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## Truck with extended boom blamed for Cable One outage

Service knocked out for 3,500 customers in Pampa, White Deer and Panhandle.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
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 About 3,500 Cable One customers in Pampa, White Deer and Panhandle were without service for more than 12 hours Wednesday after an extended

boom on a utility truck struck a main fiber optic line at the intersection of State Road 152 (Borger Highway) and Florida Street in Borger.

The outage occurred between 11:40 a.m. and noon, said Terry

Harris, Cable One's general manager in Borger.

Television, phone and Internet services were all tied into the fiber line. Pampa was the first to get service back at 1 a.m. Thursday, followed by White Deer and Panhandle.

Lacking phone and Internet, The Pampa News office closed early and residents and businesses throughout town reported loss

of service.

Harris said he understands the frustration to customers at a personal level.

"I know it was extremely frustrating for the customers in those communities," he said. "I live in Pampa, both my kids live and work in Pampa so I understand the frustration that everyone went through. You don't expect a truck to go through an inter-

section with an arm extended to catch a fiber line."

Harris said Xcel Energy responded to the scene immediately because of damage to its power lines. Cable One had to wait until after Xcel finished its repair work, which was around 2:30 p.m. Harris added it was not an Xcel truck that struck the lines.

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## County approves new tax rate

Commissioners hear budget requests, approve longevity pay.

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**  
 thowsare@thepampanews.com

The Gray County Court of Commissioners met most of the day Thursday conducting regular business and listening to requests on its new yearly budget, which begins Oct. 1.

Presentations were made by groups as diverse as Clarendon College, Gray County 4H and Lefors EMS.

Near the beginning of the meeting, commissioners approved an effective property tax rate of .489381. That amount is the same as the roll back rate, which is the highest rate the commissioners can approve without going to the voters for their blessing.

Judge Richard Peet said the roll back rate is still lower than the rate for the current fiscal year. The motion for the roll back tax rate was approved unanimously.

The commissioners approved a request from Raymond Jaramillo, vice president of Clarendon College, to maintain its tax rate of 5 percent. Jaramillo said he plans to hire another full-time recruiter and a part-time custodian employee.

Jaramillo said enrollment has been as high as 500, but expects around 340 this school year.

The college's 2014 budget includes ad valorem, or property tax, revenues of \$790,000 and tuition and fees at \$175,574.

The Gray County 4-H program requested \$5,000 to purchase a 24-foot trailer to haul both large and small animals.

County extension agent Brandon McGinty said 4-H has a 16-foot trailer, but it is outdated.

He said many kids in 4-H have access to pickup trucks, but not trailers, and having a new, larger trailer would benefit them as they travel throughout the state with their animals.

McGinty said 4-H has applied for a \$30,000 state grant to buy the trailer, which will cost between \$28,000 to \$30,000, but expects only \$20,000 will be approved.

If the full grant amount is approved, then the 4-H program won't need the \$5,000 from the county.

McGinty said there are 50 to 60 young people in Gray County in 4-H.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley said he supports 4-H in its efforts.

"I'm in favor and in support of it," he said. "I make a motion to include a line item with the understanding if they get the grant it won't be needed."

Lefors Volunteer Fire and EMS receives \$5,700 from the county right now but is requesting \$17,500 for next year.

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## BOOTING UP FOR MDA



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

It's not everyday you see a firefighter standing in the middle of an intersection holding a rubber boot. But through the end of August, Pampa firefighters are doing just that to collect money for the Fill the Boot campaign. Each year, hundreds of firefighters across the country invite the public at intersections, malls and sporting events to fill a firefighter's boot with donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. All the money will go to MDA and stay in the Panhandle, said Leroy Cox, the Pampa firefighter pictured in the photo. Making a donation is Pampa resident Ryan Spearman. Cox said they will be taking donations every Thursday and Friday at Francis and Somerville and Cuyler and Foster.

## Update on The Table's Edge comic book store coming to Pampa

By **JOHN LEE**  
 jlee@thepampanews.com

With a Sept. 1 opening date rapidly approaching, the Table's Edge owner Darren Hutchinson has been very busy preparing to expand his comic and table-top gaming market to Pampa inside the Pampa Mall.

While the Pampa Mall continues to have more shops being built, Hutchinson hopes to build a whole new community.

"The thing that we will bring to Pampa is the community that we try to build," Hutchinson said. "That to us is more important than the products we sell. We will carry many games that you can't buy at a big chain store and a bigger collection of comics. We will work on building a brand new community of table top guys and also



build upon the already existing base of card players."

With school about to start, Hutchinson hopes to make a place where kids and adults alike can not only buy their games, but play them there, too.

To bring more attention to The Table's Edge, a Facebook page just for the Pampa location has already been

created, but they will also put out fliers and begin communication with other businesses. They even hope to get involved in the schools as well.

The Table's Edge will start out commuting associates from Amarillo so they can learn the customer base in Pampa and then hire from there. While the selection of comic books at the Hastings Entertainment in Pampa compared to Amarillo is dramatically smaller, the Table's Edge doesn't believe that makes too much of a difference in their market.

"Many people have already asked us the question, 'what about Hastings?' and my response is we sell community and knowledge of our product which gives us a heads up,"

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 84 Low 60	High 82 Low 60	High 89 Low 63

**Today:** Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 84. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds north-northeast at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:04 a.m.

**Tonight:** Clear with a low of 60. Winds south-southeast at 11 mph. Sunset at 8:31 p.m.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 82. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:05 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 60. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 11 mph. Sunset at 8:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 89. Winds south at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:06 a.m.

**Sunday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 63. Winds south at 12 mph. Sunset at 8:29 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Charlie Henry "C.H." Sackett

Charlie Henry "C.H." Sackett, Sr., 69, passed away on Aug. 14, 2013 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013 at Briarwood Church, with Rev. Ronnie Blanchard, pastor of Daystar Worship Center in Wichita Falls, officiating. Burial will follow in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



**Charlie Henry Sackett**

Mr. Sackett was born Oct. 11, 1943 in Pampa to J.D. and Lucy Sackett. He attended Pampa schools. He married Barbara Wakefield on April 17, 1964 in Pampa. Starting at age 15, Charlie worked in the grocery business for Clint & Sons and Ideal Foods. He later sold insurance and then hardware at Franks True Value and Bartlett's Lumber. He loved working with the public.

Charlie will be remembered as a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed singing and loved to go dancing. He was an accomplished woodworker and avid recycler. Most of all, he enjoyed life with an infectious laugh. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, J.D. Sackett and Jerry Sackett, and two sisters, Edna Bryant and Vera Cornett.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Sackett of the home, two sons, Charlie Sackett, Jr., and wife Chris of Pampa, and Clint Sackett and wife Elaine of Round Rock, four grandchildren, Ashtin and Aaron Sackett, both of Pampa, and Luke and Noah Sackett, both of Round Rock, three brothers, Floyd Sackett and wife Janice of Pampa, Paul Sackett and wife Martha of Lewisville, and Dan Sackett and wife Bonnie of Amarillo, three sisters, Ruby Frost of Happy, Dana Sue Bishop of Karnes City, and Billie Enterline of Long Beach, California, brother-in-law, Don Bryant of Amarillo, many cousins, nieces and nephews, and his two favorite pets, Jasper and Rowdy Sackett.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065, or the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231.

The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

Shuck on May 3, 1979 in Hemmingford, Neb. She had been a resident of Groom for over 30 years. Carolyn was employed at Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude as a dietary manager for many years. She worked at Stop-N-Shop in Groom until October 2012 when she was diagnosed with brain cancer. Most of her time was spent caring for her animals and plants. She loved having family gatherings and cooking for large groups. Serving the Lord and her family were the two most important things in Carolyn's life. She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Wegner, a daughter, Pamela Davis, and many beloved animals.

A special thank you is offered to BSA Hospice for the fast acting and loving care they provided for Carolyn.

Survivors include her husband, Rick Shuck of the home, a daughter, Lisa Schaffer and husband Cody of Groom, a son, Jamie Shuck and wife Jessica of Groom, her mother, Dorothy Rohren of Candler, Florida, four brothers, Don Sears and wife Donna of Hastings, Nebraska, Gary Nunn and wife Beth of Alabama, Greg Wegner and wife Jan, and Tom Wegner and wife Sunni, all of Candler, Florida, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

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## Elizabeth Telkamp Swinney

Elizabeth Telkamp Swinney, 59, died August 14, 2013 in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



**Carolyn Eileen Shuck**

Mrs. Swinney was born October 5, 1953 in Sayre, Oklahoma. She attended Pampa schools and was a 1972 graduate of Amarillo High School. She moved to Pampa in 1984 from Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Elizabeth married Gary Swinney on July 1, 1988 at the First Christian Church in Pampa. She worked at Sanders Sewing Center, Sears, Ideal Food Store and Buzzy Automotive. She was a certified water operator for J & J Raw Water Corporation. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Elizabeth enjoyed cooking, sewing and playing with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, John Sanders in 1988.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Swinney of the home, three sons, Paul "Matthias" Telkamp of Norfolk, Virginia, Jeremy Telkamp and wife Melissa of Marysville, Ohio, and Jim Swinney and wife Jessica of Amarillo, her mother, Sylvia Sanders of Pampa, two brothers, Johnny Sanders and wife Janet and Kenneth Sanders, all of Pampa, nine grandchildren, Elizabeth Telkamp, Adrian Telkamp and Whitney Telkamp, all of Norfolk, Virginia, Zachary Telkamp and Makaylah Telkamp, both of Marysville, Ohio, Riley Lee Swinney-Closser of Pampa, and Preston Swinney, Landon Swinney and Savannah Swinney, all of Amarillo.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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## Carolyn Eileen Shuck

Carolyn Eileen Shuck, 61, died Aug. 13, 2013 in Groom.



**Carolyn Eileen Shuck**

Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Groom, with Rev. James Greer, Director of Missions of the Top of Texas Baptist Association, officiating. Burial will follow at Groom Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Carolyn was born Oct. 17, 1951 in Mishawka, Ind. She married Rick

Shuck on May 3, 1979 in Hemmingford, Neb. She had been a resident of Groom for over 30 years. Carolyn was employed at Palo Duro Nursing Home in Claude as a dietary manager for many years. She worked at Stop-N-Shop in Groom until October 2012 when she was diagnosed with brain cancer. Most of her time was spent caring for her animals and plants. She loved having family gatherings and cooking for large groups. Serving the Lord and her family were the two most important things in Carolyn's life. She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Wegner, a daughter, Pamela Davis, and many beloved animals.

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# For the record

## New Mexico woman arrested for driving while intoxicated

Elizabeth Ann Estes Wheeler, 48, Carlsbad, NM, was arrested Wednesday by the Lefors City Marshall for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, driving while license is invalid, capias pro fine — driving while li-

cense is invalid, capias pro fine — failure to appear, capias pro fine — failure to maintain car insurance, capias pro fine — expired registration, capias pro fine — expired car insurance.

Richard Dean Kidwell, 25, Lefors, was arrested Wednesday by the Lefors City Marshall for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, driving while license is invalid, capias pro fine — driving while li-

Keith Thomas Hart, 37, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

## Law could be trouble for Manziel case

If Johnny Manziel did violate NCAA rules by receiving money for signing autographs, a Texas law could put the people who allegedly paid him at risk of being

sued by Texas A&M. Christian Dennie, an attorney with Barlow Garsek & Simon, LLP in Fort Worth, Texas, writes on the firm's website that the state of Texas passed legislation in 1987 to make "a person who violates a rule of a national collegiate athletic association is liable for damages in an action brought by an institution."

To be liable, the person must have known or reasonably should have known a rule was violated and the violation must lead to disciplinary action against the student or institution."

Manziel, who became the first freshman to win the Heisman last year, is being investigated by the NCAA. ESPN has reported it is possibly receiving payment from memorabilia brokers for signing autographs in Florida, Connecticut and Texas this year. If he is found to have been paid for signing, it could compromise his amateur status and put his eligibility at risk.

Darnell has said he believes Manziel will be playing Aug. 31 when the Aggies

open against Rice. Dennie, who attended law school at Oklahoma, worked in its athletic department told the AP on Thursday that if the NCAA finds reason to penalize Manziel and/or Texas A&M, the school could file a lawsuit in Texas even if Manziel is punished for transgressions committed in Florida or Connecticut.

Other factors that could determine jurisdiction include, where negotiations took place, where products were sold (in-person or online) and where advertising for the products was done.

Texas A&M would have to claim damages in a lawsuit, which Dennie writes could include lost television revenues and lost ticket sales of regular season and post-season athletic events" and "reasonable attorney's fees and costs." But those are just suggestions.

"The statute itself doesn't outline specifics for damages," Dennie said.

Texas A&M could get creative, and even claim damage to its reputation that could be tied to revenues.

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## PHS STUDENTS GUESTS OF ROTARY



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Three incoming juniors at Pampa High School were guest speakers Wednesday at the Pampa Rotary Club. The three students, Autumn Bridwell, left, Lora Potter and Chance Douglas, attended Camp RYLA, a youth program of Rotary International that teaches leadership, character development, free enterprise and patriotism. Attendance is by scholarship through local Rotary clubs. Camp RYLA is located near Portola, Calif. approximately 130 miles east of Sacramento.

## Flight recorders found in UPS plane crash

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Investigators found flight recorders on Thursday that could hold important clues about why a UPS jet crashed at Birmingham's airport, killing two pilots.

The voice and flight data recorders were found among the wreckage of the plane that went down as it was attempting to land in Birmingham early Wednesday. The plane slammed into a hillside just short of the runway.

Workers in white coveralls focused Thursday on the tail section of the aircraft where the devices are typically found. In the late morning, one of them emerged from the partially burned section carrying one of the recorders and put it on an all-terrain vehicle.

Other debris remains on the ground and hasn't been moved.

The search of the tail area had been delayed because it was still smoldering late Wednesday.

The A300 jet headed from Louisville, Ky., to Birmingham, Ala., landed in a field near the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth Airport around daybreak Wednesday, killing the two pilots on board and scattering wreckage over a wide area. The aircraft rained pieces of metal into front yards and sheared off a piece of one family's back deck.

The crash happened in a grassy field where a neighborhood stood until several years ago, when airport officials began buying up and then razing houses to clear the area near the end of the runway.

But such offers, which began in 1986, weren't made on some of the nearby homes, including that of Cornelius and Barbara Benson, who live in a two-story, split-foyer home just a short walk from the crash site.

"Hopefully we can get out of here now," said Cornelius Benson.

The jet clipped trees around the Bensons' yard, leaving broken plastic and twisted metal on the ground, and took a piece of their deck before slamming into a hill.

"It was on fire before it

hit," said Jerome Sanders, who lives directly across from the runway.

A preliminary investigation indicated the pilots did not make any distress calls, NTSB board member Robert L. Sumwalt said.

UPS spokesman Jeff Wafford said the jet was carrying a variety of cargo. He did not elaborate.

The pilots' names were not immediately released. But a man who identified himself as a family member said one of the pilots was Shanda Fanning, a woman in her mid-30s from Lynchburg, Tenn.

Wes Fanning, who said he was the woman's brother-in-law, said Shanda Fanning had been flying since she was a teenager.

He said officials contacted her mother and that UPS representatives were with the family.

Ryan Wimbleduff, who lives just across the street from the airport property, said the crash shook his house violently. Standing in his driveway, he and his mother could see the burning wreckage.

"I ran outside and it looked like the sun was coming up because of the fire on the hill," he said. "Balls of fire were rolling toward us."

Wimbleduff said it can be unsettling to live so near low-flying, big aircraft.

"We'll sometimes be outside and joke about being able to throw rocks at them, they're so close," he said.

Cornelius Benson, 75, said planes routinely fly so low over his house that a few years ago, the airport authority sent crews to trim treetops.

James Giles said the plane missed his home by a couple of hundred yards, judging from tree damage and debris. He was at work at the time but said it was clear from the scene that the plane was attempting to land on the north-south runway that is typically used by much smaller aircraft. Large planes such as the A300 typically aim for the bigger east-west runway, he said.

"They were just trying to get to a landing spot, anywhere," he said.

The plane was built in 2003 and had logged about 11,000 flight hours over 6,800 flights, Airbus said in a news release.

The A300, Airbus' first plane, began flying in 1972. Airbus quit building them in 2007 after making a total of 816 A300 and A310s. The model was retired from U.S. passenger service in 2009.

Wednesday's crash comes nearly three years after another UPS cargo plane crashed in the United Arab Emirates, just outside Dubai. Both pilots were killed.

Authorities there blamed the Sept. 3, 2010, crash on the jet's load of 80,000 to 90,000 lithium batteries, which are sensitive to temperature.

## County

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The presentation was made by director Julie Sims and EMT Chuck Williamson.

They said they want to increase their service in McLean, which would lessen trips for Pampa EMS when there are calls from that city.

Williamson said the part of the county where they serve is seeing more wrecks, especially on Interstate 40.

The commission also approved continuing longevity pay for its employees.

An incentive to keep employees, longevity pay begins on the first day of an employee's fifth year of employment with the county.

During that fifth year, the employee receives an extra \$20 per month. In the following years, an additional \$5 a month is added for each year the employee stays with the county.

## Store

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Hutchinson said. "We take good care of our comics by bagging and boarding all our books. We as store owners read a lot of the comics also."

This is the store's second location. For more on the Pampa location of the Table's Edge go to [www.facebook.com/thetablelesedgepampa](http://www.facebook.com/thetablelesedgepampa).

## Outage

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"Once they (Xcel) got done we sent our crews to remove all the damaged fiber, and then we had to wait for new fiber to be delivered," Harris said.

The new fiber arrived, and so did the rain clouds.

Around 7:15 p.m., a thunderstorm with hail and lightning slammed Borger and the crews had to wait until 9:30 p.m. before they could go back to work, he said.

"We already had the strand up but it had to be safe for our crews (to go back to work)," Harris said.

Harris said at that intersection the main fiber line splits into three smaller lines — one going to Pampa, another to White Deer and a third to Panhandle.

If the same thing would have happened along the Borger Highway in Skellytown, for instance, only Pampa would have lost service, Harris said.

Harris said Borger is the location of Cable One's "head end" for the Panhandle communities it serves.

"The head end is the location where we have all of satellite dishes, receivers, the main hub for Internet and phone service," he said.

Harris said just one piece of equipment there can run around \$500,000, so using fiber optic lines to connect all their communities to one head end creates an economy of scale.

nect all their communities to one head end creates an economy of scale.

"Instead of one (head end) in each city we have fiber optic lines to connect everybody together," he said.

Harris said Cable One is evaluating the incident to determine how it can restore service more quickly if an outage this widespread should happen again.

He said the company does bury some fiber optics underground, and will consider that option for the intersection in Borger.

However, burying the lines doesn't always protect them from damage, he said, because they have had underground fibers that have been cut by people digging.

"We are sorry that it happened and are looking at ways to restore service faster for something like this," he said.

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## Simple Insights Fall means football's return

As summer comes to a close, I find myself looking more and more forward to the start of fall. Even though summer is my favorite time of the year, fall isn't very far behind. Elements of fall that I look most forward to include pumpkin spice lattes and spending the weekends attending football games or watching them on television when the Red Raiders have away games, which then leads into the holiday season and lots of time with family



**LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**

and food, but I'm getting ahead of myself counting down to Christmas already. Although I no longer live in Lubbock and will probably only be able to make one home game this year, I'm still excited to see how the team does under the leadership of the new coach, Kliff Kingsbury. I remember how excited everyone in Lubbock was when it was announced that he was going to be the new coach after the feeling of abandonment left by Tommy Tuberville, so it's going to be interesting to watch this season as one of many fans supporting Kingsbury in his new position.

I'm really looking forward to getting to watch the games with my dad because he gets just as excited about my team as I do. Before moving back to Texas, football was not such a big deal to me as surfing or lacrosse, and now I think I have become one of those people who plans their wedding dates around football schedules. I'm officially one of those people my mom and I used to joke about. I'm not really sure what else I will be doing throughout my first fall back in my hometown, but I'm definitely excited to be back and starting my life here.

## Does the President own Obamacare?

If House Republicans had somehow erased chunks of the Affordable Care Act — the employer mandate, the ability to screen who gets subsidies and the annual cap on out-of-pocket costs for a year — the Democrats would have blasted those moves as unconscionable acts of sabotage. But the GOP didn't sneak in those changes. President Barack Obama did.



**DEBRA SAUNDERS**

to implement, couldn't your successor down the road pick and choose whether they'll implement your law and keep it in place?" The president and former constitutional law professor answered that "in a normal political environment," it would be easier to call up the speaker of the House to introduce technical changes into the law. But there is no normal on Obamacare, Obama continued, and besides, he has executive authority to make the change.

David Applegate, legal affairs adviser for the right-leaning Heartland Institute, disagrees. The Constitution clearly stipulates that Congress has the power to write laws, which the president must faithfully execute.

What would be the response, Applegate asked, if a "President Romney" simply announced that he wasn't going to administer Obamacare? Though the president calls his delays tweaks, they are also an admission that the Affordable Care Act is not particularly workable.

The employer mandate discourages job creation and encourages employers to cut back employees' weekly hours. The lowering of verification standards for subsidies is a backdoor way to buy the business of young people who otherwise might not qualify. Delaying the copayment cap should keep health care premiums from shooting up in 2014.

These delays, however, don't fix the inevitable problems; instead, they string out the gloom of uncertainty that has cast a pall over the American economy. They just put off the day of reckoning until 2014, a midterm election year.

So what do you think the president will do then?

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## Presidential vacation: naughty or necessity?

Well, it's that traditional time of the year again when the president goes on vacation and the conservative world ridicules him for taking time off with his family because of the disarray of our country or the enormousness of expenditures in his doing so. But is there really nothing redeemable or commendable in a father and husband's spending extended time with his family away from home and office, even when it's the Oval Office?



**CHUCK NORRIS**

Don't misunderstand me. I have very little in common with our current president, and I think it's ludicrous how much is spent for the first family to go on a single week's vacation. There must be an easier and better way — if not many of them. But all of that doesn't discount the incredible value of a father and husband's pulling away from the rat race — especially in Washington — for a breather and some family time.

When we conservatives are decrying deadbeat dads and our culture's demise because of absentee fathers, maybe it's time we commend even our most ardent opponent when he gets it right with his kids. When people all around us are stressed out and suffering burnout from over-commitment and overtime on the job, maybe it's time we commend those who fight to balance their personal

lives and win a single battle over the tyranny of the urgent. When even Sunday mornings have been dominated by children's sports — squelching American religious commitments and church attendance — maybe it's time to renew our value in a Sabbath rest.

One of my favorite chapters in my New York Times best-seller and cultural manifesto, "Black Belt Patriotism," is the chapter titled "Honor and Care for the Family."

In it, I not only vindicate many of America's Founding Fathers' views on marriage and family — without condoning their wrongdoing — but also discuss what I believe we can do to restore and strengthen the traditional family unit today.

Our founders were not faultless politicians, patriots, fathers or husbands.

How often is it echoed that they had mistresses or infidelity misgivings rather than pointed out that they had commitments to preserve the role of family in America, including their own? (But if I can find value in our president's private time with his family, the least that my liberal friends can do is rediscover the value that our founders had in their families, too.)

The fact is that most of America's founders were passionately concerned with honoring the role of the traditional family in our culture. Though they weathered their own particular familial storms, the founders treasured marriage and family as institutions created by God that were indelible contributors to common

decency and community civility.

For example, William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania, wrote: "(A) Husband and Wife that love and value one another, (show) their Children and Servants, That they should do so too. Others visibly lose their Authority in their Families by their Contempt of one another; and teach their Children to be unnatural by their own Example."

In 1799, two years before his two terms as president, Thomas Jefferson wrote to his wife, Mary, and compared the political climate to his home by saying, "Environed here in scenes of constant torment, malice, and obloquy, worn down in a station where no effort to render service can avail anything, I feel not that existence is a blessing, but when something recalls my mind to my family or farm."

Jefferson also wrote to the renowned explorer William Clark, "By a law of our nature, we cannot be happy without the endearing connections of a family."

Benjamin Rush — a physician, educator and signer of the Declaration of Independence — wrote to his wife, Julia, saying, "I shall be better satisfied if the same can be said of me as was said of the prophet of old, 'That I walked in the fear of the Lord, and begat sons and daughters' (Genesis 5:22), than if it were inscribed upon my tombstone that I governed the councils or commanded the arms of the whole continent of America."

You know the statistics today. You see the prob-

lems. Too many families are in complete disarray.

To achieve a better country will require a cultural and spiritual reformation. But we don't need to wait for some mass movement to start. We can initiate one with ourselves and our families. God has given every one of us the capacity to make a difference in this world for the better, and it starts at home, today.

There's no debate over what we need to do. The story is as old as the Bible, as basic as love and respect, and as pragmatic as Benjamin Franklin's advice when he said, "Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards." (I hope he eventually took his own advice!)

Let's get on with it! We can't wait for Washington to rebuild our country. It starts and ends with us — we the people.

It's August — still summer — and maybe time (again) to get our focus off the president's time with his family and back on our time with ours.

For far more thoughts and encouragement, I highly recommend reading the chapter titled "Honor and Care for the Family" in my book "Black Belt Patriotism." You can get it at any bookstore or on my official website, at <http://www.chucknorris.com>.

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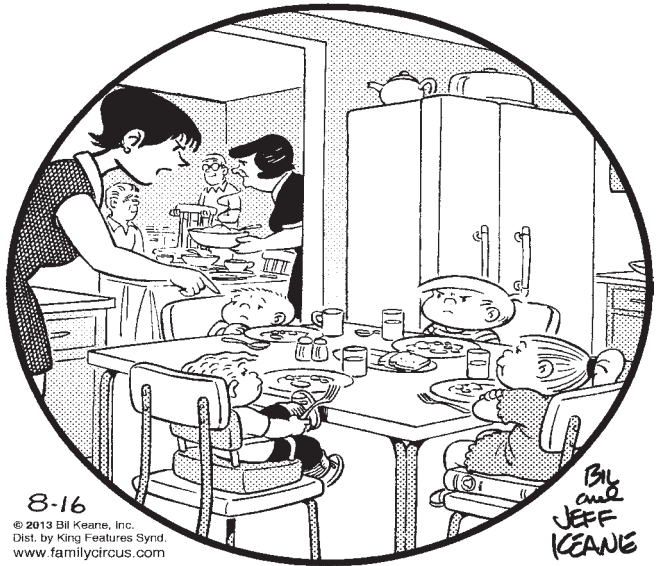
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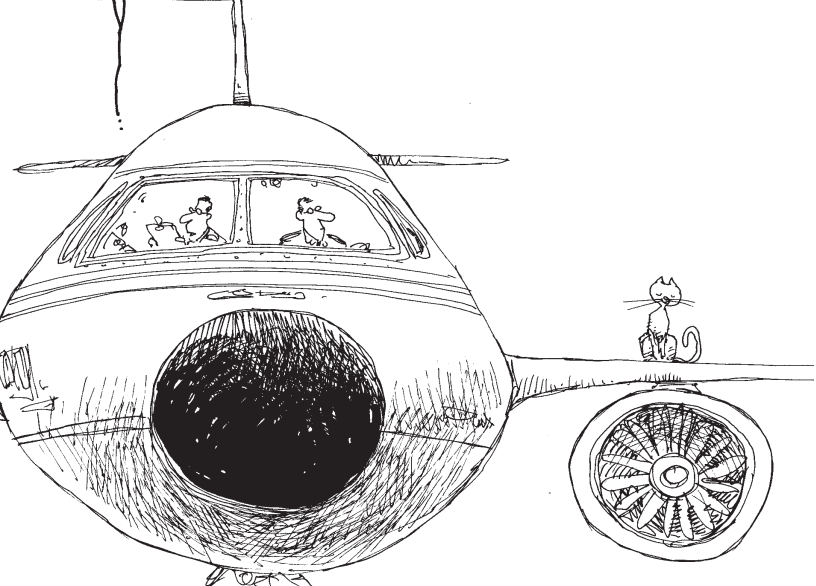
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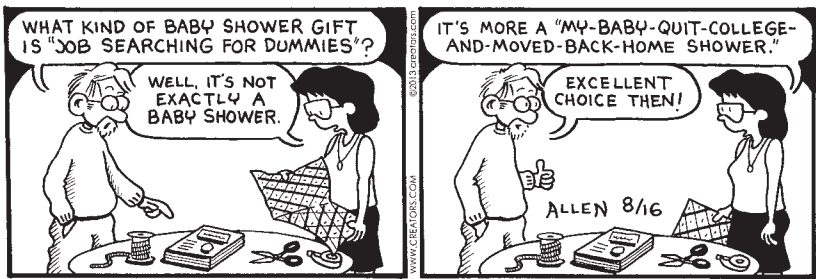
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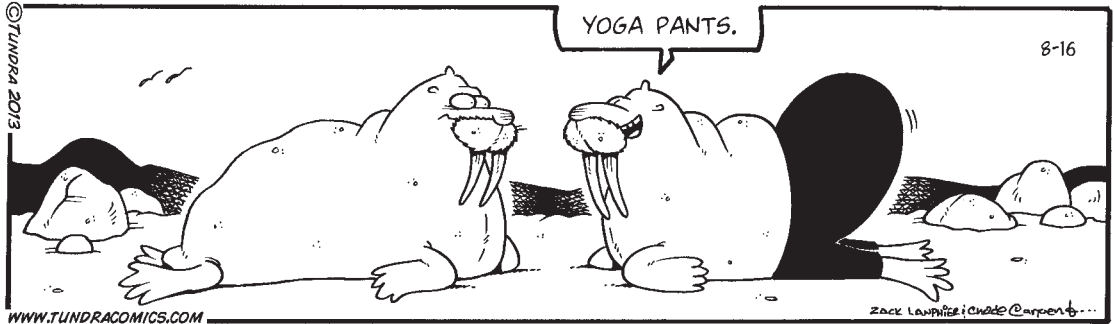


## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013:  
This year you move forward with a venture that might be very important to you. Use good sense with those you choose to involve, eyeing loyalty and knowledge as important traits. Your endurance counts more than you realize. If you are single, use caution committing, as many people want to be your sweetie. In order to impress you, a suitor might distort who he or she is. If you are attached, make sure to include your sweetie in your outside life. Also make time for you two alone. CAPRICORN pushes nearly everyone hard. He or she expects only the best.  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Your fiery spirit and upbeat manner could be tamed by some fierce realities. You have an opportunity to revamp a project or situation. Once you do, possibilities open up. You still might opt to toss out the present set of circumstances and head in a totally new direction. Tonight: Put your feet up.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ You often become quite stubborn about what you want. To get you to budge is like fighting city hall. Frustrated, others head in another direction, making a new set of decisions. Once you see those results, you might get a better idea as to how much flex you have. Tonight: Make a gesture through an invitation.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by certain ideas and decisions. How you handle a personal decision could be impacted if it's made at this time. Your sense of direction keeps you on an even keel more than you realize. Respond to another person's invitation. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Your awareness as to what could happen helps you make the correct choices. You also see a partner revamping his or her thinking. He or she is willing to give more than in the past. The waiting game probably will pay off, if it's combined with patience. Tonight: Sort through offers.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Pace yourself. If you feel the need, adjust your plans accordingly. Your ability to flex could prevent a problem. Make special time for a dear friend or loved one. You will be able to relax in a unique manner. Tonight: Unexpected news might surprise you. Stay level.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ You might want to help another person, child or loved one to relax, which oddly could draw a negative response. Use your creativity, and give the person the space to work through an issue. A partner also has an unpredictable quality, as you will see. Tonight: Let your hair down.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Stay focused on the basics. You know what you want and desire. Don't hesitate to try out an idea or suggestion that might make you happy. Others might appear to be very unpredictable when having a strong reaction. You might want to give them space. Tonight: How about a cozy get-together at your place?  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Stay on top of a personal matter. You might not be as sure of yourself as others might think. When a practical issue unveils itself, you could be surprised. Try to detach and look at the whole situation, which is in flux. Tonight: Hang out.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter more openly, especially with someone whose opinion you respect. Your ability to get past a problem is rather remarkable, but still, getting some feedback is helpful. A child or loved one could act in a most unpredictable manner. Tonight: Indulge a little.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Don't get upset if others cannot keep up with your rapid-fire ideas and movement. You are able to catch up on news, errands and still make time for an important loved one. Get together, but be willing to flex when someone else appears or needs your time. You have your hands full. Tonight: Seize the moment.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★ You might want to back off and do some thinking. A parent, older relative, friend or boss pushes you to do otherwise. You might come up with an unusual suggestion. Apparently you will be forced to be a little more quirky and creative. Tonight: Vanish if you want.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Zero in on a long-term desire. Have a discussion with the person involved with this wish. Together you can decide on the validity of your thoughts. Use care with funds. Count your change. The unexpected plays out. Tonight: Fun with friends.

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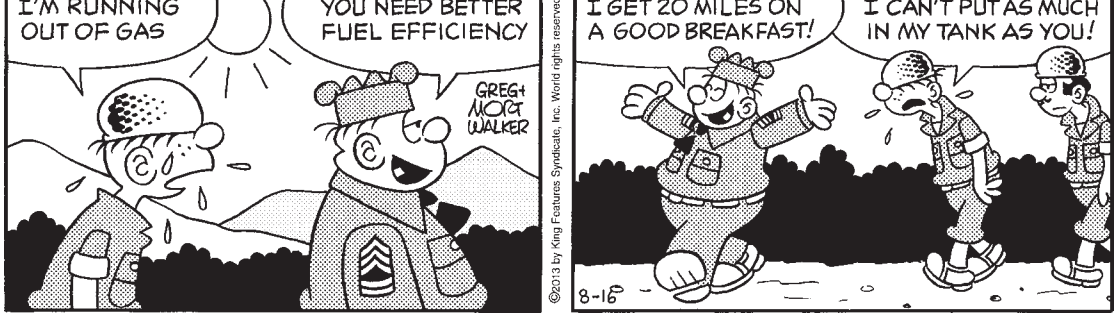
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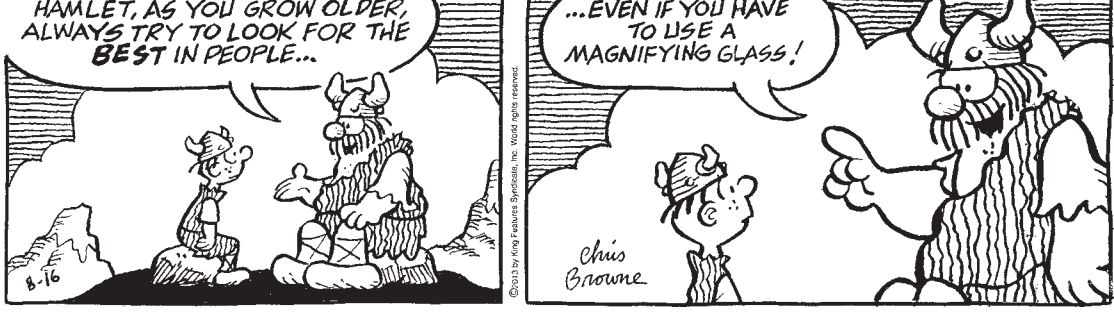
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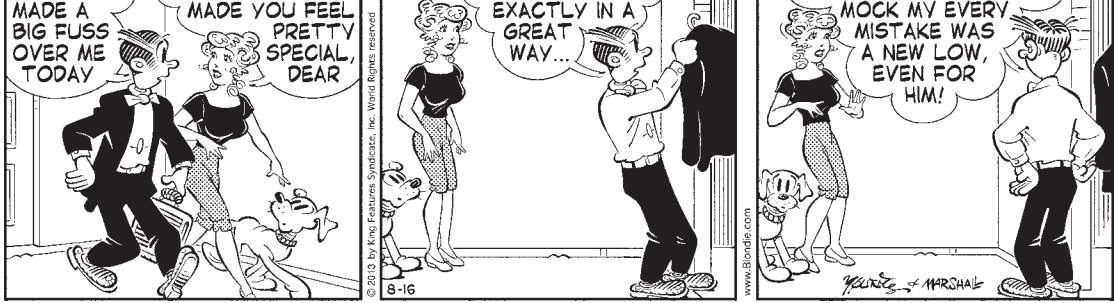
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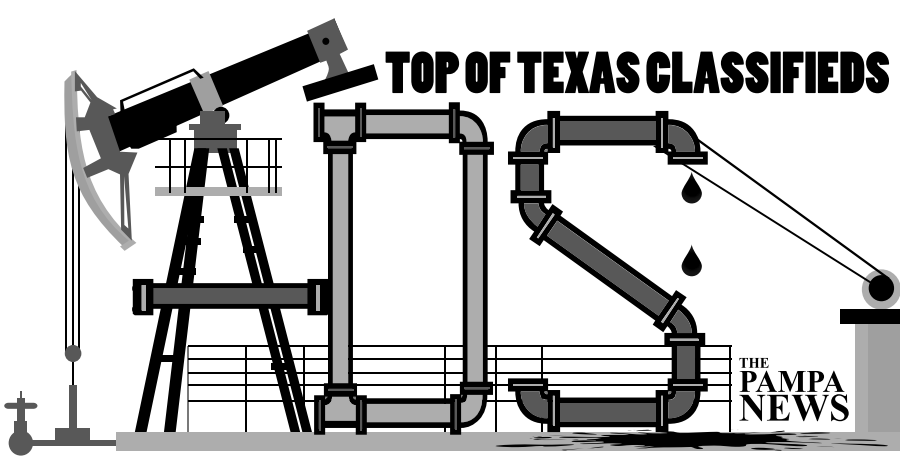


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**DEAR ABBY:** I am 39 and have been at my job for 15 years. I don't enjoy it and haven't since day one. The work is stressful and doesn't bring me one single ounce of gratification.

I have always wanted to be an elementary school teacher, but now I'm afraid that ship has sailed. I'm currently back in college for business (my job helps to pay my tuition) and feel like I'm not being fair to myself. I don't like finance, and I was never good at math. I get paid well and am well-invested in my retirement plan, but I'm miserable every minute I must sit in my little cubicle. I consider it my jail cell.

I need advice on where to take my career because I'm not getting any younger. Or is it too late? — **OVER THE HILL IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR O.T.H.:** You are not incarcerated, and you are only as trapped as you choose to make yourself. Most colleges have career counseling services, and you should avail yourself of them.

If teaching children is your heart's desire, you will have to take the time to prepare for it, know ahead of time what opportunities are available and what the compensation is. Make it your business to find out before making any drastic changes. You'll be glad you did.

**DEAR ABBY:** I fervently want to help my daughter and her father (my ex) fix their relationship. They are both a lot alike — bullheaded and stubborn. They can't see how much they hurt each other.

My daughter feels he has chosen his "new" family (wife and step-

children) over her because she isn't invited to family game nights, dinners out, etc.

He feels she doesn't appreciate what he does for her.

She's expecting a baby (our first grandchild) in December, and I think they should try to mend fences before the birth occurs. We lost our son (her brother) three years ago, and I know this figures into the family dynamic as well. I just don't want to see them hurt each other anymore. Can you help me fix this? — **ANXIOUS IN COLORADO**

**DEAR ANXIOUS:** I wish you had clarified what your ex "does" for his daughter, because from your description it appears he has done the minimum and little else. Having been excluded from "family game nights and dinners out," it's natural that she would feel her father made a new family and left her in the dust.

While I admire your impulse to be the peacemaker, I don't think you can fix this. Family counseling

might be able to mend the rift, but only if all parties are willing.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife died on my birthday a few years back. It was the most traumatic thing that has ever happened to me, and my birthday has been depressing since.

Every year, people continue to send cards and gifts, wishing me a happy birthday. All I want to do on that miserable day is get through it. It will never be "happy" for me again. Ever.

I don't want to be nasty to these well-meaning people, but I really do want them to stop. How can I convey that my birthday is not a happy occasion anymore? — **PARTY POOPER IN NEW MEXICO**

**DEAR PARTY POOPER:** I am sorry for your loss. A way to ensure your message gets across would be to write or call these well-meaning individuals, thank them for their good wishes and tell them exactly what you have written to me. I think you expressed it very well.

**BANANAGRAMS!**

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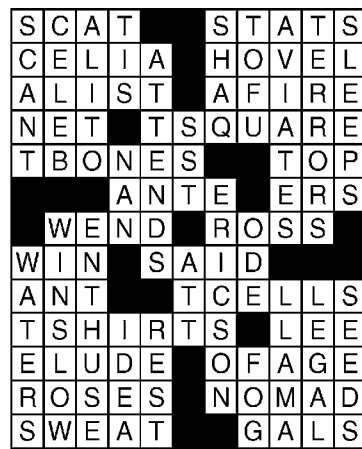
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**ACROSS**

- 1** Go on a spot spree
- 5** Attempt
- 9** Comb contents
- 11** Ebbed
- 13** Last letter
- 14** Game setting
- 15** Game caller
- 16** Small number
- 18** Former liberals
- 20** Vein yield
- 21** Sing à la Bing
- 22** Deuce beater
- 23** DVRs connect to them
- 24** Good place to dye
- 25** Massage target
- 27** Feathery
- 29** Cal. abbr.
- 30** Faces, slangily
- 32** His title is "Sir"
- 34** Frilly wrap
- 35** Be penitent
- 36** Into conflict with
- 38** Vestige

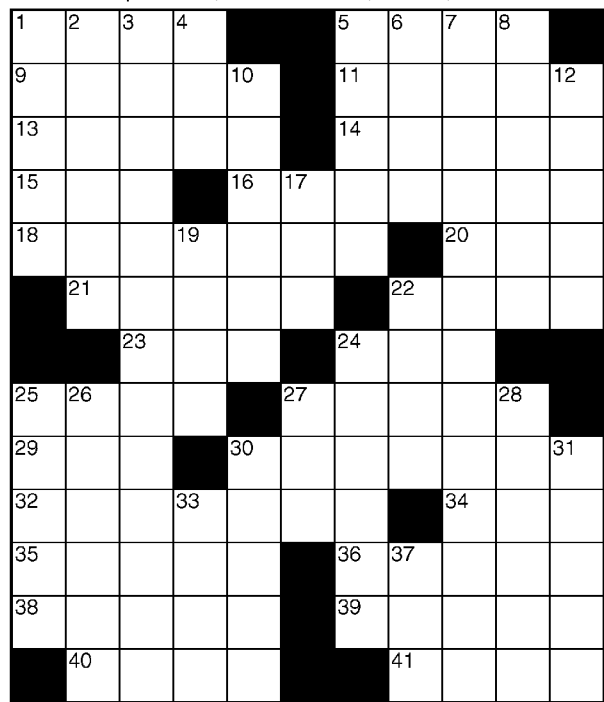
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- 1** Lacking wool
- 2** Domestic class, for short
- 3** Final drink
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- 10** Brutes
- 12** Diver Tom
- 17** TV's Curry company
- 19** Place to put in
- 22** Price holders
- 24** Mountain as
- 25** Baseball turn
- 26** Dos doubled
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Dr. Jay Johnson, DDS presents the Evelyn and H.J. Johnson scholarship to Natalie Bagley. The \$1,000 scholarship in honor of Johnson's parents is awarded annually based on academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. Natalie plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall.

## Dell's 2Q earnings fall 72% amid PC sales slide

ROUND ROCK (AP) — Dell's earnings plunged 72 percent during its fiscal second quarter as the slumping personal computer maker struggled to cope with technological upheaval and shareholder unrest.

The disheartening results announced Thursday could help Dell Inc.'s board persuade more of the com-

pany's stockholders that they're better off accepting a buyout offer from a group led by CEO Michael Dell rather than risk further financial deterioration in the months ahead.

Shareholders are scheduled to vote on Michael Dell's \$24.8 billion bid on Sept. 12. The proposal faces fierce resistance from

two major Dell stockholders, billionaire Carl Icahn and investment fund South-eastern Asset Management.

Dell earned \$204 million, or 12 cents per share, in the quarter, down from \$732 million, or 42 cents per share, last year.

Revenue remained level at \$14.5 billion.

## Cocaine found inside okra plants in Guyana

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Authorities in Guyana say smugglers have found yet another way to smuggle cocaine out of the country.

The Customs Anti-Narcotics Unit says a man was caught trying to ship 16 kilograms of the drug to the U.S. in hollowed out okra

plants. Unit director James Singh said Thursday it was the first time he's heard of someone trying this with okra, which is known as ochro in Guyana.

Singh says on a one-ton scale he would give the smuggler a "four for innovation."

Smugglers in Guyana

have attempted to use many products, including skin lotion, frozen fish and hot pepper sauce.

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# PampaSports

## Golf Thought of the Week

### Looking back on this year's Majors.

Have you seen anyone consistently strike the ball as close from 150 yards in as



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Jason Dufner did?

Aside from Furyk's three bogeys to finish, the difference between the two was what happened when they

had a Wedge in hand. Furyk didn't put it close and he hit Pars, while Dufner did and made birdies.

This week I'd like to ask you to reflect on how you enjoyed watching the PGA Championship compared to the US Open and the Open Championship.

The US Open was a very tough four days for the players. It was survival of the fittest. There were very few birdies and the winner was the person who dropped the

least shots. In the words of anyone interviewed, it was "a grind".

The Open Championship was also a very tough challenge. It too looked as though it was going to be won by the golfer who could hang in there against the wind, bad bounces and the really tough rough. It's true that Mickelson emerged at the end with a sensational finish over the last six holes and, far from surviving, clearly won it.

Then there was the PGA Championship. Still a tough course, but there were plenty

of birdies to watch.

There are two arguments about these Majors. One goes that they are in fact Majors. They're meant to test the skill, endurance and mind of the very best golfers in the world. For that reason the courses have to be really tough and long, with very tight fairways, and we should be looking for a winning score that is one or two under Par over the four days.

The other argument is that golf needs to be more entertaining to retain its popularity and that viewers enjoy seeing top golfers

peppering pins and making birdies. The extension of that thought process is that if you're watching golfers enjoying themselves, you're more likely to want to jump out of your chair and play the game yourself.

So looking back on the Majors, if you watched the last three, which one held your attention the most and which one got you inspired to want to get out on the course again?

Whatever your answer, take a tip from me. Play again as soon as possible. Playing golf is much better

than watching it.

August is National Golf Month

We are here to celebrate you and the great game of golf. Each week I will be sending you a new fact that you may not have known:

Fact #2

The longest drive ever is 515 yards. The longest putt ever is a monstrous 375 feet.

Stay tuned next week for a new fact!

Regards,  
Tim

*Tim Stadler is the PGA professional at Pampa Country Club. He can be reached at 665-8431.*

## Hitting the greens and helping the Red, White and Blue

### Pampa Country Club to take part in Patriot Golf Day for Folds of Honor.

BY JOHN LEE

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Sending a child to college is tough enough for parents. Imagine being the spouse of someone who was killed in combat overseas. The Folds of Honor Foundation thinks of those who suffer with this loss and the inevitable financial stress should their child(ren) decide to get a higher education.

For the third consecutive year, the Pampa Country Club will be taking part in Patriot Golf, the flagship fundraising effort for the Folds of Honor Foundation.

On Patriot Golf Day, during Labor Day weekend, golfers across the country are asked to add an extra dollar to green fees to fund Folds of Honor.

This year the Top O' Texas golf tournament will be happening the same weekend as Patriot Golf Day.

While financially the tournament and Patriot Golf Day will be completely separate events, the Folds of Honor program will be accepting donations and will have a Marine manning a flag at Hole No. 9.

According to [www.foldsofhonor.org](http://www.foldsofhonor.org), "The Folds of Honor Foundation was founded in 2007 by Major Dan Rooney, a former F-16 pilot, golf course owner, PGA Professional and USGA member."

Their mission, also according to their website is "through scholarships and other assistance, we give back to the spouses and children of soldiers killed or disabled in service to our country."

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This year Patriot Golf Day will be held Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, the Top O' Texas 2013 golf tournament is happening those same dates.

For more information on the Folds of Honor Foundation, visit <http://www.foldsofhonor.org/>



Photo by John Lee

This plaque is in the Pampa CC pro shop. The PCC will be participating in the Patriot Golf Day for the third consecutive year. Patriot Golf Day is the flagship fundraiser for the Folds of Honor Foundation.

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# PampaSports

## AP Source: Tom Brady sprains left knee

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady walked off the field under his own power. Several teammates didn't think he was hurt badly when he grabbed his left knee after being knocked down.

Yet the possibility that the New England Patriots might lose their star quarterback caused a scare at the team's joint practice with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Wednesday.

A person with knowledge of the injury said an MRI was negative and Brady was day-to-day with a left knee sprain. Asked if Brady might play Friday night in an exhibition game against the Buccaneers, the person said he didn't know.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the Patriots didn't make an

announcement. The two-time league MVP had a season-ending injury to the same knee in the 2008 opener.



Tom Brady

Brady was injured midway through practice Wednesday when left tackle Nate Solder was pushed into him by Tampa Bay defensive end Adrian Clayborn. Brady, entering his 14th NFL season, fell, rocked backward on the ground and held his left knee.

He went to the sideline then returned for a few more plays before talking with coach Bill Belichick and leaving the field toward the

team's indoor practice facility next to it.

"You've always got to stay away from the quarterback (in practice)," Clayborn said. "You got a guy on his heels and my instinct is to keep going, so that's what I did."

The contact came just as Brady threw a long incompletion down the right sideline toward rookie Aaron Dobson.

"I'm just trying to do my job," Mallett said. "I'm sure Tom will be fine and we'll just go on."

In his first series after Brady left, Tebow completed three of seven passes and looked fairly sharp. One of his passes was dropped. Tebow left practice without speaking with reporters. "Anytime anybody, especially a teammate, goes down it's a dark cloud. It's unfortunate," Patriots run-

New England is favored

to win the weak AFC East for the 10th time in 11 years. Losing Brady would have made that much tougher.

After Brady left the field, third-year pro Ryan Mallett played with the first offensive unit and Tim Tebow, on his 26th birthday, played with the second team. Mallett threw an interception soon after taking over.

"I'm just trying to do my job," Mallett said. "I'm sure Tom will be fine and we'll just go on."

In his first series after Brady left, Tebow completed three of seven passes and looked fairly sharp. One of his passes was dropped.

Tebow left practice without speaking with reporters.

"Anytime anybody, especially a teammate, goes down it's a dark cloud. It's unfortunate," Patriots run-

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Left, two players run tackling drills. Right, quarterback Zach Holloway, right, hits his receiver on a deep route. The Groom Tigers were 8-3 last year and bi-district finalists. They are losing three of their starters but coach Jay Holloway is confident that they will be just as good, if not better, than last season's squad. Trenton Fields is a returning running back, who rushed for 1,107 yards and 22 touchdowns last season. Groom opens the season in Week 0 against White Deer, who will be playing six-man for the first time.

### O.U. QB battle

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Less than three weeks before Oklahoma's season opener, coach Bob Stoops seems unconcerned that he hasn't yet named a starting quarterback.

Stoops gave no indication that his decision will come any time soon and he told reporters he hasn't ruled out using both Blake Bell and Trevor Knight when the Sooners host Louisiana-Monroe on Aug. 31, saying "there's always that chance."

The last time Stoops waited this long to decide on a starting quarterback was 2007. He waited until that Aug. 21 to pick then-redshirt freshman Sam Bradford over Joey Halzle and Keith Nichol.

Bradford, of course, went on to win the Heisman Trophy in 2008 and returned to Oklahoma for the 2009 campaign, only to have his season shortened by injury. His backup, Landry Jones, ascended to the top job and held it through 2012.

Bell appeared to be Jones' heir apparent, as he saw considerable playing time last season as part of the Sooners' "Belldozer" power-running offensive set. Still, Stoops declared the job to be an open competition between Bell, Knight and Kendall Thompson.

Thompson fractured his right foot on the opening day of preseason practice and fell out of the race, at least temporarily.

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The first public hearing will be held on August 27, 2013 at 4:00 PM at City Commission Chambers, Pampa City Hall, Pampa, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 10, 2013 at 5:00 PM at City Commission Chambers, Pampa City Hall, Pampa, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR:** Commissioner McLain  
 Commissioner Dixon  
 Mayor Pingel

Commissioner Studebaker  
 Commissioner Porter

**AGAINST:**

**PRESENT** and not voting:

**ABSENT:**

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Pampa last year was \$48,881. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.621027 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$303.56.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Pampa this year is \$45,733. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.574031 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$262.52.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.621027 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$284.01.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views

# Kan. voters' limbo shows hitch in citizenship law

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A few weeks after moving to suburban Kansas City from the Seattle area, Aaron Belenky went online to register to vote. But he ended up joining thousands of other Kansas residents whose voting rights are in legal limbo because of the state's new proof-of-citizenship rule.

Starting this year, new voters aren't legally registered in Kansas until they've presented a birth certificate, passport or other document demonstrating U.S. citizenship. Kansas is among a handful of GOP-dominated states enacting rules to keep noncitizens from voting, but the most visible result is a growing pool of nearly 15,000 residents who've filled out registration forms but can't cast ballots.

Critics of the law point out that the number of people whose registrations aren't yet validated — and who are thus blocked from voting — far outpaces the few hundred ballots over the last 15 years that Kansas officials say were potentially tainted by irregularities. Preventing election fraud was often cited as the reason for enacting the law.

Belenky, a 39-year-old computer programmer, has his birth certificate and a passport but said he'd have to open and riffle through boxes in his Overland Park apartment to find them and comply with a rule that doesn't exist across most of the rest of the nation.

And now, the prospective Kansas Democrat is irritated enough that he is ready to join a legal challenge.

Rather than respond to a July letter from election officials, Belenky allowed the American Civil Liberties Union to list him as one of three aggrieved voters in a notice sent this week to Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach threatening a federal lawsuit unless the state stops enforcing the proof-of-citizenship requirement. Kobach dismissed the ACLU's criticism as unfounded and promised that the state wouldn't relent.

"I don't like anybody putting up barriers between me and a very basic right," Belenky said. "It's the state government saying that they don't believe

me when I say I'm a citizen. I'm offended by that."

Arizona enacted the nation's first proof-of-citizenship law in 2004, but the U.S. Supreme Court struck down key parts of it in June. Georgia, Kansas and Alabama followed, but only Kansas has compiled solid statewide numbers on blocked registrations.

Even though Kansas has nearly 1.8 million registered voters, another 15,000 is significant enough to decide a tight statewide race and typically more the total in a state House race.

The ACLU contends that Kansas is violating a longstanding federal election law requiring states to allow people to register at driver's license offices. It and groups such as the NAACP and the League of Women Voters contend that requiring proof of citizenship suppresses registrations among poor, minority and student voters who are more likely to support Democrats.

Kobach strongly disagrees that Kansas is violating federal law and said if the proof-of-citizenship rule is voter suppression, then "so is having registration in the first place." He said the ACLU and its allies oppose efforts to ensure "that only citizens are registered to vote."

Kansas election officials say many of the people on the "suspense" list filled out registration forms at a driver's license office but didn't have the papers to prove their citizenship.

Critics of the law and some local election officials question whether state computer problems are preventing driver's license offices from processing information about people who have the correct documents. The Department of Revenue says there's no problem.

Kobach said the federal law led to a large number of people registering even though they never intend to vote and don't respond to entreaties to produce papers. Kobach said Kansas is lenient in allowing people to fill out registration forms but document their citizenship later.

"You have to create a suspense list if you're going to allow voters to take their time," he said.

Some prospective voters don't mind complying

with the proof-of-citizenship rule.

Maj. Shawn Plankinton, who arrived from Washington in June for an assignment at Fort Leavenworth with the Kansas Army National Guard, said he's "100 percent in support."

The 42-year-old registered at a Topeka-area address as a Republican and responded within a few days to a letter from the local election office.

He took in his birth certificate, normally kept in a home safe.

He wasn't offended, he said. "I'm more a little relieved that there's some due diligence."

In seeking tighter election laws, Kobach suggested that reports of a few hundred irregularities over the previous 15 years represented a fraction of those that actually occurred.

Still, prosecutions remain uncommon.

Keesha Gaskins, senior counsel for the Democracy Project at the Brennan Center for Justice, a New York University-based institute critical of such laws, said they're enacted "on a wave of enthusiasm" without being properly vetted.

"The cure is worse than the disease," she says.

In Arizona's Maricopa County, home to about 1.9 million registered voters, more than 6,000 people on its registration rolls didn't have driver's licenses authenticated as of late July, which is usually attributed to not having proven their citizenship.

Registration Manager Jasper Altaha said only hundreds of registrations typically remain in suspense for six months. Then, Arizona officials can delete them.

"Usually, when a voter registers and really wants to register, they'll follow up," Altaha said.

But Kansas election officials can't delete registrations in suspense. In northeast Kansas, Douglas County Clerk Jamie Shew said his mailings are getting only a handful of responses. Neighboring Johnson County also uses robocalls, but registration forms don't require telephone numbers.

And Election Commissioner Brian Newby worries, "These people are going to be there forever."

# Lead prosecutor in Fort Hood case keeps close eye

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Col. Michael Mulligan stood up and whispered to a fellow prosecutor who had just finished questioning a witness in the Fort Hood shooting trial, prompting the military lawyer to stand back up and ask how many bullet holes the gunman left behind.

When Mulligan saw that frustrated jurors couldn't hear another witness' testimony, he asked the judge overseeing Maj. Nidal Hasan's military trial to tell the witness to slow down and speak up.

The lead prosecutor in the case against Hasan, who is accused of killing 13 people at the Texas military base in 2009, has been something of a quality-control specialist, watching for any mistakes or oversights that could bolster a future appeal.

Taking the trouble to confirm the number of bullet holes and making sure jurors can hear every witness may seem superfluous in a trial where the suspect has already told jurors he was responsible for the worst mass shooting ever on a U.S. military base.

But Mulligan and other prosecutors know that their biggest hurdle likely isn't securing a conviction and death sentence, but rather making it through the military's appeals courts — which have overturned most death sentences they've reviewed.

Mulligan, an experienced prosecutor with distinctive round glasses and a carrying voice, did not deliver the prosecution's opening statement and has questioned fewer than half of the 70 witnesses who have testified so far. He has oc-

asionally spoken up to make sure procedures are being followed, and twice this week, his fellow prosecutors asked more questions after he quietly spoke to them.

"Remember that Mulligan is not just a lawyer, he's an officer and a leader, and he's in the Army," said Geoffrey Corn, a professor at the South Texas College of Law who taught Mulligan at the graduate level. "One of the fundamental responsibilities of a leader in the Army is to prepare your subordinates to do your job."

Mulligan's appointment was a sign of how seriously the Army takes the Hasan case, Corn said. Mulligan has served in high-level Army positions in Iraq, Germany and the United States, according to an official biography.

He is also a rarity in the military justice system: a prosecutor who has successfully put a soldier on death row. Mulligan prosecuted Hasan Akbar, a soldier condemned for killing two in an attack on fellow soldiers in Kuwait during the 2003 Iraq invasion.

Such sentences are rare in the military justice system. Only 16 death sentences have been handed down during court-martials, or military trials, over the last three decades — and 11 of those have been overturned, most on appeal due to errors made at trial. No active-duty soldier has been executed since 1961.

Just last week, an Air Force appeals court overturned the sentence of Air Force airman Andrew Witt, condemned in 2005 for killing two people at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia.

Corn speculated that such case are on Mulligan's mind.

"He knows probably better than most people wearing uniform today ... that the trial has to be done as perfectly as humanly possible," Corn said.

An overturned sentence for Hasan would be an embarrassment for Army officials, as the death penalty was a key reason for even having an expensive, long-delayed trial. Hasan wanted to plead guilty but wasn't allowed because a death sentence was on the table.

Hasan has put up almost no defense so far, letting almost every prosecution witness pass without questions or objections. Hasan, who is acting as his own attorney during the trial, acknowledged the prosecution's overwhelming advantage in his brief opening statement: The evidence against him, Hasan said, would clearly show he was the shooter.

But appeals are automatic in death row cases. That means appellate judges, who are accustomed to overturning more death penalty cases than they let stand, will pore through the trial record and evidence if they get the case.

While prosecutors clearly have an advantage in how much evidence is on their side, the 13-officer jury must be unanimous in convicting Hasan of premeditated murder and for approving a death sentence.

That's when Mulligan's experience will be particularly crucial, Corn said.

"Proving guilt was not particularly significant," he said. "It was going to be in sentencing ... and it was going to be on appeal."

# New mammal species found 'in plain sight'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Imagine a raccoon with a teddy bear face that is so cute it's hard to resist, let alone overlook. But somehow science did — until now.

Researchers announced Thursday a rare discovery of a new species of mammal called the olinguito. It belongs to a grouping of large creatures that include dogs, cats and bears.

The raccoon-sized critter leaps through the trees of mountainous forests of Ecuador and Colombia at night, according to a Smithsonian researcher who has spent the past decade tracking them.

But the adorable olinguito (oh-lihn-GEE'-toe) shouldn't have been too hard to find. One of them lived in the Smithsonian-run National Zoo in the Washington for a year in a case of mistaken identity.

"It's been kind of hiding in plain sight for a long time" despite its extraordinary beauty, said Kristofer Helgen, the Smithsonian's curator of mammals.

The zoo's little critter, named Ringerl, was mis-

taken for a sister species, the olingo. Ringerl was shipped from zoo to zoo from 1967 to 1976: Louisville, Ky., Tucson, Ariz., Salt Lake City, Washington and New York City to try to get it to breed with other olingos.

It wouldn't. "It turns out she wasn't fussy," Helgen said. "She wasn't the right species."

The discovery is described in a study in the journal ZooKey.

Helgen first figured olinguitos were different from olingos when he was looking at pelts and skeletons in a museum. He later led a team to South America in 2006.

"When we went to the field we found it in the very first night," said study co-author Roland Kays of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. "It was almost like it was waiting for us."

It's hard to figure how olingos and olinguitos were confused for each other.

"How is it different? In almost every way that you can look at it," Helgen said.

Olinguitos are smaller, have shorter tails, a rounder

face, tinier ears and darker bushier fur, he said.

"It looks kind of like a fuzzleball ... kind of like a cross between a teddy bear and a house cat," Helgen said.

It eats fruit, weighs about 2 pounds and has one baby at a time. Helgen figures there are thousands of olinguitos in the mountainous forest, traveling through the trees at night so they are hard to see.

While new species are found regularly, usually they are tiny and not mammals, the warm-blooded advanced class of animals that have hair, live births and mammary glands in females.

Outside experts said this is not merely renaming something, but a genuine new species and a significant find, the type that hasn't happened for about 35 years.

"Most people believe there are no new species to discover, particularly of relatively large charismatic animals," said Case Western Reserve University anatomy professor Darin Croft. "This study demonstrates that this is clearly not the case."

# Woman loses arm in shark attack

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) — A German tourist swimming off a Maui beach has lost an arm in a shark attack. Hawaii media report the woman, who was in her 20s, was taken to Maui Me-

morial Medical Center in critical condition after she was attacked Wednesday afternoon.

The Honolulu Star-Tribune reports her right arm appeared to have been sev-

ered below the shoulder.

Two of her friends and a kayaker helped her to shore.

Helicopters were sent over the coastline to check for the shark, according to the newspaper.

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- September 7<sup>th</sup> - Texas Women Style Show at 10:30am at the Country Club
- September 10<sup>th</sup> - Pregnancy Support Center & Hope House Maternity Banquet at 6:30pm at MK Brown Heritage Room
- September 14<sup>th</sup> - Junk to Treasure Marketplace at 9am to MK Brown Civic Auditorium  
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## Area support groups

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The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups.

Please include the meeting time, date and location and, if applicable, provide a contact number for each group.

■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, and at 2 p.m., Fridays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Diabetics Support** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria. For more info, contact Cynthia Ackley at 806-663-5504.

■ **Cancer Support** meets at 1 p.m. on the

fourth Tuesday of each month in the Pampa Regional Medical Center cafeteria. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 806-359-4673. Ext. 235.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Door Club** meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

■ **Accolade Home Care sponsors a Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. For more information, call Lindsey Been at 665-9700 or 324-3230.

■ **Celebrate Recovery** meets every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler St. We all know someone who is in need of some spiritual Bible studies that will enrich their life and make a difference in their outlook on life. Invite anyone that you know, no matter their age, to attend. Through this time, God can change lives. For more information, contact Darlene Lewis at 806-440-4489.

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