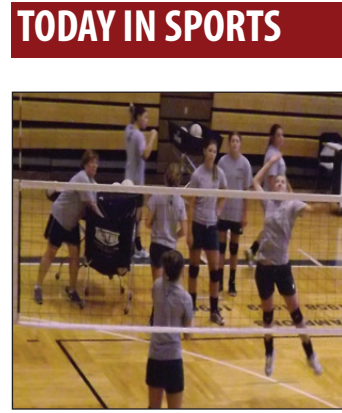


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First Downtown Hoedown on Saturday



Above, Rachel Roberts, Ken Rheams and Deb Koontz of Rheams Diamond Shop. The lucky person who makes the closest guess on how many pennies are in the jar (without guessing too high) will win the pair of diamond earrings, valued at \$250, that are in the front of the jar. The contest will be held Saturday at the Downtown Hoedown. Below, though a separate event from the Downtown Hoedown, Courtney Oxley, White Deer Land Museum director, puts up displays Wednesday for the museum's special exhibit on the history of the rodeo, also to be held Saturday.



There will be a craft show at the Knights of Columbus Hall, a dunking booth, a dessert cook-off, turtle races, vendor booths and lots of other activities.

There will be craft shows with more than 25 booths and vendors, including the Girl Scouts, Youth Optimist will be doing sign ups for football and volleyball, Soccer Association will be doing sign ups for fall season, House of Cheer, Kidd Stuff Airbrush Tattoos, Route 66 Roller Derby league, Suicide Doorz (live band), Clarendon College, Tree of Life Foundation, turtle races (more seating and bigger races), a dunking booth featuring rodeo association members Kevin White and Hank Douglas, Clarendon College's David Hall, Pampa All-Star coach Ryan Cloud and a few special guests.

There also will be a horse derby and roping at Rheams, face painting at Souled Out Designs and boots will be shined at Northern Star.

DBA is an organization of downtown business owners whose goal is to maintain and beautify downtown and support businesses through events and advertising. For more information, call Callie Odell at The Pampa News at 806-669-2525 or 662-8595.

STAFF REPORT
 The Pampa Downtown Business Association will hold its first Downtown Hoedown from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds will benefit the Downtown Business Association.

Coming soon! New comic book store at Pampa Mall

The Table's Edge will offer shoppers more than just comics.



By JOHN LEE
 jlee@thepampanews.com

Superman, Batman, X-men and many more. This is just the tip of the superhero (and non-superhero) iceberg that The Table's Edge will be bringing for Pampa citizens to enjoy.

The news of The Table's Edge coming to Pampa became public last Thursday when they posted on their Facebook, "We are very excited to team up with the Bagwells in the venture to reopen the mall in Pampa. We hope to help build a positive and very cool group of new gamers. We finished paperwork today and will be in right around first of September. Get ready to let your nerd out, Pampa!"

The Table's Edge has operated a store in Amarillo for two years.

The Table's Edge offers more than just a new location for residents in Pampa to purchase comic books without driving to Amarillo. They also hold table-top games for card games and action-board games, such as Magic the Gathering.

For more information on The Table's Edge and to follow construction of their new store in Pampa, visit www.facebook.com/TheTablesEdge. The Pampa News will continue to bring updates of The Table's Edge and other stores coming to the Pampa Mall as information becomes available.

In the words of Spock, "Live long and prosper."



Above, owners Christopher Hutchison, left, and Darren Hutchison at their Amarillo store. Below, their new store in the Pampa Mall coming to life.



State to Feds: We won't enforce insurance reforms

By SHEFALI LUTHRA
 The Texas Tribune

Though Texas will join 26 other states in defaulting to a federal marketplace for purchasing health insurance — a major component of the Affordable Care Act — it is one of only six that will not enforce new health insurance reforms prescribed by the law. It's a decision some say could lead to confusion over who's responsible for protecting Texas insurance consumers.

Because Texas did not create its own state-based marketplace, known as a health insurance exchange, under the Affordable Care Act, it must use a federally facilitated one instead. By federal law, the state must enforce provisions and regulations related to the insurance exchange and market reforms unless it notifies the federal government that it cannot or will not. If a state does not enforce those reforms, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will step in to do it.

Texas, Arizona, Alabama, Missouri, Oklahoma and Wyoming have all notified the federal government that they will not be policing the health law. John Greeley, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Insurance, said his agency cannot enforce regulations tied to the federal insurance exchange or market reforms because it is not authorized to do so.

"We can't act on anything that

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
High 94 Low 63	High 94 Low 63	High 87 Low 63

Today: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 94 degrees. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds north northwest at 14 mph. Sunrise at 6:58 a.m.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms early with a low of 63 degrees. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds north at 11 mph. Sunset at 8:40 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 86 degrees. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north-northeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 6:59 a.m.

Friday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 60 degrees. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds northeast at 9 mph. Sunset 8:39 p.m.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 87 degrees. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds east-northeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 6:59 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 63 degrees. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 8 mph. Sunset at 8:38 p.m.

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LA CUEVA Restaurant at 217 E. Brown will be opening a Buffet & Salad Bar this Saturday from 11am-2pm, 7 days/week.

LOOKING FOR non-profit & retail organizations for vendor & craft show booths for downtown Pampa events in August. For more info or to reserve a spot please call Callie at 662-8595 or 669-2525.

MADISON'S BOUTIQUE is having a 50% OFF Sale on all summer apparel & handbags, through Aug. 10th at 329 N. Hobart.

PAMPA POND & Garden Club meeting, Sat. Aug 10, 7pm. 1605 N. Christy. Hamburgers, hot dogs. Please call 440-1030 if interested.

PLEASE HELP!!!! Pampa, one of our residents, Robert Bruce, is in need of our help. He was recently diagnosed with a soft tissue sarcoma, a rare, fast growing cancer. He is needing to get to Houston to start his treatment, but because he doesn't have insurance he has to come up with a down payment for his treatment before he can even be seen at M.D. Anderson. Please help us help him raise the money so he can start his treatment. A fund has been started at Cabot & NOI Credit Union, 1063 N. Sumner, Pampa, in his name. We will take whatever you can manage, \$5, \$1 or even \$0.25. EVERY little bit will help. Come on, Pampa, let's help one of our own and show what this community is made of!

Obituaries

Marie Jamieson

Marie Jamieson, 98, died April 16, 2013 at her home in Vista, Calif.



Marie Jamieson

Memorial graveside services will be held Saturday, Aug. 10 at 10:30 AM at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with Father Christopher Schwind, associate pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Jamieson was born May 4, 1914 in El Reno, Okla. She was the youngest of six children, including her twin brother, Paul. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasaw, Okla. In 1936 she married Victor Jamieson, from Ponca City, Okla. She and Vic, a geologist for Gulf Oil Company, lived in Colombia, South America, New Mexico and Arizona before settling in Pampa in 1947. As her children got older she began a sales career with Behrman's where she worked until 1980. She was an active parishioner for over fifty years at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, where she served in the Altar Society and was always ready with homemade cakes and pies for church and school fundraising activities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor, three brothers and two sisters and her beloved daughter, Anne.

Survivors include her son, Jim Jamieson and wife Cindy of San Marcos, Cali., four grandchildren, Bari Ethredge and husband Lang of Austin, Damon Jamieson and wife Crystal of Keller, Tiffany Lawson and husband Roger of Plano, Darla Whitfield of Humble, five great-grandchildren and many cherished cousins, nieces and nephews.

As a cancer survivor and animal lover, Mrs. Jamieson's favorite charities included the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or the Morris Foundation, 10200 East Girard Ave., Suite 8430, Denver, CO 80231.

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

Chester P. "Phil" Gist

Chester P. "Phil" Gist, 71, of Pensacola, Fla. went to be with his heavenly Father on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013. Phil was born on June 28, 1942 in Burkburnett, Texas, the oldest of four children, to Jack and Lessie Gist. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1960 and was a member of the Harvesters' State basketball championship teams in 1958 and 1959. After high school he attended Arlington State College before joining the US Navy in 1966.



Chester "Phil" Gist

Gist served his country honorably for 25 and a half years in the Navy with duty stations in the Philippines, Panama Canal zone, California, Spain, Hawaii and two tours in Pensacola, Fla. where he retired from the Navy in 1991. In retirement, he was an active member and officer of the American Legion Post 240 and a member of AmVets Post 12.

Phil was preceded in death by his father, Jack and mother, Lessie. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marita "Skeet" and her mother, Hansel of Arlington, Texas; son, Andy (Beth) of Suffolk, Va.; daughter, Amber (Boyfriend, Larry) of Pensacola; sisters, Gayle (Kenneth) Steward, Karen (Wayne) Leatherman, Dianna (Ellis) Knight; four grandchildren, Jordan, Autumn, Rachel and Zachary, and many nieces and nephews.

Phil was a loving husband, father, and brother; a proud grandfather, a good friend and a loyal sailor and patriot. He loved golfing, basketball, fishing, and volunteering to help others. He will be deeply missed and will always be in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Legion Post 240. All are welcome to make online condolences to the guestbook at www.oaklawnfunerals.com. Oak Lawn Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with arrangements.

His life will be celebrated during a funeral service at Barrancas National Cemetery at NAS, Pensacola, on Friday, Aug. 9, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. Shelter B. A memorial service and reception will immediately follow at American Legion Post 240 on Gulf Beach Highway in Pensacola, Fla.

BP ordered to pay settlement administrator \$130M

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal magistrate on Wednesday ordered BP to pay more than \$130 million in fees to the court-supervised administrator of its multibillion-dollar settlement with Gulf Coast businesses and residents after the company's 2010 oil spill.

The ruling comes as BP tries to temporarily block claims payments while former FBI Director Louis Freeh investigates allegations of misconduct by an attorney who worked on the settlement program. BP also has complained of broader problems in the program run by court-appointed claims administrator Patrick Juneau.

U.S. Magistrate Sally Shushan ruled that BP is obligated to fund the settlement program's third-quarter budget even though she concluded the company raised "legitimate concerns" about Juneau's operations.

In a letter Monday, BP claims official Maria Travis claimed Juneau's office hasn't provided adequate documentation for the money it requested. Travis also alleged that the

program has been plagued by poor productivity and excessive costs.

Shushan said that while the dispute over claims documentation was regrettable, that there was no way she could cut off funding for administration of the program on such short notice.

"People are dependent. Jobs are dependent. We just can't have that happen," she said.

Shushan also ordered BP to pay for the first month of Juneau's fourth-quarter expenses, giving the parties more time to resolve BP's complaints about his budgeting process.

She ruled that Juneau must start submitting budget proposals 60 days before the start of a quarter, beginning with his budget for the first quarter of 2014.

Shushan gave both sides until 2 p.m. CDT to appeal her ruling to U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier, who is overseeing the oil spill settlement.

BP attorney Keith Moskowitz said it is "patently unreasonable" to expect BP to pay more than \$130

million without a more detailed budget proposal from Juneau. He said the one Juneau submitted in June was "in summary form without any back-up."

"That's simply not how budgets are created. That's now how businesses are operated," he told Shushan.

Moskowitz said BP is not trying to shut down the program, but Juneau said the program would be in jeopardy if BP did not cover its expenses. "We've got bills that are due today," he said.

Juneau also defended his operation and claimed BP's characterization of his budget request was distorted.

"We give them what they ask for," he said. "We give it to them in a format they ask for."

In a separate request, BP has asked a second time for Barbier to suspend settlement payments until Freeh's investigation is completed. The federal judge has not yet ruled on that request. Barbier appointed Freeh, now a private consultant, to investigate.

Lionel H. Sutton III, who resigned from Juneau's office on June 21, has been accused of receiving a portion of settlement proceeds for claims he referred to a law firm before he went to work for Juneau.

In a court filing Monday, BP said there was evidence of additional fraud: The company said at least two lawyers who have ruled on appeals of disputed settlement awards were partners at law firms that have represented claimants and filed claims of their own for the firms to be compensated.

BP also said it recently learned of allegations that someone employed by the settlement program at its Mobile, Ala., center helped people submit fraudulent claims in exchange for a portion of the awards. Juneau's office suspended that employee and a co-worker who allegedly helped that employee access claims data.

Based on the fresh allegations, BP renewed its request to delay claims, which Barbier had previously rejected.

Local Happenings

Horseshoe tournament Saturday

SUBMITTED
Wayne's Western Wear is holding its first horseshoe tournament Saturday at the Recreation Park. Sign up starts at 11 a.m. and the tournament starts at noon. Come show us what you've got at Pampa's Rodeo Days Celebration! For more information, call Brandon Stevens at 806-662-3904

PPROA convention Sept. 24-26 in Amarillo

SUBMITTED
The headline for the 84th convention of the Panhandle Producers & Royalty Owners Association has gained a nationwide reputation for challenging anti-petroleum industry film documentaries. Phelim McAleer, director of Frac-

Nation will speak to the convention at the beginning of the second day in the Amarillo Civic Center, Sept. 25.

McAleer's film is an answer to director Josh Fox' "Gasland" series. According to McAleer and other pro-industry watchdogs, those films play fast and loose with the truth about the hydraulic fracturing process and its impact on the environment.

McAleer will be followed by David Blackmon, whose company has created Endangered Species Watch for the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

His organization focuses on media accounts of the oil and gas industry's impact on endangered species.

The organization offers immediate rebuttal to national press stories about endangered species which might not tell the whole story.

Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick will round out the day with a noon address on the impact of state legislation on the commission.

The three-day convention includes a round of policy-oriented breakout sessions and the Association's annual business meeting and election.

Several Amarillo-area middle school students will tour the Mobile Oilfield Learning Unit, which will be part of the convention's exhibit area Sept. 24-25. The event attracts 350 - 400 from the PPROA's tri-state service area.

For more information, call Wayne Hughes at 806-352-5637.

PISD enrollment now open

STAFF REPORT

Enrollment is now open for students who are new to the Pampa Independent School District.

Students who attended PISD last year are pre-enrolled.

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BULLDOG DAYS



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Cosmetology student Brenda Ree and Mike Ehrle of KGRO radio station talk about the events at Bulldog Days at Clarendon College Wednesday. Even though registration has been open, the event is a promotional kickoff day for registration to provide food and an event atmosphere for those interested in attending Clarendon College. The event was an opportunity to meet instructors, tour the campus and explore the different programs the college offers. Participants and those who register throughout the month of August will be able to receive an H2O Water Park bracelet. Classes start Aug. 28. Clarendon College is also starting a new text message program. Those interested just need to send the code BULLDOG2013 to 69302. For more information on Clarendon Community College — Pampa Center, call Aaron Lopez or David Hall at 806-665-8801 or visit www.clarendoncollege.edu.

Reforms

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doesn't exist in state law," he said.

Officials with CMS, who sent a letter to TDI acknowledging the state's decision, declined to comment for this story.

Stacey Pogue, a health policy analyst with the liberal Center for Public Policy Priorities, said she doesn't believe TDI's hands are tied. In the past, she said, the agency has responded to federal laws by "taking actions that ensure that they do have oversight."

The practical effects of the state's decision are not entirely clear yet. In the first show of autonomy, Texas was not required to comply with a federal request for information about its insurance plans. Most states defaulting to the federal health insurance exchange had to submit that information by July 31.

In the states that will not enforce the exchange and

market reforms, the federal government will have to review insurance forms and respond to consumer complaints about health insurance, said Kevin Lucia, an assistant research professor with the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute's Center on Health Insurance Reforms. Those duties, he added, are "typically reserved for state insurance departments."

Pogue said the state's decision could create an "administrative burden" for insurance plans and could result in confusion for Texans who purchase health insurance under the federal exchange. For instance, she said, if people worry their insurance providers are discriminating against them based on their gender — a practice banned by the federal reforms — they may not know whether to report a complaint to CMS or to TDI.

"There's all this opportunity to be bounced back and forth, which is a burden for consumers," she said. If consumers have to report insurance violations to the federal government, that

could prevent TDI from having a complete picture of consumers' experience with insurance providers, she added.

"Consumers can be experiencing a lot of problems on the market that the state regulator doesn't know about," Pogue said.

Greeley said TDI has worked to make sure "insurers understand what their responsibilities are" under the ACA. And he said even if the state does not enforce federal regula-

tions, TDI will still work to protect insurance consumers.

"Anybody that buys an insurance policy in Texas — no matter what line or how they got to it — can come to the Texas Department of Insurance for their questions," he said.

David Gonzales, executive director of the Texas Association of Health Plans, said it's unclear what impact the state's decision could have on insurance companies.

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Man finds maggots on sandwich at Atlanta airport

ATLANTA (AP) — A restaurant says it has switched vendors after a customer found a cluster of maggots on his sandwich at Atlanta's airport.

Weekly traveler Joel Woloshuk said Tuesday he bought a sandwich from Café Intermezzo and realized the white specks on top of it were maggots — not parmesan — when they began moving.

Café Intermezzo's president said the case was isolated and the problem could not have originated at the restaurant. He says the restaurant switched bread vendors and "not a single crumb" from the original bakery remains.

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Obama inadvertently buries his man

The Federal Reserve made news this past week in two separate events.



LAWRENCE KUDLOW

The first came with the Fed's policy meeting on Wednesday, when the central bank gave no hint that it would taper or slow its quantitative easing (QE) bond purchases anytime soon. Wall Street believes the Fed will taper in September. My thought is that tapering is likely to come in December, or perhaps not until the new year. (More on that logic in a moment.)

The other big Fed event occurred when President Obama gave a strong defense of his former top economic advisor, Larry Summers. In front of a full caucus of House Democrats, Obama offered a full-throated rebuttal to the attacks of left-wing and feminist groups who have been coalescing around current Fed Vice Chair Janet Yellen.

Of course, with Ben Bernanke's term ending in January, this is all about the debate over a successor to the Fed chair. It's a timely topic. But here's the problem for Summers: Even though Obama has yet to make a choice, the president's strong defense of Summers reduces the likelihood that Summers will be appointed. Why? Because Summers now looks like Obama's man, even if the president hasn't yet said so.

Consider this: If Summers looks like Obama's guy at the Fed, what does that do to the all-important principle of Federal Reserve independence? Remember Arthur Burns? Dick Nixon's guy at the Fed way back in the early 1970s? What a catastrophic inflationist period that turned out to be, as Burns pumped money into the economy in order to get Nixon re-elected. When it comes to appointing Fed heads, I've never seen anything like it.

Yellen and Summers, two very smart people, are nonetheless Keynesian fine-tuners when it comes to monetary policy. And we've all had enough fine-tuning from Ben Bernanke. It's probably not going to follow from a Fed nomination by a Democrat president, but what U.S.

monetary policy really requires is a clear set of rules to stop the ad hoc, pillar-to-post nature of Federal Reserve operations.

Maybe Bernanke will turn out to be right. Maybe he'll go down in history as our economic savior. But in the long run, whether it's a dollar backed by gold and commodities or a nominal gross domestic product target, or the John Taylor rule, confidence in the U.S. dollar and economy will be greatly enhanced if monetary policy is guided by a clear set of rules. Neither Yellen nor Summers will provide that.

Turning back to the issue of Fed tapering (or tightening), I think the central bank is going to take its time. Indeed, the economic trends suggest there should be no rush to end quantitative easing.

Like many conservatives, I didn't like QE in the first place. But we're stuck with it. And the trick now is to get out of it without inflicting more economic damage. My suggestion is simply this: Go slowly.

The Fed policy committee made no mention of tapering in its published directive this week. Over the past year, real GDP has grown by only 1.4 percent, with inflation at 1.5 percent, according to revised GDP reports. Nominal GDP growing at only 2.9 percent is virtually a post-World War II low.

And the Fed itself slightly downgraded the economy this week. It also noted that inflation is below target and is worried that the recent rise in long-term interest rates has damaged the recovery in housing and auto sales.

Yes, there has been better news on the jobs front. The 2013 spending-cut sequester has not produced economic catastrophe, but the economy is facing substantial tax increases on upper-end earners and investors. That's a big headwind.

So let us hope the second half of 2013 produces better growth than the first half, as many economists predict. But until that evidence comes in, let's also hope the Fed holds its fire and leaves the tapering idea alone.

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This Land Is Our Land A child-free life

■ No kids please, we've got places to go and things to accomplish.

For the life of me — pun intended — I can't remember what my life was like before we had children.



BRUNO BALTODANO

Our oldest son is 15 so maybe this is due to my dissipating mental capacity but, I see it as proof that life became quantifiably better after I became a father.

I say this to lay out my personal prejudices before discussing the so-called "child-free lifestyle," a lifestyle based on the premise that "choosing not to have children allows people to lead a more fulfilling life."

According to an article titled "The Childfree Life: When Having It All Means Not Having Children,"

appearing in the August issue of Time Magazine, a growing number of Americans, in their 20s through their 50s, are actually relishing their choice not to procreate and, instead, focus on prioritizing their careers and seeking a "fulfilling personal life."

Data from the Pew Research Center shows that the U.S. birth rate dipped in 2011 to the lowest ever recorded. The overall U.S. birth rate, which is the annual number of births per 1,000 women in the "prime childbearing ages" (15 to 44), declined 8 percent from 2007 to 2010.

Moreover, the study shows that childlessness has risen across every racial and ethnic group in America.

Why is this happening? Is it an outcome of the women's liberation movement, of rock n' roll, of vegetarianism, of changing political landscapes or is it a just a character trait of the narcissistic "Millennial generation"?

The reasons are multifaceted.

Lauren Sandler, the author of the cover story in Time, says, "It is not just out of economic hardship. It's a lifestyle." Factors include medical developments that transformed personal choice in not only birth control but also in family planning (let us remember that, only a generation ago, motherhood was a matter that was out of the control of most women), attempts to address the "glass ceiling," (a sad reality of American society wherein women are paid less than 75 cents per every dollar earned by a comparable male) and changing definitions of womanhood and motherhood.

Some of the women she interviewed report being significantly happier with their friends, family, travel, and jobs because they have chosen not to become parents.

"I do all sorts of things: buy an unnecessary beautiful object, plan trips with our aging parents, sleep in, send care packages to nieces and nephews, enroll in language class-

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Weiner should say: 'I'll quit when you apologize to Broaddrick and Willey'

My unsolicited advice to Anthony Weiner is to drop out of the race for mayor of New York City. But since you insist on staying, hold a press conference:

My fellow New Yorkers,

The New York Times,

among others, tells me to quit the race. Here's my proposition. I'll resign when the Times poses this question. In the upcoming NBC-produced miniseries called "Hillary," who will play Juanita Broaddrick and Kathleen Willey?

What, confused expressions? Interesting how the Weiner-get-out crowd forgets that "everybody lies about sex" — except when it comes to politicians whose last name is not Clinton.

Digital First Media, in a piece run by a bunch of news outlets, put out a list of the eight most recent political scandals. I'll read the entry for President Bill Clinton: "The scandal: In 1995, Clinton had an affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, then gave a misleading answer about it in a sworn deposition in a civil case."

Are you kidding me? That's the Bill Clinton "scandal"?

Maybe I just dreamt that a credible, professional woman named Juanita Broaddrick appeared on NBC's "Dateline"? And that she accused Bill Clinton not

of sending dirty pictures, but of rape.

When then-Arkansas Attorney General Bill Clinton was running for governor in 1978, Broaddrick, a nursing home operator, was a campaign volunteer. Clinton invited her to visit him at his campaign office when she was in Little Rock.

A week later, Clinton suggested they meet instead in her hotel coffee shop. But because there were "too many reporters" in the hotel lobby, Clinton suggested they have coffee in her hotel room.

"Stupid me, I ordered coffee to the room," Broaddrick said. "I thought we were going to talk about the campaign." On "Dateline," she said: "I first pushed him away. I just told him 'no.'"

He tries to kiss me again. He starts biting on my lip. And then he forced me down on the bed.

I just was very frightened. I tried to get away from him. I told him 'no.' ... He wouldn't listen to me."

Maybe I just dreamt about another credible woman, a Clinton campaign contributor named Kathleen Willey, who on "60 Minutes" accused then-President Clinton — not of calling himself Carlos Danger, but of sexual battery?

Willey, a White House volunteer and self-described "good friend" of the president, described her encounter when she asked Clinton for a paid position. "I just told him that my husband was in financial difficulty and that things were at a crisis point," said Willey. But in a small room off

the Oval Office, she says, Clinton hugged and kissed her. When she tried to push him away, "he touched my breasts with his hand ... and then he whispered ... 'I've wanted to do this ever since I laid eyes on you.' ... He took my hand, and he put it ... on his (aroused) genitals." Finally, says Willey, she managed to push him away.

Feminist Gloria Steinem defended Clinton. She said his treatment of Willey — even if she was telling the truth — does not amount to sexual harassment, let alone sexual battery. Why? "(Willey) pushed him away," Steinem wrote, "and it never happened again. In other words, President Clinton took 'no' for an answer." So, if the touch-ee says no, then the touch-er commits no offense — provided, of course, that the touch-er is named Clinton, not Weiner.

Is it because these credible accusations of rape and sexual assault were never reported to authorities? But then neither did the eight women who've claimed sex abuse by the mayor of San Diego. Nor did many of the military servicewomen who recently gave congressional testimony about alleged rapes and assaults in the military.

Despite what I've done, I've never touched any woman after my marriage other than my wife, let alone had oral sex in the Oval Office. I sent texts and photographs. I've had therapy. Has the man many in the media affectionately call "Big Dawg" done so?

None of my defenders ever maligned an accuser.

When Paula Jones, the Arkansas government employee, accused Clinton of sexual battery, defender James Carville said, "Drag a hundred-dollar bill through a trailer park; you never know what you'll find."

None of my aides ever called someone like the truthful Monica Lewinsky "delusional," let alone call her a liar, as the indignant, finger-wagging Clinton did on international television.

At first, I blamed a hacker for the photo that started the controversy. At first, Hillary blamed "the vast right-wing conspiracy."

I never lied about my sexcapades under oath. I never settled a sexual harassment lawsuit for \$850,000 after saying it lacked merit. I never pled guilty to perjury and never became the first sitting president ever held in contempt of court for perjury.

My wife's forgiven me — just as Hillary forgave her husband, time and time and time again.

Finally, I'm OK with resigning. But I'm not OK with hypocrisy, double standards and selective memory. I'll resign when the media and pundit class that defended Bill Clinton apologize to Juanita Broaddrick and Kathleen Willey.

Then I'll know you're serious. No questions, please.

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Life

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es,” said Jenna Johnson, one of the women featured in the article. A few years ago a study found that the “happiness index” was lower among parents than among the childless. It’s no wonder that some of my friends took a hard look at all those millions of dirty diapers I changed (I swear they had to be millions — we have four kids after all) and thought, “Thanks, but no thanks.” The question for me became: Can I understand and respect this “life-style?” I must admit that I find it difficult to do so. First, I have a problem with the vernacular used by some of the “child-free.” Some of the comments

I read actually made me blush, and that’s a hard thing to do — not because I’m some ultra-tough macho-man, it’s just because of my complexion. Childfree.net, one of many online support groups for adults who do not wish to have children of their own, describes their world view as: “We consider ourselves child-free — free of the loss of personal freedom, money, time and energy that having children requires.” Yikes. “And there’s the issue of travel,” says Carolina Miranda in a well-written personal essay also appearing in Time. “Last year, my husband and I trotted off to Peru for several weeks. The year before that, I spent five weeks in Costa Rica on assignment for a guidebook company... These are the things we love to do. And while we

could have found some way to squeeze children into this complicated equation, neither of us was very interested in doing so.” Good golly, Miss Molly. But the biggest problem I have with the “child-free lifestyle” is its attempt to define the role of parenthood in “modernity” based on heterosexual women and their choices to remain childfree. Yes, everyone knows that women are the ones who carry the baby and give birth but to exclude men from the discussion is reductive. It is reductive because it makes the (mistaken) assumption that having babies is something that only happens to women. Wrong. Recently, good friends of ours welcomed their first child, a stunning baby girl named Olivia Kay, into the world.

Dad Greg joyfully described becoming a father as “fulfilling a lifelong dream.” Grandpa Ron described the blessing of watching her birth as “God’s greatest miracle.” The exuberance of these Texans, at the birth of this new baby is proof, at least to me, that the paternal instinct is indeed part of the equation. Nowhere in the Sandler article and rarely in the childfree websites I visited, did I find an attempt at accounting for the role of the paternal instinct to have — or not to have — children. While discussing the child-free trend, a friend of mine asked me, “Do you

think they are selfish?” “No,” I said, “but I think some of choices they make are selfish and myopic indeed.” Bruno Baltodano, a resident of Pampa, is a faculty adjunct at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. He teaches college courses on Global Politics and Terrorism.

Hotshot survivor ‘numb’ after hearing of deaths

PRESCOTT, Ariz. (AP) — The surviving member of an elite Arizona firefighting crew that was overrun by flames says he went numb after learning the 19 men he considered his brothers were dead, and he wonders why he alone was spared what he calls a “horrible, freak accident.” Brendan McDonough was the Granite Mountain Hotshots’ lookout June 30 and wasn’t with the rest of the crew when it was overtaken by the Yarnell Hill Fire amid shifting winds. He left his post for safety after notifying the men of rapidly changing weather. McDonough told ABC’s “Good Morning America” in an interview aired Wednesday that he learned of his fellow Hotshots’ deaths while back with his crew’s vehicles after hitching a ride with another Hotshot crew. “Why wasn’t I there with them?” McDonough said he asked himself. “That’s all I could think, to pray for their safety. ... I’m kind of numb at that point. I’d cried a lot. And I came to a point where I just didn’t have any more tears.” An investigation into the firefighters’ deaths is underway, but officials have said the crew moving on foot in rugged terrain was aware as it changed positions that the direction of the wind pushing the fire

was shifting. Eric Marsh, superintendent of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, at one point told a fire manager on the radio that the 19 men were deploying their emergency shelters. In an interview published Wednesday by The Daily Courier, McDonough said he heard Marsh’s radio call and was devastated to learn the crew was about to get into the lightweight coons that are intended as a firefighter’s last resort. “When I heard they had to deploy, I was crushed mentally and emotionally,” McDonough told the Prescott newspaper. “I didn’t know what to do. . It was just a horrible, freak accident.” When fire managers couldn’t contact the crew, a state police paramedic was dropped off by a helicopter and hiked to the crew’s deployment site. The paramedic confirmed the deaths and reported them by radio. McDonough, 21, told ABC his emotions plunged further as he heard the ringing phones that some members of his crew had left in one of the unit’s vehicles. He said he knew the calls were from family members trying to reach the fallen firefighters. “And that’s — yeah. I sunk. Sunk into my seat, I sunk into myself,” he said. McDonough said he has asked himself “a million

times” why he survived and his fellow Hotshots didn’t. But he told the Courier he tries not to dwell on what happened that day. “That’s not going to help anyone,” including his 2-year-old daughter. “That’s not going to remember my brothers the right way,” McDonough said. He told ABC his time with the crew was both the best and worst memories of his life. “I wouldn’t have traded the years I spent with those men for anything in this world,” he told the Courier. “They made me the man, and father I am today. How successful I am physically, emotionally, spiritually - I owe it to them.” Prescott City Council members indicated during a Tuesday night meeting that they want to rebuild the Hotshot crew. “We want to restore what we had. The sooner the better,” Councilman Jim Lamerson said. Prescott Fire Department Chief Dan Fraijo asked that a firm decision be made at the council’s next meeting Aug. 20 as to how the crew would be structured so the department can begin hiring and training for it. “The sooner the decision is made, the more time we have to put a team together,” he said.

2013 Property Tax Rates in City of Pampa

This notice concerns the 2013 property tax rates for City of Pampa. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,692,857
Last year's debt taxes	\$469,381
Last year's total taxes	\$3,162,238
Last year's tax base	\$509,194,930
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.621027/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$3,155,964
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$549,788,896
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.574031/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$4,099,515
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$549,788,896
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.745653/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.805305/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.094809/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.900114/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.255049/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$0.645065/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
 If City of Pampa adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.574031 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2012 taxes by \$15,726.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance
 The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
	0

Schedule B - 2013 Debt Service
 The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
2005 Certificate of Obligation Refunding	152,750	53,792	0	206,542
2005 Certificate of Obligation	49,536	14,304	0	63,840
2008 Certificate of Obligation	7,848	15,101	0	22,949
2009 Certificate of Obligation	2,610	10,284	0	12,894
2012 General Obligation	135,000	83,660	0	218,660
Total required for 2013 debt service			\$524,885	
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$0	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2013			\$524,885	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2013			\$0	
= Total debt levy			\$524,885	

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
 In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$1,412,005 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 205 N Russell, Pampa TX 79065.
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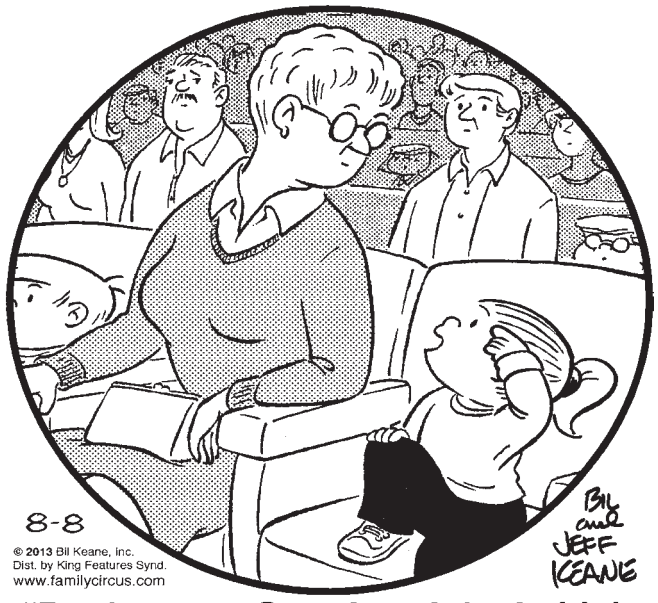
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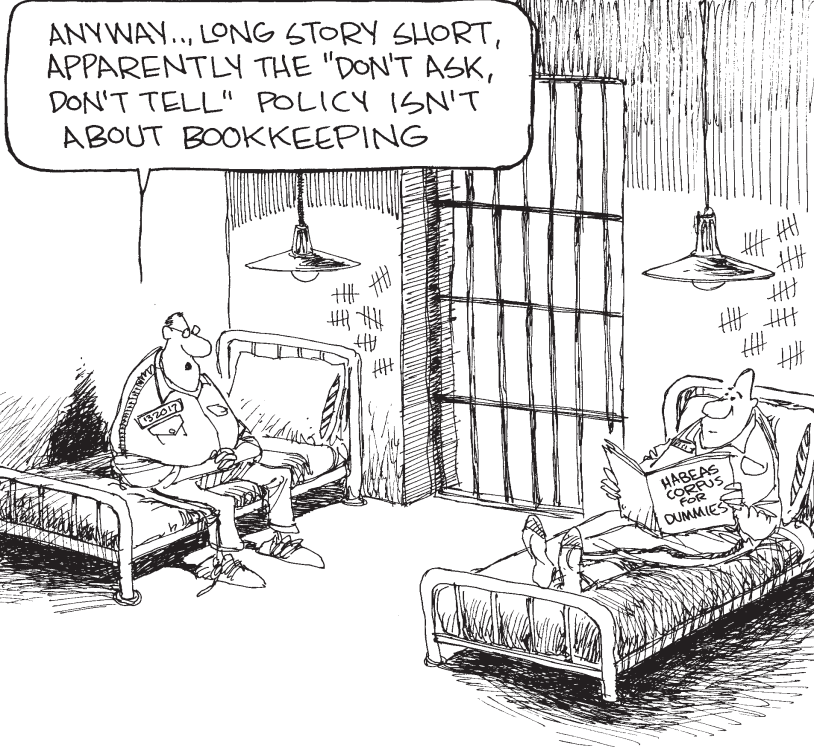


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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 9, 2013:

This year you could be more detail oriented than you have been in many years. Others might find you to be fussy. If you are single, you could attract someone who is emotionally unavailable. Make no commitments until you are sure this person can open up. If you are attached, the two of you could get into petty squabbles. You might opt to spend more weekends together as a couple. **VIRGO** does not realize it, but he or she often rains on your parade.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Whatever you feel and do, you feel and do with a great amount of intensity. Others clearly understand your determination, which prevents you from being met by any heavy resistance. Use it well. Consider finishing a project that you have been putting off. Tonight: Out with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might be quite determined to have someone hear your version of what is happening. You will do nearly whatever it takes in order to ensure that you are heard. Communication can be a little sarcastic if you are not careful. Tonight: Join friends. Make it light and easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You could be overwhelmed by an unexpected and costly problem; you might not be sure which way you want to go. Check out alternatives, and others will respond well to your inquiries. Listen to feedback, but trust your judgment. Tonight: You need to let off a little steam. TGIF!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You could be taken back by a personal matter, and perhaps you might even feel left out. You will funnel your frustration into a form of overindulgence. This escape might work for now, but what about later? Consider sharing your feelings instead. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You would like to see a situation develop in a more positive way; however, you also need to express your feelings. You might have been pushed way beyond what most people can and will tolerate. Share your thoughts in a way that can be heard. Tonight: Celebrate yourself well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You tend to spend a lot of energy on getting what you want most. Start taking action. A friend or an associate might be far more supportive than you thought possible. This person's caring will infuse you with optimism. Tonight: Know what you want, and then make it so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. You will have a strong sense of what is happening; however, if you become too inquisitive, you could cause a problem with someone you look up to. Assume a holding position for the present moment. Tonight: Make it an early night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might be dumbfounded by how everything seems to tumble into your lap. You know how hard you have worked, and now everything seems to be falling into place. A very assertive friend means well, but he or she can be controlling. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might be ready for a change, but the question remains: Is everyone else? You might want to hold back for a while in order to find a new approach or a different way of thinking. Brainstorm with your buddies and look for more answers. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Keep looking at what is happening. Seek out an expert or two to trigger new ideas or to give you feedback. This action will be a powerful alternative when you start to feel overwhelmed. Express your caring, even if the receiver is hostile. Tonight: Out late.

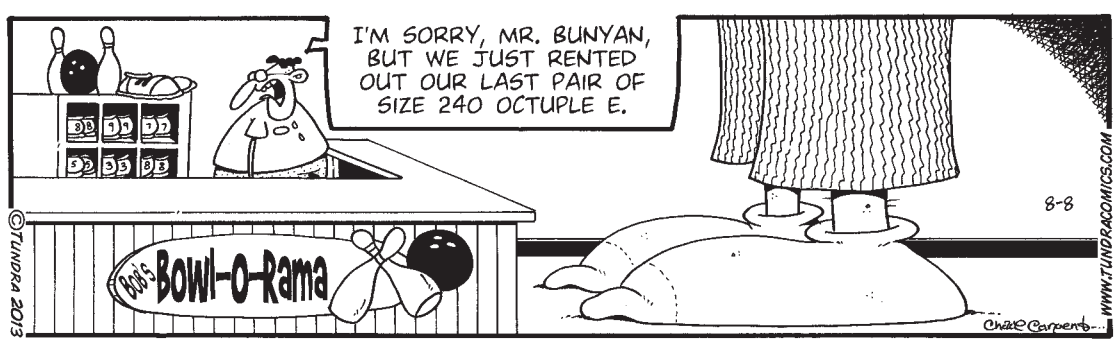
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You generally are friendly and outgoing. When an associate becomes pushy, you might wonder what is going on. Express your concern in a caring manner, and you'll get excellent results. Know what you want from this situation. Tonight: Make and return calls.

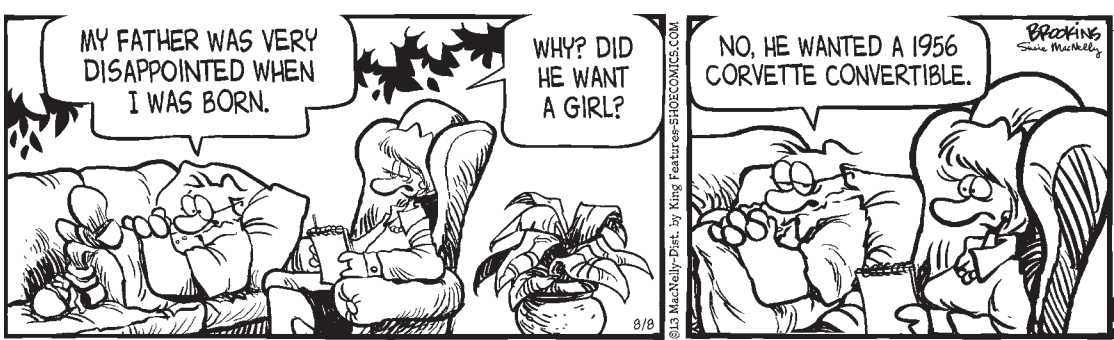
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could be taken back by someone's behavior. This person is likely to be a new friend who is expressing his or her caring in a way that you might not get. Once you understand where this person is coming from, you just need to respond. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend!

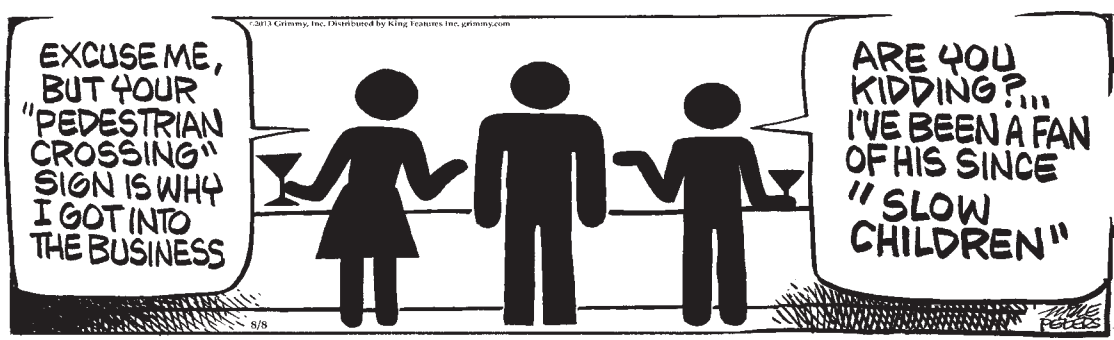
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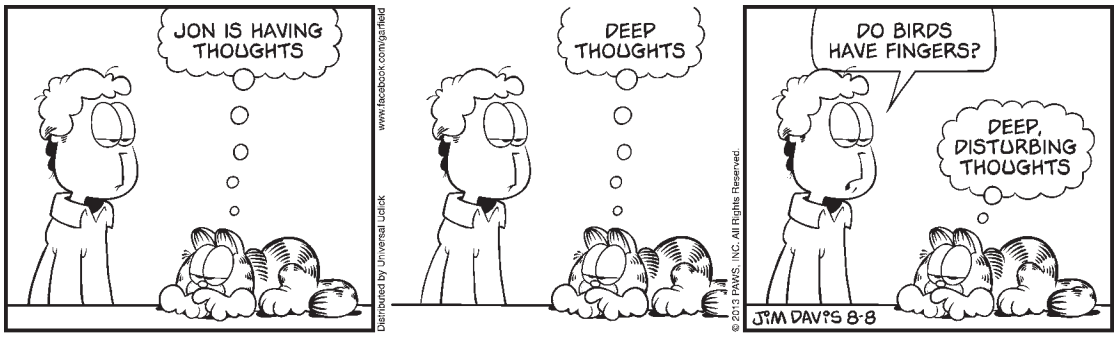
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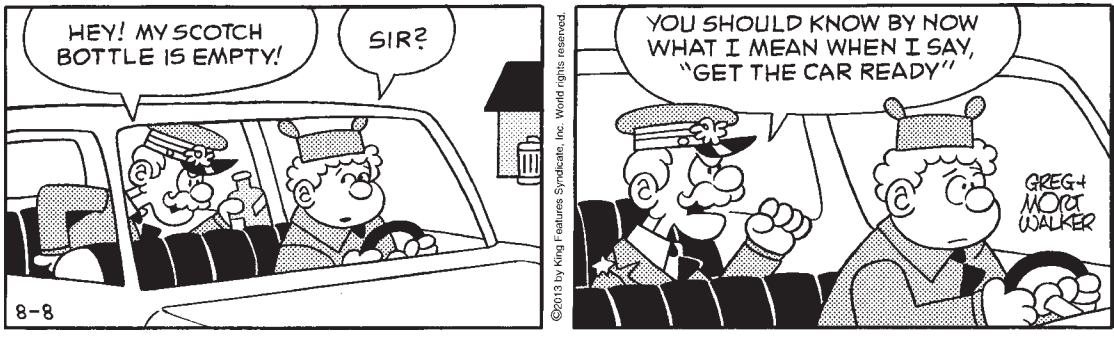
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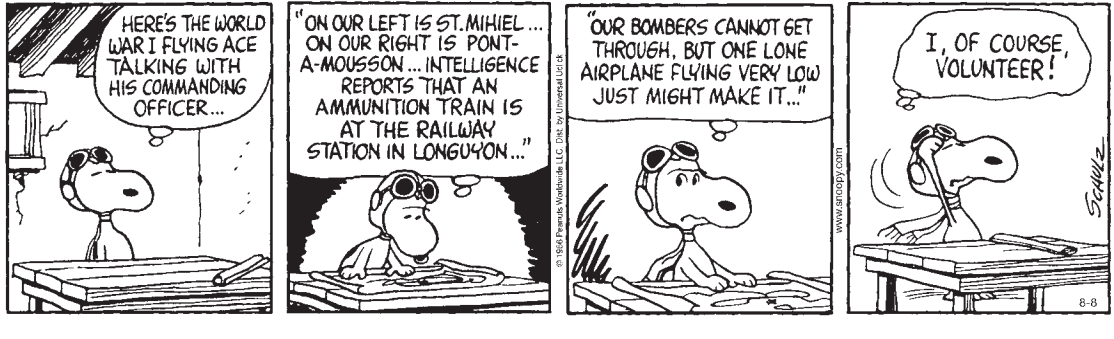
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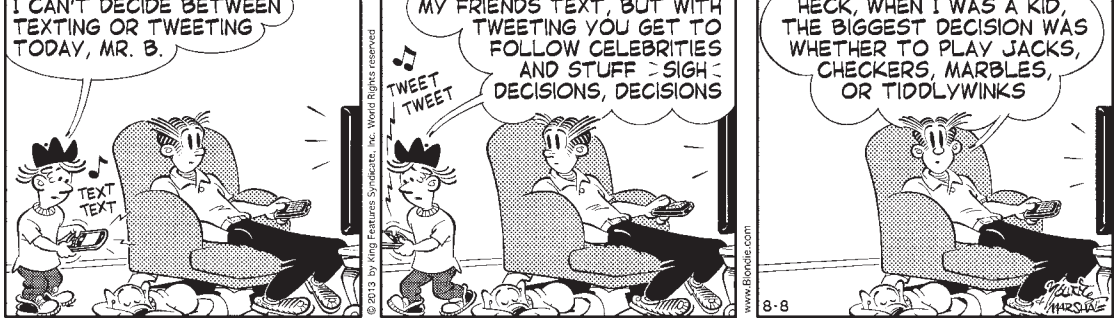
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The Best of Pampa winners

Editor's note: This is a revised list from Wednesday's newspaper.

The winners for the "Best of Pampa" contest have been tallied. The Pampa News readers voted for their favorite businesses and people.

The deadline to submit ballots was Aug. 1. The Pampa News staff wishes to thank everyone who participated.

Best of Pampa winners are:

- Best pizza: Verona's
- Best sandwich: Hoagie's Deli
- Best late night snack: Taco Bell
- Best hamburger: Hamburger Station
- Best steak: Texas Rose
- Best breakfast: Hamburger Station
- Best waitress: Wendi Miller
- Best fountain drink: Easy's
- Best insurance agent: Brandon Wheeler
- Best real estate agent: Tish Holman
- Best auto body repair shop: Southwest Collision
- Best mechanic: Dustin Kuhn
- Best physician: Dr. Gretchen Adams

- Best chiropractor: Dr. Mark Ford (junior)
- Best bank: Happy State Bank
- Best beautician: Stephanie McGahen
- Best car salesman: George Bullard
- Best law enforcement officer: Jon Hammond
- Best firefighter: Jason Roberts
- Best lawn care provider: Ammons Landscape
- Best coach/teacher: Steve Porter
- Best grocery store: United Supermarkets
- Best pedicure: Teresa Peters
- Best hotel: AmericInn Lodge and Suites
- Best newcomer: Shabby Creek
- Best customer service: Malcolm Hinkle and Ammons Landscape (tie)
- Best gift shop: The Victorian Rose
- Best photographer: Christy Ladd
- Best pharmacist: Bill Hite
- Best pharmacy tech: Ronnie Villa
- Best car wash: Pak-A-Sak
- Best convenience store: Pak-A-Sak
- Best jewelry store: Rheams Diamond Shop
- Best dry cleaners: Harvester Cleaners

As al-Qaida grows, leaders remain a global threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Far from being on the brink of collapse, al-Qaida's core leadership remains a potent threat — and one that experts say has encouraged the terror network's spread into more countries today than it was operating in immediately after 9/11.

President Barack Obama, who ordered the May 2011 raid that killed Osama bin Laden, has described al-Qaida's headquarters as "a shadow of its former self." White House spokesman Jay Carney on Tuesday called it "severely diminished" and "decimated."

The bravado, however, didn't match the Obama administration's action this week. It closed 19 U.S. diplomatic outposts stretching across the Eastern Hemisphere and evacuated non-essential personnel from the U.S. Embassy in Yemen after intelligence officials said they had intercepted a recent message from al-Qaida's top leader about plans for a major terror attack.

The new communique came from bin Laden's replacement, Ayman al-Zawahri, who as early as December 2001 announced plans to decentralize the network and scatter its affiliates across the globe as a way of ensuring its survival.

Now, major al-Qaida hubs are thriving along the Iraqi-Syrian border, in North Africa and, in the most serious risk to the U.S., in Yemen.

The regional hubs may not take direct orders from al-Zawahri, and terror experts say they rarely coordinate operations with each other or share funding and fighters. But they have promoted al-Qaida's mission far beyond what its reach was a dozen years ago and, in turn, created an enduring legacy for its core leaders.

"Even while the core al-Qaida group may be in decline, al-Qaida-ism, the movement's ideology, continues to resonate and attract new adherents," Bruce Hoffman, director of the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University,

wrote in a research paper earlier this year.

Bin Laden's death, Hoffman wrote, "left behind a resilient movement that, although seriously weakened, has been expanding and consolidating its control in new and far-flung locales."

Al-Zawahri, an Egyptian whose location is unknown, issues messages to followers every few months that are posted and circulated on jihadi websites. His latest, posted July 30, lashed out at Obama for the continued U.S. detention of terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and for launching deadly drone attacks in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen and other Muslim countries.

"You fought us for 13 years. ... Did we soften or toughen up? Did we back out or advance? Did we withdraw or spread out?" al-Zawahri asked Obama in his July 30 message, according to a transcript of his letter that was translated from Arabic by SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadist websites.

He continued, "I call on every Muslim in every spot on Earth to seek with all that he can to stop the crimes of America and its allies against the Muslims — in Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen and Mali, and everywhere."

Three days later, the State Department announced the temporary closing of U.S. embassies and diplomatic outposts across the Mideast, Africa and Asia — although not in Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel or Mali. Officials this week said the closures were prompted by an unspecified threat to U.S. and Western interests in a message from al-Zawahri to his top lieutenant in Yemen, where al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula is based.

AQAP, as the terror network's regional hub is known, is led by Nasser al-Wahishi, who for years was close to al-Zawahri and bin Laden, and is one of al-Qaida's few remaining core leaders, said SITE director Rita Katz.

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GETTIN' READY FOR SOME V-BALL

■ Lady Harvesters preparing for their scrimmage Saturday

BY JOHN LEE
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The Lady Harvesters are hitting the volleyball court this week with their first games rapidly approaching. The Lady Harvesters have seven players returning from last year's squad and head coach Brooke Sanford said that her team is responding well to getting back in game-shape after the summer.

"They are responding well," Sanford said. "They have worked hard, we have had some tough practices. Trying to get back into shape from the summer and they have responded well."

The Lady Harvesters had several instances where they had to dig deep in their rosters and bring underclassmen up to start and play in games last season. Sanford thinks that this could help the team this year as underclassmen now have experience.

"We have some experience from last year," Sanford said. "We had some sophomores who had to start and play. We had a rough go of it sometimes and they learned from that. They have done a lot of things in the offseason to make themselves better. Hopefully that maturity will pay off"

Many of the drills ran in the morning practice on Wednesday involved ball placement. The team prac-



Above, the team practices their defensive drills. Below, the team practiced a setting drill to set up offensive strikes.

ticed setting up the ball for a delivery over the net and serving the ball to land square in the middle of the opposing floor.

"We have got to pass better," Sanford said. "We have got to play defense better. Teams don't get to hit the ball if they don't have good defense and passing."

The Lady Harvesters are getting ready for a scrimmage on Saturday against Bushland. This will be an opportunity for the coaches to not only try new looks and personnel manage-



ment, but also evaluate their team and know what they need to work on to be ready for Tuesday's first game against Tulia/Lubbock Cooper.

"We haven't even set

our teams yet," Sanford said. "So our scrimmage (Saturday at Bushland) is basically just trying different people in different positions. Try and see what works. About two days after that we play games. So we don't look at whether we win or lose scrimmages. We are just trying some things out to figure out what is going to work next Tuesday."

The Lady Harvesters hit the court Saturday at 12:15 p.m. in Bushland for their first scrimmage of the season.

Photos by John Lee

Sports Briefs

RB Richardson not playing preseason opener

CLEVELAND (AP) — Browns running back Trent Richardson will not play in the exhibition opener against St. Louis as he continues to recover from a shin injury.

Richardson was kicked in the shin last week in practice and was sidelined for two days. Browns coach Rob Chudzinski said the team is being cautious with Richardson, who could have played if it was a regular-season game. Chudzinski said he is not concerned about Richardson's durability.

The first-round draft pick in 2012 played most of his rookie season with two broken ribs and still rushed for 950 yards.

Chudzinski said Dion Lewis will start in Richardson's spot. Also, starting safety T.J. Ward will sit out with a hamstring injury.

Lewis gets 'great tape' from joint practice

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — Cincinnati's Michael Johnson couldn't believe how quickly the afternoon disappeared as the visiting Bengals a shared practice with the Atlanta Falcons.

The defensive end says he enjoyed almost everything about Monday's change of pace in the Bengals' training camp. "It was fun," Johnson said before adding the 90-degree Georgia heat was a factor.

Bengals coach Marvin Lewis and Falcons coach Mike Smith also liked the

first of two days of shared practices before the teams meet in their first preseason game on Thursday night.

Lewis says he'll have "great tape to evaluate" as he makes decisions on roster spots.

Dempsey joins Seattle in prime of his career

SEATTLE (AP) — For the past few seasons playing in England, even as he participated in a Europa League final with Fulham and was on the verge of a Champions League berth at Tottenham, Clint Dempsey felt the pull to come back to America grow stronger.

He didn't want to be an aging player on the back side of his career when he finally made the decision to return to Major League Soccer.

That pull was at the heart of Dempsey's decision to have his representatives reach out to MLS in late July and start the process that was finalized over the weekend when Dempsey signed with the Seattle Sounders as their newest designated player.

Heat-Bulls, Lakers-Clippers opening NBA

NEW YORK (AP) — The Miami Heat will open their title defense against the Chicago Bulls on Oct. 29 in the expected return of Derrick Rose, with an all-Los Angeles matchup later that night in the Lakers' first game without Dwight Howard and the Clippers' first with Doc Rivers.



Regional Sports

LEFORS FOOTBALL: LESS MANPOWER, ALL THE ACTION



Photos by John Lee

Left, the Lefors quarterback seemed on cue with his receivers. Right, a jump catch. Bottom, one of the many passes reeled in.

■ After a playoff berth last season, Lefors returns half of its starters for six-man football.

BY JOHN LEE
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While six-man football may sound like a lesser version of football, it has all the same action and scoring that comes with its 11-man counterpart. After a playoff berth last season, the Lefors Pirates return with half of their starters from last year, but will still have some youth that head coach Joey Czubinski (Coach Ski) is going to preach the basics to.

"When you get a class who is younger, mostly freshmen and sophomores, you really want to stress the fundamentals and basics," Coach Ski said. "Blocking, tackling, receiving, kicking, throwing and running, I put that up there (on the blackboard) that's basically what your success points are. We reinforce that every single day. There is something we do, exercises we do, drills we do to reinforce the basic fundamentals."

Bringing out the players as early as possible is helping the Pirates get an edge over the competition.

"I think that is an advantage of six-man. We get to bring them out here in early

August. We don't get the traditional spring training like I had in San Angelo. We are heavy in the offseason where we lift and we run a lot and do a lot of football stuff in May when a lot of schools are taking it easy. We are out there doing it everyday. Now we get them out here and stress those fundamentals for the first three or for days."

Coach Ski broke down the division for The Pampa News and what he feels like the identities of each team is going to be. Follet has the best spread quarterback in the game. Ski said that the kid "has a rocket for an arm" and they like to throw it deep.

Groom likes to run it. McLean has a new coach, and Ski said it will be inter-

esting to see. Ski said that Miami is similar to Lefors.

But the majority of teams will go spread if they can find the mismatch. Coach Ski said that they will likely be a pass-heavy team.

"I would have thought (a few months ago) we would have been a bigger running team. Then we had a lot of guys for one reason or another who can't play. We might be about a 50-50 split (running and passing), when I would have thought we would have been an 80-20 (run). We have a lot of (what we call in six-man) deer. We have guys who can run. To protect against a lot of spread teams we have guys who can run."

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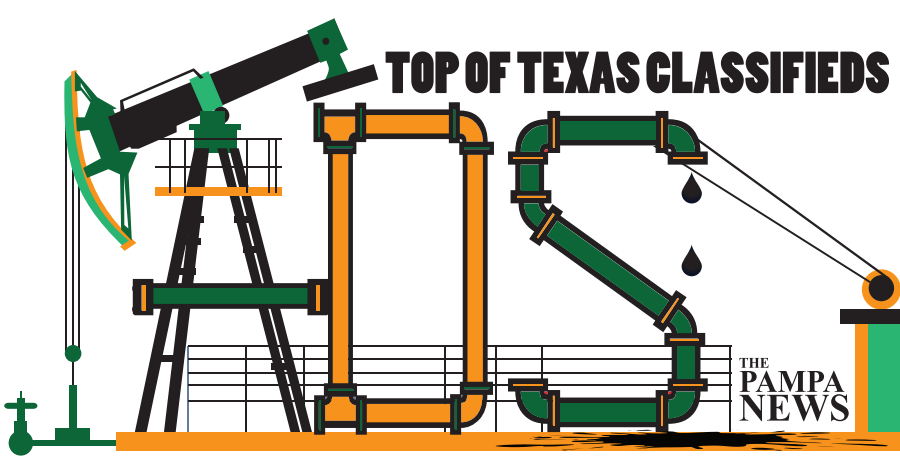
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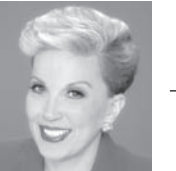
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I am a self-employed general contractor, and have been for the most part successful. My wife, "Janine," worked in the mortgage industry, but because of the economic downturn hasn't worked in three years. After her mom provided some financial help to my business eight months ago, Janine decided she wanted to work for me doing the office work and book-keeping. The problem is, she doesn't show up until late afternoon and stays only a short while. She doesn't get any work done, and then she leaves. She constantly rushes to get the bills paid at the very last minute. Although my wife is college-educated, she really can't handle the job. Her work ethic is terrible. I started my company and I'm the boss. When Janine doesn't agree with me about something, she yells so loud I'm sure the people who work next door can hear her. I have

talked to her about this, and we have fought about it. I tried to fire her but she says if she can't work for my business, we might as well get divorced. I never wanted a partner and didn't ask for one, and now I feel trapped with an employee from hell. I love Janine and don't want a divorce. How can I get her to quit and still stay married? — NEEDS HELP IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NEEDS: Your wife's behavior is immature and inappropriate. If her being in your office is connected to the money her mother loaned you, my advice is to repay it immediately before your wife's "dabbling" as a business partner disrupts the business any further.

You may love Janine, but if the only thing holding your marriage together is allowing her to play at working in the office, then I'm sorry to say you don't have much of a marriage. Wake up and smell the coffee. You need an

assistant and your wife needs something else to occupy her time.

DEAR ABBY: I was abused as a child through my teenage years. I told my mom and we talked about it. My stepfather was the molester. Part of me is still angry about what he did to me, but another part thinks fondly of the life we had as kids. What's wrong with me? Is it normal to have conflicted emotions about a person who hurt you? None of my siblings know about my past. My stepfather is deceased now and so is my mom. — SURVIVOR IN MARYLAND

DEAR SURVIVOR: You deserve credit for not only being able to acknowledge your pain, but also emotionally mature enough to look back and not diminish the good things. It's a sign that you are healthy. Your feelings are normal, and you are to be congratulated for being able to view your history in its entirety.

DEAR ABBY: The women I work with are now starting to have grandchildren. That's great, but when did it become trendy to have baby showers for the grandmothers? Personally, I think this is over the top. What about you? — SHOWER OVERLOAD IN MINNESOTA

DEAR SHOWER OVERLOAD: I don't agree. It may have become trendy around the time that so many grandmothers assumed responsibility for raising their grandchildren. Or, the women may be so excited about welcoming a first grandchild that they want to celebrate with a party of their own. Because you feel differently, simply decline the invitations.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 7 Highway rescue
 - 8 Memorable time
 - 9 Operated
 - 11 Concentrate
 - 15 Eurasian deer
 - 17 Varnish layer
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 - 19 Theater prize
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 - 21 Latvia's capital
 - 22 Resting on
 - 25 Boot attachment
 - 26 Clay workers
 - 28 Highlanders
 - 30 School paper
 - 31 Lorelei's river
 - 33 "Pinocchio" fish
 - 34 Manual reader
 - 35 Yarn
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