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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 Construction on a La Quinta Inn next to United Supermarkets should begin within 90 days.

La Quinta Inn on its way

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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 Shoppers at United Supermarkets may have noticed a plot of land on the south side of the store with a sign that reads "Motel Coming Soon."
 Construction is expected to begin within 90 days on a La Quinta Inns & Suites, said Amarillo developer Patesh Patel, who is building the hotel.
 "We hope to have it open nine months from ground

breaking," Patel said.
 The three-story hotel will have 62 rooms, which Patel said is the right size for Pampa.
 "I am from Texas and have been doing a lot of looking for secondary markets and to not oversaturate the supply," This will be a win-win situation. Pampa is a growing community and very clean and very nice."
 Along with single rooms, the hotel will offer two-room suites and extended-stay



suites, he said.
 Amenities will include an indoor swimming pool and jacuzzi, a conference room and hot breakfasts, Patel said.
 Patel purchased the 1.76-acre lot from Pampa Realty. The sale closed on June 13.

La Quinta's parent company, LQ Management LLC, is one of the largest operators of limited-service hotels in the United States, with more than 65,000 rooms.
 Based in Dallas, the company has 9,000 employees nationwide and operates and provides franchise services to more than 800 hotels in the U.S., Canada and Mexico under La Quinta Inns and La Quinta Inns & Suites brands.

RODEO RIDERS



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, Macy Cochran of Pampa rides in the pole bending contest Saturday during the Junior Rodeo. Macy placed third in break away roping in Girls Group 7. Right, Quin Billingsley, 5, of McLean entered five events Sunday in the Kid Pony Show and won four first place buckles and one third place. "Both the Junior Rodeo and Kid Pony Show were great successes," said Cindy Kemp, office manager for the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association. We paid out \$7,000 in added money alone, which is more than some big rodeos pay out." Kemp said the attendance was up over last year. "We were blessed with great weather and everyone enjoyed watching all of the contestants make their runs," she said, adding that the rodeo association wishes to thank everyone who came out and supported the kids. The Top O' Texas Rodeo will be held Aug. 8-10. The Rodeo Queen contest is back after a one-year hiatus. For more information, call Top O' Texas Rodeo Association at 806-662-0838.
For results, see page 7 for the Kid Pony Show and page 9 for Junior Rodeo.



2nd annual AMA-Con takes place in Amarillo

■ **AMA-Con gives the atmosphere of Comic-Con but with the local perks.**

By **JOHN LEE**
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AMARILLO — Costume contests, tabletop games and booths selling everything nerdy. Those with an enthusiasm for anything science-fiction and comic book in the Texas Panhandle didn't have to travel to San Diego to experience the Comic-Con that fans of the niche genre dream of participating in. The event was put together by the Amarillo Public Library and the small local businesses that make up the Friends of the Amarillo Public Library group.
 "We have a lot of vendor support that come in, we have sponsors both local and regional who come in and give us a lot of support," said Donna Littlejohn, director of library services. "All the proceeds of the admission fees go to **AMA-CON** cont. on page 6



Photo by John Lee
 An AMA-Con participant poses with Iron Man.

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Tonight: Mostly clear with a low of 71. Winds south southwest at 15 mph. Sunset at 8:55 p.m.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high of 98. Winds southwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 6:47 a.m.

Wednesday night: Cloudy with a low of 69. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south southeast at 9 mph. Sunset at 8:54 p.m.

Thursday: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 90. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south at 18 mph. Sunrise at 6:47 a.m.

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Obituaries

Troy R. Manley

Troy R. Manley, 64, died July 21, 2013 in Amarillo. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at First Christian Church, with Rev. Billy Holland, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Troy Manley

Mr. Manley was born April 20, 1949 in Lubbock. As a young boy, his family moved to Hereford where he attended Hereford schools, graduating from Hereford High School in 1967. Troy enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. After his service to his country, he enrolled at West Texas State University, graduating in 1977 with a B.S. degree. He worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation where he worked in Gainesville, Nocona and then in Miami where he currently resided. Troy was a member of First Christian Church of Miami where he served as president of the church board. Troy married Nancy Scherlen on Aug. 2, 1975 in Borger. He was a community minded person where he served on various boards. He served as school board president for Miami Independent School District, commander for the American Legion, president of the Miami Lions Club, a member of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, and he was one of the driving forces for the Miami Economic Development Committee. Troy will be remembered as a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. What disappointed him the most was when he was ill, he could no longer help people and his community. He was preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Bennie Manley.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Manley of the home, his daughter, Misty Conrad and husband Brandon of Canyon, his son, Ryan Manley and wife Jennifer of Pampa, two sisters, Frankie Mills of Abemathy, and Linda Baker and husband Gary of Amarillo, three grandsons, Grady Claassen and Landry Claassen, both of Pampa, and Mason Conrad of Canyon, his brother-in-law, Tom Scherlen and wife Nancy of Amarillo, his mother-in-law, Dorothy Scherlen of Borger, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, 201 E. Tascosa, Miami, Texas 79059.
Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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an at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Mildred was a former member of First Baptist Church in Pampa, and was a current member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include a son, Ray Collum and wife Tamara of Pampa, a daughter, Judy Husted and husband Carroll of Big Spring, nine grandchildren, Debbie Ramirez and husband Manuel and Michelle Grigg and husband Pank, all of Big Spring, Cecil Ray Collum, Jr., of Odessa, Matt Collum of Austin, Jace Collum and Missy Collum, both of Amarillo, Keli Johnson and husband J.J. of San Angelo, Michael Lambert and wife Christina and Theresa Lambert, all of Pampa, eight great-grandchildren, Randy Martinz, Isaac Martinez, Matthew Ramirez, Gabby Collum, Ethan Collum, Mason Grigg, Tucker Grigg and Cooper Grigg, four great-great-grandchildren, Destiny Lambert, Emmalee Lambert, Donn Lambert, and Dale Lambert, a brother, Dr. B.J. Davis of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a sister, Margaret Andrews of Brooksville, Florida, and special friends, Glenda Kenner, Alice Price, Sharon Virden and Heather McDonald.

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

Jay Roth

Jay Roth, 61, died July 19, 2013 in Dallas.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mr. Roth was born July 2, 1952 in Pampa, Texas. He attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1970. He married Heidi Shuman in 1977 in White Deer. Jay worked in sales in the oil-field in Pampa for many years. He had been a resident of Farmington, N.M. since 1991.

He and Heidi hosted the players of the Connie Mack World Series Baseball Tournament in Farmington. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed playing golf, camping and snow skiing. Jay will be remembered as a kind and generous man. He was preceded in death by his parents, J. D. and Myra Jane Roth.

Survivors include his wife, Heidi Roth of the home, two sons, Kris Roth and Taylor Roth, both of Farmington, two brothers, Joe D. Roth and wife Beverly of Livingston, and John Roth of Pampa, numerous nieces and nephews, and his special dog, "Coco."

Memorials may be made to the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, P.O. Box 802, Pampa, Texas 79066-0802.

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

Lyn Laycock

Lyn Laycock, 56, left his family and friends on July 21, 2013 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Laycock was born Aug. 21, 1956 in Pampa to Ray and Mary Bob Laycock. He was a 1974 graduate of Pampa High School. Lyn was a machinist by trade, beginning with Lee-Tex Valve Machine in 1974. At the time of his early retirement in December of 2011 due to health reasons, he was employed with Specialty Welding Machine of Pampa.

Lyn loved fishing, hunting, camping, and anything to do with the outdoors. He enjoyed sharing his love of the outdoors with his grandsons, buying them fishing and hunting equipment, as well as teaching them. He had a special love for animals, especially his cats, Wezel, Miss Kitty, Momma Kitty and KiKi. Lyn was loved by so many and will be missed beyond measure.

He is survived by three daughters, Rachel Dorsey and husband Travis of Darien, Conn., April Adams and Bobby Ledbetter of Shamrock, and Alicia Laycock of Amarillo, his son, Lyndel Ray Laycock, III of Amarillo, his parents, Ray and Mary Bob Laycock of Pampa, a sister, Linda Laycock of Pampa, six grandsons, Jadon of Amarillo, Easton and Evren, both of Shamrock, Connor, Luke and Ryan, all of Darien, Conn., a granddaughter due this week, Elyssa Ledbetter of Shamrock, a special longtime friend, Kathie Laycock of Pampa, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Georgia Cook, center, won \$75 in Pampa Bucks just for clicking a mouse. Cook was the 750th person to "like" the Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page. "Our next drawing will be for \$100 in Pampa Bucks when we reach 1,000 likes," said chamber executive director Lori Byrne. "We are excited to have so many people follow our posts, but we don't want to stop there. We would love to have thousands of people following us." With Byrne presenting the Pampa Bucks to Cook is chamber president Mac Smith.

Clarendon man arrested for driving while intoxicated

- Billy Carthell Gardner, 52, Clarendon, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.
- Brandon Dylan Thornberry, 19, Shamrock, was arrested Thursday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for bond surrender — driving while intoxicated.
- Bobby Lee Keeter, 54, Amarillo, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for bond surrender — criminal trespassing, capias pro fine — speeding, capias pro fine — violation of promise to appear.
- Sherry Renee Box, 34, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for public intoxication.
- Jerry James Miers, 29, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for violation of probation — theft greater than \$50 and less than \$500.
- Kimberlie Dawn Mouser, 30, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for bond surrender — possession and transporting of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance — Randall County.
- Jared Duane Moler, 24, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for criminal trespassing, theft of property greater than \$50 and less than \$500.
- Jerah Jane Rose Lesperence, 21, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for theft greater than \$50 and less than \$500, capias pro fine — failure to pay court fees.
- Antonio Mario Shorter, 27, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for theft of property, two charges of capias pro fine — failure to pay court fees.
- Holly Katherine Wilson, 38, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for theft of property.
- Carlos Moran, 31, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.
- Sherry Renee Box, 34, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for obstruction of the highway.
- Dawna Gay Hearon, 46, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for capias pro fine — speeding, capias pro fine — violation of promise to appear.
- Bradley Lee Davis, 20, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for possession of a dangerous drug, possession of marijuana, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Inadvertent phone call leads to drug arrests

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — An inadvertent 911 cellphone call to Central Texas police has led to drug charges against two teenagers.

College Station police on Monday said the phone was in the pocket of someone at a home where marijuana allegedly was being smoked.

Police didn't immediately identify the owner of the phone in Sunday afternoon's unintentional call.

Sgt. Danny Junek says officers found no emergency but smelled marijuana at

the residence. Officers obtained a search warrant and seized cocaine, marijuana and more than \$4,100.

Two College Station residents were being held Monday on marijuana possession charges. Bond was set at \$2,000 for 19-year-old Kyle Nelson Bading. Officials say 18-year-old David Marshal Norris also faces charges of delivery of a controlled substance. He's held without bond.

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DENNIS PALMIER

Every time I fly within Texas, that FAA-mandated statement given by flight attendants never fails to wrangle a smile out of me. You see, it's this imagination I possess and upon hearing such, it takes over aided by the fact, I'm a white knuckle flier. What if a pilot were forced to crash land between Amarillo and my usual destination of San Antonio? Which body of water in Texas would be the pilot, in I hope what would be a Sully Sullenberger moment opt, and I use the term loosely, land an 80-ton plane? The Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River, Possum Kingdom Reservoir, or God forbid, the glorified wot tank called Lake Meredith? It's not like Texas has a Hudson River.

Once in the air, aside from calculating Newton's Theory, I always look out the plane's windows as a means to pass the time. The last time flying the friendly skies I could not help noticing the winter type starkness of landscape across this great state. Save for the requisite irrigated

farm circles hither and yon, foliage of trees, most of Texas is ochered in yellow and gold, the colors that piqued Coronado's visions of gold thereby causing his ill fated trek across this Great American Desert. Indeed, this drought is upon us with a vengeance along with weather pundits proclaiming a 10-year dry cycle with which we meek must endure. With last week's glorious and abundant rainfall, some of you might be thinking the drought is abated. If that is your thought, why, your thinking is a tad off the mark.

In regard to San Antonio, the Alamo City and surrounding counties are equally suffering from one of their worst droughts on record. The Edwards Aquifer, San Antonio's sole source for water as the Ogalalla Aquifer is to the Panhandle, is falling ever closer to a record low depth. Strict water conservation is in force and closely monitored by, as I've brought up in previous commentary, water police. Hard to imagine as well a city where residents pray for a tropical storm or hurricane to come ashore on the Texas coast, but that is exactly what folks do down there, for once inland and often is the case, the storms settle over the Hill Country and dump copious amounts of rainfall

back into the Edwards Aquifer before dissipating. The Panhandle and Ogalalla Aquifer do not benefit from such weather phenoms, for the Ogalalla is recharged primarily from moisture occurring in the Rocky Mountains, particularly Colorado's. What moisture from the heavens this area receives, like that of February's Blizzard of 2013 and last week's welcomed rain raises our aquifer's depth nary a bit.

Grant you, the Texas Panhandle's water needs will never come close to that of San Antonio's, but less population here does not diminish what water needs we have now and especially so for the future when considering the growth of our two largest cities, Amarillo and Lubbock. Lake Meredith and Sanford Dam were constructed to supply all the water needs for future Panhandle generations, with minimal pumping from the Ogalalla Aquifer. That ill fated plan is now visible in Lake Meredith's shallow muck while Panhandle communities are once again pumping and using 100 percent Ogalalla Aquifer water. Couple that fact with drought-increased irrigation for area agriculture needs and it becomes pretty conclusive the Ogalalla Aquifer will continue to be **BIBLICAL** cont. on page 5

Hookers and sex slaves ... and laughs?

Today's children live and breathe in a popular culture that teaches them to accept the worst kinds of sexual exploitation and violence as a normal part of life. They're even encouraged



BRENT BOZELL

to laugh at the idea. The Parents Television Council has issued a new report on "TV's Newest Target: Teen Sexual Exploitation." Out of 238 scripted episodes that aired during the study period in 2011 and 2012, 150 episodes (63 percent) contained sexual content in scenes that were associated with females and 33 percent of the episodes contained sexual content that rose to the level of sexual exploitation.

The PTC found that underage female characters on primetime broadcast television are more likely to be presented in sexually exploitative scenes than adult women, and the appearance of underage female characters in a sexually exploitative scene actually increased the probability that the scene would be presented as humorous.

Sometimes the "humor" wasn't age-specific. On the now mercifully cancelled NBC sitcom "Whitney," a former cop named Mark tells an engaged couple how they should handle their inevitably excessive bachelor and bachelorette parties. "There is such a thing as a get-out-of-jail-free card. Just in case you find yourself in a dead hooker situation." Lily (the bride-to-be) wisecracked back: "You know, Mark, we've been talking about it in couples therapy, and I think Neal's done killing hookers." Neal (the groom-to-be) added: "For now."

It's bad enough that network sitcoms would highlight prostitutes by making them plot points on broadcast television. But Hollywood's scowling mean-spiritedness and hatred for human dignity just always has to grow fouler. Now even the prospect of killing prostitutes at a bachelor party is considered a

punch line. What kind of human being pushes the laugh-track button for that?

To mock teenaged girls, a routine source of sick humor is anything Seth MacFarlane touches on his Sunday night Fox cartoons. The May 6, 2012 edition of "Family Guy" made all its usual mean-spirited fun of Meg, the ugly-duckling daughter of the Griffin family. During a high school semester in Paris, Meg is abducted and is auctioned as a sex slave. The announcer says, "This girl is perfect if you want to buy a sex slave but don't want to spend sex-slave money."

"Family Guy" writers really seem to hate the Meg character, and even TV critics have objected to that trend. Teenaged fanatics of "Family Guy" could easily internalize the message that the ugly girls deserve whatever they get, and when their lives go seriously wrong, it's funny.

A recent episode of MacFarlane's "American Dad" also mocked sex with prostitutes. Try to follow this bizarre plot if you can. Klaus, the family's talking goldfish, somehow switches bodies with Stan, the lead character. Klaus-in-Stan's-body decides to "really take this body for a test drive." He starts by finding a sickly looking prostitute in a back alley. He hands her money, and she tries to hand him a condom. He shakes his head no and hands her more money. They head off-screen together.

Later, Stan protests what Klaus did while he'd entered his body. "He — I — did horrible things. I lost several virginites last night. He abused me. He did drugs; he had sex; he paid a woman to pee on my body. He beat up a cop and then somehow paid off the cop and then he peed on me, too."

Degrading your body to the point of being a paying recipient of urination by a hooker and a cop? That's your average Sunday night on Fox television.

The vast American majority has never seen the twisted comedy plots that are described here. Successful shows capture **LAUGHS** cont. on page 5



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Obama finds foreign affairs do not bend to his whims

Foreign policy is hard. That's a lesson Barack Obama has been learning throughout his presidency.



MICHAEL BARONE

The world is not responding as he expected. It looks simpler from the outside. Promise to get out of Iraq and Afghanistan, proclaim yourself the tribune of hope and change, receive the adulation of giant crowds in Europe and accept the Nobel Peace Prize.

Obama entered office, as many presidents have, with the assumption that his predecessor's policies were wrongheaded and could readily be reversed.

Because he didn't look like other presidents, in his phrase, he believed he could change unfriendly leaders' attitudes toward America and would have special appeal to Muslims.

This has proved to be naive. Many if not most Americans, including some who didn't vote for Obama, believe that the election of a black president was a step forward in American history.

But it doesn't have that resonance in much of the rest of the world. Obama went to Cairo in early June 2009 to deliver a speech proclaiming a "new beginning" of the relationship

between America and the Arab and Muslim worlds.

Later that month he showed icy indifference to the Green Movement protestors in Iran, presumably hoping that he could still change the attitude of the mullah regime toward America by his willingness to engage in direct negotiations.

His expectations were in vain. The mullahs showed they were interested not in talking but in getting nuclear weapons.

And polls show that attitudes in many Arab and Muslim countries are now more negative to America than they were when George W. Bush was president.

Obama's multiple responses to the Arab Spring uprisings and their aftermath have been part of the problem.

Tunisia, the first, presented few problems. In Libya he was content to, as one aide put it, "lead from behind."

This has resulted in the chaos and disorder that resulted in the deaths of Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans in Benghazi. Obama retired to the White House family quarters while the attack was going on and jetted off the next day to a campaign event in Las Vegas.

Egypt is the largest Arab nation by far and one critical to U.S. interests. Under Hosni Mubarak it remained at peace — though

it was a cold peace — with Israel. And it controls traffic and therefore the flow of oil through the Suez Canal.

When protests broke out against Mubarak in January 2011, Obama at first said Mubarak's time had not passed, then a month later said he must leave. When he did, Obama urged Egyptian military leaders, with whom the U.S. military has close ties, to push toward elections.

Those resulted in a narrow victory in June 2012 for the one organized political force in Egypt, the Muslim Brotherhood. President Mohammed Morsi then put in a new constitution and put the military on a short leash.

When vast numbers started protesting against Morsi last month, U.S. Ambassador Anne Patterson supported him. But Obama acquiesced in his ouster and called for elections soon.

The result is that Obama, as Kori Schake wrote in foreignpolicy.com, "has achieved the hat trick of alienating all the factions in Egypt."

He has probably done so in Syria, as well. There he predicted that Bashar Assad would be quickly ousted and, when he wasn't, said he must go. But he denied the Syrian rebels military aid until last month.

Unfortunately, the rebels seem weaker and more dominated by jihadists

than they were one to two years ago.

Now it must be said that it is hard to anticipate how these protests and rebellions would turn out. Probably most outside observers expected Assad to be ousted quickly, as other leaders had been.

But it can also be said that Obama entered office with misperceptions that proved damaging. His assumption that he would be hailed in Cairo in 2009 as he had been in Berlin in 2008 was always unrealistic.

As is his apparent assumption that everything will be fine if the United States just withdrew, as our military did in Iraq when Obama failed to negotiate a status of forces agreement in Iraq.

Things have not turned out fine there — lots of sectarian violence lately — or in Libya, Egypt or Syria. And Iran gets closer to having nuclear weapons.

Military intervention can be costly. But so can withdrawing and leading, hesitantly, from behind.

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Biblical

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stressed. Perhaps the time is upon us now for stewards of our sole source of water to get proactive and pre-emptive. Should mandated water conservation in all area cities be implemented now to insure sustainable water for the Panhandle's future needs? Should limits be placed on agriculture consumption? That could be tricky considering the farmer owns the water under his land, that is, those farmers who did not sell their resource to Mr. Pickens, who then sold his resource to Amarillo. Should a water police force be instituted to enforce water conservation? San Antonio and surrounding cities had to do so because citizens and businesses continued to waste their water. I cannot see mass voluntary water conservation compliance working here as well, for pesky human nature, after all, still gets in the way of progress. Stricter water conservation here in the Panhandle stands to reason if we don't receive a rain event of Biblical proportion, and you know what the Lord said about that.

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Laughs

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a small minority of the country. But it's shows like MacFarlane's that are watched heavily by young people, and become the lunchroom patter the next day at colleges, high schools and even middle schools. Cultural pollution is real. Associating humor with topics like rape, child molestation, prostitution and sex trafficking means our society is getting increasingly sicker, and the most infected part of the population are the children who watch a lot of degrading television and play a lot of degrading video games and listen to a lot of degrading music. In the end, our whole society is degraded.

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Giant 'corpse flower' blooms next to US Capitol

WASHINGTON (AP) — The long wait is finally over for visitors who have been yearning for a whiff of a giant flower that smells oddly like rotting flesh. The giant rainforest plant known as a "corpse flower" for its terrible smell began blooming Sunday afternoon at the U.S. Botanic Garden next to the Capitol. Experts had been anticipating its bloom for more than a week and have

extended the garden's hours for visitors. Garden officials expect the flower to hit "peak smell" early Monday, and remain open for one or two days. The flower is officially known as the titan arum. It is native to the tropical rainforests of Sumatra, Indonesia, and was discovered in 1878. Scientists say the flower's odor attracts insects that are normally drawn to rotting flesh.

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Man sought in death of Washington boy

SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Wash. (AP) — Police are looking for a man wanted in the shooting death of his girlfriend's 4-year-old son, and they now have the gun they believed was used. A Washington State Patrol explosives-sniffing dog found the gun Sunday under the stairs of a church about a half-block from the house where the child was shot that morning, the Skagit Valley Herald reported. No shell casing was found at the scene, but there is one in the gun, indicating the gun misfired and didn't eject the shell. Lt. Lin Tucker said. People at the house indicated the boy shot himself, but investigators suspect a homicide. The Skagit County coroner planned to examine the boy's body Monday.

Officers are looking for Trevor Braymiller, 25, the mother's boyfriend who fled the house. Police were told Braymiller went to the nearby church. A friend gave Braymiller a ride to the Big Lake community, about five miles south of Sedro-Woolley, in the Cascade foothills about 70 miles north of Seattle. The friend went to police after learning the child was dead. Braymiller is a felon, convicted of selling drugs, and not supposed to have a gun, said Sedro-Woolley police Chief Doug Wood. The house is well known to police, and officers conducted a drug raid there in 2011. Police have seized firearms from Braymiller in the past. No one in the house saw the shooting, Tucker said.

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AMA-Con

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support library programs and services.”

Many of those with a fascination for the science-fiction genre who live in Amarillo don't get to go to the colossal Super Bowl of nerdism that is Comic-Con usually because of cost of both admission and travel to the event. That was just one of the reasons that small comic book and vintage video game stores and the Amarillo Public Library decided to hold AMA-Con.

“To go a Comic-Con or something like that costs a lot of money and it takes several days to get there,” Littlejohn said. “We really don't have anything this size close enough for any of us to go to. Comics and literature have been tied together forever so we decided this is something fun to do.”

The event was held in the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage and Regency Rooms and featured booths that were selling anything from action figures and comic books to vintage video games. Enthusiasts were encouraged to dress in cosplay costumes and participate in costume contests. Cosplay costumes are a specific type of costumes that, as defined by Wikipedia, are “generally considered different from Halloween and Mardi Gras costume wear, as the intention is to accurately replicate a specific character, rather than to reflect the culture and symbolism of a holiday event.” In essence, rather than dressing up as a “generic” Indiana Jones or superhero, there is more attention to detail so the costume more closely resembles that of a specific character.

The cosplay costumes tend to be, but are not limited to, any genre of anime, video games and comic books. Many cosplay contests require that the costumes be hand made by the wearer, not ordered online or designed by anyone else.

“[The craziest thing has been] some of the really cosplay costumes, there have been some really good ones this year,” said Darren Hutchinson, owner of Table's Edge Comics. “You know we're legit when we have a Storm Trooper.”

Hutchinson was one of the many local store owners who were instrumental in making the AMA-Con event happen. He was very proud of how much bigger the event was that last year's inaugural event.

“The pushing of it and the actual advertising this year has been great,” Hutchinson said. “Last year we had 1,500 (spectators) here with nobody knowing it even existed, this year we reached 1,500 (spectators) by 1:30 p.m. It is doing pretty awesome,



Photo by John Lee

Among the many booths at AMA-Con were action-figure booths, including this one featuring “Star Wars” and “X-Files.”

really the longer this event is allowed to go on, the more years it goes on, the bigger it will become”

Hutchinson had tried to court some big name comic book artists from comic book powerhouses DC Comics, makers of superheroes such as Batman and Superman, or Marvel Comics, makers of superheroes such as Spider-Man or the Avengers, but was unable to do so. However, he was still able to get other artists such as John Hughes with Overground Comics and Ben Dunn, who has his own line.

“The biggest person we were able to get it is John Hughes with Overground Comics, and his line starts next month. He was actually extremely excited about our event and impressed with it. We're just excited that he wants to come back next year and wants to talk about some stuff we can do with him. So it will be really cool to see with him supporting us, who else we can bring in.”

Another feature to AMA-Con were booths from different organizations that embrace the nerdy side of everyday life. Representatives from www.almostnerdy.com, which is a website that features articles and blogs that bridge the gap between the “nerds” and the “cool kids,” were another up and coming nerdy powerhouse at AMA-Con. The owner of almostnerdy.com lives in Dallas but is originally from Amarillo. The website attracts journalists

and general readers from not only the region, but worldwide.

“Almostnerdy.com is a website that covers all things nerdy from movies, video games, music, comic books, cosplay and the whole nine yards,” said Lance Stanford, a writer for www.almostnerdy.com. “We use Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and everything else. [We are] basically just bridging that gap between nerd culture and the ‘cool kids.’ [We are] showing that everyone has nerd in them, we are just wanting them to embrace that inner nerd.”

Comics and video games weren't the only highlighted nerd genres showcased at AMA-Con. There was also a lot of steampunk highlighted. Steampunk, as defined by Wikipedia, “is a sub-genre of science fiction that typically features steam-powered machinery, especially in a setting inspired by industrialized Western civilization during the 19th century. Therefore, steampunk works are often set in an alternative history of the 19th century's British Victorian era or American ‘Wild West’, in a post-apocalyptic future during which steam power has regained mainstream use, or in a fantasy world that similarly employs steam power.” While steampunk is not a new sub-genre of science-fiction, it has really been brought to light in the last 15-20 years. AMA-Con had several contests specifically for steampunk, but also had

booths of enthusiasts selling steampunk-themed poetry and music, as well as literary works based in steampunk.

Littlejohn and Hutchinson agreed that AMA-Con was a complete success.

“This has been phenomenal we have had a phenomenal year,” Littlejohn said. “Everybody is excited. We have already gotten the approval to do it again next year.”

When asked if it could become a larger event, perhaps even multiple times a year, Hutchinson was optimistic about the event's future.

“I think it will be a few more years in the making. First we need to see if we can make this a two-day event,” Hutchinson said. “[We will] see how this holds up two days in a row. Then if it works out that we can host this more often, then we can get together with the City (of Amarillo) and work something out with them.”



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City Commission meetings

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School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than

10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month in the north meeting room at the Lovett Memorial Library. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. 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.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam sessions 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.

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Stick Horse Race - Girls Group 1

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2nd Place – Hope Scribner - Pampa
3rd Place – Darbie Ran-dolph - Amarillo

Goat Ribbon Race - Boys Group 1

1st Place – Hazen Lamb - Borger
2nd Place – Kacin Bass - Fritch

3rd Place – Rylan Lamb - Borger

Goat Ribbon Race - Girls Group 1

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2nd Place – Taylin Cox - Pampa
3rd Place – Brinley Cox - Pampa

Flag Race - Boys Group 2

1st Place – Chace Mclaughlin - Pampa
2nd Place – Davin Hext - Pampa
3rd Place – No Qualified Time

Flag Race - Girls Group 2

1st Place – Mckayla Win-klar - Pampa
2nd Place – No Qualified Time
3rd Place – No Qualified Time

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1st Place – Hazen Lamb - Borger
2nd Place – No Qualified Time

3rd Place – No Qualified Time

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2nd Place – Brinley Cox - Pampa
3rd Place – Taylin Cox - Pampa

Golfette - Boys Group 2

1st Place – Chace Mclaughlin - Pampa
2nd Place – Davin Hext - Pampa
3rd Place – No Qualified Time

Golfette - Girls Group 2

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1st Place – Zane Wash - Bushland
2nd Place – Davin Hext - Pampa
3rd Place – Chace Mclaughlin - Pampa

Barrel Race - Girls Group 2

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Obama to begin new series of economic addresses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drawing renewed attention to the economy, President Barack Obama will return this week to an Illinois college where he once spelled out a vision for an expanded and strengthened middle class as a freshman U.S. senator, long before the Great Recession would test his presidency.

The address Wednesday at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., will be the first in a new series of economic speeches that White House aides say Obama intends to deliver over the next several weeks ahead of key

budget deadlines in the fall. A new fiscal year begins in October, and the government will soon hit its borrowing limit.

The speech comes just a week before Congress is scheduled to leave for its monthlong August recess and is designed to build public pressure on lawmakers in hopes of averting the showdowns over taxes and spending that have characterized past budget debates.

In his economic pitch, Obama will talk about efforts to expand manufacturing, sign up the uninsured for health care coverage,

revitalize the housing industry and broaden educational opportunities for preschoolers and college students. He will also promote the economic benefits of an immi-

gration overhaul.

The White House is promoting the speech as part of an arc of economic messages from the president that began at Knox College.

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New Star Trek 'pre-trilogy' wins with perfect casting

"Star Trek — Into Darkness," which was released in May, warrants a look back at the Star Trek myth as a whole and the 2009 movie in particular.



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The franchise of spaceships and monsters was conceived in 1964 as a "Western in Outer Space." It was inspired by the popular TV western series "Wagon Train," and that's exactly how show creator Gene Roddenberry pitched his idea to TV execs; a "Wagon Train to the Stars." The first episode of Star Trek aired two years later in September 1966. Today millions of people still love Capt. Kirk, Spock and Beam me up, Scotty.

"Star Trek — The Future Begins" (2009) directed by J.J. Abrams, was the 11th film based on the TV series which makes "Star Trek (2013) Into the Darkness" the 12th. The 2009 movie is the first of what has been called the pre-trilogy. This is the who-what-where-when-why-how story of the starship U.S.S. Enterprise and her crew.

Each character, in my estimation, is perfectly cast. Without exception each is true to the lore and characters we know and love, while pulling off the almost impossible feat of bringing new traits, twists and new life to the roles as well.

James Kirk is a kid out of control and with a chip on his shoulder. He joins Starfleet Academy on a dare from Capt. Pike who has wonderful things to say about Kirk's dead father, comparing father to son.

Kirk excels at the academy while rubbing everyone the wrong way and finds himself very close to being thrown out when Spock accuses him of cheating on a test.

That disciplinary action is halted as the entire cadet class is called into sudden action.

A Romulan captain, Nero, is jumping his ship through wormholes of time and space chasing an alternate timeline, actually the prime timeline, older Spock, played by Leonard Nimoy, who failed in an attempt to save the planet Romulus. In retribution, Capt. Nero wants to destroy the planet Vulcan using Red Matter taken from Spock's own spaceship.

Red matter, it seems, can implode and cause a black hole and I don't have to tell you how much damage one of those can do.

The Enterprise, which

is, as you know, the flagship of the Federation, is suddenly crewed almost entirely by cadets when Capt. Pike is kidnapped by Nero. With no time to head back to regroup with the rest of the Starfleet armada, the Enterprise must pursue the superior ship on her own.

The younger alternative reality Spock, who is captain of the Enterprise, maroons the young James T. Kirk on an ice planet where he is saved from being dinner to a very ugly creature by the older Spock. Both Spocks have very important roles to play and their personal story is pivotal to the plot.

Principal photography took almost five months from the beginning of November, 2007 to the end of March, 2008. The film was shot in various locations around California and Utah.

The director, J.J.

Abrams, is not a huge fan of green screen and really wanted to use practical sets and real locations as much as possible which is why everything looks so real — because it is.

To keep throngs of trekkies and trekkers from pulling a tribble, it was shot under the fake working title Corporate Headquarters. Industrial Light & Magic used digital ships for the film, as opposed to the previous films which used models.

Following the success of the film, its cast members signed on for two sequels, making Star Trek (2009) the first of a planned trilogy with Abrams returning as director.

So how does it rate? I asked 10 actor and filmmaker friends to rate the movie on the five star scale. I asked the same of my normal friends and family members.

Actors and filmmakers

gave it 5 stars. Normal people and family gave it 4 stars.

I really loved the characters and have no regrets regarding any of the cast and they do the legend justice. I also appreciated the continuity. The movie is the first of the first, the prequel of even the TV show. If you are a follower of the Star Trek myth, you will notice many of the small details that are there for the discerning eye.

What comes to my mind is when Kirk, Sulu and a third crew member are sent to the planet surface to disable a laser drill. The third member, wearing the red jump suit is killed. Those of you who followed the original series know that more often than not the guy in the red shirt, with no name, was always killed on the planet surface. Galaxy Quest (1999) did

a fabulous send up of that fact, if you remember.

The alternate universe/alternate timeline, old Spock/new Spock, and the child Spock revenge story was new and fresh. It's a fabulous film. I give it 4 1/2 stars.

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Barrel Race – Girls Group 3

1st – Hadley Gomez - Shamrock
2nd – Shay Clements - Vega
3rd – Reese Foreman - Wheeler

Barrel Race – Boys Group 3

1st – Tryce Johnson – Happy
2nd – Gavin Wash - Bushland

Barrel Race – Girls Group 4

1st – Jade Benson - Clarendon
2nd – Mallie Williams - Groom
3rd – Gracie Tucker - Shamrock

Barrel Race – Boys Group 4

1st – Gus Gaillard - Morse

Barrel Race – Girls Group 5

1st – Taylor Ramming - Pampa
2nd – Taylor May - Pampa
3rd – Rose Noyes - Pampa

Barrel Race – Boys Group 5

1st – Cooper Foreman - Wheeler

Barrel Race – Girls Group 6

1st – Rilee Didway – Pampa
2nd – Madison Milligan - Vega

Barrel Race – Girls Group 7

1st – Karlee Vigil – White Deer
2nd – Sierra White – Happy
3rd – Marlee Youree - Pampa

Tie Down Roping – Boys Group 6

1st – Sterling White - Happy

Tie Down Roping – Boys Group 7

1st – Wyatt Sims - Happy
2nd – Wesley Sims - Happy

Breakaway Roping – Girls Group 3

1st – Kenli Johnson - Happy

Breakaway Roping – Boys Group 3

1st – Gavin Wash - Bushland

Breakaway Roping – Girls Group 4

1st – Laney Harper - Gruver
2nd – Gracie Tucker - Canyon

Breakaway Roping – Boys Group 4

1st – Krees Millican – Vega

Breakaway Roping – Girls Group 5

1st – Lexi Didway - Pampa

Breakaway Roping – Boys Group 5

1st – Colton Mccarley - Happy
2nd – Kason Vigil – White Deer
3rd – Cutter Mclain – Miami

Breakaway Roping – Girls Group 6

1st – Madison Milligan - Vega

Breakaway Roping – Girls Group 7

1st – Magen Mclain - Miami
2nd – Sierra White – Happy
3rd – Macy Cochran - Pampa

Breakaway Roping – Boys Group 7

1st – Wyatt Sims – Happy
2nd – Wesley Sims - Happy

Flag Race – Girls Group 3

1st – Hadlee Gomez – Shamrock
2nd – Katie Harter – Amarillo
3rd – Helen Poer - Gruver

Flag Race – Boys Group 3

1st – Tryce Johnson - Happy
2nd – Gavin Wash – Bushland

Flag Race – Girls Group 4

1st – Mallie Williams - Groom
2nd – Gracie Tucker - Canyon
3rd – Rylee Johnson – Happy

Flag Race – Boys Group 4

1st – Caden Ensey - Pampa

Flag Race – Boys Group 6

1st – Sterling White - Happy

Calf Riding – Boys Group 3

No Qualified Rides

Ribbon Roping – Boys Group 5

1st – Colton Mccarley – Happy
2nd – Cutter Mclain - Miami

Ribbon Roping – Boys Group 6

1st – Sterling White - Happy

Ribbon Roping – Boys Group 7

1st – Dylan Myers - Vega
2nd – Wyatt Sims - Happy

Calf Riding – Boys Group 4

1st – Gus Gaillard - Morse

Pole Bending – Girls Group 3

1st – Hadlee Gomez – Shamrock
2nd – Katie Harter – Amarillo
3rd – Shay Clements - Vega

Pole Bending – Boys Group 3

1st – Gavin Wash – Bushland
2nd – Gage Hoganson - Pampa

Pole Bending – Girls Group 4

1st – Karlie Harter - Amarillo
2nd – Sage Wash - Bushland
3rd – Maggie Hernandez – Pampa

Pole Bending – Girls Group 5

1st – Lexi Didway - Pampa
2nd – Taylor Ramming - Pampa
3rd – London Lowrey – Pampa

Pole Bending – Girls Group 6

1st – Madison Milligan - Vega
2nd – Holland Poole - Pampa

Pole Bending – Girls Group 7

1st – Sierra White - Happy
2nd – Bailey Wichert – Pampa
3rd – Taylor Prall – Fritch

Bull Riding – Boys Group 5

1st – Justin Thomas - Pampa

Goat Tying – Girls Group 3

1st – Kenli Johnson – Happy
2nd – Hadlee Gomez - Shamrock

Goat Tying – Girls Group 4

1st – Laney Harper - Gruver
2nd – Gracie Tucker – Canyon
3rd – Sage Wash - Bushland

Goat Tying – Boys Group 4

1st – Jordan Lovins - Canadian
2nd – Gus Gaillard – Morse

Goat Tying – Girls Group 5

1st – Aspen Wash - Bushland
2nd – London Lowrey – Pampa
3rd – Taylor May - Pampa

Goat Tying – Girls Group 6

1st – Madison Milligan - Vega
2nd – Rilee Didway - Pampa

Goat Tying – Girls Group 7

1st – Karlee Vigil – White Deer
2nd – Sierra White – Happy

Chute Dogging – Boys Group 4

No Qualified Time

Chute Dogging – Boys Group 5

1st – Justin Thomas - Pampa
2nd – Cody Harter – Amarillo

Mixed Roping

1st – Madison Milligan – Vega/Colton Mccarley - Happy
2nd – Nicholas Lovins/Jordan Lovins - Canadian

Adult/Youth Team Roping

1st – Spencer Clements/Gary Clements - Vega

All Around

All Around Cowgirl – Group 3 – Hadley Gomez - Shamrock

All Around Cowboy – Group 3 – Gavin Wash - Bushland

All Around Cowgirl – Group 4 – Gracie Tucker - Canyon

All Around Cowboy – Group 4 – Gus Gaillard - Morse

All Around Cowgirl Group 5 – Lexi Didway - Pampa

All Around Cowboy Group 5 – Colton Mccarley - Happy

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Baby buzz proves celeb power of Britain's royals

LONDON (AP) — In London, the royal birth is a tale of two cities — a moment of history unfolding amid the frenzy of daily urban life.

Outside the London hospital where Prince William's wife, Kate, was in labor Monday, Londoners slowed their daily rush on a scorching summer day to take a quick picture and wonder at the vast media throng, then moved on.

Two miles away at Buckingham Palace, the news seemed more momentous, an extra jolt of history to the royal pomp and pageantry that attracts tourists in their thousands each day. They may no longer wield political power, but Britain's royals are unsurpassed as celebrities and cultural icons.

"They're sort of the celebrities of the world," said Anne Frey, a beautician from Madison, Wisconsin, watching the daily Changing of the Guard ceremony with her husband.

Excitement for the imminent royal baby was strong among the crowds lining the black iron gates to watch soldiers in high bearskin hats, sweating stoically under their scarlet tunics, march behind a brass band into the palace grounds.

"We can tell our kids one day that we were here when it happened," said Jill Muencz, a tourist from Cleveland, Ohio.

"It's fantasy," she added. "We don't get to experience all that" as Americans.

The royal labor dominated British news bulletins Monday, as media from around the world provided nonstop comment, color and speculation from outside the private Lindo Wing of St. Mary's Hospital, around the corner from London's Paddington Station.

Prime Minister David Cameron said "the whole country is excited" — and while that may be politician's hyperbole, there was a sense that the birth of a future monarch was a feel-good event to add to a long spell of hot, sunny weather and British sports successes at Wimbledon, the Tour de France cycling race and in the Ashes cricket competition.

Few Britons were willing to go as far in their royalism as Terry Hutt, a 78-year-old carpenter from Cambridge in eastern England, who has camped outside the hospital for 12 days, sleeping outside the hospital on a bench covered with a Union Jack blanket.

Hutt, who is proud to have met every royal from the late Queen Mother on, said he was doing his bit for Britain by camping outside the hospital in his red, white and blue Union Jack suit, holding flags and congratulatory banners.

"To me, the royal family play a very, very important role," he said. "Visitors from all over the world haven't got a king and queen. It's a plus for us."

As London commuters rushed past the hospital to work, Pascal Faure, a maintenance contractor originally from South Africa, stopped to snap a picture on his phone for friends at home and in Australia.

"It's part of their heritage, I guess, their culture," said

Faure, who claimed his own tenuous royal connection: "Apparently my third cousin once removed is Chelsy" Davy, Prince Harry's former girlfriend.

He also had more insight than most into the 5,000-pound (\$8,000) -a-night private wing where the Duchess of Cambridge is giving birth. He fixed the air-conditioning there last week — a good thing, too, as Monday was scheduled to be the hottest day of the year in London.

"If the air-con stops working, I'll probably be the one to go in," he said.

The outpouring of affection for the royal infant is a sign of how thoroughly Britain's royal family has rebuilt its image in the eyes of its subjects since the low point that followed the death of Princess Diana in a car crash in 1997. Diana had been popular, glamorous and — in the eyes of many — badly treated by the royal "Firm."

Sixteen years on, support for the monarchy is riding high after William and Kate's 2011 wedding and last year's Diamond Jubilee celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II's 60 years on the throne.

For non-Britons, the emergence of an attractive young generation that includes William, Kate and soldier-socialite Prince Harry has given the clan a mix of glamour and celebrity that is hard to resist.

"We like to pretend we have a king and queen," said 17-year-old Maddie Cruse, from Helena, Montana, as she stood outside Buckingham Palace. "Since we don't have a king and queen, we borrow yours."

Like many visitors, Cruse was well versed about recent changes to royal rules that mean a daughter will not lose her place in the royal succession if William and Kate later have a son. Boy or girl, the baby will be third in line to the throne behind Prince Charles and Prince William and is likely to be monarch one day — a fact that is lending an extra sense of history to the birth.

"I hope it's a girl, because it's the first royal that could assume the throne as a girl," Cruse said. "And she'll be a princess, and we'll get to see all the cute little clothes."

Fisherman gets big tuna despite capsized boat

LIHUE, Hawaii (AP) — A 54-year-old fisherman is safe after his 14-foot boat capsized as he was landing a 230-pound tuna in the ocean off Hawaii.

The U.S. Coast Guard rescued Anthony Wichman on Friday after receiving a distress call from his wife.

Wichman was fishing about 10 miles southwest of Port Allen on the island of Kauai (kuh-WEYE) Friday morning when he hooked the Ahi tuna. Coast Guard Lt. Jessica Mickelson tells Hawaii News Now that Wichman was able to use his cellphone to call his wife for help.

The Coast Guard dispatched a helicopter to rescue Wichman. Friends arrived on another boat and were able to right Wichman's boat. They towed it — and the fish — back to port.

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Romo ramps up conditioning, makes it back for camp

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Tony Romo was waiting in California when the Dallas Cowboys arrived for training camp. Romo, who didn't take a real snap in offseason workouts after signing the richest contract in franchise history, finally returned for the first training camp practices Sunday after "uniquely running mountains" on the West Coast.

That's how owner Jerry Jones described his quarterback's efforts to get back in shape after a procedure to have a cyst removed from his back in April.

Romo says he tried to cram a full offseason of conditioning into the last month and a half, including what he called some

"boot camp" training in California in the week and a half before his teammates joined him.

"I worked as hard as I could," Romo said. "I took that approach every day I woke up. I had to improve not just a little but a lot each day. I think that helped me get ready for today and hopefully for the beginning of the season."

It's been 10 years since Romo joined the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent out of Eastern Illinois, but he's not at the bottom of the depth chart anymore. Now he signs autographs on his way to the field for practice, then has all his throws analyzed by sideline observers looking for the slightest hint of how much the down time in the



Tony Romo

he just has to continue do the conditioning stuff necessary," coach Jason Garrett said. "When you're coming off an injury, that's always a big concern. You're trying to get the injured healed, but you've got make sure the conditioning is right. He's worked very hard at it."

Romo was an active observer during workouts at team headquarters in May and June, part of an

spring affected him.

And that's seven weeks before the start of the regular season.

"He'll tell you right now he just has to continue do the conditioning stuff necessary," coach Jason Garrett said. "When you're coming off an injury, that's always a big concern. You're trying to get the injured healed, but you've got make sure the conditioning is right. He's worked very hard at it."

Romo was an active observer during workouts at team headquarters in May and June, part of an

expanding role that Jones first alluded to in a statement the day Romo signed a six-year, \$108 million contract with \$55 million guaranteed — \$3 million more than Super Bowl winner Joe Flacco got from Baltimore.

After finally acknowledging that he would be active in game-planning in an interview the week before camp, Romo flashed a little leadership while walking off the field at the end of Sunday's first practice.

It was just a walk-through, and Romo was engaged in a detailed discussion with second-year tight end James Hanna as he walked through a crowd of reporters, pausing briefly to say he would talk to them later.

"We're just making a real conscious effort as an organization to say, 'Hey, let's get more out of this situation. Let's get more out of this guy' because we believe so strongly in him," Garrett said. "And it's been a real positive change for our football team."

The Cowboys said the decision to hold Romo out of offseason workouts was mostly precautionary, but Garrett said the recovery was a little tricky because it involved his back, which required him to be immobile.

Romo said it was just strange not to be able to throw.

"I used to throw for 345 days a year because I felt like you couldn't duplicate those days you

missed," he said. "Every day you missed, I felt like I needed seven straight days to get back."

I don't know that you can ever get that back. Saying that, I did everything I could to get myself ready to go."

The Cowboys will keep him on a football version of a pitch count, although they don't have any precise numbers and will simply be watching him closely.

"It's more communication, 'How you feeling?'" Garrett said. "And you also look at the ball. Does the ball look a little dead or tired? We'll communicate each and every day to come up with our plan."

But he's finished with his personal boot camp in the mountains.

Source: Denver's Miller suspended

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — A person with knowledge of the situation says Pro Bowl linebacker Von Miller will miss the first month of the season for violating the NFL's drug policy, pending an appeal.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the league hasn't announced any punishment.

ESPN first reported the pending discipline of Miller, who didn't answer calls to his cellphone Monday from The Associated Press.

The league has a confidentiality clause on such cases. Broncos spokesman Patrick Smyth said the team is unable to provide any comment.

Miller was the league's Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2012 with 11½ sacks and he topped that last season with a franchise-record 18½ sacks while making it to his second straight Pro Bowl.

Yankees say A-Rod won't join Texas team

BOSTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez is not ready to rejoin the New York Yankees.

The team said Rodriguez has a strained left quadriceps and won't be able to return this week in Texas, as had been planned. Instead, he will remain on the disabled list and go back to Tampa, Fla., "for rest and treatment," the Yankees said in a statement issued before their game against the Boston Red Sox on Sunday night.

"He's going to be out for a while," manager Joe Girardi said after the Yankees lost 8-7 in 11 innings. "So we'll just deal with it and continue to play."

Lefty claims a trophy he thought might elude him

GULLANE, Scotland (AP) — Phil Mickelson wondered if he'd ever win this venerable trophy, the one he proudly posed with on Muirfield's 18th hole as photographers snapped away and fans chanted his name.

Raised on the lush, manicured courses of America, Lefty crafted a game that required one to look toward the sky. Booming drives. Soaring iron shots. Chips and wedges that floated, then spun improbably to a stop.

Beautiful to watch — except when Mickelson was trying to win the clarinet jug.

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Phil Mickelson

sion of the game he fretted about ever mastering.

"It took me a while to figure it out," Mickelson said late Sunday, another step closer to a career Grand Slam. "It's been the last eight or nine years I've started to play it more effectively. But even then, it's so different than what I grew up playing. I always wondered if I would develop the skills needed to win this championship."

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that anymore. He's the British Open champion.

He did it with the greatest round of his life.

Heck, it was one of the greatest closing rounds by anyone in major championship history.

While crusty Muirfield took out the other contenders — Down goes Tiger Woods! Down goes Lee Westwood! Down goes Adam Scott! — Mickelson blazed to the finish with a 5-under 66, matching the lowest score of the week in the pressure cooker of a

final round.

Most impressively, he saved his best shots for the end, making birdies on four of the last six holes.

The only challenge left was not to celebrate while eight of his rivals were still out on the course.

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Game One: Brinkley at Pampa

In what was a defensive bout between two of the most talented young teams in the tournament, the Pampa All-Stars fell to the Brinkley All-Stars in eight innings 3-2.

Pitcher Dylan Booth kept the runs at bay for most of the game, only giving up two runs in the third inning. Booth had nine strikeouts after six innings pitched. His relief, Damian Anguiano, had two strikeouts over the two innings he pitched. "Good teams get used to the pitcher," Pampa All-Stars coach Ryan Cloud said. "These are all All-Star teams. They started seeing him and started hitting."

Hitting was the primary issue for Pampa, Brinkley fielded most air balls that Pampa hit.

"When you hit the ball hard and they make good plays it kind of lets the air out a little bit," Cloud said. "But we just find the holes, we've got to hit the balls and find the holes. All of these teams are good defensive teams, and we know that. We just need to come out earlier in the game and put pressure on."

The game turned around in the final inning of regulation. Down 2-0 to Brinkley, Hunter Dyer hit a single to get on base. Then Isiah Velasquez got walked by pitcher Dayton Grigsby, followed by Damian Anguiano hitting a double, scoring both Dyer and Velasquez. The game went to extra innings.

Brinkley was too much for Pampa in extra innings, as they scored a run in the top of the eighth and shut down Pampa in the final inning.

Coach Ryan Cloud wanted to make sure to give the Brinkley All-Stars credit as a team for their field effort, and especially to their short stop.

"We saw them in the state tournament, they finished third," Cloud said. "We didn't get a chance to play them, but I like our chances. They are a good baseball team, they are fast. But I think we should get them tomorrow."

Brinkley All-Stars 3, Pampa All-Stars 2

Game Two: Denver City at Pampa

Similar to the first game, the game against Denver city featured a pitching duel between 9-year-old Armando Miranda for Pampa and Ferny Vega for Denver City. Miranda had a very great outing, as he had seven strikeouts before giving up his first runs in the top of the sixth inning. It was at that point that Pampa coach Ryan Cloud decided that Miranda had done his job for the day and pulled him. Cloud could not have been more proud of Miranda.

"He has been our third pitcher throughout All-Stars, we had a situation today with the bracket and everything and he was going to get to start," Cloud said. "I couldn't be more proud of the 9-year-old first-year All-Star Armando Miranda. He pitched 'lights out,' I wish we wouldn't have made the game so close for him, but he pitched 'lights out.' I couldn't be more proud of him. Again nine-years-old, the 10-year-olds have been carrying us, but he (Miranda) carried us today."

The action for the offense originally started in the bottom of the fifth inning. With Sam Anguiano getting a walk from Vega, then after Joey Hill singles, and Hunter Dyer singles, the bases were loaded for Isiah Velasquez, with two outs. After a wild Vega pitch, Sam Anguiano finally scored on the second wild pitch giving Pampa the first score.

The rest of the scores came in extra innings. In the bottom of the seventh, Nolan Groomer grounded on a single. Dyer got walked and Velasquez singled, but Dyer got marked out going to second. Then Dylan Booth came up to bat and nailed a double, allowing Nolan Groomer to score the game-winning run. Velasquez also was waved in, but the final remained 3-2 by default rules.

"Again we started out slow, we only scored three runs," Cloud said. "But we did hit the ball a little bit better today, we put the ball on the ground more. There were less pop ups so I am proud of that. Again, when we play Andrews to-

night we are going to have to come with our bats to be able to hit the ball hard on the ground and make them make the play."

Pampa All-Stars 3, Denver City All-Stars 2

Game 3: Andrews at Pampa

Coach Ryan Cloud said earlier in the afternoon that Andrews All-Stars may be coming after the Pampa All-Stars because Pampa took them out in the state tournament. Whether Andrews did or not, did not matter to the young men of the Pampa All-Stars. The Pampa All-Stars clearly prepared to play like they were playing in a slugfest, defeating Andrews 12-0.

It started in the first inning as Isiah Velasquez hit a single, stole second on a wild pitch, and then took third and home on flyouts from Dylan Booth and Damian Anguiano, putting Pampa on the board 1-0.

The second inning Pampa scored seven of their runs, after getting out on two flyouts. The first single was by Nolan Groomer, followed by a walk for Kyler Cook and then another single by Hunter Dyer, loading the bases. Isiah Velasquez was hit by a pitch, allowing Groomer to score. Dylan Booth hit a single, allowing Cook to score, followed by another single by Damian Anguiano who allowed Dyer to score. Followed by Damian Anguiano singled allowing Velasquez to score. Next Jack Studebaker scored a double which allowed Anguiano to advance to third. The Sam Anguiano hit a double allowing both Studebaker and Anguiano to score. Andrews stopped the bleeding in by catching a line drive hit to end the inning.

Pampa scored two runs in the third and fourth innings each to make their score of 12-0.

Dylan Booth pitched in the shutout. He only gave up six hits and had three strikeouts. He had 39 strikes on 54 pitches.

In the runaway win, everyone in the batting order had at least one run scored. Hunter Dyer and Isiah Velasquez score two and three runs respectively. Dylan Booth, Damian Anguiano, Jack Studebaker,

Sam Anguiano, Joey Hill and Nolan Groomer all went three for three at bat.

Pampa All-Stars 12, Andrews All-Stars 0

Game 4: Brinkley at Pampa

In a rematch of the day one match between Brinkley All-Stars and Pampa All-Stars, Pampa pulled through on a 6-5 win.

Unlike the first game, the Pampa All-Stars didn't waste any time getting their first runs. After a fly-out on the lead-off hitter, Dylan Booth hit a single, and then stole second on a wild pitch, but would get caught stealing for a second out. Then Damian Anguiano hit a triple, and scored off a single by Jack Studebaker. Studebaker also got to score his run in, after Sam Anguiano hit a double.

Pampa scored again in the second after Isiah Velasquez hit a single, followed by stealing a base. Then on a Dylan Booth single and an error by first baseman, Velasquez got in for the score.

In the fourth inning, Pampa scored two more runs. After a lead-off fly-out, Hunter Dyer was hit by the pitch allowing him to get on base. Following another flyout, Dylan Booth hit a single allowing Dyer to get into home. Damian Anguiano hit a single, but the score came off Booth who took advantage of a wild pitch. The game winning run came in the bottom of the fifth, as Sam Anguiano hit a double, and scored on a Nolan Groomer single.

Damian Anguiano pitched two innings, while Armando Miranda pitched four. Anguiano had three strikeouts, while Miranda had two.

Hitting, Dylan Booth and Damian Anguiano went 3/3, Sam Anguiano went 2/3, while Isiah Velasquez, Joey Hill and Nolan Groomer went 1/3.

The Pampa All-Stars played last night at 4 p.m. against the Stone County All-Stars.

Check The Pampa News Facebook page for results. You can also find results and story for the game at www.thepampanews.com.

Pampa All-Stars 6, Brinkley All-Stars 5



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Top, the Pampa All-Stars during opening ceremonies. Bottom, Joey Hill makes a play.



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NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Jets signed quarterback Geno Smith, their second-round draft pick, on Monday to a four-year contract that is worth about \$5 million.

Smith, drafted 39th overall after an unexpected slide out of the first round in April, is competing with incumbent Mark Sanchez for the starting quarterback job. The signing was announced by the team, which still has its two first-round picks — cornerback Dee Milliner and defensive lineman Sheldon Richardson — unsigned.

The Jets' veteran players report for training camp in Cortland, N.Y., on Thursday, but rookies were reporting Monday at the team's facility in Florham Park, N.J.

Smith and Sanchez are competing in what has been called by team officials an "open competition," and neither noticeably outperformed the other in mini-camp last month. But both appear to be confident about their chances.

Sanchez, at his recent annual "Jets West" camp in Southern California, said he "absolutely" expects to

remain the Jets' starting quarterback. Meanwhile, Smith — who raised some eyebrows when he chose to not attend Sanchez's camp but said the quarterbacks are

"cool" — told the Charleston Gazette over the weekend that feels "like I have a great shot" at winning the job.

The competition could

go deep into camp as both quarterbacks try to show they have picked up and mastered offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg's West Coast-style system.

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Markets subdued as weak US open weighs on trading

LONDON (AP) — Markets have started the week on a steady note with any optimism generated by Japanese election results fading away following a downbeat U.S. housing survey and softer-than-anticipated earnings from McDonald's.

The week had got off to a solid start, particularly in Asia, after election results in Japan gave the country's ruling coalition a majority in parliament's upper house and an apparent mandate to push ahead economic reforms.

Preliminary results from Sunday's election showed the coalition led by Shinzo Abe won a majority in the upper house.

Japan's stagnant economy is showing signs of perking up, helped by the aggressive monetary and fiscal stimulus — two of the so-called Three Arrows that Abe has let loose since he took office in late December. Stocks have surged, business confidence is improving and the weaker yen has eased pressure on exporters.

Long-term growth requires another "arrow" — measures to boost competitiveness and cope with Japan's rapidly aging population and soaring national debt.

"The win will now allow him to push on with implementing his third and final arrow, in his attempt to revive the Japanese economy which has stagnated for the last two decades," said Craig Erlam, market analyst at Alpari.

As the third-largest economy in the world, that's a potential boon for the region and that helped Asian shares post solid gains — Tokyo's Nikkei 225 gained 0.5 percent to 14,658.04.

That modest optimism carried through into the European trading session for a while before lackluster trading on Wall Street took root.

In Europe, the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was down 0.1 percent at 6,623 while Germany's DAX was barely changed on the day, down 0.01 percent to 8,331. The CAC-40 in France was 0.4 percent higher at 3,939.

In the U.S., the Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.06 percent at 15,554 while the broader S&P 500 index was up 0.2 percent to 1,695.

A surprising fall in U.S. existing home sales in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.08 million kept investor sentiment on

Wall Street in check. A smaller than anticipated 4 percent rise in second-quarter earnings at McDonald's also weighed on trading.

Earnings from a raft of companies around the world will be closely monitored this week. Nearly a third of the S&P report this week and there's also a number of European companies due to announce their results.

Investors are also keeping a watch on developments in Portugal after the country's president accepted a compromise reached by the coalition government that allows it to stay in power, defusing a crisis that had roiled financial markets.

The yield on the country's benchmark 10-year bond — a gauge of investor sentiment — fell 0.45 percentage point to 6.28 percent.

Portugal has been relying on a financial bailout from its euro partners and the International Monetary Fund for over two years now and the prospect of the government collapsing over a disagreement over austerity had weighed on recent sentiment.

Earlier in Asia, China's benchmark Shanghai Composite Index added 0.6 percent to 2,004.76 despite concerns over the scale of the country's economic slowdown. Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 0.2 percent to 21,356.03.

In the currency markets, the dollar was under pressure after recent strength that sent it above 100 yen. It was down 1 percent to 99.56 yen while the euro rose 0.4 percent to \$1.3196.

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Social Security 'fixes' are broken ideas

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate



Anytime I write a column about proposals for Social Security reform, as I did a couple weeks ago, I know my email inbox will be filled with reader's ideas for "fixing" Social Security. They usually involve each reader's particular pet peeve when it comes to the Social Security program. Here are some examples.

Q: I will tell you how you can fix Social Security tomorrow: stop paying benefits to divorced women. With the divorce rate so high in this country, these women must be bleeding the system dry. No wonder Social Security has problems. And besides, most of these women don't deserve those benefits in the first place. They never paid into the program. They are simply mooching money from their ex-husband's account and from the taxpayers who support the system today.

A: Let me guess: You went through an acrimonious divorce and now you've got an ex-wife collecting divorced spouse's benefits on your Social Security account. Am I right?

You said, "These women don't deserve benefits." I'd like you to tell that to a woman who was married for 30 years to some guy — cooked his meals and washed his underwear, raised his kids and put up with his meandering ways — only to find herself dumped at the age of 55 and replaced with a much younger woman. You really don't think she deserves any of her husband's Social Security?

Now I will admit that there are a few women out there who were not angels themselves and who might be getting Social Security benefits from some guy to whom they were married

for only a little over 10 years (the minimum amount of time necessary to qualify for divorced spouse's benefits).

But I'd be willing to bet there are far more women in the first category than in the second. And how would you really differentiate between the two? Do you think the government should set up some kind of morality board to decide which divorced women deserve benefits and which women don't? Sorry pal, but your idea doesn't have any merit.

Q: I have a way to solve Social Security's long-range problems: Get rid of the disability program and force these freeloaders to get off of welfare and get back in the work force!

A: So a guy who has worked and paid taxes all his life and then has a series of heart attacks at age 58 and goes on disability should get off of his welfare mooching butt and go back to work, huh? And a woman who ran a small beauty parlor for 30 years until she contracted breast cancer at age 60 and started getting Social Security disability is a freeloader? Gosh buddy, maybe you can qualify for disability benefits because of that huge chip you're carrying on your shoulder!

I've written plenty of columns over the years about "disability bashing." For some reason, so many people think that the Social Security disability program is one big con game and that the program's recipients are deadbeats and scoundrels. Nothing could be further from the truth.

They also tend to think of

Social Security disability as a form of welfare.

It is not. To qualify, a person must work and pay Social Security taxes for a specified period of time (that depends on his or her age). The only difference between Social Security retirement and Social Security disability is that to qualify for the former, you must be at least age 62, and to qualify for the latter, you must be severely disabled and unable to work.

As I've explained hundreds of times in this column, millions of Americans confuse the Social Security disability program with the Supplemental Security Income disability program. To reiterate: Social Security disability is a regular Social Security benefit. SSI disability, however, is a welfare program that has nothing to do with Social Security and isn't paid for with Social Security taxes. You could kick all of the five million or so recipients off of the SSI disability program tomorrow, and it would have absolutely no impact on Social Security financing.

Q: I say we stop paying benefits to children. If a guy has kids, he should be forced to take care of them. He shouldn't expect the Social Security system to do it.

A: The vast majority of kids who get Social Security dependent's benefits are getting those monthly payments on the account of a parent

who has died. I'm going to assume you don't have any problem with that.

My hunch is your gripe is with those kids who get dependent child's benefits on the account of a parent who is receiving Social Security disability benefits or, in much rarer situations, the minor children of retirees. (Yes, there are a few retirees out there who have children under the age of 18 at home.)

All I can tell you is that the payment of these benefits has been a fundamental tenet of Social Security almost since the first days of the program. Social Security was set up to partially replace the income a person loses when he or she retires or becomes disabled. Obviously, part of a worker's income prior to retirement or disability was used to support his or her dependent spouse and minor children. So part of his or her Social Security benefits are also used to do the same.

People are always looking for easy ways to "fix" Social Security. The ideas presented here are examples of that. Believe me, if there was an easy fix to Social Security, Congress would have done it a long time ago. The reason reform is so difficult is because, inevitably, the solutions will mean that current or future retiree's benefits will have to be cut; or current or future worker's taxes will have to be raised.

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

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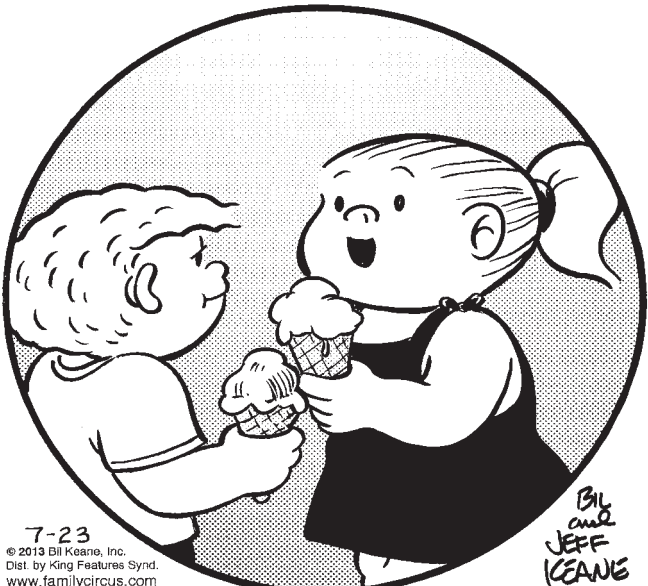
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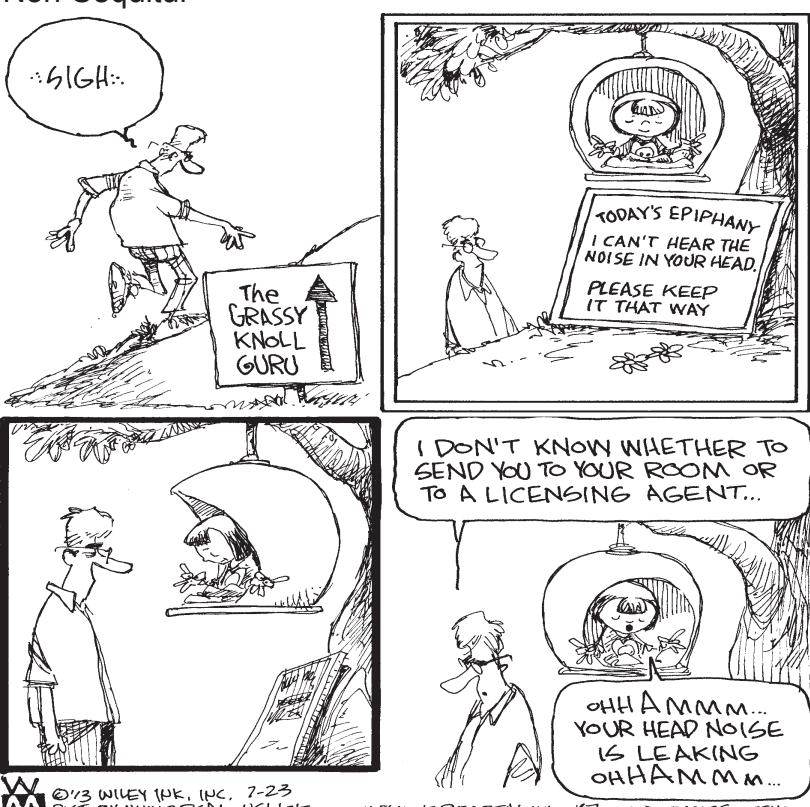


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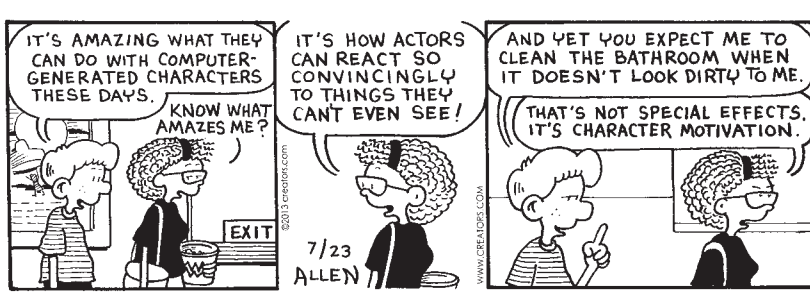
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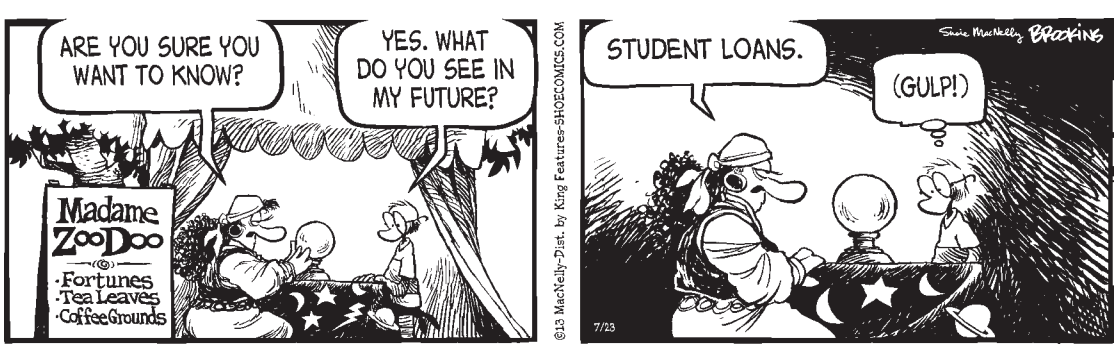


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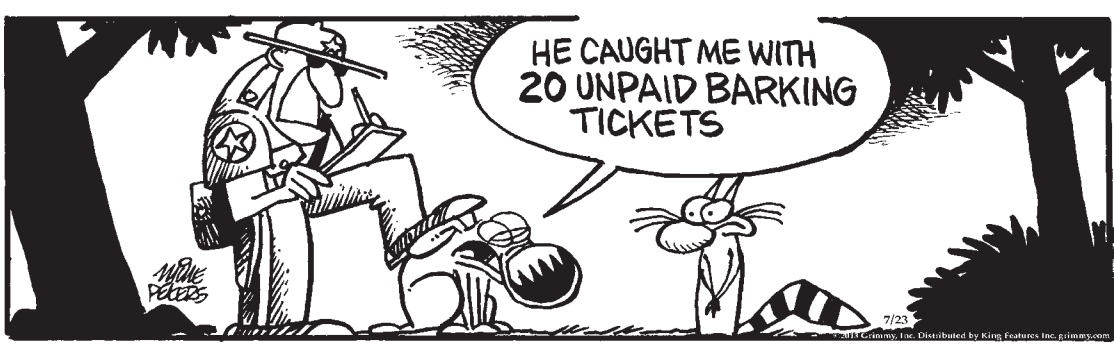
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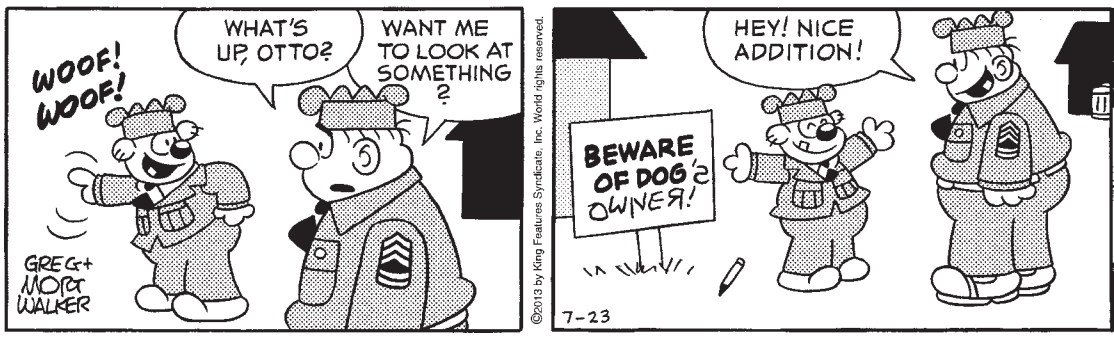
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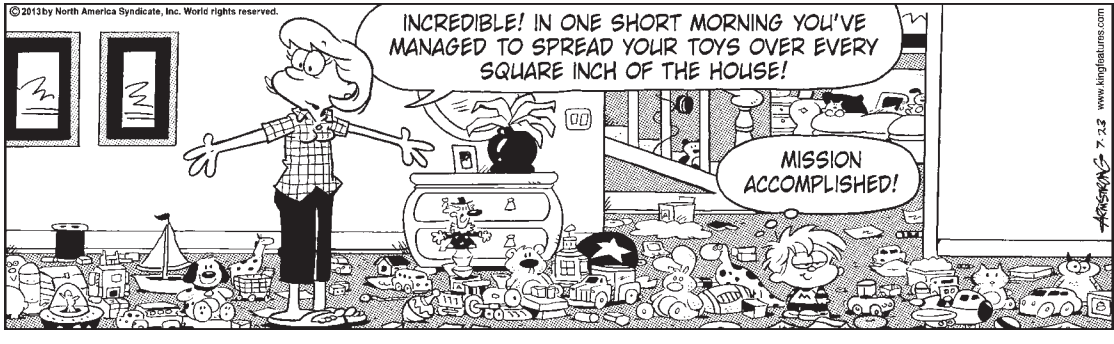
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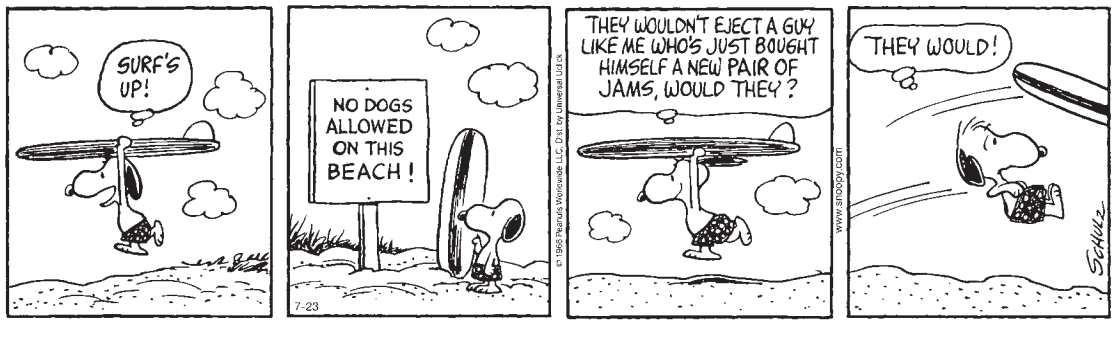
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might have pushed the limits with a close associate. Your ability to manifest your ideas allows greater adaptability, and it also gives you the strength to deal with problems. How you see a situation could change because of a partner's feeling. Tonight: Keep it light and easy.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Dealing with someone who is as stubborn as you are could be difficult. You will stand your ground, but so will he or she. Involve a third person to help both of you get off your positions. Friends or associates will pitch in and try to point to the solution. Tonight: Till the wee hours.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Decide how much confidence you have in someone's mental processes. If you become triggered, detach. A serious discussion could point to a more effective way of handling an issue. Be responsive to an elder or a boss who needs extra time. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Use your creativity. You have the ability to visualize a different solution or outcome based on a new type of thinking. Break past any personal limitations. You will be able to make the correct decision if you are able to tune in to your intuitive side. Tonight: Whatever feels right.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Someone around you will be inspiring. Brainstorming together unleashes unusual creativity, and one-on-one relating takes you to the next level. This person is very different. Please note his or her vagueness in certain matters. Tonight: Happiest out of the house.

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★★★★ Others seek you out, but you might opt to close your door and screen your calls. You can deal with only so much energy right now. Realize what could happen without sufficient structure and time. You might find that to be a scary thought, on some level. Tonight: As you wish.
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★★★★ Emphasize the structure of your day-to-day lifestyle. As you evolve to a new level of understanding, you'll come to terms with other possibilities. Consider making a change to your environment in order to get yourself out of a rut. Use caution with funds. Tonight: Out late.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
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★★★★ Stay close to home, and honor your bottom line when dealing with others. You have a way of looking at a situation that remains unique. If you need to get past a problem, the time to do so is now. Recognize what is happening with a close family member. Tonight: Head home.
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★★★★ Be discreet in handling a personal matter. Return calls, and schedule a meeting if possible. It appears that an associate or friend wants to head off on his or her own crusade. Emphasize what is important to you in a long-overdue talk with this person. Tonight: Feeling let down.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Use the morning to finish extra work, but try not to get too caught up in a project. You might be concerned about a financial matter, as you can't seem to get enough clarity. Don't take a risk if a money offer feels unusually dicey. Tonight: Work within your budget, and set limits.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Let your personality melt barriers, especially with someone at a distance. An ongoing problem needs to come to a conclusion, so have a long-overdue discussion. Be open to feedback, even if you feel as though the person has a rigid point of view. Tonight: A favorite pastime.



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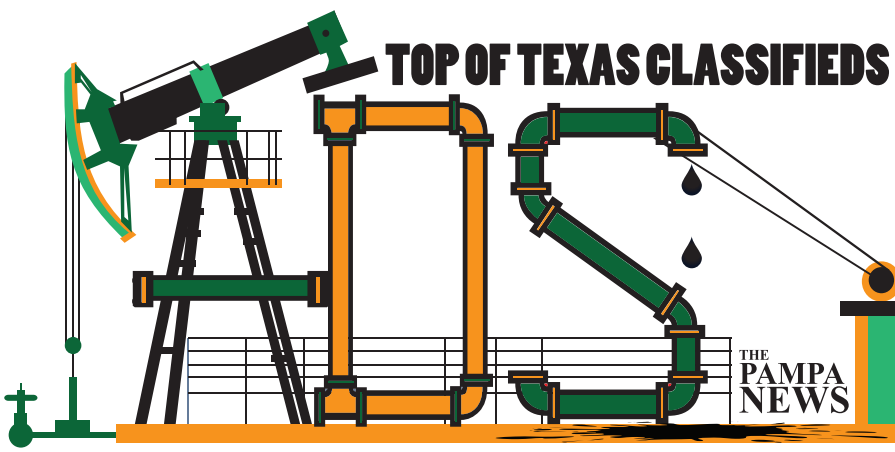
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: It happened again today! I was buying several bottles of wine and a six-pack of beer along with my other groceries. While I was standing in the checkout line, someone behind me said the predictable, "I wish I was going home with you!"

I'm married to an alcoholic, and it makes me so sad that people think a lot of alcohol is "fun." It's a tragedy for our family to see a great husband, father and grandfather slip into a stupor each day. It wasn't always this way. Sadly, he has changed so much he is hardly recognizable.

I'm asking those out and about to think before you comment, because alcohol is not something to celebrate. — WIFE OF AN ALCOHOLIC DOWN SOUTH

DEAR WIFE: Why are you buying large quantities of liquor for your alcoholic husband? When you do, you enable him to feed his addiction. If I ever heard of someone who should attend Al-Anon meetings, it is you.

Al-Anon was started by the wife of an alcoholic who was just like your husband. When you go, you will meet other wives whose husbands' drinking is also out of control.

If you would prefer a secular organization, an alternative program to contact would be SMART Recovery. Its Family and Friends program was created for loved ones who are affected by someone's addiction. If there isn't a meeting in your area, you can attend one online. Go to www.smartrecovery.org and click on Online Meetings and Activities to register. Please don't wait. These organizations can help both you and your husband.

DEAR ABBY: On behalf of my fellow museum docents, I'm asking you to educate your readers about how to behave when they visit our nation's historic buildings.

The most important rule is: Do Not Touch Anything! This includes the walls and woodwork. Even the cleanest hands have skin oils that can damage a finish.

Next, do not lean against the walls or doorways because this, too, may damage original paint, wood finishes or carved details.

If ropes are blocking access to part of the room, do not go beyond them. The dirt on your shoes can damage carpets. If a door is closed or only half open, do not move it.

As a courtesy to your guide and other visitors, cellphones should be turned off. The docent has important information to share with you. If we do not have an immediate answer to a question, we will seek it from another guide or staff member.

Guides and docents enjoy sharing our knowledge with guests.

So please visit, but while you're with us, follow our guidelines and help us preserve and protect these glimpses into the past. — DOCENT IN PORTLAND, ORE.

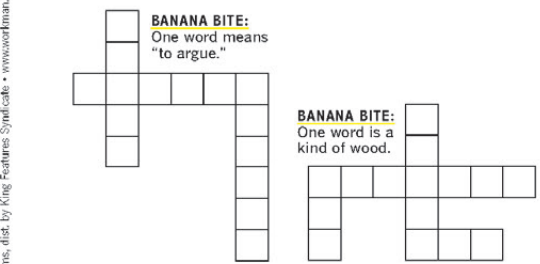
DEAR DOCENT: Your letter deserves space in my column because people sometimes forget when touring historic buildings that they are not in their own homes, but in fact are in museums.

May I add one more tip to your list: It is always a good idea to ask permission before using a camera with a flashbulb.

Docents are individuals who study their subjects intensively, and then function as unpaid teachers who transmit their knowledge to visitors in institutions such as museums, art galleries and zoos. They perform an important service and should be treated with respect for the time and effort they put forth to prepare themselves for it.

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.



Yesterday's Answer: SMILE, LIGHT, IDEAS, FLAME 7.23

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 42 Garden starters
 - 1 Sun-powered
 - 6 Viewed anew
 - 11 Texas landmark
 - 12 44th president
 - 13 Don Ho song
 - 15 Cain's mother
 - 16 Sis' sibling
 - 17 Gallery fill
 - 18 Fall
 - 20 Old Russian space station
 - 21 Tax org.
 - 22 Monopoly pair
 - 23 Farm animals
 - 26 Said with a twang
 - 27 Poker payment
 - 28 Poker prize
 - 29 Agent, for short
 - 30 Church's foe
 - 34 Had supper
 - 35 Sleeve filler
 - 36 — tizzy
 - 37 National Zoo critters
 - 40 Game show host
 - 41 Inclined
- DOWN**
- 1 Quite full
 - 2 Green shade
 - 3 Highway divisions
 - 4 Writer Tan
 - 5 Cops' foes
 - 6 Mechanical man
 - 7 Flow out
 - 8 Seasoned sausages
 - 9 Uncle Sam's home
 - 10 Spend-thrift
 - 14 Fancy planters
 - 19 Refer to
 - 22 Postmark part
 - 23 Mechanics' workplaces
 - 24 Former
 - 25 In a state of concord
 - 26 Usual temperatures
 - 28 Crime doer, in slang
 - 30 Abhors
 - 31 Kind of pool
 - 32 Ridiculous
 - 33 Play groups
 - 38 Homer's neighbor
 - 39 Recent: Prefix

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Yesterday's answer

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2417 Navajo Rd
 3 bdrm 1.75 ba, den with corner fireplace, work island, bay window in dining & den area. 2100/Owner Agent: Andrea Walling
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