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## American Indian actor visits Pampa

■ Sonny Skyhawk, known for roles in 'Young Guns II' and 'Little House on the Prairie,' works to improve images of Native Americans in TV, films.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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 Native American actor and film consultant Sonny Skyhawk remembers in the late 1970s reading a sign in the tiny community of Scenic, S.D., near Badlands National Park, that read "No Indians or Dogs Allowed."  
 Skyhawk believes that much of the discrimination and racism directed



**Sonny Skyhawk**

toward Native Americans in modern times has been influenced by their portrayal in television and movies.  
 "A lot of people believe that John Wayne drove us all away," he said. "We have been portrayed as savages and these are the im-  
 ages I am hoping to change."  
 Skyhawk, who has portrayed American Indians in movies and television shows, was in Pampa this week visiting his cousin, David Brito, a retired mental health therapist. Brito and Skyhawk were raised together by their paternal grandparents, who worked on farms throughout the West.

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## Going strong since 1988

■ Larry Baker Plumbing celebrates 25 years in business.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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Larry Baker Plumbing held a customer appreciation "come and go" Thursday to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Snacks were served as family and friends socialized late Thursday afternoon.  
 Larry and his wife Deanna opened the company on July 18, 1988.  
 Baker is from Liberal, Kan. and moved to Pampa in 1979 to work for another plumbing company.  
 Nine years later, he started his own business and retired three years ago.  
 He has handed over the reigns to his youngest daughter, Kayla Baker Parnell, and her husband Kyle Parnell.  
 Asked if putting Kyle and Kayla in charge was a good idea, Baker said, "They're doing a better job than I was."  
 Along with plumbing, the company does heating and air conditioning service for residences, as well as light commercial work.  
 The Baker and Parnell families praised their employees, past and present, for their loyalty and dedication.  
 "We know that we cannot open our doors and service our customers each day without our employees in place," Kayla



Larry Baker Plumbing has been in business in Pampa for 25 years. From left, Deanne Baker, Kyle Parnell, Ky Parnell, 10, Kayla Parnell, Larry Baker and Karson Parnell, 12.

Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

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## RAINY DAY OPENING



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Bealls employees hand out tote bags and coupons to customers Thursday morning as the department store opened its new, bigger location in Las Pampa Square. Cynthia Lemons, fourth from left, said she arrived at 7:45 a.m. to wait for the doors to open shortly before 9. "I love it," said Lemons, who already had her eye on a new blouse. "I looked at everything through the window." District manager B.J. Bessent said the renovation of the new, 20,000-square-foot location took about four months. He said along with more floor space, the new spot gives them greater drive-by visibility than the former location, which closed on Saturday. "We were tucked away in back and now we are facing North Hobart, the busiest street," he said.

## TxDOT plans to convert some roads to gravel

By **AMAN BATHEJA**  
 The Texas Tribune

Citing a funding shortfall and the impact of a historic oil drilling boom, Texas Department of Transportation officials on Thursday announced plans to move forward with converting some roads in West and South Texas to gravel.  
 Approximately 83 miles of asphalt roads will be torn up and converted to "unpaved" roads, TxDOT Deputy Executive Director John Barton said. The speed limits on those roads will probably be reduced to 30 mph.  
 "We would do these immediately, and I would suspect we would continue to convert other roadway segments as we con-

tinue to move forward," Barton told the Texas Transportation Commission.  
 All of the affected roads have been so heavily damaged by truck activity related to oil and natural gas exploration that they have become safety hazards, Barton said. The process of converting the roads to gravel can be done quickly but will probably be delayed a few weeks as TxDOT gets permission from the commissioners to lower the speed limits on all of the impacted segments, Barton said.  
 The impacted roads are in four South Texas counties — Live Oak, Dimmit, LaSalle and Zavala — and two West Texas counties

— Reeves and Culberson. The list of impacted roads includes a three-mile stretch of frontage road for Interstate 37 in Live Oak County. Barton said a plant that processes oil and natural gas has dramatically increased the truck traffic on that road.  
 "Instead of whipping in at 70 miles per hour, they'll have to move in there at 30 miles per hour," Barton said.  
 TxDOT also announced plans to implement stricter weight limits on 518 miles of road in the parts of the state undergoing a drilling boom. The process, called "load posting," will restrict most energy sector trucks from those roads, prompting

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 85 Low 58	High 86 Low 64	High 87 Low 68

**Today:** Mostly sunny with a high of 85. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north at 20 mph. Sunrise at 6:48 a.m.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with a low of 58. Winds east southeast at 16 mph. Sunset at 8:52 p.m.

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 86. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunrise at 6:48 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Cloudy with a low of 64. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 16 mph. Sunset at 8:52 p.m.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 87. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 21 mph. Sunrise at 6:49 a.m.

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# Obituaries

## Glenna Lea Miller

Glenna Lea Miller, 86 of Katy, Texas departed this life on Friday, July 19, 2013.



**Glenna Miller**

Glenna Lea Couch was born March 11, 1927 in Vernon, Texas. She later lived in Corsicana and Austin with her parents and older sister. She graduated from the University of Texas (UT) at Austin with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree. In 1948, while at UT, Glenna Lea met and married Jack Miller of Dallas. The pair moved to Pampa in 1954 and raised their four children there. Glenna Lea moved to Katy in 2006.

Her husband, Jack, died in August, 1994. Predeceasing Glenna Lea were her parents, C.B. and Allie Couch; her sister, Clova Lila Walters; her brother-in-law, Ruthford Walters; her grandson, Trey Stockton; and her son-in-law, Doug Stockton.

Survivors include her son, Michael Miller of Plano; her three daughters, Dr. Mimi Miller and Merrilynn Stockton, both of Katy; and Melanie Miller of Sugar Land, Texas; her son-in-law, Chuck Wolf of Sugar Land; her nine grandchildren, Meaghan and Michael Miller of Dallas; Zack Stockton of Katy; Katie Stockton of Birmingham, Ala.; and Jenny Stockton of Nacogdoches, Texas; Angela Tullos of Flower Mound, Texas, Amy Sayre of Carrollton, and David Wolf of Frisco; and her three great-grandchildren, Ethan and Emma Sayre of Carrollton, Texas; and Caitlin Tullos of Flower Mound; and her cat, Precious. Also mourning her passing are Glenna Lea's two nieces, Lila Ruth Mooror of Nacogdoches; and Mary Lea Dodd of Fort Collins, Colo., and their families.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorials please be made in Glenna Lea's name to any of her favored organizations, including St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa; Friends of the Pampa Library; and/or Good Samaritan Christian Services in Pampa.

Her family remains forever grateful to all of the skilled and loving caretakers at Sunrise of Cinco Ranch who watched over Glenna Lea with such generous devotion during the final nine months of her life.

A detailed obituary on Glenna Lea's life can be found at her online memorial at: [www.dignitymemorial.com/memorial-oaks-funeral-home](http://www.dignitymemorial.com/memorial-oaks-funeral-home).

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013 at 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa. A reception will follow in the church's Parish Hall.

## Ruby Lee Harris

Ruby Lee Harris 87, died after a long decline on June 23, 2013, with her family by her side in College Station.

A memorial service celebrating her life was held Saturday, July 27, 2013 at The First United Methodist Church in Arp, Texas

Mother was born January 2, 1926 in Jacksonville, Calhoun County, Ala. to the late James and Rosa Lee Champion. She moved to Anniston, Ala. in her early years and remained there until she met and married her husband; the late James O. Harris. Dad was stationed at Fort McClellan near her home during WWII. They married in 1945 and shortly thereafter she moved to Texas to begin a life with Dad that spanned college, an engineer's career with Cabot Corporation, children, and service to God on two continents. She resided for many years in Pampa, where her three surviving children were born. She traveled with Dad until his retirement when they returned to Anniston where they retired. She remained faithful in her marriage for 56 years.

After Dad's death mom returned to Texas to be near her children, she did not re-marry.

Mother was a faithful friend, wonderful mother, loving wife and committed woman of God. She rose above a difficult childhood to become a great and gentle lady, respected by all who knew her. She was loved by many.

Mother early in her marriage suffered the devastating loss of her first born child Patricia Beth Harris and wondered if she would ever have another. However God blessed her with three more children, several grand and great-grandchildren. She was an avid reader and lifelong student, she enjoyed gardening, her large family, good food and good company. Before she was limited by illness she was a faithful member of the Episcopal Church, having last been a member of the Vestry of St. Michaels and all Angels Episcopal Church in Anniston, Ala.

Mother is survived by her children, James Harris and his wife Brenda of Troup, Texas; Michael Harris of Tempe, Ari., and Heather Henry Harris and her husband Allen of College Station. She is also survived by one sister and one brother, three sisters-in-law, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mother was preceded in death by her daughter Patricia Beth and her husband James O. Harris

Mother's enduring legacy is that she loved God and because she loved her children she taught them to love God. Because of that teaching her children have peace in her passing and hope the reader will also find the peace that comes from being so well loved by the God who first loved us. Our Mom did.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be sent to the missionary society of your choice.

## For the record Pampa man arrested for assault

### STAFF REPORT

Codee Bowman, 29, Pampa was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for assault to cause bodily injury to a family member.

Alexia Janelle Flores, 26, Pampa, was arrested Thursday for two charges of insufficient bond — possession of a controlled substance.

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## Wheeler County indictments July 18

STAFF REPORT

The Wheeler County grand jury met July 18 and handed down the following indictments:

- Brian Michael Martel, two charges of unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- David Williamson Mangels, possession of marijuana — greater than

five pounds and less than 50 pounds.

- Valentine Lopez, Jr., possession of marijuana — greater than four ounces and less than five pounds, possession of a controlled substance — greater than four grams and less than 400 grams.
- Soth Orn, possession of marijuana — greater than four ounces and less than five pounds, pos-

session of a controlled substance — greater than four grams and less than 400 grams.

- Matthew J. Sharp, possession of marijuana — greater than five pounds and less than 50 grams.
- Rong Yi Zhong, possession of marijuana — greater than five pounds and less than 50 grams.

## Sonny

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Skyhawk was born on the Rosebud Sioux reservation in South Dakota. He is half Sicangu Lakota and half Mexican-American. Brito said he is 100 percent Mexican-American.

Skyhawk lives in Pasadena, Calif. and said he was visiting Pampa “partly for business and partly for pleasure.”

He said he is always looking for new business opportunities, but was not specific about his interest in Pampa.

He was staying at the Hampton Inn Wednesday night when interviewed by The Pampa News.

As an actor, Skyhawk’s movie appearances include “Geronimo, An American Legend,” “Young Guns II,” “Cowboys & Aliens” and “Butch & Sundance — The Early Days.”

In “Little House on the Prairie,” which starred the late Michael Landon, he played a warrior chief.

In his leanings as an activist, Skyhawk founded American Indians in Film & Television more than 30 years ago, an advocacy group whose mission is to defend and enhance the interests of American Indians in the mediums of film, television and telecommunications.

Skyhawk started in the movies playing extras for pay that ranged from \$15 to \$100 per movie. Then, after studying acting at the Pasadena Playhouse and

joining the actors’ union, he got better roles, usually as Indian chiefs. He also is a member of the Screen Actors Guild.

“I’ve played the Indian riding on horseback a lot,” he quipped.

Besides playing Indians, Skyhawk said he has portrayed Hawaiians and Mexicans.

In the Hollywood Westerns in which he’s appeared, Skyhawk said Native people were usually treated as second-class citizens. They were not allowed to eat until after the actors playing the cowboys got to eat, and then got “whatever was left over.” In one production, he said, tribal elders hired as extras had to sit and wait in the 100-plus degree heat without water or shade.

One elderly woman passed out and had to be taken to the hospital, he said.

Skyhawk protested, but was told by the producers, “This is the way it’s always been done.”

He walked off the set despite the risk of losing a good-paying role.

“Hollywood created the protagonists and the antagonists and we became the bad guys,” he said. “You can’t make a Western without Indians.”

Skyhawk said he works within the system to change it.

He worked as a consultant on “Geronimo, An American Legend,” which he said is very historically accurate.

The most recent controversy in Hollywood for Native Americans is Johnny Depp’s portrayal

of Tonto in Disney’s “The Lone Ranger.”

Disney banked on the movie as its summer blockbuster, but the action flick featuring the “Pirates of the Caribbean” star nose dived into a dismal flop.

Disney executives hope the movie will do better overseas, where Hollywood’s high-action movies often fare better than in the states.

Asked why he thinks the movie tanked so badly in America, Skyhawk said, “Hollywood is all about money. It’s all about eyeballs. They tried to transform the Jack Sparrow character to ‘The Lone Ranger.’”

Skyhawk said his organization consulted with Disney in a teleconference, but their advice was rejected.

“We said that in today’s politics you can’t paint a white man up to look like an Indian. Audiences are too intelligent for that. And how do you convince Native Americans that Johnny Depp might be an Indian?”

Skyhawk said he wants to change things for the better so young Native actors won’t have to go through the same experiences he did.

Then he added that modern Native Americans want to live the American Dream — just like everybody else.

“We are everywhere in mainstream society — we are dentists, doctors, lawyers, judges ... and actors,” he said. “But what most people only see is the stereotypes Hollywood created.”

## Baker

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said. “We want to provide a healthy, happy work environment for each of our people.”

The company currently has 25 employees.

They are: Larry Baker, owner/president; Deanna Baker, co-owner, vice president/treasurer; Kyle Parnell, vice president/general manager — 14 years of service; Kayla Parnell, vice president, clerical — 10 years; Brenda Cook, clerical — 5 years; Ronnie Dyson, office/field supervisor — 3 years; Roy Hermanski, HVAC technician — 17 years; Johnny Williams, journeyman plumber — 25

years; Shawn Goodman, journeyman plumber — 17 years; Scott Hudson, journeyman plumber — 12 years; Jeromy Drennan, journeyman plumber — 5 year; Wade Gordzelik, journeyman plumber — 10 years; Zach Parr, journeyman plumber — 7 years; Eugene Baggerman, sheet metal/HVAC installer — 25 years; Ryan Baggerman, sheet Metal/HVAC installer — 2 years; Jim Hayes, sheet metal mechanic/HVAC installer — 8 years; Jack Grigsby, parts Department — 23 years; Carlton Cates, helper — 9 years; Cody Berner, helper — 5 years.

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some companies to find alternate routes to drilling sites.

“If they choose to do that, they may increase deterioration on those routes as well and we would have to load-post them too,” Barton said. Companies will be able to pay for permits to get around the weight restrictions in some cases, he said.

In recent years, miles of rural roads in West and South Texas have been destroyed via the weight of thousands of trucks associated with the drilling boom. The damage to roads has contributed to a surge in vehicular accidents in some communities.

The transportation commission took Barton’s announcement as a sobering example of how funding challenges have hobbled the agency’s operations. Commissioner Jeff Moseley described the decision as a “historical moment” for the agency.

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## A Kemp growth plan for Detroit

With Detroit filing for Chapter 9 bankruptcy, everybody knows major root-canal cutbacks are coming. Cutbacks of out-of-control government spending, pensions and health benefits. Major cutbacks. We know that.

We also know that the downfall of Detroit is again proof positive that the public-union collective-bargaining model has utterly failed. Unions just loot the benefit lock-box at taxpayer expense. That was the message of Gov. Scott Walker's victorious crusade in Wisconsin. If any good comes out of the Detroit debacle, it will be the spread of that message across the country.

But there's another important point here. If Detroit is to truly recover, a growth program of tax-free investment incentives must be part of the process. Specifically, Detroit should be made a tax-free enterprise zone, along lines proposed years ago by the late Jack Kemp.

The capital-gains tax should be suspended for new ventures. Investment spending and profitability should be made tax-free. Some kind of income-tax break should be put into place for the new employees of new companies. And property taxes should be waved.

Chris Edwards of the Cato Institute tells me that Michigan suffers from a huge business-property tax that's levied on machinery and equipment. He also points out that Detroit has the country's highest property taxes on homes, the top commercial property tax and the second-highest industrial property taxes. Get rid of all that. And then let's hope Gov. Rick Snyder keeps lowering Michigan's corporate tax rate.

But the point is this: A Kemp-like enterprise solution would be vital to Detroit's comeback. Especially a capital-gains tax cut, along with other direct-investment tax cuts. It can be done. Not forever. Perhaps for three to five years. Something like that. But

states and cities compete with each other on a tax basis. And you can bet the ranch that a tax-free Detroit will see investors pouring in, making for a rapid economic recovery.

Land and labor are pretty cheap right now in Detroit. Combine those low costs with a low-tax regime, and the city could snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

The biggest additional problem is the crime wave. The Detroit homicide rate is high. According to National Review Online's Jim Geraghty, the city has been named among America's most dangerous for years. Detroiters wait an average of 58 minutes for police to respond, compared to a national average of 11 minutes.

Years ago, when crime was a huge issue in New York City, Rudy Giuliani instituted new policing methods to make the city safe again. He accomplished that, and he lowered taxes too. Gotham had a huge comeback.

Now, I'm not suggesting that the outrageous public-union benefits shouldn't be slashed. That's the root-canal side of the reform equation. And it is crucial.

Steve Malanga tells me that 15,000 city workers currently pay lifetime retirement health care costs for 22,000 retirees. It's like financing a separate government. That one piece alone is about \$5.5 billion.

And pension-fund accounting is as phony as a three-dollar bill. With a highly unrealistic 8 percent long-run return rate, the city government didn't have to make any more contributions to the retirement fund. And apparently the 40 or so municipal unions persuaded the city government to actually float new pension-obligation bonds just to fund their own bloated pensions. (Many municipalities use this fiscal gimmick.)

All in, Detroit is running a \$350 million deficit with a near \$20 billion total-debt position. They pay themselves a living wage and then spend way more on schools per pupil than the national average. The result is one of the lowest student-performance rates in the country.

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## Simple Insights

### A long-awaited trip that did not disappoint

I was so looking forward to relaxing on my Maryland vacation, and I have to say that the trip did not disappoint in the least. My mom has this uncanny ability to find America's hole-in-the-wall places to live, and this place is no exception.

The trip started with an overnight stay in Amarillo with my stepsister, Shelby, and that was fun because we hadn't gotten a chance to hang out with each other in years. We went shopping and found a beautiful outfit for my mom's Hawaiian luau-themed wedding reception.

The morning of my trip when we got to the airport, I realized that I had forgotten the outfit for the wedding and did not have enough time to trek back across town to get it and be on time for my flight. At that point, all I could think was well, here we go again. This is going to be another

eventful trip. It ended up working out though because when I got to Maryland, I just bought the same outfit and returned the original when I got home.

I'm not a huge fan of flying even though I have several times throughout my life, but both flights along the way went smoothly, as I slept through most of the air time. On my second flight, I sat next to a man who struck up conversation after reading on my shirt that I am from Texas. We spoke of the purposes of our trips and where we were going when the plane landed in Baltimore, and I told him that from there I was headed to California, Md. This confused him just as it baffled everyone else I told the name of the town to, but we both chuckled after I explained it to him.

It was an emotional reunion with my mom, whom I had to wait on in baggage claim for at least 20 minutes after retrieving my bags, which was foolish of me not to expect given the fact that we had not seen each other for two and a half years.

Right from the beginning, it was a busy trip, and my first stop was for food, naturally. Up North, there are these amazing convenience stores called Wawa, and they have a full deli inside too. Wawa is the reason I cannot comprehend Pampa's obsession with Allsups. They are slowly catching on and spreading across the country, but I'm still waiting for the day that I see one in Texas.

When we were almost to our destination, we crossed over a bridge that separates two counties, and my mom spoke highly of the island off in the distance. Its name is Solomon's Island, and at that point, I had no idea that I was going to fall in love by the end of my short trip.

After a two-hour car ride on a full stomach catching up with my mom, we arrived in California, the town where she lives. Maryland is so pretty and green and my words have no way of doing it any justice. We pulled into her gorgeous, well-kept apartment complex, and my mom mentioned

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## Walker, Indiana Ranger

Before Indiana became a state in 1816, territorial Gov. William Henry

Harrison organized the Indiana Rangers in 1807 to safeguard the Buffalo Trace — the main travel route between Louisville, Ky., and Vincennes, Ind.

The Indiana Rangers were a rough and tough band of men and women who were well-trained and ready to protect new settlers and tradesmen. They were forerunners of the popular Texas Rangers, of whom I am an honorary member and on whom I based my television series "Walker, Texas Ranger."

I think the Hoosier State and the rest of the country saw the spirit of the Indiana Rangers resurrect this past week in the Fort Wayne resident and feisty grandmother Melinda Walker.

Walker was asleep in her town house with her 5-year-old grandson this past Sunday, when she was awakened by three male robbers, who were demanding cash and her flat-screen TV, according to The Blaze.

The men said they had a gun and threatened to take it out and use it. One of the robbers kept saying, "She doesn't think we have a gun. Take it out and clean it on her," Walker told WANE-TV.

She feared for her grandson's safety, she said. "All

I thought of was, 'You're getting away from my grandson.'"

So in the midst of the assault, Walker grabbed a nearby miniature toy guitar, which accompanies her grandson's "Guitar Hero" game, and began swinging it at the intruders.

She explained: "I just reached down and picked it up, and I told them to get the hell out of my house. 'Get out of my house! Get out of my house!'" She added, "I just kept smacking one of them."

As the robbers backed up toward her stairwell, Walker shoved the one man "that wouldn't shut up," and he flew halfway down the stairs.

The thugs were up against an indefensible American institution: a grandmother! They knew they had met their match, so all three men fled empty-handed.

Walker reminds me of some tenets that our Founding Fathers rooted in the early republic — the right to protect life, limb and property, as well as the right to bear arms in the Second Amendment.

Founder Samuel Adams, delegate to the First Continental Congress, signer of the Declaration of Independence and governor of Massachusetts, said, "Among the natural rights of the Colonists are these: First, a right to life; Secondly, to liberty; Thirdly, to property; together with the right to support and defend them in the best manner they can."

Richard Henry Lee, another signer of the Declaration of Independence

and a framer of the Second Amendment, wrote: "To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them."

According to www.monticello.org — Thomas Jefferson's estate's official website — Jefferson cited in his "Legal Commonplace Book" the following passage, which came from his own Italian copy of Cesare Beccaria's "Essay on Crimes and Punishments": "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms ... disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.

Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed one."

Our fourth president, James Madison — who penned the first drafts of the U.S. Constitution, co-wrote the Federalist Papers and sponsored the Bill of Rights — wrote: "The advantage of being armed (is an advantage that) the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation. ... In the several kingdoms of Europe ... the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."

The fifth U.S. president, James Monroe, added: "The right of self-defense never ceases. It is among the most sacred and alike necessary to nations and to individuals."

John Dickinson, member

of the Continental Congress, governor of Pennsylvania, member of the Constitutional Convention and signer of the Constitution, recognized the right of self-defense as so unceasing and permanent that he called it a right "which God gave to you and which no inferior power has a right to take away."

And no inferior power includes juvenile thugs in Indiana, who should feel lucky that Melinda Walker didn't have Smith & Wesson by her side.

Though Walker had been burglarized twice before, I bet robbers will think twice before they try to break in to her house again.

To conclude, Grandma Melinda was asked whether she had a message for her intruders. She replied brazenly: "I may not be a strong woman. I may not be a well woman, but you're not going to get my stuff."

I guess you could call that tough-spirited, guitar-wielding grandmother "Walker, Indiana Ranger." (Want some tips on how to protect your house and loved ones, especially if you're a woman? Go to SafetyChick.com.)

Next week, I'll resume my series on Thomas Jefferson and public education.

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# Resurgence of homegrown food seen across the state

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AMARILLO — The issue of chickens roosting in the city is not a new one, but it is one being addressed by cities of all sizes as more consumers look to grow their own food in an effort to be health and money conscious, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service leader.

Dr. Angela Burkham, AgriLife Extension regional program director for family and consumer sciences in the North Region based in Amarillo, said, "There is a resurgent interest in home-based food production based on the desire for healthier living and playing a more personal role in the food that a family is eating."

The City of Canyon was recently presented two proposed ordinances for consideration by commissioners — one prohibiting chickens in town and the other simply adding regulations specifically to barnyard-type fowl.

Dr. Greg Archer, AgriLife Extension poultry specialist in College Station, said many people wanting

to raise chickens in the city don't need a rooster if they just want eggs, and that will help solve some of their neighbor complaints.

"We usually try to tell people not to get a rooster to keep the noise level down," Archer said. "And then in terms of air, they just need to make sure they maintain the coop, keeping the litter cleaned out to reduce fly problems and ammonia."

If they have good airflow and the litter stays relatively dry, it won't be as bad.

But if it doesn't have good ventilation, the wetter litter is what causes the problems."

Archer said he recommends chicken owners get in a routine of cleaning the coop and then adjusting for weather changes that add moisture to the coop.

Making sure any water flows away from the coop is important when designing or locating one.

"And we don't recommend having more chickens than you can eat the eggs," he said, adding that most breeds will lay

an egg every two to three days, but specialized egg-laying breeds might lay an egg every day.

Many people get overwhelmed with all the eggs they will get and they don't know what to do with them, so they need to know what breed they are getting and also how many eggs they can use weekly, Archer said.

More information can be found through publications, links to webinars and helpful articles at [www.extension.org](http://www.extension.org) and search for chickens, he said.

"Having chickens in the backyard should be more for a hobby or your own use, but not to make money," Archer said. "If you manage the litter, you won't have the issue of flies and smell."

AgriLife Extension has been presenting Backyard Poultry programs that include "Introduction to City Chickens" and "Keeping Your Hens Healthy and Happy" as a part of a larger pilot Backyard Basics series focusing on homegrown and homemade foods.

The Backyard Basics

initiative has been in response to the growing interest in home-based food production, preparation and preservation in Texas and throughout the U.S. Burkham said this program was initially piloted in more urban areas of the state, but is now being implemented in less populated areas.

Also in keeping with this interest, the Houston Urban Food Production Conference in August will provide educational information and training for participants who are interested in producing food — chickens, goats, bees — in Houston, the nation's fourth most populous city.

Recently a small-scale poultry production seminar was held in Fort Worth, designed "for those who want to take control of their own food," according to coordinators. In Fort Worth, both hens and roosters are allowed, with the numbers dependent upon lot size and with other restrictions in place.

"It doesn't matter where you live, people in general are more interested

in where their food comes from and a desire to eat less processed foods," Burkham said.

"The Backyard Basics program focuses on being self-reliant," she said. "The purpose of the program is to educate people regarding personal food production, preparation and cooking, and water conservation."

"There are currently

individual programs on gardening and food preservation in the Panhandle through AgriLife Extension.

This program packages many of those concepts together and we hope to offer it to clientele starting in 2014."

More information on these programs can be found at <http://Backyard-basics.tamu.edu>.

## Trip

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Sydney, my nine year old boxer. I could not wait to see my dog, and my new step dad didn't think she would remember me since it had been so long.

After dragging my bags inside, it was time to let the dogs out. Sydney immediately ran over and nearly tackled me. From that point, she didn't leave my side for the rest of the trip. I think it's safe to say that dogs don't forget their owners.

As if those two big reunions weren't enough, I had yet to see my Auntie Donna. I smile at the thought of her name because she is easily my favorite relative, even though I have to say that they're all my favorite, right? But Auntie Donna is my equal. I'm convinced I'm the result of her cloning herself 22 years ago.

My mom took me to Pier 1 to get my graduation surprise, and while we were there, my aunt came into the store. After an eight-year stint without her, it felt so good to be squeezed until I was blue in the face and covered in her mascara. After going through every possible thread in the store and going to dinner, my crazy, Hawaiian relatives decided it was time to go get matching tattoos. My mom and aunt had been at the tattoo parlor the night before as well, so when we walked in, everyone remembered them. They have this loud presence that is hard to forget, which is a quality I love.

The weekend was full of laughs following this, and the following evening we finally got to check out the island I spoke of earlier for dinner. Maryland is

known for having amazing seafood, crabs in particular, so I decided to try out some crab cakes. They were incredible, especially after two and a half years of Tex-Mex and barbecue. From dinner, we went exploring around the entire island walking through the harbors and admiring the waterfront homes. I could go on and on about this place, but I'll keep it brief because today's paper is short.

The next day was the wedding reception (the wedding took place on Wednesday at the minor league all-star baseball game, and I was not present). It was a fun time eating my favorite Hawaiian food and watching my mom and aunt do some hula dances, and perhaps the coolest part was that the reception was in the clubhouse at the Maryland Blue Crabs stadium. The Blue Crabs are a minor league team that my step dad takes pictures for, so we had access to the facilities for the day. We even got to watch a Cal Ripken collegiate baseball summer league game, which happened to be taking place at the same time.

The next day was Sunday, which meant that I would be leaving, but my aunt and I had the first flight together, and I was glad to prolong that goodbye. It looks like my next big trip will be to Washington to visit her, and that's one that I cannot wait to take.

I'm glad to have had the opportunity to make more memories with some family members that I don't get to see very often, and I don't think I'll be waiting another two and a half years before visiting my mom again, even if that does require me to put up with long trips and airports.

## Plan

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I'm not going to go into the economic wreckage that the United Auto Workers created at Ford, GM and Chrysler. But the focus now should be on curbing the power and money of Detroit's municipal public unions, who have lined their own pockets at taxpayer expense. Taking a cue from Wisconsin's Walker, collective bargaining should be sharply cut if not eliminated.

And hopefully a bankruptcy court will settle all the obligations at 5 to 10 cents on the dollar, as Detroit emergency manager Kevyn Orr tried to do but failed.

But again, creative economic-growth policies must accompany fiscal downsizing if Detroit wants to turn the streetlights back on, rebuild at least 78,000 abandoned homes and structures, and attract businesses and workers to erect a new Detroit.

It won't be about manufacturing this time. But like other recovering cities in the U.S., Detroit could morph itself into a technology/education/medical-research complex that makes use of all the firepower at its fine colleges, universities, hospitals and medical centers.

It can be done. But if ever there was a time and a place to put Jack Kemp's tax-free-enterprise-zone model into practice, now is the time, and Detroit is the place.

Don't forget the growth solution.

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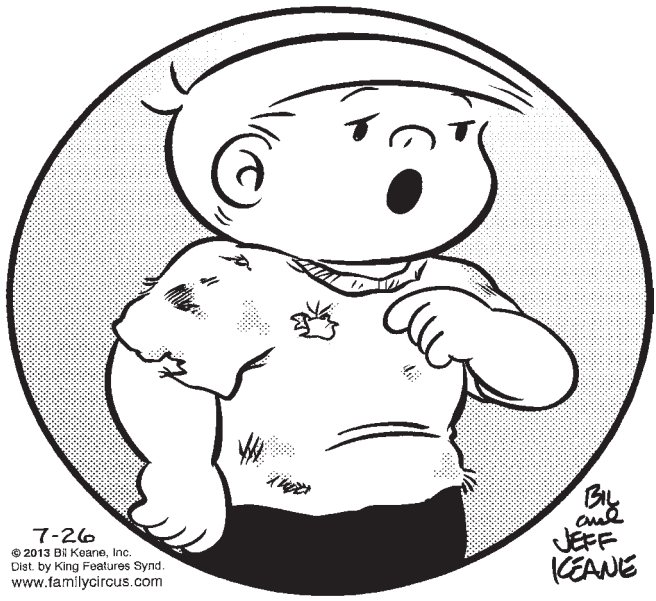
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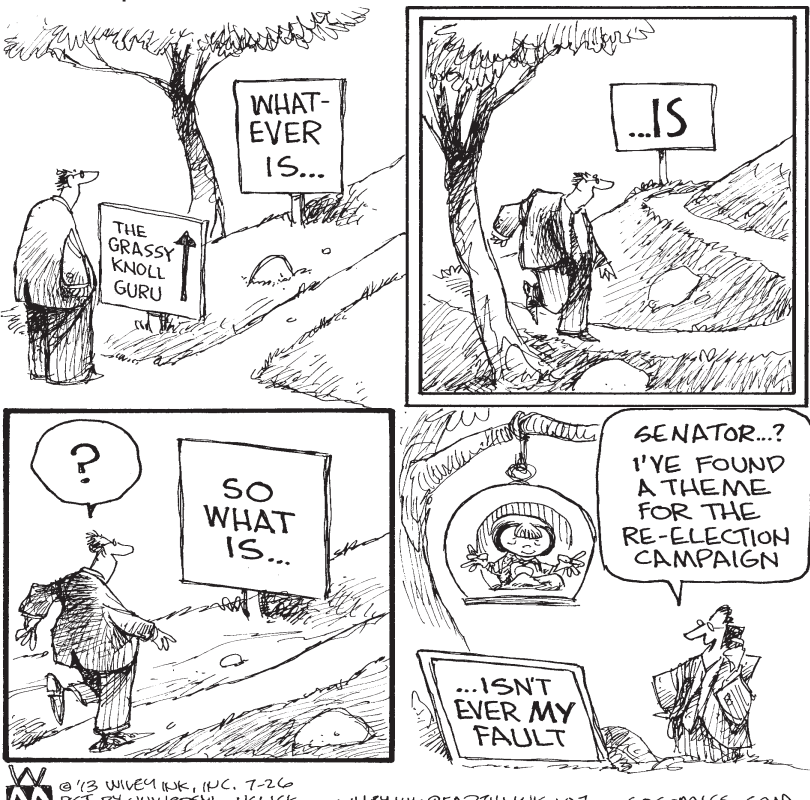


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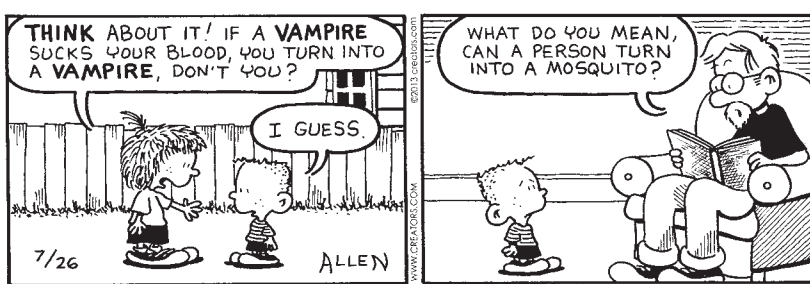
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# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, July 27, 2013:  
This year you have an unusually strong drive that allows you to break past restrictions. You might not want to travel much, but you will show a tremendous interest in different people and cultures. Many of you could opt to go back to school. You are one year away from starting a positive, new life cycle. You will want to begin the new cycle as open-minded as possible. If you are single, you are likely to attract someone who might not be the person who he or she initially portrays. Take your time getting to know this person. If you are attached, the two of you will spend many happy hours away together. **ARIES** is feisty.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ You will be too fiery and direct for most people. You'll discover that an older relative could have quite a strong reaction to this. Even the family pet could appear to be out of sorts. Take a step back for now. Tonight: Making plans might take an inordinate amount of effort.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ Know that a lot is going on behind the scenes. You have a good hunch about what is happening, and you know the best way to proceed. Keep your opinions to yourself, but remain sensitive when someone is ready to talk. Be willing to share, too. Tonight: Play it low-key.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Honor your priorities, and plan your day accordingly. Groups and friends will play an important role in what happens. An older relative could be difficult. Though you might feel accommodating, others will not; in fact, they could be quite controlling. Tonight: Loosen up.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★ You don't hesitate to step up to the plate. Many people -- too many -- will count on you to take the reins. For your own well-being, it might be necessary to say "no" more often. You deserve some time off, as does everyone. Tonight: Be aware that you are in the spotlight.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ If you feel like taking off for a day drive, do. Others also might want to join you for the trip. Be adventuresome, but make sure that the other parties are on the same page; otherwise, you could be overwhelmed. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine or listen to some new music.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

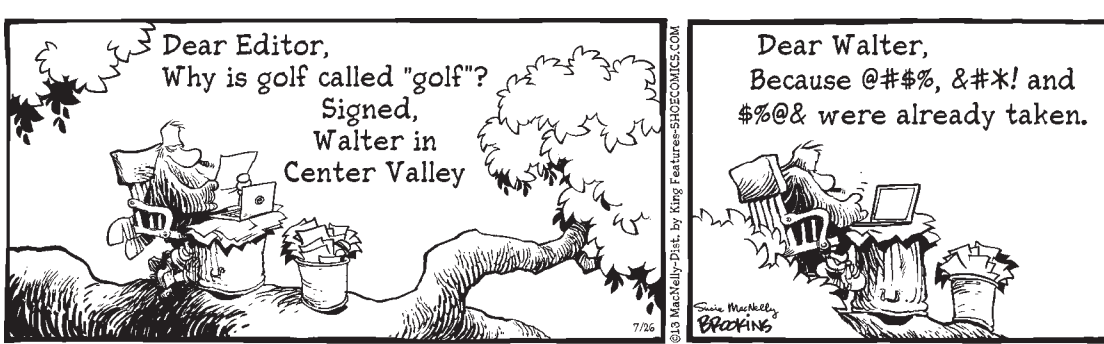
★★★★ Deal with each person in your life directly and with care. Feelings will arise that could make you uncomfortable. Though someone often opens up, nothing seems to change for you; however, this time might be different. Tonight: Make sure everyone is meeting at the right place.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ You might want to go along with others, especially if you don't want to deal with too much uproar. It will be a good way of getting to know someone better. You are easygoing for the most part, and you could enjoy this change of pace. Tonight: Listen to someone's request.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ You could be overtired. Don't let your fatigue seep into your weekend plans. Try to incorporate a nap into your schedule. You must make time for yourself in order to enjoy the weekend. Even if you have a serious moment, know that it soon will pass. Tonight: Make it easy.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Note how you limit yourself. Understand how and why you prevent yourself from meeting your potential. Be careful with a financial discussion. Conversations could be challenging, but don't be uptight. Enjoy every moment of the weekend. Tonight: Be naughty and nice!  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Express your concerns to a family member, as you could be rather tired and withdrawn. Make today about you, and you'll like the results. You need some time off from all of your concerns. Lighten up and be a little silly with a roommate. Tonight: Do not push yourself.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ You are likely to say exactly what you think and feel. Others could be equally as open, which is a trait that they have learned from you. Be as receptive as possible, even with a difficult person. You can't slam the door on him or her, even if you want to. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Whether you intend to or not, you might overspend. You also could be preparing for a major purchase. Do some price comparison first; time is your ally. You might have difficulty getting a call through to someone at a distance. Tonight: Treat others to a movie and/or dinner.

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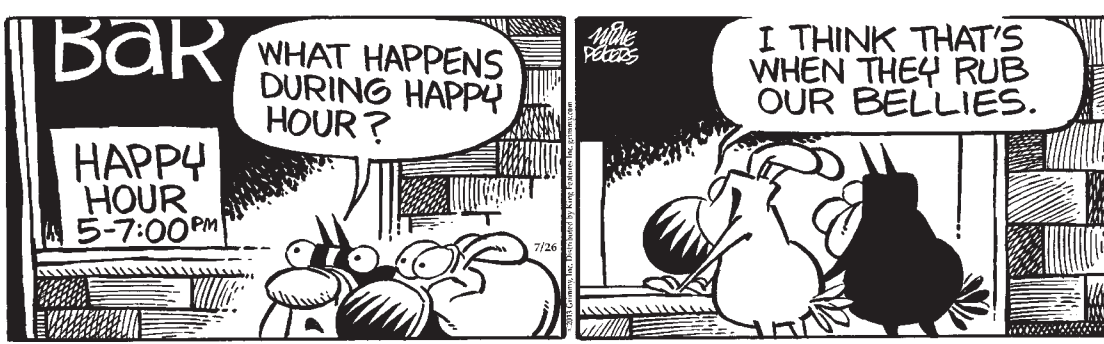


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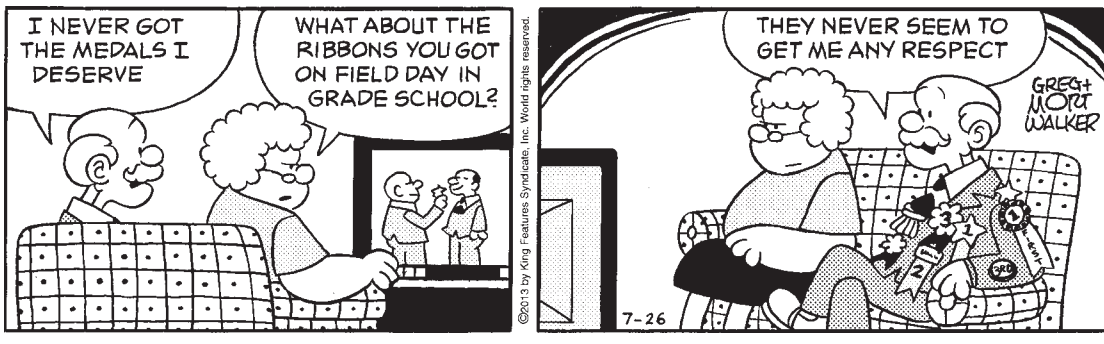
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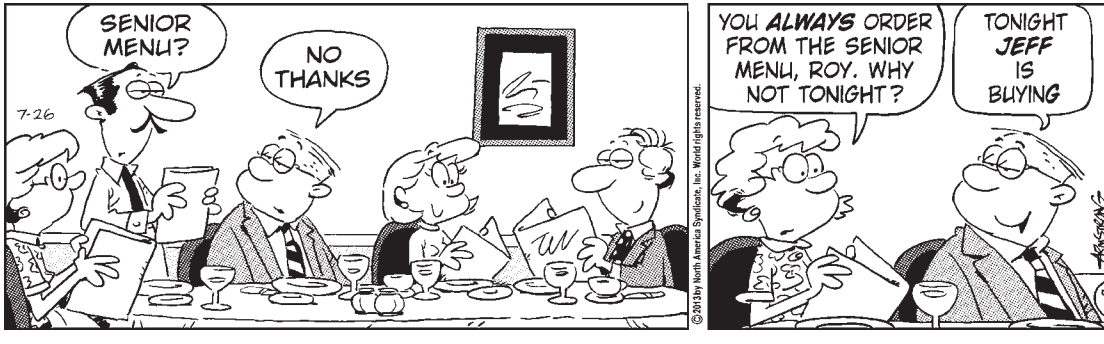
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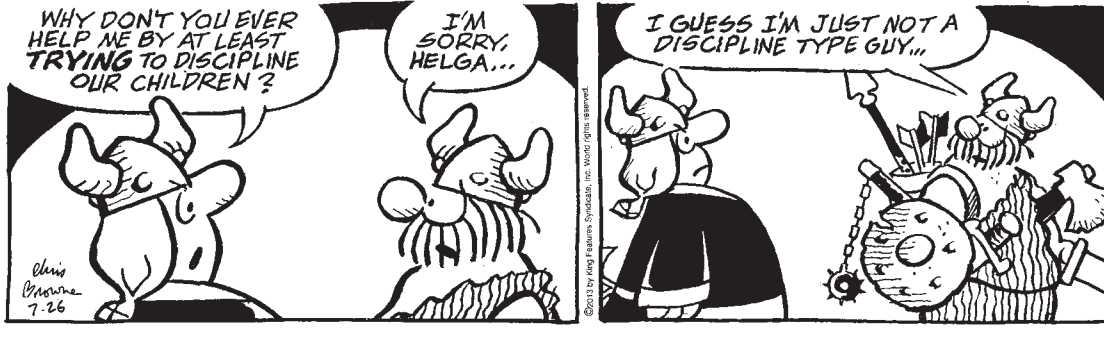
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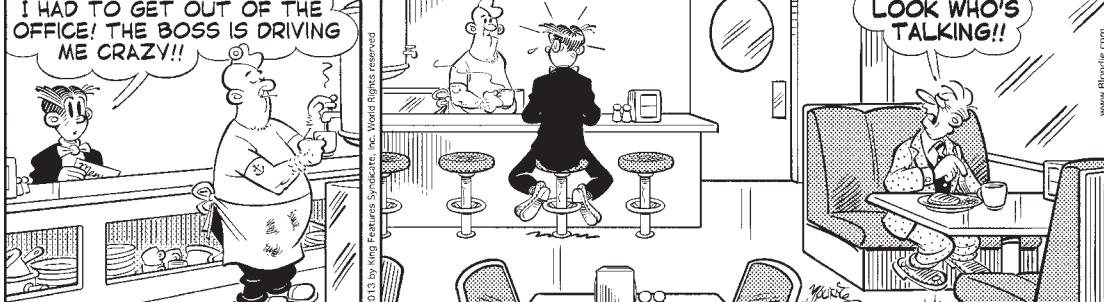
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# PampaSports

## A brief history of the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament

■ The legendary tournament and its 'love affair' with Pampa Country Club.

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The Tri-State Senior-Golf Tournament has been around for almost 80 years and has become a staple in the event calendar for the Pampa Country Club. But the tournament has evolved from the small tournament that was held in 1935.

In 1935, dues were \$1 and the tournament entry fees were \$2. By 1946, the

Championship Flight had expanded to 32 teams instead of the previous 16 and the entry fee had increased to \$5. The tournament was meant more as a fun event for the players, rather than a competition in which performance was judged. The tournament founder and president through 1943, Mr. O.T. Nicholson, was determined to ensure that the "fun" aspect of the tournament was elevated.

He was quoted telling a reporter, "Why, it's going to be a regular festival and these young upstarts cannot spoil our fun, on the golf course or off. It's going to be our time to howl. We may shoot 110 but who cares. Those gangling kids are all right, but we can't get any kick out of being lambasted by some kid who lives on the golf course and practice tees."

Nicholson wanted the

rules to be made for comfort, convenience and the pleasure of the contestants. Pleasure wasn't hard to find as there was free beer, hard liquor and a Calcutta pool in the early tournaments. Of course the free beer and liquor made for a financial bind, which is why there is currently a "CASHBAR."

In 1940, wives and women guests became a part of the gatherings and have activities and events to make

their stay in the tournament an enjoyable one. Since 2005, the ladies have even been permitted to play in the tournament.

The first 32 tournaments were held in Amarillo, from 1935 to 1966, hitting its peak in 1960, when there were 257 entries. The next three years it went to Borger and was played at Huber Country Club. But in 1970, the tournament came to the Pampa Country Club and

has been held there every year since, except in 1981 when it returned to the Amarillo Country Club.

The tournament has been changed around some over time. It holds practice rounds on the first day, a four-person scramble, then Tuesday and Wednesday it holds the stroke play. The tournament banquet is held on Wednesday evening, where they give out the awards.

## Cowboys say complex to be renamed

ARLINGTON, (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys say their billion-dollar complex will be renamed AT&T Stadium as part of a multi-year deal with the telecommunications giant.

Team owner Jerry Jones said Thursday he wants

"this building to be more familiar than the White House."

Specifics of the deal weren't immediately available but the team says the deal includes access to AT&T mobile technology.

The name change for the

\$1.2 billion Cowboys Stadium takes effect before the start of the season. The Cowboys host the New York Giants in their season-opener Sept. 8.

Numerous signs outside and inside the stadium will be changed to reflect the

AT&T name. The company is based in nearby Dallas.

**Cowboys add to D-line**  
OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have signed defensive linemen Landon Cohen and George Selvie and released receiver

## 79th annual Tri-State Senior's Golf Tournament results

### Scramble layed Monday, July 22

First place- Score: 56  
Carl Sanders  
Pat Montoya  
R.D. Stephens

Second place- Score: 60  
Harley Knutson  
Richard Peet  
Ronnie Wood  
Whitey White

Third place- Score: 68  
Ben Sturgeon  
Dwight Chase  
Earl Husband  
Joyce Rasco

Overall winner: Larry Etchison (152)

### Stroke play played Tuesday/Wednesday July 23-24

#### Gross Displayed followed by net

Ladies division  
1st- Gail Melban 175  
2nd- Judy Rice 178  
3rd- Annabel Sparkman 185  
4th- Janie Phillips 195

Ladies division  
1st- Joyce Swope 142  
2nd- Pat Johnson 142

3rd- Joyce Rasco 146  
4th- Donna Ward 146

Men's 80-to-90-years-old division  
1st- J.C. Beyer 168  
2nd- John Pettit 169  
3rd- Ed Whinery 175  
4th- John Haynes 195

Men's 80-to-90-years-old division  
1st- Jack Cox 138  
2nd- Earl Jolly 143  
3rd- Doyle Munkres 144  
4th- Don Riffe 157

Men's 75-to-79-years-old division  
1st- V.T. Huey 153  
2nd- Grover Wade 159  
3rd- Bill Kellogg 164  
4th- Whitey White 166

Men's 75-to-79-years-old division  
1st- Harley Knutson 133  
2nd- Bob Swope 139  
3rd- Glen Adams 143  
4th- Mike McKee 143

Men's 70-to-74-years-old division  
1st- Eddie Rice 141  
2nd- Jack Felts 159  
3rd- Gary Bowe 162  
4th- J.C. Staples 168

Men's 70-to-74-years-old division  
1st- Roy Don Stephens 136  
2nd- Bill Hill 137  
3rd- Ronnie Wood 138  
4th- Jerry Stephens 143

Men's 66-to-69-years-old division  
1st- Mel Yates 154  
2nd- Duane Pittman 157  
3rd- Saul Deras 170  
4th- Robert Alexander 172

Men's 66-to-69-years-old  
1st- Pat Montoya 145  
2nd- Gary Hudson 145  
3rd- Gerrel Owens 145  
4th- Dwight Chase 146

Men's 50-to-65-years-old  
1st- Larry Etchison 152  
2nd- Terry Hall 157  
3rd- Chuck Morgan 160  
4th- Clint Miller 167

Men's 50-to-65-years-old  
1st- Kelly Everson 142  
2nd- Richard Stowers 148  
3rd- Russell Cornell 148  
4th- David Pickett 149

## Hidden Hills Senior's 4-man scramble

Played July 24

1st - 64  
OK. Lee  
Bill Robben  
Ken Burkett  
Howard Musgrave

2nd - 65  
DD. Lofton  
Charlie Ritthaler  
Ray Covalt  
James Richardson

3rd - 67  
Bill Hammer  
Joe Mabry  
Bill Brown  
Dale Butler

4th - 68  
Eldon Maxwell  
Carl Johnson  
John McKandles  
Terry Hovey

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no. 15: Lucio Moreno



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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**HIM suggests that he is more concerned with himself than he is with you.**

**You have teenage children who need their mother. Trying to hang onto what's left of your sanity and get the medications you need isn't selfish — it's SOUND THINKING. If not for your sake, please seek help now for theirs.**

DEAR ABBY: I'm pregnant with my first child and live 800 miles from my parents, who are retired. We have a good relationship now, but growing up I had major emotional issues my parents didn't handle well. Years of therapy in my early adulthood helped to fix them.

My parents have just told me they have been approved to be foster parents and will be caring for an emotionally disturbed teenager soon. While I know I should be happy for them, I'm extremely upset. I feel they were ill-equipped to handle my emotional issues growing up, and they should be more concerned with their grandchildren in retirement than taking in strangers.

When I heard the news, I tried my best to sound supportive, but they could tell I was upset. How can I handle these feelings? Would it be beneficial to tell them how I feel? — MOMMY-TO-BE IN NORTH

CAROLINA  
**DEAR MOMMY-TO-BE: A way to handle your feelings would be to view the situation from the perspective of an adult, not a jealous child. That your parents will foster this teenager doesn't mean they will love their grandchildren any less. On some level they may be trying to make up for the mistakes they made in your upbringing. Because they were ill-equipped to recognize your emotional problems does not mean they won't be wiser now. I suggest you wait to discuss this with them until you're feeling less resentful.**

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 12-year-old girl trying to live a simple life. I read your column every day. I

have one small question. I really wanna know why girls don't like each other that much. Many girls at my school are really mean. I wish I knew the answer to why girls are like that. Do you know why? — CONFUSED

**DEAR CONFUSED: Girls your age are mean to other girls for a variety of reasons. Some of them may be acting out because they are having problems at home. They may do it because they are jealous or to make themselves feel more important (a power trip).**

Girls like this have never been taught to respect the feelings of others. They don't have this way because they haven't matured enough to have developed empathy, an ability to be sensitive to the feelings of those they are hurting.

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Yesterday's Answer: RIDER, CIDER, CARED, REACH, ROACH, COACH

# PROPERTY SHOWCASE



## 2001 N Christine

This wonderful spacious 3 bedroom 1.75 bath home nestles on a corner lot with 3 garages. In late 2012, the fence, hot water heater, gas line, 3 garage doors, all windows, siding on exterior eaves, column on porch and dishwasher were all updated. Storm cellar in backyard. When you walk in to this home it feels open and inviting. Come check it out today and see for yourself!



## 931 Christine

Charming home, 4 bedroom 1.75 bath, master suite on first floor, magnificent patio for entertaining. This home has been tastefully updated and is priced to buy. Come look today and make it yours.



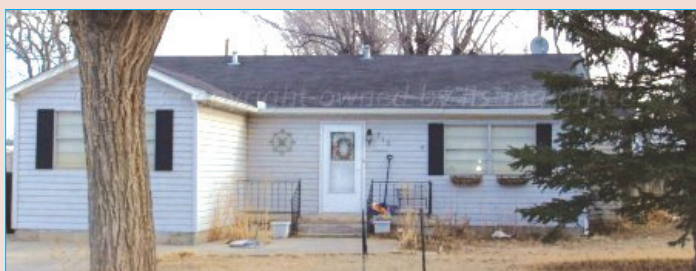
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## 712 Magnolia

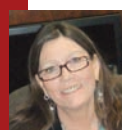
Looking for a home with 2 bedrooms, 2 living areas, spacious kitchen, 1 car detached garage plus shop area? Not to mention this home has central heat and air. You need to come take a look at this home!



## 1044 Crane Dr

A Great 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath, fireplace in Family Room, Newer built in cook top, dishwasher which are stainless steel, newer disposal. The heating and air is 2 years old, roof 2 1/2, carpet is 3 years, new gas lines and water lines and located on a CORNER LOT. This home has it all and is close to Travis School, shopping and restaurants. Check this one out today.

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 42 River catch
  - 1 Pun response
  - 6 Plant life
  - 11 Printer's proof
  - 12 Pin place
  - 13 Put in office
  - 14 That is: Latin
  - 15 Broadcast
  - 16 Mess up
  - 18 Crater feature
  - 19 Poseidon's place
  - 20 Dog doc
  - 21 Simile words
  - 22 Prize
  - 24 Bus. envelope abbr.
  - 25 Tel Aviv native
  - 27 Lacking
  - 29 "Scruples" writer
  - 32 Embrace
  - 33 Shooter ammo
  - 34 Sticky stuff
  - 35 Bruins legend
  - 36 Cart puller
  - 37 Beans buy
  - 38 Perch
  - 40 Ham it up
- DOWN**
- 1 Axle gunk
  - 2 Depends
  - 3 Place for a procedure
  - 4 Compass trace
  - 5 "When pigs fly!"
  - 6 Act the coquette
  - 7 Young fellow
  - 8 Owner's expense
  - 9 Stand up to
  - 10 "Nashville" director
  - 17 Many modern movies
  - 23 Twisty turn
  - 24 Imitating
  - 26 Pencil ends
  - 27 Summer wear
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  - 30 Perfectly
  - 31 City planners
  - 33 Burger part
  - 39 Ring up
  - 41 Farrow of films

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Yesterday's answer

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# PampaSports

## Golf Thought of the Week

■ What we can learn from the Open Championship.

For almost all of the four days it was an exciting Open Championship, and then out of the pack emerged Phil Mickelson playing the sort of golf that only the really best golfers can play. It meant the last few pairs in were playing for the lower prizes.

This was a victory that followed Mickelson's win at the Scottish Open. You've got to feel good for him; he is one of the good guys. I wonder how much of his resurgence can be put



**TIM STADLER**

While others seem to have gotten carried away with appearance, Callaway has gone back to the basics.

down to his equipment? There's no doubt that the new Callaway Metalwoods deliver improved performance.

The new OptiForce Drivers from Callaway has already created a stir in the market, because they are lighter, faster and longer. The new Odyssey Versa and Tank Putters have also quickly gained a great reputation.

The Odyssey Putter releases are especially interesting. Golf at the highest level is won or lost on or around the greens. When you think about your best rounds, can you recall a few putts that you sank along the way? It gets your

round going, builds confidence and before long you don't think you can miss any shot. That's the best time to be playing golf! So take an extra 10 minutes on the greens each time you visit and work on your putting stroke. And if we can help, please contact us.

Regards,  
Tim

*Tim Stadler is the PGA golf professional at Pampa Country Club. For more information on Pampa Country Club, call 806-669-3286.*

## A-Rod: 'I'm ready and want to be in the lineup Friday night'

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez says he's ready to rejoin the New York Yankees.

A day after a doctor retained by A-Rod contradicted the team's diagnosis of a strained quadriceps, Rodriguez pushed for the Yankees to activate him from the disabled list for Friday's homestand opener against Tampa Bay.

"I think the Yanks and I crossed signals," the three-time AL MVP said in a statement issued by

spokesman Ron Berkowitz. "I don't want any more mixups. I'm excited and ready to play and help this team win a championship. I feel great and I'm ready and want to be in the lineup Friday night. Enough doctors, let's play!"

Rodriguez, who turns 38 Saturday, has been sidelined since hip surgery in January. He earns \$153,005 each day during the season, and while he remains on the disabled list much of his salary is covered by insurance.

## Texans finish signing entire draft class

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans have signed second-round draft choice D.J. Swearingin and third-rounder Brennan Williams on Tuesday.

All nine of Houston's draft picks are now un-

der contract with training camp beginning Friday.

Swearingin, a safety at South Carolina taken 57th overall, had 79 tackles, two interceptions, seven pass breakups, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries for the

nation's second-ranked defense. He finished his career with 244 tackles, six interceptions and four forced fumbles in 52 games, including 33 starts.

Offensive tackle Williams was selected 89th

overall out of North Carolina.

He started 22 games for the Tar Heels at right tackle.

On Monday, Houston signed its top selection, wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins of Clemson.



Photos by John Lee

Top, the gentlemen in charge of the Tri-State Senior golf tournament. From left, tournament director Pat Montoya, incoming president Jim Osbourne, president Ronnie Wood and first president Robert Jacob. Below, ladies pose for a picture. From left, Sherma Brown, Barbara Wade, Kim Pickett and Susie Hogan.



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