is no greater measure of insecurity than the decision to leave one's country, family, community and friends.

Arguments on immigration reform range from law-and-order Republicans unwilling to provide amnesty to anyone who breaks the law, to pro-business Republicans seeking guest-worker programs, to religious-conservatives for whom amnesty is a moral duty, to those who worry that a path to citizenship will add millions of voting Democrats.

According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), 11.5 million illegal immigrants live in the U.S. so, yes, we have an immigrant crisis.

Something must be done, but members of the lower house of Congress have pledged to do little more than to demand stronger border security.

The argument that the current immigrant crisis is simply an issue of border security is akin to a man with a broken arm saying, "I want to start by clipping my fingernails."

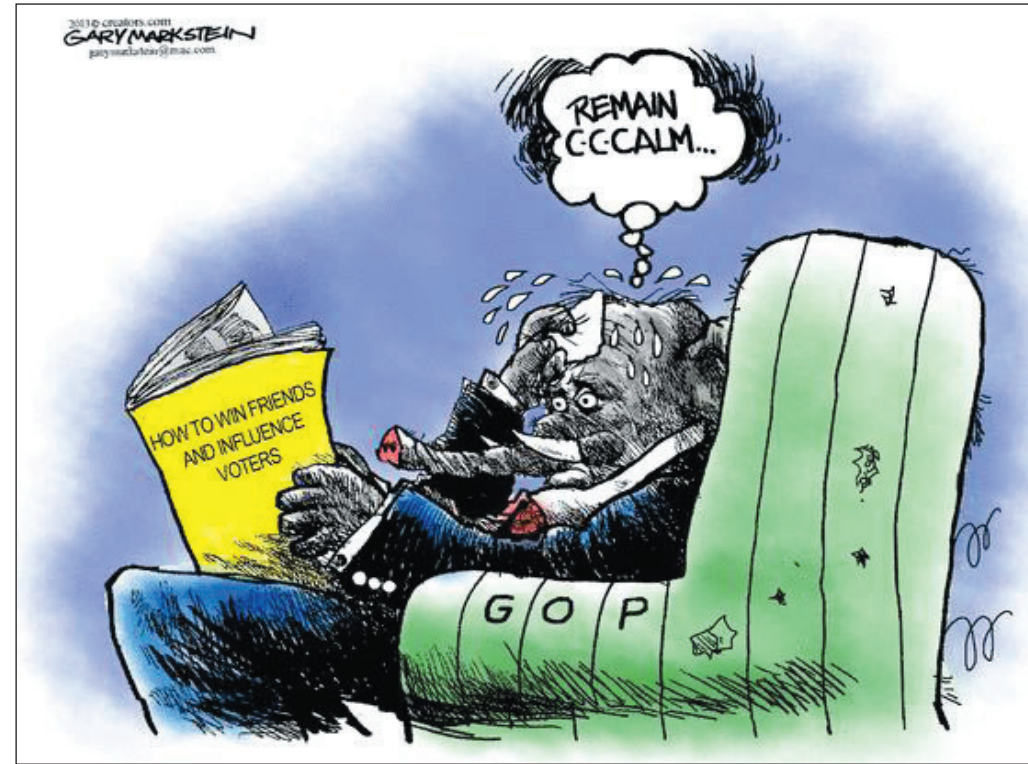
The immigrant crisis involves people from all over the world.

According to the DHS, the leading

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Only the people should decide Weiner, Spitzer's fate

The beauty of America is that anyone can run for political office. It doesn't matter about your gender, skin color, party affiliation, education or financial background; if you meet the qualifications laid out to run, you can have

your shot to persuade the voters that you're the best person for the job.

So it's both hilarious and disturbing to watch political leaders, business magnates and even journalists rip Anthony Weiner and Eliot Spitzer to shreds for their decision to seek elected office in New York's municipal election.

For Weiner, he is running for mayor of the city, two years after resigning from Congress for posting provocative photos of himself on Twitter and then lying about it. In the case of Spitzer, he wants to be comptroller of the city, five years after he resigned as New York governor for repeatedly engaging the services of a prostitute.

Reading and listening to the elites of New York, you swear that Weiner and Spitzer are convicted

felons who murdered someone and both should rot in hell and never be seen again.

Egomaniacal. Power hungry. Shameful. Pathetic. Without a moral compass. You name it; both have been called it for choosing to run after sex scandals.

Christine C. Quinn, speaker of the New York City Council and running for the Democratic mayoral nomination, made a striking comment to the New York Times about both men.

"For me the question with both Anthony Weiner and Eliot Spitzer is what have they been doing to earn this second chance?" she said.

They also reported her as saying that she had seen little that would "redeem themselves from their selfish behavior."

So what exactly is a political person supposed to do to earn a second chance after a sex scandal? Go to confession daily? Volunteer at community center? Exactly what?

Let's be clear: It's not like America hasn't seen politicians involved in sex scandals continuing to serve in office. They were kept there by the ultimate deciders: the voters.

Republican U.S. Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana should know. He was a

frequent of high-paid prostitutes associated with the D.C. Madam, but never resigned and ran for re-election. He won.

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford had an affair, was busted after disappearing for a few days, finished out his term, went off into oblivion in disgrace, then re-emerged this year and won a special election to Congress. He was upfront with the voters about his past, asked for forgiveness, and was elected.

Former Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts almost derailed his political career when he was busted three decades ago for having an affair with a male prostitute. He weathered a congressional investigation, and went on to become a liberal stalwart in Congress and one of its most respected members.

The ultimate winner in the political hall of shame who flipped the script to live up to his nickname as the Comeback Kid is President Bill Clinton. While in office he admitted to having a sexual affair with intern Monica Lewinsky. Although impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives, he wasn't convicted in the U.S. Senate and remained in office to finish out his term. Today, with the Clinton Global Initiative, he is

routinely hailed as one of the world's top leaders.

Other than Clinton, every single one of these politicians rightfully went through the fire and put their fate in the hands of the final arbiters of their political future: the voters via the ballot box.

This is not about absolving Spitzer and Weiner or anyone else of his or her sins. It is not about brushing their actions off. But it a reminder to the folks who attack both with impunity that in America, what your critics say is meaningless. It's what the voters think that will be the ultimate determination.

Will Weiner and Spitzer be good for New York City? I don't know. I don't live there and don't vote there. But when I see the vicious attacks on both from the business, political and media elites, just for choosing to run, it's just a reminder that they no longer get to pick who governs a city. Only the people — every day, hard-working people — will make the ultimate call.

And that's the way it should be.

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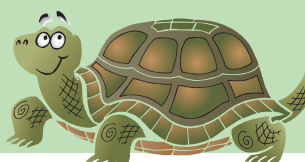


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Baltodano

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countries of nationality for persons granted asylums are China, Egypt and Ethiopia. The leading countries for refugees are Syria, Burma and Iraq.

So why are our elected officials fascinated with the U.S.-Mexico border?

It's good political strategy because it stalls decision-making and protects individual careers, but it is bad policy because it ignores political reality.

According to U.S. Census data, the U.S. is projected to become a majority-minority nation for the first time in 2043. This means that, while the non-Hispanic white population will remain the largest single group, no group will make up a majority. In other words, demographics in America will change regardless of what we do today with immigration reform.

Still, some continue to

focus myopically on the upcoming elections of 2014 and 2016.

Every semester, for the past three years, I've asked my students at Washington State University for their thoughts on estimates that, by 2060 nearly one in three U.S. residents will be Hispanic, up from about one in six today.

Consistently, a number of them voiced strong opinions. "I don't want to become a minority," said one. "Not to sound racist but I'd be afraid," warned another.

As an American citizen I appreciated their honesty even if their words left me troubled.

As an academic I worry how effective I will be in preparing this generation to deal with the inevitable reality of a multicultural and multiethnic nation.

As a father of four small children whose ethnic

background — Cuban, Nicaraguan and Puerto Rican heritage — blends into 100 percent Americans, I must look long-term at the future of our country.

As a Christian, I choose to heed the spirit of that Sunday sermon that encouraged me to look at changing demographics as an opportunity for growth, both institutionally and in religious praxis.

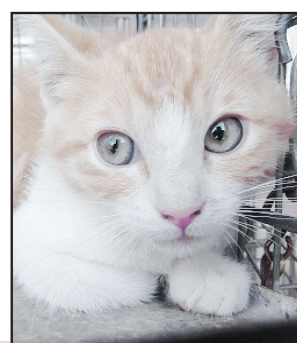
U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida said, "I support this reform. Not just because I believe in immigrants, but because I believe in America even more."

I, too, believe in America, and I recognize that (to borrow the words of "The Great Communicator"), those who have put down roots and lived here, even though some time back they may have entered illegally are American in everything but in a piece of paper.

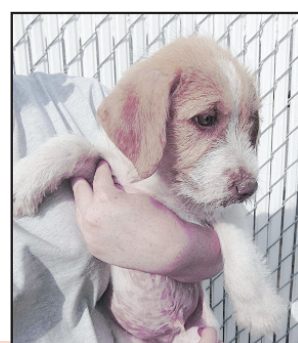
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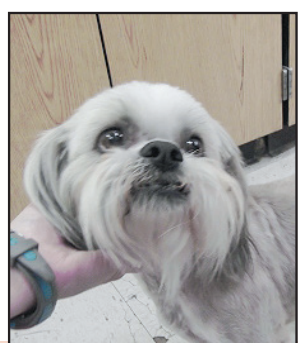
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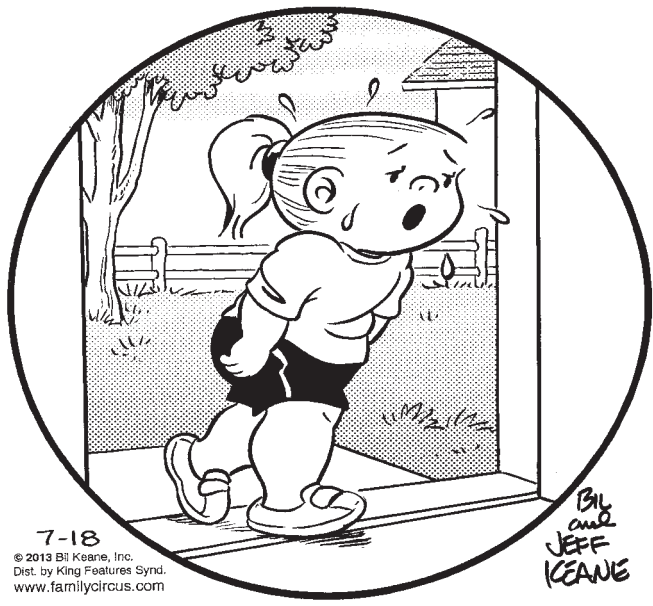
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The six stages of the relationship spat.

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 19, 2013:

This year you can make a difference because of your ability to run spontaneously in a new direction. You might not be sure of yourself, yet you'll land like a cat on its feet. Listen to your instincts with those at a distance. You will be like a sponge, as you'll absorb a lot of different information. If you are single, you could meet someone whom you put on a pedestal. You will have many choices, so choose your sweetie with care. If you are attached, this might be the year where the two of you will manifest a special dream you both share. SAGITTARIUS can be confusing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★ You might be ready to take off at the drop of a hat. If an adventure can last the whole weekend, that's even better. Whether you hop on a plane or go for a long drive to visit a friend at a distance, it makes no difference. Excitement is heading your way! Tonight: Go with the flow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★ Take your cue from others. Make it a point to go along with set plans, as long as they are not offensive to you. Relating to others naturally draws out more information and establishes more of a mutual interest. Think carefully before making a decision. Tonight: Catch up on news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You could be pushing a hard line with a boss, older person or dear friend. At this point, this person is unlikely to do anything other than re-establish his or her boundaries. You could be taken aback by a wild thought or action; think before you respond. Tonight: Defer to a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★ You might want to differentiate between what is real and necessary and what is superficial and can wait. Through prioritizing, you will cruise through your must-do list. You might want to consider organizing a little get-together over the weekend. Tonight: TGIF! Time to celebrate!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might not be exactly sure as to which way to turn. Detach, and pretend that you are not a part of the scenario, but simply an onlooker. You will see what direction might be the most appropriate choice for you. Take in the panoramic view. Tonight: Let the fun

begin.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★ You might consider staying close to home, as you appear to be working through a domestic issue. It is far better to ask too many questions than not enough. An associate or loved one suddenly might reveal a new dimension. Tonight: Make sure the base of operations is your pad!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★ You'll decide that you must know what is happening between you and someone in your daily life. You might make comments just to see what the reaction is. You could hear a most unexpected answer, if you are not careful. This person reads you cold. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You could be wondering what your limits are. Some of you might be focused strictly on your finances, while others will be considering the emotional variables. At times, you can be quite stern, and you push people away as a result. Is that really what you want? Tonight: Treat time.

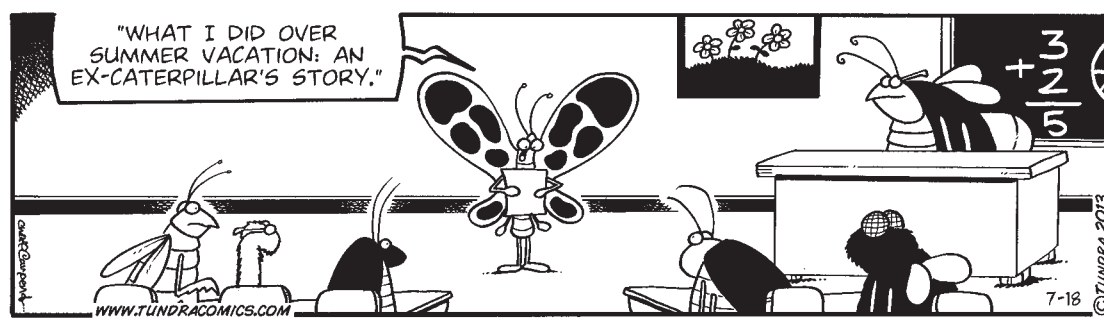
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ You might be suffering from a low-level depression, but you'll refuse to let the world see these moments. In the spirit of the weekend, you could take on the role of cheerleader and help others have a good time. Reach out to a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Lead the celebration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★ You might feel off-kilter right now. Take a few days off. When was the last time you did something nurturing for yourself? Honor a change of pace, but don't feel compelled to be part of it. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: The evening comes and goes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Febr. 18)
 ★★★★★ You love people honestly and openly. Still, you might be irked by a pushy relative. Try not to be harsh. Think very carefully before you speak; otherwise, you might be surprised at the words that could come flying out of your mouth. Tonight: Call a few friends to hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ You could be the teacher's pet, but that means that you are carrying extra responsibility as well. You might want to honor a whim or a long-term desire. Make sure that you let others know when you will and will not be available. Tonight: In the limelight and having a ball.

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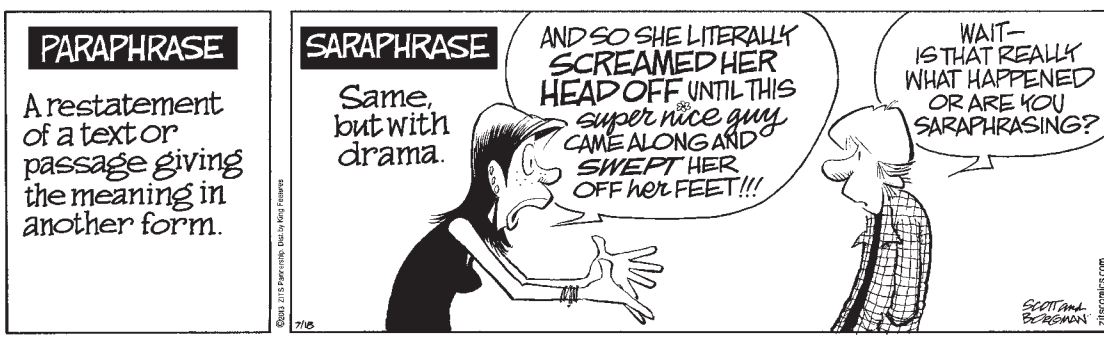
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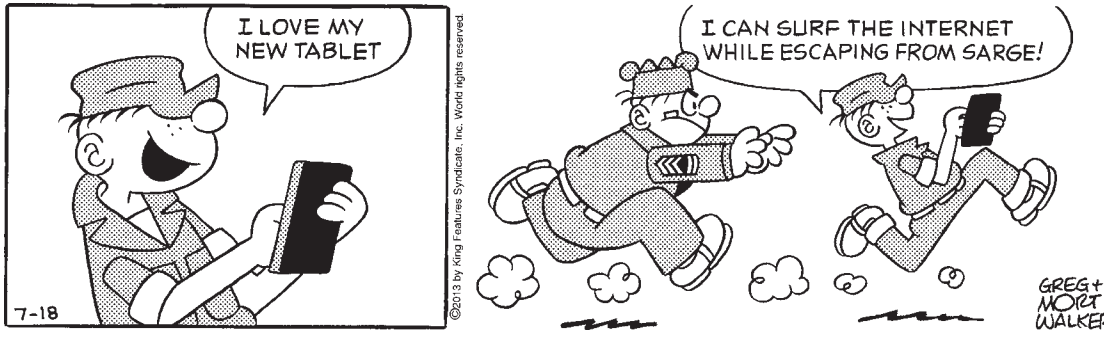
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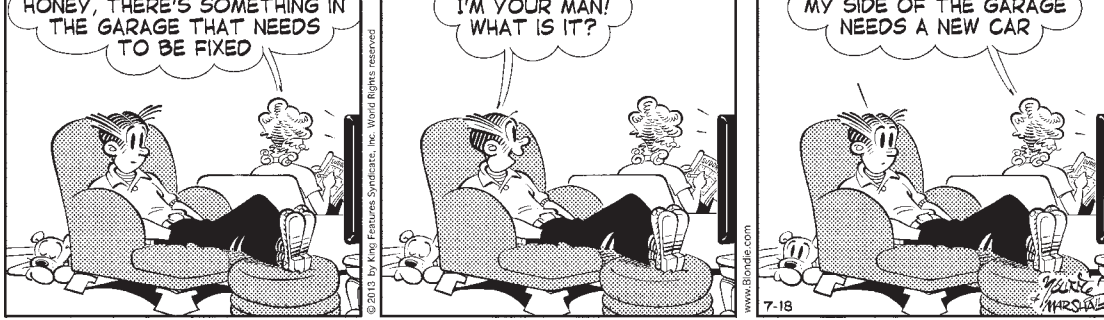
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Frank's Foods as it looked in the 1970s.

Frank's

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— on April 1, 1967 and changed its name to Frank's. He was 31 at the time.

On April 1, 1981, Frank bought Hom & Gees, another grocery store, from Jesse Whitson. This store was located at 421 E. Fred-eric.

Hardware was originally a hobby of Morrison's, so in 1979 he decided it was time to open a hardware store of his own.

In addition to this store, Morrison owned another grocery store on Brown Street, which is now Fiesta Foods. The store was there from 1990 until 2008.

There was also a grocery store located at 401 N. Ballard Ave. This store was there from 1995 until 1997, and then the hardware store moved to that building in 2000, where it remains today. Originally, the hardware store was called Frank's True Value, but with time, the decision was made to change the name to Frank's Hardware.

Although Morrison began dabbling with hardware as a hobby, it is arguably what the family is known for today, at least to the younger generation.

Kim Price, Frank's daughter, recalls that her father was always grateful to the people of Pampa.

He was a big supporter of the local economy because that's where he gained his success, and he made sure his family carried the same attitude about the importance of the people here. Price stressed this importance as she said the stores have always been all about Pampa.

There was a period when the family also owned the old Holt's store in Borger from 1983-1989, but the grocery store in Pampa was still being run at the time as well.

The stores have always been run by family members, and something unique about the hardware store is that they have had the family dogs around the store for a long time. Before the store had an alarm, the family was given a German Shepherd. The dog was friendly to customers, but was also capable of being protective when appropriate. Perhaps the dog that local residents remember most is Sam. Sam was a member of the family for quite some time and customers can recall always going in the store and seeing him.

If you go into the store now there are two friendly dogs roaming about the grounds, and Price said there are even people who will come into the hardware store just to see the canines.

The store has been around for a long time now, and it shows no signs of going away any time soon.

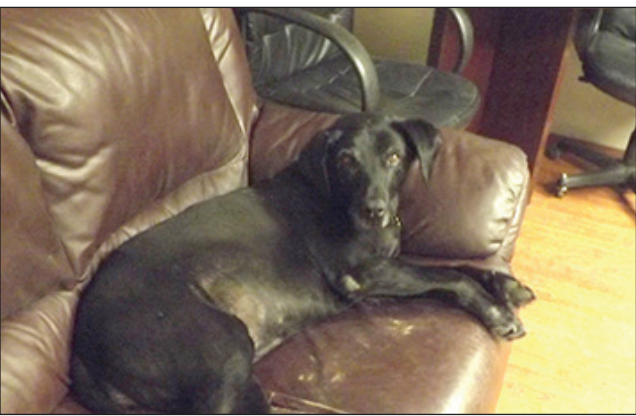


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One of the friendly canines that roam Frank's Hardware.

Elderly grocery store owner refuses robber

MARSHFIELD, Wis. (AP) — A masked robber apparently thought the 96-year-old owner of a neighborhood grocery store in Marshfield would be an easy target for his crime. But, he was so wrong.

Margaretta Wolf has owned the store bearing her family name for 54 years. And she wasn't about to turn over her cash to the armed intruder after he ordered her to open the cash register.

"I said: 'I'm not opening up that cash register and that's it, I'm not opening it. I said you can have all the Tootsie Rolls you want but I am not opening that cash register,'" said Wolf.

The man in the silver mask and carrying a knife continued to give Wolf orders during the robbery attempt Monday.

"He said, 'Walk in the back of the store,' I said, 'I'm not walking no place, I'm standing right here,'" Wolf recounted.

The elderly store owner stood her ground when the man flashed a pocketknife and placed it on the counter.

"I said, 'I'll press a button and I'll have somebody here in seconds,'" she said.

Wolf said the would-be robber appeared frustrated, looked around, spotted a security camera in the corner, grabbed the knife and fled.

Marshfield Police Lt. Darren Larsen said he's just glad Wolf is OK.

"In this instance, certainly again while not recommended with what took place, we're just very, very happy Marge was not injured," Larsen told WAOW-TV (<http://bit.ly/1dEr1wX>).

Wolf said she has a few words for the suspect when police catch up with him.

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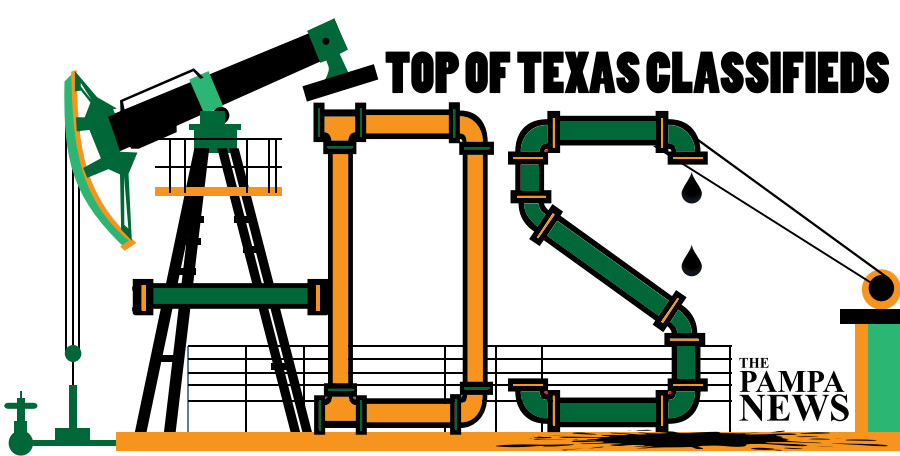
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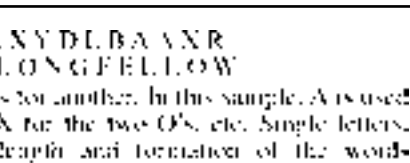
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7-18 CRYPTOQUOTE

BZANQPWN ZI IYG YPCIZRC

EZW BRWNIDQRW IYG ISW

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DEAR ABBY: We have a grown son who is married with his own family and home. He and his wife have jobs. My husband and I are semiretired — not rich, but we live comfortably. Our credit score is great.

My son wants us to co-sign a loan for him. I know his credit is not good because I get phone calls from collection agents looking for him. We really don't want to co-sign.

How do I explain this to him? I feel that because I'm his mother it obligates me. I am also afraid he will stop letting us see the grandkids if I refuse. — SCARED OF THE DOTTED LINE

DEAR SCARED: Since debt collectors are calling because your son isn't paying his bills, do not co-sign for a loan for him! If you do, you could wind up having to pay it off yourselves.

Your son is an adult. That you are his mother does not obligate you to assume responsibility in case he doesn't pay his bills. If he retaliates by not allowing you to see the grandkids, so be it. If you knuckle under to emotional blackmail, it won't stop, and it could affect your standard of living for the rest of your lives.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in high school and my daddy just passed away. I want to know why I have so much anger and hurt about this. I feel like he never got to see me reach any of my goals in life. The main goal was to

see my graduation. What is the best way I can get my mind off this? — YOUNG GIRL IN ALABAMA

DEAR YOUNG GIRL: I am sorry for your loss, which is a particularly difficult one at your age.

It's important that you understand the feelings you are experiencing are normal. Anger is a part of the grieving process, and it may take some time for you to get beyond it.

The best way to "get your mind off this" would be to find a safe place to TALK about it. A grief support group would be helpful. Your clergyman could help you find one and so could your family doctor.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing regarding the letter from "Appreciative in Hitchcock, Texas" (June 17) about the importance of sending thank-you notes.

Maybe this will help others: When our three children were young, we had a "note rule." When they received a present, they had five days to write the note. If written within two days, the note only had to be three

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DEAR ABBY: I was wondering, do you ever read a letter and say to yourself, "If this is all you have to worry about, you're lucky"? — JEFF IN FORT MCCOY, FLA.

DEAR JEFF: No. I have more respect for my readers than that. However, many people have written me to say that after reading the letters that appear in my

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 46 Weary word

1 Poker variety

5 Antlered animals

10 Museum piece

12 Lily variety

13 Crockett's last stand

14 License

15 Scoundrel

16 Element 80

18 Element 8

20 Spotted cube

21 Track figures

23 Ring setting

24 Health care plan prefix

26 Knee protectors

28 In favor of

29 Poet Sandburg

31 Mauna —

32 Element 16

36 Element 33

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40 Purple shade

41 Kind of kitchen

43 Snowy wader

44 Not taut

45 Clairvoyants

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Yesterday's answer

- 11 Humorous
- 17 Finish
- 19 Zeus or Apollo
- 22 Evergreen trees
- 24 Berth place
- 25 Sign of correction
- 27 Maximum amount
- 28 Calgary team
- 30 "Do — say!"
- 33 Deadly
- 34 City on the Mohawk River
- 35 Puts in order
- 37 At any time
- 38 Brings in
- 42 Imitating

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BANANAGRAMS!

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

LEVEL

R E V O G N U N
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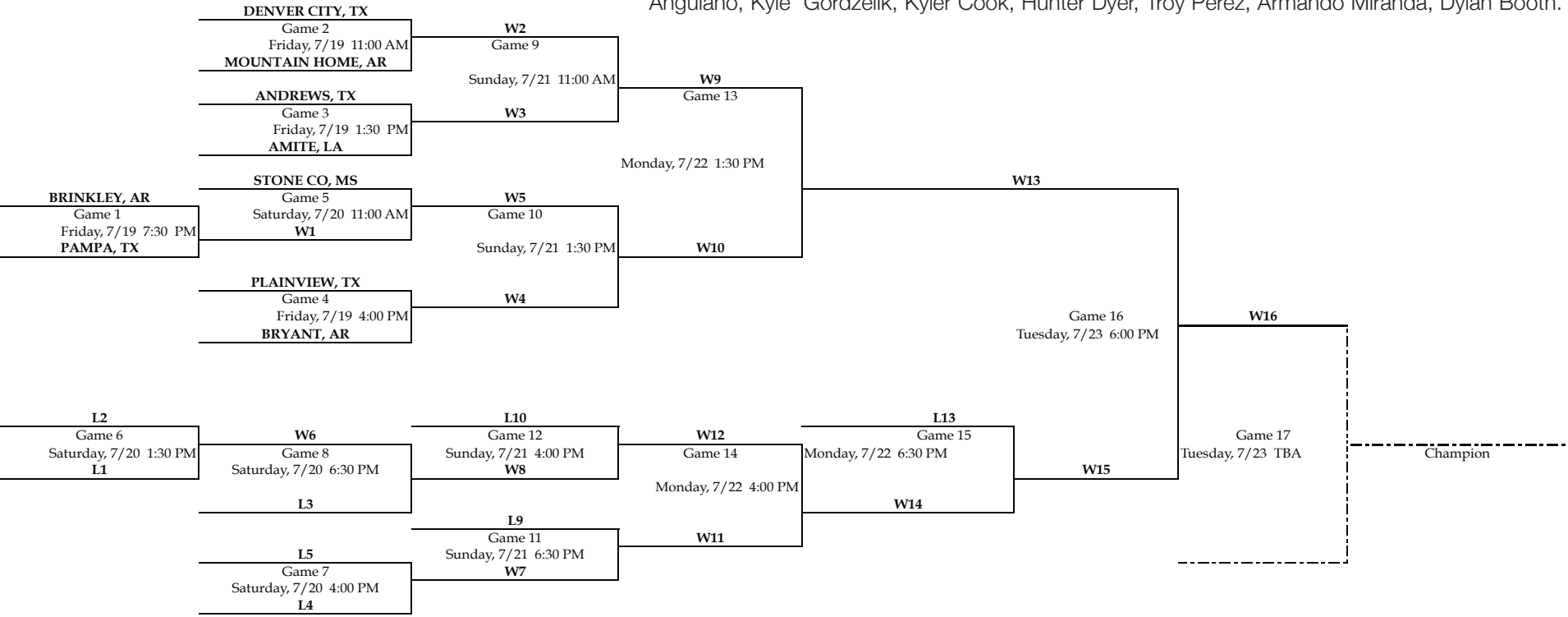
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