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A promotional photo of Tyler Hudson from his Facebook page.

A leap of faith

■ Former Pampa resident Tyler Hudson auditions for 'The X factor' in Australia, moves to next stage.

By TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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A former Pampa resident known for his musical talent, Tyler Hudson, recently appeared on the Australian version of "The X Factor," where he impressed the judges and has moved onto the next round. "The X Factor" is a reality television music competition created by former "American Idol" judge Simon Cowell. It is currently the No.

1 rated show on Australian television. Hudson, 30, graduated from Pampa High School in 2001 and moved to Australia to study music at Hillsongs College in Sydney, where he met his wife Libby. The couple have been married for about 10 years and recently had their third child, a girl named Billie Jean. Their older daughter's name is Loxley and they have a son, Lyric.

He is the youngest of four sons of Stan and Patti Hudson. Hudson's music career began in high school when he and two others, Chris Crow and CJ Frazier, formed a band called Damascus Road. Hudson was the drummer. He sang in the high school musical "Grease" and taught himself to play the guitar. Hudson, who makes his living as a musician, performed "Unwell" by rock group Matchbox 20 on "The X Factor." Asked in an email how he decided...

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Photo by R. Neff

From left, 2013 Rodeo Queen contestants Rilee Didway, Kristi Kasch, Taylin Neff, Carolyn Benitez and Holland Poole.

Rodeo Queen fashion show delights audience

STAFF REPORT

The five Rodeo Queen contestants modeled clothes from local shops Saturday at a fashion show held at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Rilee Didway, Kristi Kasch, Taylin Neff, Carolyn Benitez and Holland Poole each took turns walking up to the stage as they modeled the latest fashions from Bealls, Steeles, Wayne's Western Wear, Trendy Trailer, Shabby Creek and Lacey J's at Cottage Collection. "I thought the show went very well," said Robert Douglas, one of the organizers of the show. "The girls were very enthusiastic." Gifts for the queen contestants were donated by The Victorian Rose, Rheams Jewelry Store, The Hamburger Station, Souled Out Design, Lacey J's, Pampa Regional Medical Center, Steele's Department Store, The Sparrow's Nest and Shabby Creek. Brandon's Flowers decorated the stage. Debbie Hieser of The Victorian Rose was the emcee and supplied dips and jellies. Door prizes were donated by The Hamburger Station. The horsemanship contest and questions from the judges were held Friday at the rodeo grounds. The queen will be selected Saturday during the last day of the rodeo.

Rodeo Days on Saturday at Recreation Park

SUBMITTED

Bring the family out to Recreation Park after the parade on Saturday for the second annual Pampa Rodeo Days. The event will kick off at 11 a.m. and wrap up about 6 p.m. before the Top O' Texas Rodeo starts. There will be a barbecue cook off and you get to eat the delicious meal for \$5 a plate and all of the proceeds go to support CASA of the High Plains. There will be local bands playing throughout the day. Stay and shop for a while, we have dozens of vendors coming from all over to sell their products. For the children there will be bouncer houses, donkey races, a rock wall, a little cowboy and cowgirl pageant and many more activities. The sponsors are FirstBank Southwest, Frank's Hardware, B&G Electric, G2X, Level Heads, Jazzercise, Topographic, Ammons Roofing, Lynn Builders, Larry Baker Plumbing, Hal Cree and Hayhook LTD.

State awaits guidance to drug test jobless Texans

By ALANA ROCHA
 The Texas Tribune

Throughout August, The Texas Tribune will feature 31 ways Texans' lives will change because of new laws that take effect Sept. 1. Check out our story calendar for more. Texans working in the transportation and health care industries are among those accustomed to taking drug tests as a condition of employment. Soon, they could also be subject to such screening if they lose their jobs and must seek unemployment. The Texas Workforce Commission presumes those two professions will be among the ones officials with the U.S. Department of Labor determine fit within the parameters of a new federal law that gives states the ability to drug test certain people

applying for unemployment benefits. Senate Bill 21, which passed in the regular legislative session, calls for the commission to formulate a system that would subject initial unemployment benefit applicants to a drug test if their responses to a written screening questionnaire indicate possible drug use. A positive drug test would render a person ineligible to receive benefits for at least a month, until they take and pass another drug test. That's unless the commission determines that a physician prescribed the substance found in the test — or learns that the applicant is enrolled in a drug abuse treatment program. Within a week of receiving notice of a failed drug test, an applicant can enroll in a treatment program to remain eligible for benefits. The test

result becomes final if the person fails to respond or appeal the ruling within two weeks of the dated notice. The law is supposed to take effect on Sept. 1, though only Texans filing initial claims on or after Feb. 1 will be affected. Workforce Commission Spokeswoman Lisa Givens said in the interim, while officials wait to hear from the U.S. Labor Department, agency employees are fielding questions from the public and researching best practices. Givens said much of that research centers on what information will be included in the written notice. The law stipulates that applicants must receive details about how to notify the Workforce Commission that they've enrolled in a drug treatment program, instructions for the appeal process and common causes for false positive re-

sults. An emailed statement from the U.S. Department of Labor did not provide a firm timeline for offering the commission guidance on implementing the Texas measure. "We are working as quickly as feasible to publish this and other program changes that were included in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012," a spokesperson wrote. That act gives states the ability to drug test people applying for unemployment benefits if the person lost their job due to illegal drug use — or if they are seeking work in a profession that regularly conducts drug tests. Texas became the third state to take advantage of that provision when Gov. Rick Perry signed SB 21 into law in June. Mississippi passed similar legislation last year; Kansas did it in April.

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PAMPA FORECAST

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High 101 Low 69	High 94 Low 66	High 86 Low 66

Tuesday: Sunny with a high of 101 degrees. Winds southwest at 17 mph. Sunrise at 6:56 a.m. No chance of rain.

Tuesday night: Mostly clear with a low of 69 degrees. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:42 p.m. Chance of rain 10 percent.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 94 degrees. Winds east-northeast at 17 mph. Sunrise at 6:57 a.m. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 66 degrees. Winds north at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:41 p.m. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 86 degrees. Winds south at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:58 p.m. Chance of rain 20 percent.

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Obituaries

Christina LaVina Lane

Christina LaVina Lane, 95, died Aug. 2, 2013 in Amarillo. Celebration of Life services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church in Panhandle with Dr. Jerry Lane, Pastor of White Deer United Methodist Church and Rev. Buddy Payne, Pastor officiating. Burial is in Panhandle Cemetery under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mrs. Lane was born Jan. 24, 1918 at the Santa Fe Train Depot in Umbarger, Texas to Offie (Butchie) and Carrie Mayo Hendrix. Christina graduated from Pampa High School and not long after graduation she married Howard Lane Oct. 25, 1936 in Pampa at the Methodist Parsonage. They lived in Shattuck and Pampa until moving to Panhandle in 1939. Christina taught Sunday School with Mrs. Denny at 1st United Methodist Church. She loved crafts, china painting, crochet and needle point. She was a member of the Altrurian club in Panhandle. She was known as a true lady.

She was preceded in death by her son Roy, her sister Yvonne Jones, her brother Theo Hendrix and nephew Stanley Hendrix.

Christina is survived by her husband of 76 years Howard, her son Dr. Jerry and wife Mary Lou of White Deer; her grandchildren Karrie Smith and husband Shawn of Panhandle; Jeffrey Lane and wife Amy of College Station; Kelly Lane of Panhandle, Tamara Lane of Lubbock, her great-grandchildren Jerrod Lane; Jacob and Addison. Great great grandchildren Ayden and Grantly, two nieces Patsy Gunnells and husband Ray of Robert Lee and Pam Vaughn and husband Dwayne of Lafayette, La.; a sister in law Lucille Hendrix of Lafayette, La.; and Georgia Lane Cook of Miami, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

Casket bearers will be Shawn Smith, Jeffrey Lane, Kelly

Lane, Chad Smith and Jason Smith.

Family members would like to express their gratitude to Hospice of the Southwest at Childers Place for their love and tender care.

Gearldean Christian

Gearldean Christian, 79, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Aug. 5, 2013 in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Gearldean Christian

Mrs. Christian was born Nov. 16, 1933 in Norman, Okla. to William "Pat" and Beatrice Williamson Darby. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1941. She married Francis "Frank" Christian on Jan. 1, 1950 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1999. She was a medical aide at Coronado Healthcare Center and Pampa Nursing Center. She also worked for BSA Hospice as a caregiver. Gearldean was a member of Carpenter's Church. She loved her family very much. Her interests were caring for

the elderly and being with family and friends. She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the great nursing staff at Odyssey Hospice of Amarillo.

Survivors include two sons, David Christian and wife Teresa of Fritch, and Bobby Christian and wife Rhonda of Borger, two daughters, Linda Vick of Pampa and Theresa Wells of Skellytown, 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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

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Tyler

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Tyler Hudson

ed to try out for the show, Hudson answered, "I'd been gigging around town for a couple years and kept hearing, 'Hey you should try out for one of those shows.'" I'd gotten so used to hearing my own excuses it started to rattle me, I was living with a consciousness of my weaknesses, rather than focusing on what I was good at."

When questioned by the judges, Hudson said he was competing on the show for his family, who were in the audience watching him perform.

"My son has been diagnosed autistic and currently doesn't speak very much," Hudson said in an email. "I don't want him to allow that weakness to prevent him from doing his best to learn to communicate. I realized I didn't want my son to learn from the example I'd been setting, so I thought I would lay the fear of comparison and potential rejection aside and give it a shot."

Hudson said the audition process began in March with an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 trying out. The show plays out through several stages, he said.

"There's the 'live audition' stage which is the first time in front of the judging panel," Hudson said. "Those who receive three eyes votes are sent to 'boot camp' for various challenges. Boot camp whittles down 150 to the top 24 in

said. Asked if he still visits Pampa, Hudson replied, "I left Pampa four years ago and have only returned once to visit family last year. I've had two daughters born since living in Australia so flying the entire family over can get expensive."

Luckily, he said, his family from Pampa has been able to visit him in Australia.

"My entire childhood was spent in Pampa and I owe much to the great people there," he said. "I love the small town life. The town I reside in now in Australia (Echuca, Victoria), is much the same size as Pampa. No oilfields here, though, just dairy farms!"

In comparing what living is like in the two countries, Hudson said the biggest differences between Australia and the U.S. is the cost of living and the health care system.

"Having our baby boy in Texas cost about \$5,000 with insurance, and the current 'baby bonus' incentive in Australia actually pays you \$5,000 when you have a baby. "There are no medical bills under the public Medicare system (in Australia). Conversely, the average home price in Australia is \$500,000! It does cost a lot to live here but we absolutely love it."

Hudson said competing on "The X Factor" has been just another crazy chapter in his family's adventure.

"When we arrived in Australia four years ago, my wife had just had a serious car accident, we had a miscarriage and had both

lost our jobs," he said. "It was the darkest season of our lives. A good friend had written a song for us that said, 'The night is darkest just before the dawn, so you better be ready for the light to come.' That statement has proven so true for us, and the sun is now shining bright."

To watch Hudson performing on "The X Factor," visit <http://au.tv.yahoo.com/x-factor/video/watch/18208197/tyler-hudson-unwell/>.

To find out more about Hudson, visit tylerhudson-music.com.

Correction

The Saturday edition of The Pampa News published an incorrect name first name for the owner of the Classic Diner, a new restaurant that opened Friday across from United Supermarkets. The owner's name is Debbie Keller. The newspaper apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may caused.

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the nation who are sent through to the 'home visits' stage, which is typically overseas where you perform for a celebrity guest. After 'home visits' only 12 remain and those 12 participate in the live shows, which involves fans voting to keep their favorite acts in."

Hudson said performing on "The X Factor" has given a huge boost to his music career.

"The show is still in progress but the exposure I've received thus far has been mind blowing," he said. "My audition clip has been viewed on YouTube 100,000 times and I received over 1,000 new likes on my Facebook music page the night of my audition. It took me two years to get my first 1,000!"

Hudson said lately he has been doing a lot of writing and would love to release as album of original work.

"In the meantime I'll keep promoting and building my fan base through the show and see what other opportunities present themselves as the show progresses," he

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Temperature data has been manipulated

Editor's note: After Palmitier's column on global warming was published last week, a woman who identified herself as a science teacher called and said the statements in the column were incorrect and she was disappointed we had published the column without another one on the same page that expressed a contrary position. I explained to her Palmitier's columns, as with all the columns on the opinion page, are published as opinions and not news. Readers who disagree with an opinion expressed by Palmitier or any other columnist are encouraged to write a rebuttal in the form of a letter to the editor. This is how freedom of speech works in America. Twice I encouraged this woman, as a science teacher, to refute Palmitier's statements.



DENNIS PALMITIER

more about global warming, and if per chance you are sitting on the dissenting side of my opinion, please pen a reply to The Pampa News. Your words will be printed and your case read, for after all, my writing is on the opinion page, and that is exactly what my words are — my opinion. And what I write may or may not be the opinion of the folks who publish and edit this paper.

The present theory about global warming, and it is simply such until FACTUAL data supporting mankind's involvement is made available for ALL to view, will remain in my mind nothing but a bunch of bunk. I believe global warming is a liberal political agenda, with conspiring media, intent on instilling a state of confusion and fear among the meek. This ultimately will create a societal crippling with hopes of plunging this once great nation back to the days of horse and carriages. Let's go back in history again, but remain in modern times. Prior to 2011, which was ONE of the hottest years on record, the years 1930,

1934, 1936, 1954, 1980 and 1988 have gone down as some of the more notable hottest years in America. There have been a substantial amount of cold years of record as well, but we're talking global warming, not any chilling effect.

The hottest temperatures ever recorded in modern American times occurred in 1936. A significant contributor to those high temps was the expanse of drought, you know, something that has been touching our lives here in the Panhandle since 2006.

What happened in the 1930s and those other decades reinforces that there has ALWAYS been extremes in weather, and there is always NATURAL VARIABILITY at play. Succinctly, the past few years of hot temperatures, as we have been led to believe the root of global warming, is nothing new.

Extreme warming and chilling temperatures on Earth can also be attributed to her shifts that occur at the seasonal equinoxes and solstices.

Sometimes Earth shifts a little closer to the Sun on her axis at the spring equinox and summer solstice, thereby causing warmer than normal temperatures. Sometimes Earth shifts on her axis farther away from the Sun

at the autumnal equinox and winter solstice, thereby causing cooler than normal temperatures; i.e., natural variabilities at play.

Until the global warming nonsense created by the liberal environmental agenda ceases and the media halts their abetting of such, I will not jump on the bandwagon of a global warming. It has been proven (U.S. Historical Climatology Network) there has been a manipulation of America's temperature data, changing the historical record after the fact, by climate alarmists who crank out all the data supplied to newspapers and television media.

Their data adjustments are always the same, make the past look cooler, so that the present will look warmer, in order to support their climate hysteria agenda.

"He who controls the present, controls the past. He who controls the past, controls the future." — George Orwell

Pampa resident Dennis Palmitier is a regular contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. He can be reached at denpalm1949@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmitier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email editor Timothy P. Howsare at thowsare@thepampanews.com.

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Sheriff details sting that led to son's arrest

McALLEN (AP) — A South Texas sheriff testified for a second day in the trial of a former deputy who has now become an afterthought in a drug conspiracy trial, as the county's top lawman faces questions about the way he ran his department.

Former Hidalgo County sheriff's deputy Jorge Garza was not even mentioned Monday morning as his former boss, Sheriff Lupe Trevino, returned to the stand for a second day of testimony.

Garza's attorney, Lilly Ann Gutierrez, grilled Trevino on Monday about his authority, personnel decisions and campaign fundraising. But it was questioning about the day Trevino's son, a Mission police officer, and other members of a joint drug task force were taken down in a federal sting that brought the most poignant exchanges.

Garza is one of nine former law enforcement officers charged in a drug conspiracy, allegedly assisting a local trafficker in stealing from his rivals and resell-

ing the drugs. All but Garza — who allegedly played a smaller role — have pleaded guilty.

Around 11 a.m. on Dec 12, 2012, Trevino heard a call from the Panama Unit for a supervisor and deputies in marked units, he testified. Trevino called dispatch to find out what was going on and then shortly after received a phone call from his son Jonathan Trevino.

"We have a unique situation," Lupe Trevino said his son told him.

Trevino had testified earlier that the Panama Unit was a joint task force created to help fight street-level drug dealing in Mission. He said he assigned deputies and a sergeant to it, but noted the majority of its cases were run through Mission. Later, Trevino testified that "the Panama Unit was completely rogue. They went off on their own. They didn't even tell their own supervisor."

When Trevino arrived at the scene, there was a hysterical woman saying that drugs in the vehicle be-

longed to the Sinaloa cartel, which was following her with tracking devices in the packages.

Initially, Trevino testified that he believed one of two things was happening: The Sinaloa cartel was tracking the drugs or the devices were part of a federal sting operation on the Panama Unit. But, he added, "it was pretty obvious to me what the deal was," it was a federal sting.

Trevino said he instructed his deputies to pack everything up and return to the sheriff's office for safety. Trevino then called the FBI and DEA to see if the devices were theirs, he said.

U.S. District Judge Randy Crane asked Trevino to explain why he immediately suspected a federal sting on the Panama Unit, considering sometimes local and federal authorities are following the same drug traffickers, "unless you had some prior knowledge the unit was doing something bad."

"I didn't know one way or the other, I couldn't be sure one way or the other," Trevino said. "It's not that I had prior knowledge because I did not."

By the end of that day, several members of the unit, including Trevino's son, were arrested on drug conspiracy charges.

Gutierrez also showed Trevino a series of photographs from his campaign events that showed him posing with members of the Panama Unit. In one photo, Gutierrez asked if Trevino recognized a man in a red shirt and bushy mustache standing just a few feet from him. Trevino said he did not.

Gutierrez said that was Fernando Guerra Sr., the drug trafficker who has already pleaded guilty.

After Guerra and his son testified last week that they had given several thousands of dollars in contributions for Trevino's re-election campaign, Trevino said his campaign reported a \$1,000 contribution from the Guerras in 2011 — when he had no idea who they were.

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China's heat wave brings 'dead' man back to life

BEIJING (AP) — Having the dead guy jump up for a drink probably wasn't part of the script.

A staged protest claiming that city officials had beaten a sidewalk vendor to death in central China went awry when the man playing dead under a white sheet was overcome by the region's heat wave and sprang up to quaff a bottle of water, state media reported Monday.

"It's too hot. I can't bear it anymore," the man was quoted as saying by state-run Xinhua News Agency.

More than 10 men had gathered Saturday with a gurney that purportedly carried the vendor's body, covered by a sheet, in the Hubei provincial capital Wuhan. They were demanding tens of thousands

of yuan (thousands of dollars) in compensation for the alleged death, Xinhua said.

The incident drew 300 onlookers and about 80 police officers.

It was not immediately clear how the group intended to press their claims without submitting the body for an investigation and autopsy. In any case, the game was up when the man — as Xinhua reported — jumped up from under the sheet.

The man on the gurney was identified as Han, who has been detained for disturbing social order, said a district administration official in Wuhan contacted by telephone. She refused to give her name.

Han told the police that urban management workers — known as "chengguan" — clashed with the group of vendors earlier Saturday after telling them that their drinks stands were blocking traffic near a subway stop, Xinhua said.

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Several arrested for theft over the weekend

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• Joseph Robert Crain, 34, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for burglary of a habitation.

• Brian Phillip Custer, 40, Amarillo, was arrested Friday by GCSO for two charges of theft of property.

• Alvin Dain Reeves, 23, Pampa, was sentenced Friday to 30 days (no further information).

• Michael Wayne Riddle, 53, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for theft of property by check, theft of property.

• Jarred Duane Moler, 25, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for possession of a controlled substance.

• Jerah J Lesperance, 21, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD possession of synthetic narcotics.

• Marcos Victor Villarreal, 21, was arrested Friday by GCSO for reckless driving.

• Kaylee Margaret Wills, 22, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for simple assault.

• Rosemarie Reina Whitley, 54, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

• Jimmy Duane Burks, 40,

Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for *capias pro fine* — failure to use a turn signal, possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Amanda Clark, 30, Amarillo, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license is invalid.

• Horace Calvin Harvey, 18, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Jacob Crawford Harlan, 27, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for two charges of no driver's license, failure to maintain car insurance.

• William David Hiser, 31, McLean, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for driving while license is invalid.

• Bear Julius Raymo, 25, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for bond surrender — possession of marijuana.

• Ray Madrid Soto, 48, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for two charges of *capias pro fine* — no driver's license, two charges of *capias pro fine* — failure to appear, *capias pro fine* — running a red light.

• Jaime Theresa Jackson, 37, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for possession of marijuana,

bond surrender — aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• Christopher Rose, 40, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for theft of property with two or more previous convictions, public intoxication, violation of promise to appear, *capias pro fine*.

• Tancie Rankins, 28, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for theft of property.

• Patricia Jones, 26, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for Pampa municipal violation, theft under \$50.

• William Thomas, 40, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for public intoxication.

Republicans want NBC, CNN to pull Clinton programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican National Committee charged Monday that NBC and CNN are promoting a potential presidential candidacy by Hillary Rodham Clinton, threatening to blackball them from future GOP primary debates if they air planned programs on the former secretary of state.

RNC chairman Reince Priebus called a planned NBC miniseries on Clinton and a CNN documentary on the first lady an "extended



Hillary Rodham Clinton

commercial" for a future Clinton presidential campaign. In separate letters to the networks, he urged them to cancel "this political ad masquerading as an unbiased production."

Clinton has not yet said whether she'll run for president again in 2016 but her

future remains the subject of wide speculation in political circles and beyond. The primary debates typically provide a ratings boost for the networks and are highly-coveted as the presidential campaign unfolds.

In making the charge, the RNC was raising a common complaint among Republican activists that news and entertainment industries favor Democratic candidates. Republicans have also used a potential Clinton campaign as a fundraising tool in recent

months as both parties begin to assess the crop of candidates to succeed President Barack Obama.

CNN Films is planning a feature-length documentary film on the former first lady, looking at her professional and personal life. It will be led by Oscar-winning director and producer Charles Ferguson and is expected to air in 2014.

NBC has announced a miniseries called "Hillary," starring actress Diane Lane. No air date has been an-

nounced but it is timed to be released before the 2016 presidential election. NBC has said the four-hour miniseries will follow Clinton's life and career from 1998 to the present.

Richard Licata, an NBC Entertainment spokesman, declined comment on the request and referred calls to NBC News, which did not immediately comment. CNN also did not immediately comment.

In the letters, Priebus said the RNC would re-

fuse to partner with the two networks on future Republican primary debates or sanction any debates which CNN or NBC may sponsor if they continued with their Clinton programs.

Unless the networks comply, he plans to push for the sanctions at an RNC meeting in Boston beginning on Aug. 14.

GOP leaders in the early voting states of Iowa and South Carolina said they supported the request.

US shuts diplomatic posts amid al-Qaida threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. diplomatic posts in 19 cities in the Mideast and Africa will remain closed for the rest of the week amid intercepted "chatter" about terror threats, which lawmakers briefed on the information likened to intelligence picked up before the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

One lawmaker said the chatter was specific as to certain dates and the scope of the operation; others said it suggested that a ma-

major terrorist attack, akin to 9/11, was being planned by the al-Qaida affiliate in Yemen.

Diplomatic facilities will remain closed in Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, among other countries, through Saturday, Aug. 10. The State Department announcement Sunday added closures of four African sites, in Madagascar, Burundi, Rwanda and Mauritius. The U.S. reopened

some posts on Monday, including those in Kabul, Afghanistan and Baghdad.

Last week the State Department announced a global travel alert, warning that al-Qaida or its allies might target either U.S. government or private American interests. It said Americans should take extra precautions overseas and cited potential dangers involved with public transportation systems and other prime sites for tourists.

Spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the decision to keep certain embassies and consulates shuttered throughout the week was done out of an "abundance of caution" and to "protect our employees, including local employees, and visitors to our facilities."

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Monday the briefings he has received "certainly emphasize these

threats are specific and credible, equal if not more serious to the kind of chat-

ter, as the intelligence called it, that was heard prior to 9/11."

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City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

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

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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.

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Former Colo. resident held in beach rampage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who spent time in jail for shoplifting in Colorado was in custody Monday for investigation of running down a dozen people along the Venice Beach boardwalk, including an Italian tourist who was living her dream of honeymooning in California.

Little information was released about 38-year-old Nathan Louis Campbell, who was arrested for investigation of murder after he walked into a police station several hours after the rampage and said he was involved. He remained in custody on \$1 million bail.

Court records showed Campbell was sentenced to five days in jail after pleading guilty to shoplifting at a Denver Pavilions in February 2009.

Five months later, he was accused of trespassing at an outdoor mall in Denver and sentenced to 10 days in jail, the records show.

Campbell lived in Colorado at least as recently as last year. He was evicted from his apartment in Denver for not paying \$655 in rent in March 2012, records show.

California authorities said no one with his name and birth date had a state driver's license.

Killed in Saturday's rampage was Alice Grupioni, 32, whose family described as a businesswoman who never ceased to be a romantic girl dreaming about her bridal gown and meeting Prince Charming.

"She was robbed of her life while living her dream visit to California with her husband and this was a

tremendous injustice," the family said in a statement.

The hit-and-run hurt 11 other people who moments earlier had been enjoying an afternoon of strolling and shopping along one of the top tourist attractions in Los Angeles.

Police have not yet presented their case to prosecutors, and they declined to discuss a possible motive. However, Deputy Chief Kirk Albanese said there was no indication the attack was a terrorist act or that anyone else was involved.

Police said the driver of the car initially parked outside a hotel and surveyed the boardwalk, where hundreds of people were sitting at cafes, walking along the seashore or shopping for jewelry, art or other items at vending stands.

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In his 2010 single, "The Boys of Fall," Kenny Chesney sings the lyric, "When I feel that chill, smell that fresh cut grass/ I'm back in my helmet, cleats, and shoulderpads/ Standin' in the huddle, listenin' to the call/ Fans goin' crazy for the boys of fall."

While the video features a long montage from both pro and college football, the opening and ending sequences features high-schoolers getting coached, including a cameo appearance by New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton.

It is that time of year again and the freshmen who will eventually make up the football team for the Pampa Harvester 9th grade team are reporting to practice.

Pampa Harvester freshmen football head coach Jason Farmer is pleased with what he is seeing on the first day of practice.

"It's going really well," Farmer said. "We have some good kids. We have some kids that are working really hard and going through their drills. They are ready to play."

Being really early in two-a-days the most important concepts being practiced are the basics.

"We are working on move-

ment and doing things correctly," Farmer said. "Doing the basics correctly and making sure we know where to line up and what we are doing. Really trying to hone in on those basic skills."

To compliment the basics, working hard and learning are going to be the message throughout the two-a-days.

"We are pretty much stressing the same thing throughout two-a-days," Farmer said. "Do everything you can, do it well and do it hard. Learn; if you don't know something ask."

At the moment the freshmen team will have two quarterbacks. Projected starter Bryce Parker and backup Jason Thomas, who will also be working out at wide receiver (the next Ryan Tannehill anyone? Who knows?). Monday was an offensive day, and the defense will practice on Tuesday.

The main skill the defense will get to learn? Getting to the ball. It may sound simple but it is often a lost art in the upper levels of football. But as seen in the football camps held last week, tackling and getting to the ball will be stressed and the Harvester coaching staff will enforce it day-in and day-out.

The Pampa Harvesters open the season at home against Iowa Park High School on Aug. 29 at 4:30 p.m.



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The players practiced several different drills. Above, an actual running handoff practice. Below, there was also individual passing drills. More pictures at www.thepampanews.com.



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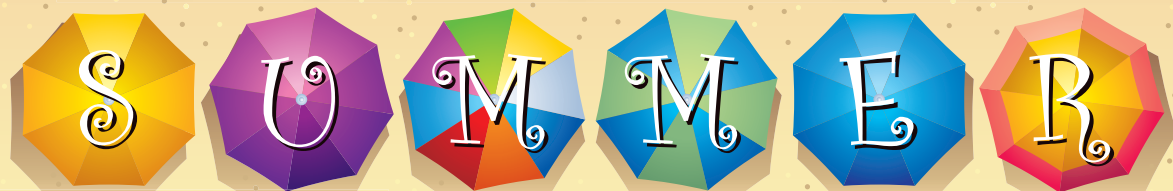
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 Clockwise from left, Ron Wood hits an approach shot. Jonathan Polasek just misses the hole in a chip-in. Joe Resendiz tries to chip in a shot. The folks behind the Lions Club Scramble. From left, ReDonn Woods, Kyle Parnell, Dr. Jay Johnson, Doug Carmichael and Larry Baker.
 The annual event was held on Friday night. Golfers play the back-9 during the day and the front-9 at night. They are equipped with a flashlight for driving, but have no visual aid to hit a glowing ball to the glowing pin on the greens. Only 72 players are able to play annually. Hidden Hills golf pro David Teichmann said that, to his knowledge, this is the only day/night tournament played in the area. Look for results soon.



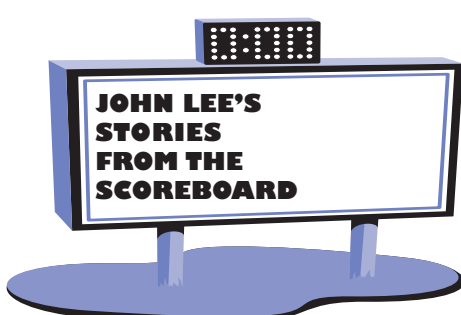
Things I liked:

- **WT representation:** West Texas A&M University had some representation in the Dallas Cowboys/Miami Dolphins preseason game. Former WT Buff wide receiver Anthony Armstrong was playing and is currently listed third on the Cowboys depth chart. Armstrong caught a pass from third-string quarterback Nick Stephens. It was for 18 yards and was between two defenders.
- **Dallas Cowboys rushing attack:** Whether it was bad blocking up front, or the new tight end packages that the Cowboys are employing to beef up that offensive line, the running game seems to be better. The Cowboys rushed for 170 yards on 34 carries averaging five yards a carry.
- **Fifth-round pick Joseph Randle** was the bell-cow for the Cowboys late in the game and had 70 yards on 13 carries.
- **Harvester practice:** While I went to the freshmen football practice on Monday, the JV and varsity teams, both football and volleyball, will be getting visits from me so they will be featured this week as well.
- **Harvester football and volleyball practice** only means one thing: high school football

and volleyball season is rapidly approaching.

Things I disliked:

- **Eagles' Riley Cooper's racial slur:** I dislike this for many reasons. One of them being that now the NFL has its own Paula Deen story. While racism is a serious topic and should never be taken lightly, it's a shame that it seems to be a dark cloud over what is an exciting time of year for the NFL.
- **NCAA Investigating Johnny Football:** Texas A&M sophomore quarterback, Johnny Manziel, is once again under the microscope. This time the Heisman winner is being investigated for getting paid for autographs. It's a shame if he did. His talent is limitless, but his exciting character issues seem to be as well.



SPORTS TO SPECTATE AT

■ Pampa Harvester sports this week
 Tuesday Aug. 6 to Monday Aug.12

Football

Freshman practices: 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. (Tuesday-Friday)
 Varsity and Junior Varsity: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Tuesday-Friday)

Volleyball

All classes practice: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Tuesday-Friday)
 Scrimmage at Bushland: Saturday, Aug. 10, 12:15 p.m.

Cross country

Workouts start 7 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 12

**Times and locations are subject to change. For the most current information, visit the Pampa ISD website.

Rodeo Program Giveaways

Don't forget to buy your program at the Top O' Texas Rodeo this year. We have so many great prizes you won't believe it. Check out the generous donations made this year that you can win at the Top O' Texas Rodeo on August 8, 9 and 10.

Thursday Night

Prestige Auto Accessories - Nerf Bars (\$250 value)
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 Victorian Rose - \$100 gift certificate
 Franks Hardware - Duo char grill (\$300 value)
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Friday Night

Souled out design - \$100 Gift certificate
 B&G Equipment - 4 stroke weed eater (\$300 value)
 Prestige Auto Accessories - Nerf Bars (\$250 value)
 Clarendon College - \$500 scholarship & T-shirt
 Re/Max Hometown - Home Sweet Home \$200 gift pack

Saturday Night

Carter Sand and Gravel - \$250 Pampa Bucks
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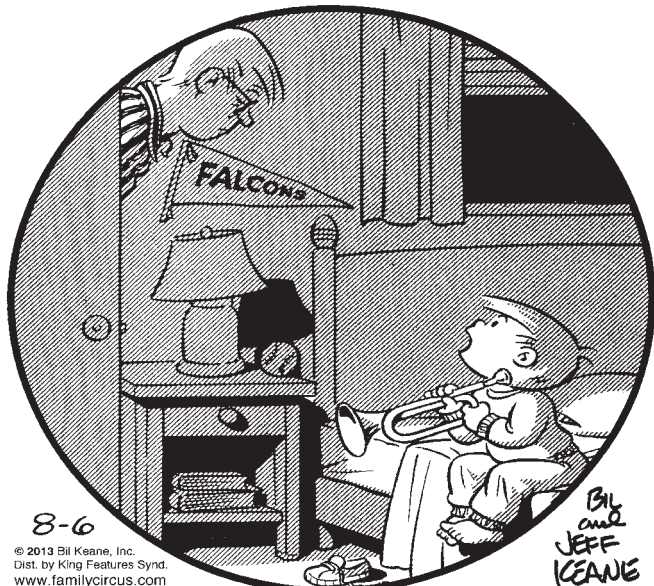
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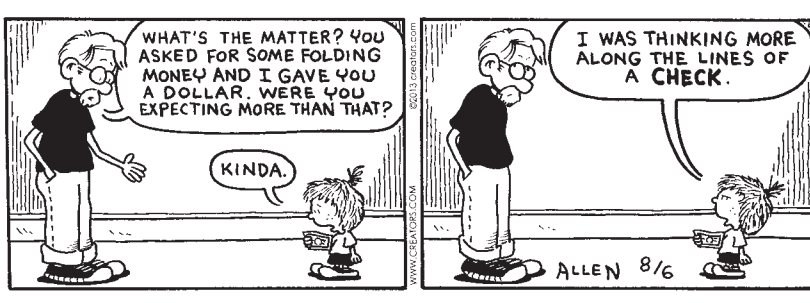
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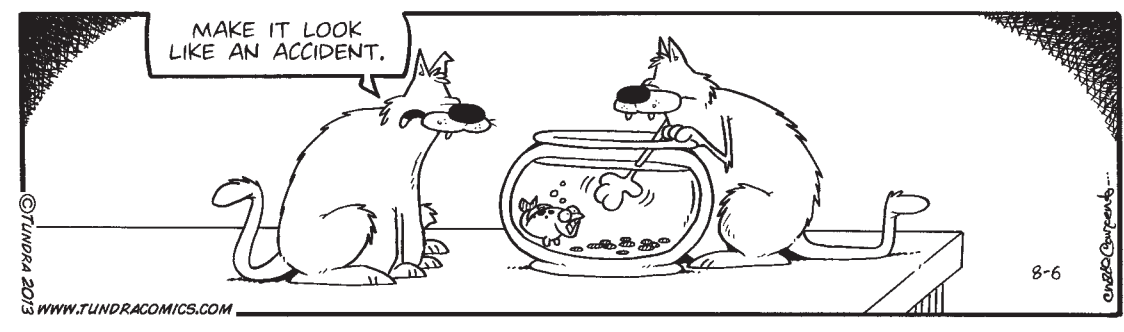
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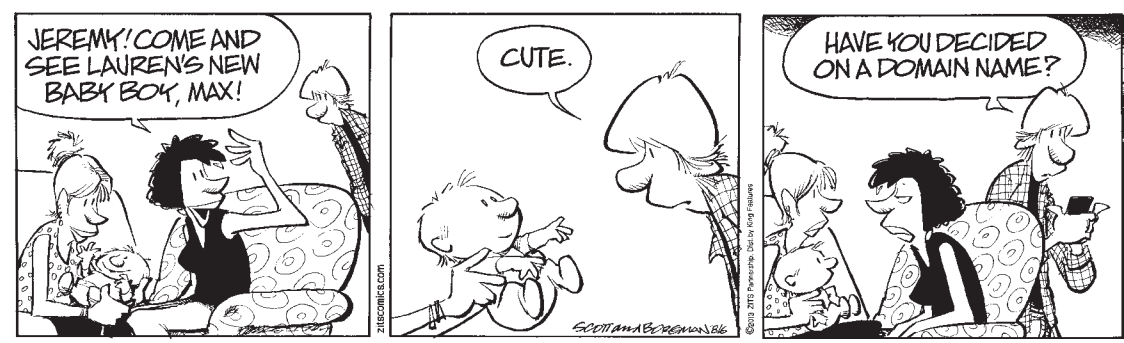
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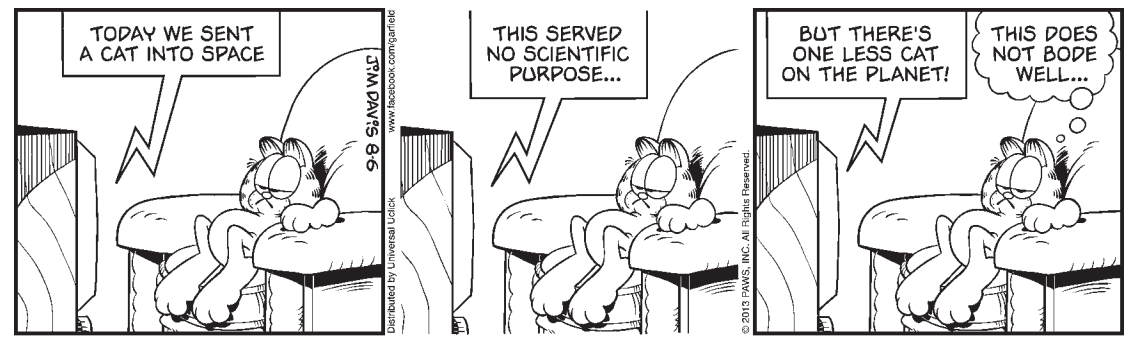
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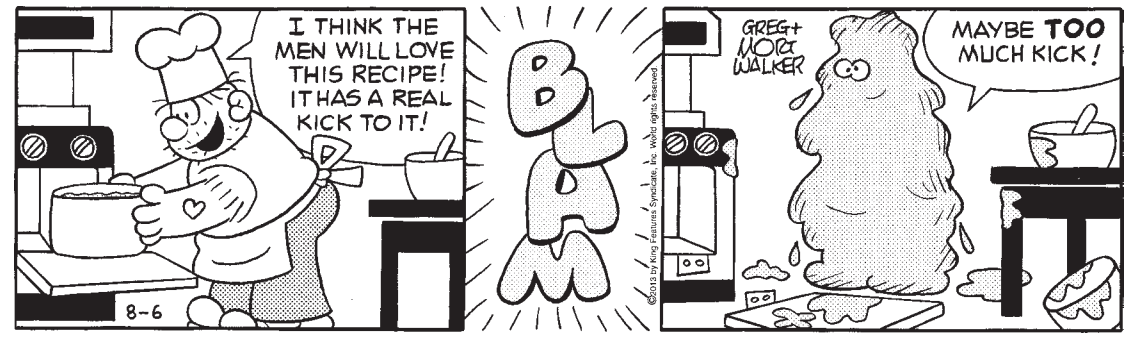
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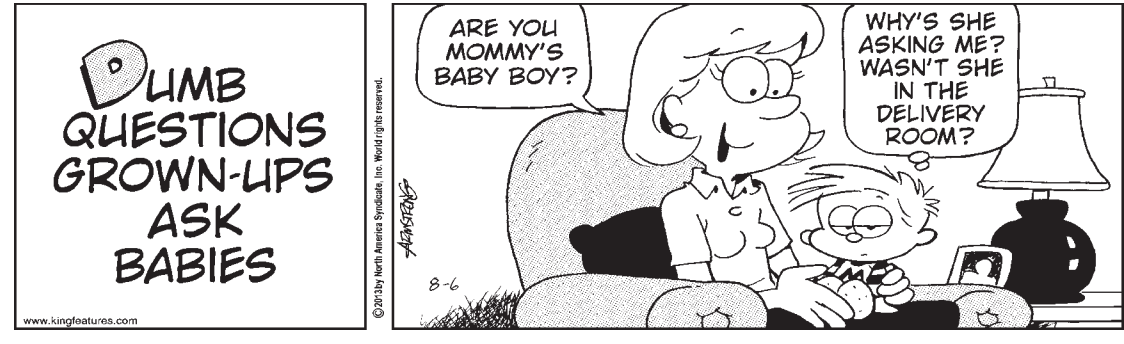
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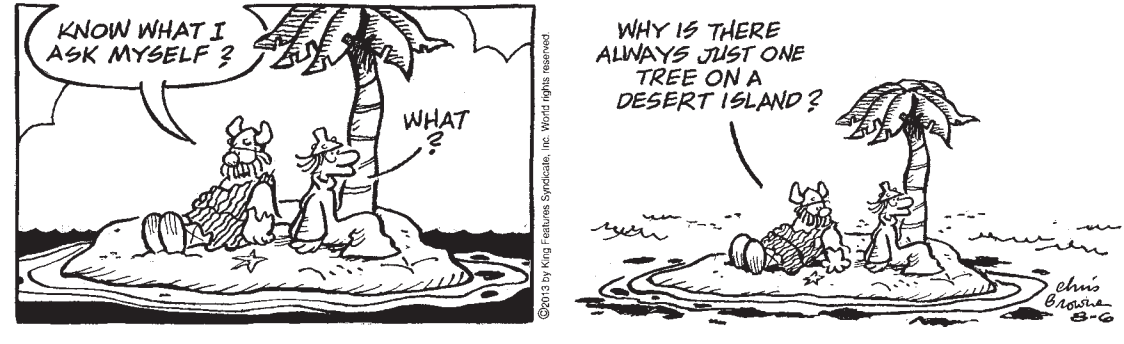
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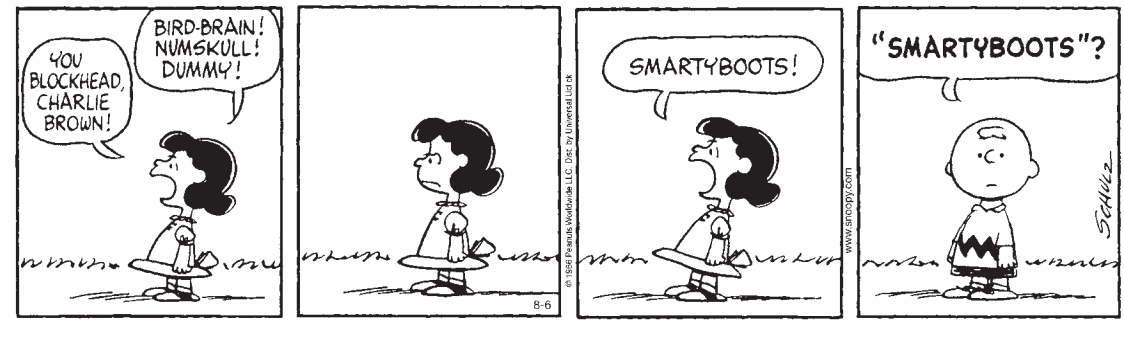
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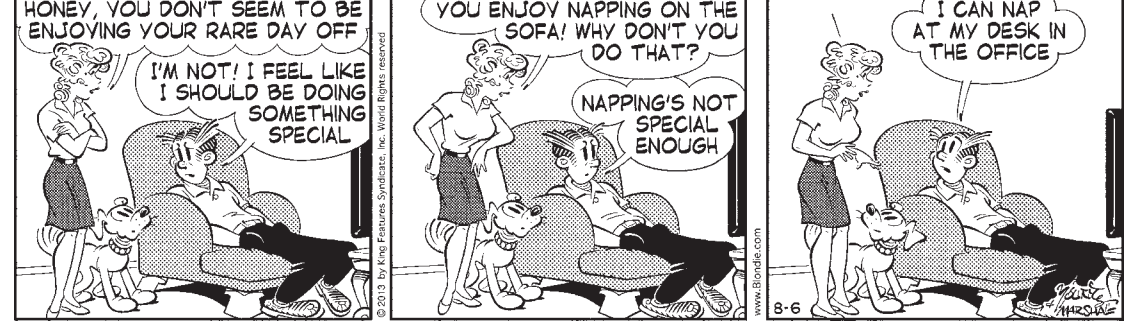
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013:
 This year you could be unusually optimistic and forward-looking. Sometimes you want to radically change your life in some key way. Other times, you might want to keep the status quo, as you know how to make various parts of your life run in sync together. If single, you are able to meet many people. It is likely that you could meet and be attracted to someone who might be emotionally unavailable. Resist jumping in before you really know this person. If attached, the two of you will benefit from taking some romantic weekends alone. LEO is always friendly. Look past that behavior when dealing with one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ You could feel challenged by a boss or parent you respect a lot, but who can become very controlling. It seems to be this person's way or the highway. Meanwhile, your emotions might flow into your personal life. You will be doing a juggling act of sorts. Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Your perspective could change radically after a discussion forces your hand. You might wonder how you are going to be able to cover all the ground you need to cover. Listen to news from a friend. You might want to chat with this person more openly. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★ Use extreme caution with your finances. You could be juggling more than you normally would like. Your ability to get past problems is well known. You have an extraordinary amount of resilience, but why push it? A partner clearly wants what he or she wants. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You might be in a positive, buoyant mood, but a friend could be in the mood to play power games. Use caution with your word choice. The only way to win a power play is not to play; don't give this person any type of reaction. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★ You might want to express your dismay at everything that is happening. You will want to take your time and sort out how much you are projecting into the situation, as well as how much is directed at you. Tonight: Do what you can, and don't put any unnecessary pressure

on yourself.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might want to consider taking a different approach or finding a new way of dealing with a rebellious -- and sometimes vindictive -- loved one. You certainly do not seem to be getting the results you desire. Tonight: Hang with people who have positive vibes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You might want to try a new approach and avoid having to deal with a very grumpy associate. You could find that you are overwhelmed by everything you have to do. Try to take care of any errands or work that you can, then complete the rest. Tonight: Head home first.

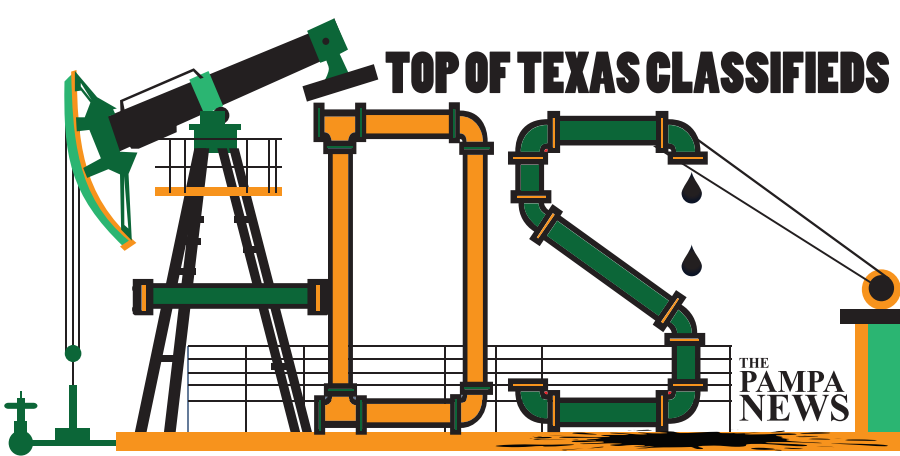
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You understand people who are controlling better than they understand themselves -- possibly because you have the same trait. If you detach, you could find this situation amusing. The smart move is not to get tangled up in this web, no matter what. Tonight: Chat the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★ You could feel as if you are right about a money venture and everyone else is wrong. Truth be told, you are your best and biggest supporter, so follow your instincts. If you care about your relationships, try to see the validity in what others share. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★ You could be pushing people away left and right with your authoritarian attitude. Try to minimize this behavior, even if you are the boss. If you do, others will demonstrate more resilience. Think before you speak. Tonight: Accept a dear friend's or loved one's offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★ You might want to try something else or do something differently. You might witness, or perhaps even participate, in the clash of wills around you. Sometimes it is difficult for you to pull away from such intensity. It would serve you well to do so now. Tonight: With a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Your plans could go up in smoke because one person wants things one way and someone else wants it his or her way. You might need to use your unusual resourcefulness in order to find a resolution. Everyone will be happier as a result. Tonight: Work till the wee hours.



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8-6 CRYPTOQUOTE

X K Q U E G Q E Y U O S F W Q K E

S O G P P G H H O L E C O N G J P F X

K N N P F O Q L U C F Z . — L K P K E C T

Z G P B O P

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Marion Rose, Deceased, were issued on July 29, 2013, in Cause No. 10047, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas to: Marian Vernetta Galey. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o Vanessa G. Buzzard Attorney at Law 208 N. Russell St. Pampa, TX 79065

Dated the 29th day of July, 2013.

Vanessa G. Buzzard Attorney for Marian Vernetta Galey State Bar No.: 03547900 208 N. Russell St. Pampa, TX 79065 Telephone: (806) 665-7281 Facsimile: (806) 669-0972 E-42 8/6/2013

Legals

PAMPA Country Club, Inc. has made application with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club License Renewal to be located at 1761 E. Harvester, City of Pampa, County of Gray, and will operate under the trade name of Pampa Country Club, officers being Dwight Chase, President and Jerrod Imel, Vice-President. E-41 8/6-8/7/2013

PUBLIC HEARING regarding reinvestment zone at the SE Quadrant of Navajo Rd. & Laguna Dr. August 15th, 10:00AM, Gray County Courthouse, 2nd floor. E-44 8/6/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE As per Local Government Code 152.013, the public is hereby notified that all approved county employees and elected officials are proposed to receive a maximum potential salary increase of 3% per month cost of living increase and certification pay for Master Law Enforcement will receive an additional \$1,800 per year. The vote on this proposal will be held at the Regular Session of the Gray County Commissioners Court at 9:00 a.m., August 15, 2013. E-43 8/6/2013

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: This letter is for "Tom in Milford, Conn." (May 16). I returned to college after 20 years of active duty and know firsthand how difficult the transition can be. Most universities have a veterans' service office where he might be able to connect with students with similar backgrounds and experiences to his. There should also be chapters of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars where he can meet others. I was fortunate that the university I attended (at age 45) had a dorm floor specifically for "nontraditional" students like me. In classes, I was able to make friends because my unique experiences enabled me to connect to the material in ways younger students could not, and by sharing those con-

nections, people got to know me. Starting over — starting something new — is always difficult, but no education is ever wasted. If he does want to explore a career in security, "Tom" should take a part-time job while attending school to help cover expenses; universities always need highly skilled employees, and university towns are filled with venues that require such skills. That being said, a diploma will get him further in his future. — **NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT, EKALAKA, MONT.**
DEAR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT: Thank you for sharing your personal experience. Your support and encouragement for "Tom" to complete

his college education was endorsed by many other vets and college professors, who find vets to be great students:
DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned that there may be more going on with "Tom" than just that he/she doesn't fit in with peers in school. Being a combat vet and feeling disconnected from peers or having a desire to return to what they knew before (security work) is a sign of PTSD. Missing work is often "code" for survivor's guilt. ("If I could go back and make it right, perhaps my buddy would be here, or I would be with my buddy.") There are services available for vets suffering from PTSD if they recognize the need to reach out for them. Also, if this vet is using his/her educational benefits, then the chances of there being a training plan to help in readjustment is likely. — **VET WHO MADE IT THROUGH**
DEAR ABBY: I am a

longtime college professor. Many bright students, young and old, have similar complaints. "Tom," you sound like a great student, as many vets are. Try evening classes. They're usually available to any enrolled student and are the same courses taught in day sections. Students enrolled in these classes are mostly working adults who are more dedicated. See if your college has online courses, so you won't have to deal with the students in person, although you may have to take part in online discussions. Check out your college's career services office and find a part-time job. This will give you a different peer group, plus give you some experience in your field. Your college's veterans' office may also have helpful resources for you. I hope these ideas will help your college experience to be more pleasant and productive. — **DR. M. IN OKLAHOMA CITY**

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8-5 CRYPTOQUOTE

L A W D Q F B V R B V Q B E I B T R,
C A T W R X R Q D W P V A G R G F D V
C A T ' J D Z D D V Z B K B V K

H A A K . — I X V K B R T V R F X V D

Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE HUNGER FOR LOVE IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE THAN THE HUNGER FOR BREAD. — MOTHER TERESA

BANANAGRAMS!

Using each two- and three-letter word just once, combine a word in the left column with a word in the right column. Then rearrange each five-letter scramble to form a word that begins with an S, W or Y, and write it into the appropriate space below.

LEVEL

H	A	C	O	T
U	H	T	O	Y
U	S	W	E	T

S
W
Y

Yesterday's Answer: JACK, JULICY, RAY, AKA, NEAR, TINIURE

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of 10 tiles contains two common five-letter words. The letters of the first five-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find them and rearrange them to spell a word. Rearrange the five remaining letters to spell the second word.

LEVEL

A	H	O	M	A	G	E	E	T	T
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U	G	F	T	R	G	A	L	H	A
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Yesterday's Answer: SCOUT, WHEAT, YOUTH

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Piece of lumber
6 One of the Obama daughters
11 Relative by marriage
12 Praise highly
13 Count of music
14 Make fun of
15 Reporter's concern
17 Harrison of "My Fair Lady"
18 Loafer
22 Stench
23 Afternoon break
27 Spanish boys
29 Caesar's language
30 Barker's come-on
32 Tear
33 Race setting
35 Bro's sibling
38 Catherine — (wife of Henry VIII)
39 Boise's state
41 Main artery
45 "Message received"
46 Thread holder
47 Incline
48 Lauder of cosmetics

DOWN
1 Feeding-time protector
2 "Not — dare!"
3 Capp and Capone
4 Shower makeup
5 Nerdy fellow
6 Put to sea
7 Chopping tool
8 Flag feature
9 Garden aid
10 TV's Trebek
16 Horror director Craven
18 Mafia bosses
19 Do magazine work
20 First-rate
21 Signs of sorrow
24 Crockpot contents
25 Comedy's Fey
26 Tennis star Roddick
28 Prop up
31 Pod item
34 Make blank
35 Letter start
36 Pop star
37 Heroic tale
40 Rooster's mate
42 Go bad
43 Sock part
44 Pub pint

Saturday's answer

S	P	A	S	M		C	H	A	T	S
C	A	I	N	E		H	A	R	S	H
A	P	R	O	N		I	D	A	H	O
R	A	B	B	L	E		G	I	N	
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H	U	B		S	P	A	R	E	D	
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Thin cookies
7 Marquee name
11 Slanted type
12 "Citizen —"
13 Acceleration phrase
15 Director Jackson
16 Some Father's Day gifts
18 Grass clump
21 Rail or quail
22 Like an atrium
24 Commotion
25 Litter member
26 Saloon quaff
27 Snarl
29 River to the Colorado
30 Vega's constellation
31 Sea dogs
32 Before
34 Long odds
40 Put on the wall
41 Successfully exploit
42 Whirl of water
43 Nervous

DOWN
1 Expert, for short
2 Stopped fasting
3 Remote
4 Wed in secret
5 Formal observations
6 Glasgow native
7 Aspen feature
8 Receipt line
9 Little laborer
10 Spanish king
14 Prepare basin
16 Kind of humor
17 Bitter dance
19 Panache drawers
20 Cash need
21 Slugger's court
22 Take to Assam export
23 Assam nursery item
25 Nursery and dirty
28 Run-down
29 In abundance
31 Moon of Saturn
33 Newspaper goof
34 Common title starter
35 Hunk of gum
36 Put a stop to
37 Unoriginal complainer
38 Constant
39 Pupil's place

Yesterday's answer

B	O	A	R	D		S	A	S	H	A
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'Groundhog Day' and its growing popularity

The 1993 comedy "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray cost \$14.6 million to make and brought in \$71 million at the box office. It also managed to do something few films do — it has steadily gained in popularity as time goes by. Even the title has worked its way into our slang vocabulary for bad situations that seem to have no end, e.g., "It's Groundhog Day and I'm never getting promoted."



Spike Harville

Bill Murray plays egocentric TV weatherman Phil Connors sent to the small town of Punxsutawney to cover the annual

Groundhog Day event. Phil hates the assignment although he is enamored with the female news producer Rita, played by Andie MacDowell. He flirts with her but she's having none of it. The always funny and understated Chris Elliott plays Larry the news team's cameraman.

After shooting the did-the-groundhog-see-his-shadow story in a barely professional manner, Connors is ready to get back to Pittsburgh. However, the crew is turned around at the highway as a storm closes the roads. For the second day in a row, Phil wakes up in his hotel room to Sonny and Cher singing "I Got You, Babe" on the radio alarm. He soon realizes that he is in a time loop. Every day is Ground-

hog Day and he is doomed to re-live it.

At first, Connors enjoys the situation by living it up. He learns secrets about the town's folk, he seduces women, he robs an armored car, and he eats all the pastry in the cafe, whatever catches his fancy. It becomes clear that there are no consequences for any of his actions as every morning when he awakes Sonny and Cher are on the radio, no matter if he destroyed the radio or committed suicide the day before.

The only thing he does not seem to be able to figure out is how to get the girl of his dreams. One day he explains to Rita that he is stuck in a time loop, she suggests he take the time to work on some self-improvement. That is a pivotal point for him and the story.

"Groundhog Day" won the British Comedy Awards of 1993 and was nominated for the Hugo Award for Best Dramatic Presentation. In 2006 it was selected by the National Film Preservation Board for preservation in the Library of Congress. It rates number 32 on Bravo's "100 Funniest Movies".

The Writers Guild of America ranked the screenplay No. 27 on their list of "101 Greatest Screenplays Ever Written" and in 2008 AFI voted it the eighth best film in the fantasy genre, ever. In 2009, American literary theorist Stanley Fish named "Groundhog Day" among the 10 best American films ever made. The list of awards continues.

I asked 10 filmmaker and actor friends to rate "Groundhog Day" on the five-star scale. I was not

even surprised a little bit when it averaged five stars. I also asked ten non-actor friends and family members to rate the movie. They averaged it at four out of five stars.

I really liked this movie when it came out and I have enjoyed it several times since.

Yet, each time I marvel that Andie MacDowell got the leading lady role as I see zero chemistry between her and Murray and I'm not the only one who feels like that. Friends and family who had a specific complaint about the movie pointed to her selection as the leading lady. One couple said they're always surprised to see it's her instead of Mary Steenburgen each time they re-see the movie and for that reason they gave it 3 1/2-stars.

That being said, Andie did win the 1993 Saturn Award for Best Actress in this movie, so apparently, we are a minority in not caring for her adequate though lackluster performance.

Regardless, I love this movie. It does everything exactly right. Bill Murray teaching the groundhog how to drive a standard-shift truck alone almost warrants a five-star rating. I give "Groundhog Day" 4 1/2-stars on the five-star scale.

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'2 Guns' shoots to No. 1 at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The action-packed "2 Guns" is No. 1 at the weekend box office.

The Universal film starring Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg pulled the trigger to capture the top spot with \$27.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The picture is based on a graphic novel of the same name and features Washington as a DEA agent and Wahlberg as a Naval Intelligence officer who must team up for an undercover operation involving drug traffickers and the CIA.

Nikki Rocco, head of dis-

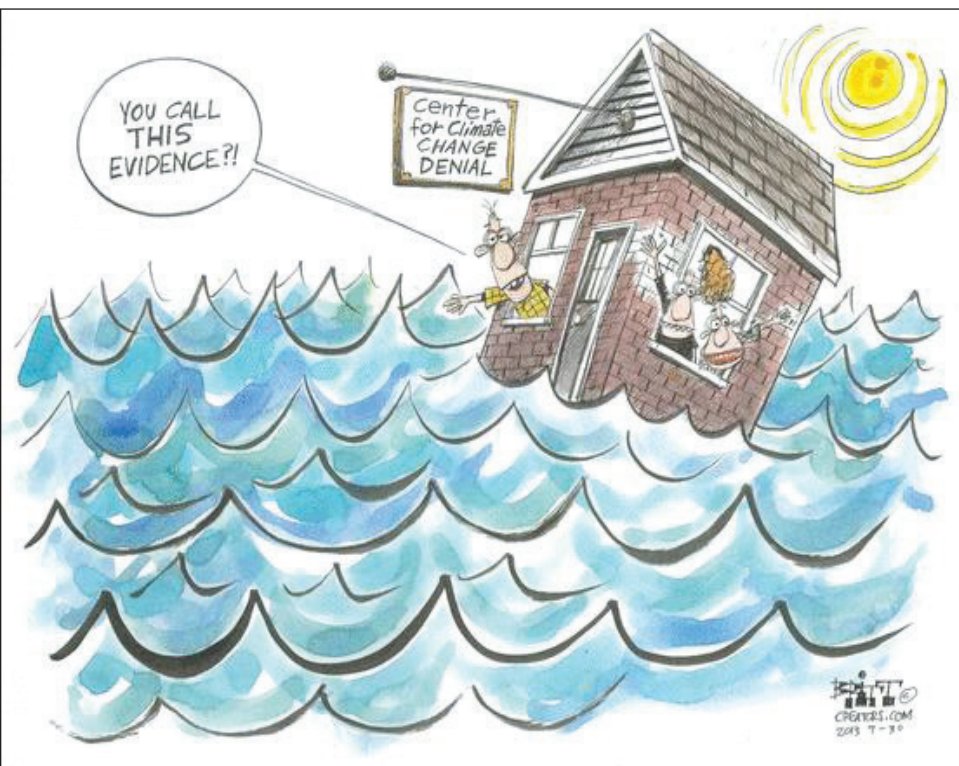
tribution for Universal, said "2 Guns" opened at the studio's expectations and attributed the film's success to Icelandic director Baltasar Kormakur and the first-time pairing of Washington and Wahlberg.

"It was super casting," she said. "There was remarkable chemistry. The two of them work so well together. You see it on screen. Baltasar really gave them the energy to be able to do what they did in this film."

Fox's Japan-set superhero flick "The Wolverine" starring Hugh Jackman as the clawed

warrior scratched out the No. 2 spot with \$21.7 million in its second weekend, bringing the Marvel icon's total domestic haul to \$95 million. "Wolverine" earned another \$38.5 million in 67 international territories.

"The Smurfs 2" launched in the No. 3 position with \$18.2 million. While Sony's kid-friendly computer-generated sequel based on the blue-hued cartoon franchise debuted below expectations in North America, "Smurfs 2" earned a bright \$52.5 million in 43 international markets.



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