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City approves small water, sewer rate increases

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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The Pampa City Commission approved on first reading rate increases for water and sewer service both inside and outside of city limits, along with an increase in tonnage fees charged at the city's sanitary landfill.
 On water fees, residents who use less than 5,000 gallons of water a month will not see an additional charge on their bills. For residents who use between 5,000 to 8,000, the increase would be around 40 cents.

Likewise, for sewer rates the fee increases would be nominal, with a monthly increase of \$1.12 per residential customers and \$1.50 for commercial.
 Tonnage fees at the landfill would go up from \$36.50 to \$38 this year and likely increase by \$1.50 per year for the next four years.
 For the proposed fee increases to become city ordinances, they must pass a second reading by the City Commission.
 Also at Tuesday's meeting, the commissioners held public hearings on its proposed 2014 budget and a pro-

posed tax rate of \$0.621027 of taxable value. The amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$284.01. Individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.
 No one from the public asked to speak during the hearings, so they were closed by the commission.
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FACE-PAINTING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR UNITED WAY



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Madelyn DeFever gets her face painted by Shelly Rogers, a Girl Scout troop leader, Tuesday at the kickoff for the Pampa United Way 2013 campaign. About 300 people attended the family-oriented event, which had games and a bounce house for the kids plus representatives from the United Way's 17 local agencies to fill in the adults on the mission of United Way. The campaign goal for 2013 is \$337,000.

Pampa ISD Family Involvement Team has three events coming up

■ Open houses at PHS, Austin Elementary and College Night round out upcoming happenings.

By **JOHN LEE**
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While the open houses at Pampa Junior High School, Travis Elementary and Wilson Elementary have already come and gone, Pampa High School and Austin Elementary's will be conducted on Monday Sept. 16, from 6 – 7:30 p.m., and Sept. 23, from 6 – 7 p.m., respectively.
 Following the open houses, parents of students at Pampa High School will get to look forward to another life event that may be looming in their students' lives: college. College Night will be an event

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Submitted photo
 From left, Tammy Rodriguez, district parent liaison; Sabrina East, district family involvement coordinator; and Charlene Gee, district parent liaison.

Pertussis prompts Texas health alert

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The Texas Department of State Health Services is urging people to make sure they're vaccinated against pertussis, commonly called whooping cough, after projections show the number of people sick with the deadly disease this year is on track to reach the highest level in more than 50 years.
 "This is extremely concerning. If cases continue to be diagnosed at the current rate, we will see the most Texas cases since the 1950s," said Dr. Lisa Cornelius, DSHS infectious diseases medical officer. "Pertussis is highly in-

fectious and can cause serious complications, especially in babies, so people should take it seriously."
 DSHS issued a health alert today advising doctors on diagnosing and treating pertussis. The state health department also strongly encourages people to make sure their children's and their own vaccinations are up to date. While infants remain the most at risk, people of all ages can still get pertussis.
 DSHS has reported nearly 2,000 pertussis cases so far this year, and the annual total likely will surpass the recent high of 3,358 cases in 2009. There have

also been two pertussis-related deaths in Texas this year, both of infants too young to be vaccinated.
 To better protect babies, DSHS recommends pregnant women get a dose of pertussis vaccine during every pregnancy, preferably between 27 and 36 weeks of pregnancy. This helps protect the baby before he or she can start the vaccination series at 2 months old and helps keep the mother from getting sick and infecting the baby. Fathers, siblings, extended family members, medical providers and others who will be around newborns should also be vaccinated.

RECOGNIZING A GREAT ALL-AMERICAN POST COMMANDER

Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 Danny M. Martin, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 in Pampa, is recognized by Mayor Brad Pingel as an All-American post commander, which is the most prestigious recognition for a VFW post commander. The proclamation was presented to Martin at Tuesday's City Commission meeting.



Indigent Health Care Program helps to cover medical finances

By **LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**
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In the state of Texas, each county either has a hospital district or an Indigent Health Care Program. Gray county is among those with the latter, and Sandi Martin, who is in charge of the program, said that in order to be eligible, a person must first live within the county. After that, the qualifications are similar to that of Medicaid, which looks at household income and resources to qualify.



Sandi Martin

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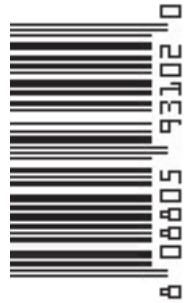
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
High 86 Low 62	High 79 Low 59	High 84 Low 60

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 86. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds south at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:25 a.m.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 62. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds east at 8 mph. Sunset at 7:55 p.m.

Friday: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 79. Chance of rain: 50 percent. Winds east-southeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:25 a.m.

Friday night: Cloudy with a low of 59. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds southeast at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:54 p.m.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 84. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:26 a.m.

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Obituaries

Emma Leona Varnon Coday

Emma Leona Varnon Coday, 95, died Sept. 9, 2013 in Waxahachie.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, 2013, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, with Eric Varnon, M. Div., officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Emma Coday

Mrs. Coday was born Feb. 14, 1918 in Pearland. She married Howard Milton Coday on Nov. 8, 1936 in Oklahoma City. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1995. She had been a resident of Skellytown from 1955 until 2011 when she moved to Waxahachie to be near her son. Leona was a faithful member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa.

Survivors include her son, Bryan Lynn Coday of Waxahachie, two grandchildren, Kelsey Coday of Parker, Colo., and Wendy Coday Fisher of Spring, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, TX 79066-2499.

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

Helen C. Brock

Helen C. Brock, 83, of Bartlesville, Okla., passed away Monday, Sept. 9, 2013.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013, in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel, with Mr. Dave Hammonds, of the Adams Blvd Church of Christ officiating. Interment to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.



Helen C. Brock

Helen Grace Chamberlain Brock was born August 23, 1930, in Golden, Colo. to Clayton Edward and Atha Alice (McGinnis) Chamberlain. She was a proud member of the Cherokee Nation, grew up and attended grade schools in Amarillo and Pampa. She went on her first date with her future husband Joe at the age of 13, attending a picture show together. Helen was a majorette in her high school band and was an all-state volley ball player which she was always proud of. She and Joe eloped during their senior year and graduated from Lefors High School in 1950. They spent their early married years in the Texas Panhandle where their six children were born.

She embraced motherhood, was active with her children in schools and sports, and with Cub Scouts as a den mother. As the children grew up, she went to work outside the home becoming a beautician working for several years in Bartlesville where she formed lifelong friendships that she cherished.

After Joe's retirement from Phillips, they spent a great deal of time at their lake place fishing and catching crawdads and tadpoles with her grandsons. She was an avid bridge player and she and Joe played in a couples group for over 30 years, blessing them with friendships that enriched their lives.

Helen was a loving mother and an amazing "G'Maw." Her presence always made things more fun and alive for those around her. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh.

Helen is survived by five children. Her sons Walter Ray Brock and his wife Noriko of New York, Alan Dee Brock, Kim Ed Brock and Jerry Wayne Brock of New Orleans, La and daughter Mechelle Diane West and her husband David Bobbitt of Dallas, TX. Her grandchildren William James West of Edmond, OK and Derek Ray West of Stillwater, Okla., Motoi Yabe Brock of Koriyama, Japan and Hanae Yabe of Tokyo, Japan. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Dorothy Worley, her husband Joe in 2008 and a son Joe Patrick Brock in 2005.

Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org.

Melody Ann Balay-Davis

Melody Ann Balay-Davis 48, of Pampa died Saturday Sept. 7, 2013 in Dumas.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 S. Osage St. Amarillo.

Melody was born on July 18, 1965 in Pampa. She attended Pampa High School. She was a loving mother, sister and friend. She had a beautiful voice and enjoyed singing in church.

Melody was attending Clarendon College to obtain a business administration degree.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to doctors, nurses and staff of Great Plains Nursing and Rehab of Dumas for loving care they provided to Melody.

Melody is survived by two daughters, Megan Campbell and her husband Paul of Charlotte, N.C. and Amber Davis of Pampa; two sons, Ryan and Joshua Davis both of Pampa; her grandson, Zane Campbell of Charlotte, N.C.; her mother, Evelyn Balay of Amarillo; four brothers, three sisters and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of Flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Dumas Memorial Hospice.

To sign the online guest register, go to www.rectorfuneralhome.com.

For the record

Lefors woman arrested for theft

STAFF REPORT

Rosa Linda DeLeon, 42, Lefors, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for theft.

Damien Carter, 31, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the constable for aggravated robbery.

Susan Ann Leach, 31, Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for possession of a dangerous drug.

Bobby Ray Howard, 53, Lefors, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for his third or more driving while intoxicated offense.

Texas police nab fourth suspect in restaurant slaying

HOUSTON (AP) — Police have arrested the final suspect in a Houston restaurant holdup that left a customer dead and an employee wounded.

Twenty-year-old Kenya Jackson turned himself in to authorities Wednesday and has been charged with capital murder. Police on Tuesday announced the arrest of 18-year-old Leroy Houston, while 20-year-old Corey Hilton and 18-year-old Mario Hilton remain jailed after being booked last weekend.

Hiltons are charged with capital murder.

Investigators say the Hiltons and Jackson are suspected of wearing masks and opening fire Aug. 26 at a Denny's restaurant. Customers and the business were robbed.

Customer Robert Plattette of Katy was killed. Authorities say he was shot as he attempted to shield children.

A worker suffered wounds not believed to be life-threatening, and is expected to be back to work soon.

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KRAZY KURLS & MORE



Photo by Lindsey Thomaschik

Krazy Kurls & More was inducted into the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at a goldcoating ceremony on Saturday morning. Those attending, from left, are Kerrick Horton, Charles Henry, Roy Morriss, Bennie Horton, salon owner Edwina Myers and husband Larry, Eltha Hensley and husband Marvin, employee Marisol Martinez, Alexa Martinez, Pat Montoya, Sheila Webb, Lori Byrne and Paulette Hinkle.

Commish

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A copy of the 2013-14 proposed budget is available for public review in the office of the city secretary, at Lovett Memorial Library and at www.cityofpampa.org.

In other business, the commission:

- Authorized for the city manager to execute a change order for the Pampa Animal Facility construction. The change would be for an outdoor breaker switch to cut off the power

to the building. The breaker would allow firefighters to shut off the power from the outside in the event of a fire.

- Awarded a bid in the amount of \$300 from Irene Jemenez for delinquent tax property located at Lots 25 and 26, Block 11, Wilcox Addition, commonly known as 847 Gordon.

- Adopted a resolution of the City of Pampa recognizing Sept. 2013 as National Preparedness Month.

- Adopted on second and final reading, an ordinance of the City of Pampa amending Section 3 of Ordinance 690 by rezoning from SF-3 Residential to Commercial, Lots 1 through 6, Block 2,

Sawyer Addition, commonly known as 1405 Alcock. The property will be used for a youth center.

The commission tabled a resolution to nominate Lynn Allison for reappointment to the Gray County Appraisal District's Board of Directors. The board has five members who serve two-year terms.

The terms are not staggered and any taxing agency in the county — the City of Pampa, the Pampa Unified School District, the City of Lefors, etc., — can nominate individuals to serve on the board. The commissioners agreed to

Family

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held at Pampa High School on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

While there are the obvious benefits of an open house, meeting the teachers, seeing the school layout, etc., parents will also get to see the work of their students and learn about what it means that six out of seven campuses in Pampa are Title I District, which means that 40 percent of the student population are eligible for free or reduced lunches, and what the implications of that means. Parents will also get to learn about community resources.

"We are going to have a community resources table," said Charlene Gee, a parent liaison for the PISD Family Involvement Team. "Parents will get to learn where they can go to get food and clothes they

may not be able to afford. We know they will be in schools so we use the opportunity to get as much information to them as possible."

1,497 residents were in attendance at Pampa Junior High's Open House on Aug. 22. The figures have not come out about Travis and Wilson's attendance.

The College Night, as the name implies, will be an event where parents can learn about different colleges and the steps taken to get their students on the path to higher education. Parents will get an opportunity to receive brochures, visit with college representatives and obtain information on various universities.

The next event after College Night is the Pampa ISD Showcase.

But unlike other events, the Pampa ISD Showcase is a student-led event. Students will be allowed to showcase their work, and it is spanned across all

grades from K-12. Parents will have an opportunity to see the progression of work from a kindergartener's first drawing or math problem, to a senior's art portrait or early-algebra work. The Pampa ISD Showcase is Nov. 4 at Pampa High School.

Another event to look forward to is the Weather Expo in the Spring, triggered by the Moore, Okla. tornadoes. Gee said that the first time a tornado watch was issued for Gray County 100 students were signed out early due to the fear of something like the Moore tornado happening in Pampa. Thus, the Weather Expo is an educational event for parents to learn the school's policies on severe weather. There will also be a meteorologist from Amarillo at the expo. There is also a "Read-Indeed event" and a event inspired by a grant from the Laura Bush Foundation for mothers and daughters about self-

Indigent

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The Gray County chapter of the program currently has 138 members, and the annual budget for the Indigent Health Care Program is \$195,300. It is funded through local tax dollars. Martin, who works in Judge Richard Peet's office, points out that the program is the payer's last resort, and one step in the process on her end is to find out if there is any other program that covers the costs in question. "We are the payer's last resort," she said.

The Indigent Health Care Program does not cover those services considered as optional. These include: durable medical equipment, pediatric, diabetic supplies, dental care, eye care, mental health and women's health issues. Texas has a separate program for women's health, which is why this program does not cover it. Martin also said that the program does not cover emergency transportation either, so if a client is sick and needs an am-

balance, the program is not responsible for payment.

A typical client for the Indigent Health Care Program is unable to work but does not qualify for Medicaid, even though the two programs have similar requirements for eligibility. The program covers the costs of three prescriptions a month, and clients must use a pharmacy in Gray County.

Though there has been recent concern as to

what the effect is that Obama's Affordable Care Act, commonly called Obamacare, will have on the program, Martin said that there has been no word of an effect for certain, so the program will continue to run as it has until further informed. She said that the plan could do away with the program or have no effect, but the Indigent Health Care Program will proceed as usual for the time being.

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When a war is not a war

This just in, we are not going to war in Syria, well, at least “not war in the classical sense.”



BRUNO BALTODANO

Last week, during testimony to the Foreign Relations Committee, a prelude to seeking Congressional authorization for the use of force in Syria, “The Honorable John F. Kerry” (that’s his actual title as Secretary of Defense) explained that what the Obama administration is proposing that we DO in Syria is NOT WAR. President Obama repeated as much yesterday during his own appeal to the nation in his presidential address. “We need to use force...we don’t believe that is going to war in the classical sense. We need to take action to degrade the [military] capacity of a man that’s been willing to kill his own people! I just...I don’t consider

that going to war,” said the “honorable” Secretary of Defense.

I haven’t seen this level of bovine excrement since the “honorable” Bill Clinton famously explained to us that there are multiple meanings to the word “is.”

After delivering this fallacious statement Kerry turned to Lieutenant General James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, and said, “General, do you wanna speak at all to that?” (How a war is not a war, that is).

“No, not really, Secretary, thank you” said General Clapper, in a moment that proves that politics is not without spontaneous humor.

And that is, for me, the bottom line. Clapper, a decorated member of the Air Force, knows we are talking about going to war, and has enough wit and cojones not to play the role of a pawn in Kerry’s pusillanimous game of word manipulation.

Things are what they are. A rose is

a rose. A is A. War is war.

Violating the sovereignty of another country with military force is an act of war and we should do this in clear cases of national security. The Syrian conflict is not a matter of national security for the United States, regardless of what Obama and Kerry say.

So, “honorable” John F. Kerry, your word manipulation offends me. It offends logic. And, worst of all, it should offend the moral fortitude of the American people.

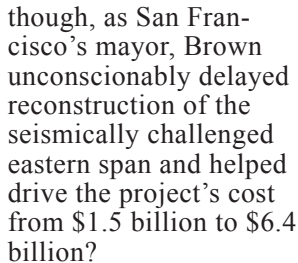
As an American I have little patience for my Secretary of State going to Congress to tell them that they need NOT deliberate too much on approving the use of force in Syria because what President Obama is planning to do “is not war in the classical sense.”

I, absolutely, sympathize with the need to remove Assad from power. But this is not even what the Obama

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Willie Brown bridge is falling down

Will the California Legislature point a giant middle finger at Bay Area commuters by naming the western span of the Bay Bridge after San Francisco Chronicle columnist Willie Brown even though, as San Francisco’s mayor, Brown unconscionably delayed reconstruction of the seismically challenged eastern span and helped drive the project’s cost from \$1.5 billion to \$6.4 billion?



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Will Sacramento name a bridge after a politician whose antics risked the public safety of his constituents?

In June, Assemblyman Isadore Hall III introduced a resolution to name the western span the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Bridge “to honor and commemorate his many contributions to California.”

Hall may have meant well, but he broke two Sacramento rules. He tried to rename a bridge not in his district. And because he didn’t know the political lay of this land, Hall broke a bigger rule by picking a name that angered the locals. As an Assembly analysis warned, “the proposed designation arguably lacks community consensus, as demonstrated via critical media editorials.” The Chronicle editorialized against naming the span after Brown — to nearly universal applause from letter writers.

Assemblyman Phil Ting helped Hall get around the first rule by becoming a co-author; the measure sailed through the Assembly 68-0. Not one lawmaker opposed the resolution during the floor vote. Not a single Republican voted no. A GOP aide explained that “the measure had strong support from a coalition of statewide civil rights groups, and there are no state costs associated with its passage.”

Hall, you see, was acting at the behest of state

NAACP President Alice Huffman, who thought it would be nice for California to honor its first African-American Assembly speaker by naming a postcard landmark after him.

Hall and the NAACP screwed up; they picked the wrong edifice. They picked the bridge against which Brown had built roadblocks. And Brown, I surmise, never warned them away from this reckless act of tribute.

It appears that Sacramento is wising up to the fact that Bay Area voters are looking toward the Capitol with darts in their eyes. It’s bad enough that residents have to pay much higher tolls for a new span held together by dubious bolts. But voters get really angry at the prospect of Sacramento’s naming half the bridge after one of its biggest cost drivers.

Having served on the committee that approved the single-anchored suspension design, state Senate Transportation and Housing Committee Chairman Mark DeSaulnier likes to portray himself as an injured party in the bridge debacle. DeSaulnier has lamented that if he knew in 1998 what he knows now, he would not have approved the project as it is.

There are signs the Senate leadership has figured out that naming an inch of the Bay Bridge after Brown would be a singular mistake. Nonetheless, DeSaulnier voted Monday to waive the rules to allow Hall’s bill to proceed.

Hall’s bill doesn’t need the governor’s signature, so it’s up to the Senate to decide. Already the new span is a monument to the dysfunction of local politics. As the Willie Brown Bridge, the old span could serve as a testament to state politicians’ arrogance.

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What if Assad wants the US to bomb Syria?

While President Barack Obama and Congress pontificate over whether Syrian



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President Bashar Assad used chemical weapons on his own people and whether a limited U.S. attack on Syria would be justified, what Washington needs to realize is this: Assad launched sarin on its citizens in hopes of moving the U.S. like a chess piece into his civil war and deeper onto the Middle East war map.

According to New York University political scientist Alastair Smith, Assad’s use of chemical weapons is in reality “a brilliant play internationally” on the global field of politics and power — if, of course, you’re viewing it from the psychotic dictator’s position.

Smith and Bruce Bueno de Mesquita co-authored “The Dictator’s Handbook: Why Bad Behavior Is Almost Always Good Politics,” which is an examination of why autocrats do what they do.

Joshua Keating, staff writer for Slate, recently talked to Smith and reported that “he thinks (Assad’s) use of chemical weapons was a risky but shrewd move that had less to do with punishing the rebels than with sending a signal to his core supporters — predominantly members of the Alawite religious sect — and his most important international allies.”

In his own words, Smith elaborated: “First of all, using chemical weapons has absolutely cemented that for Assad there can be no soft landing. That has two

effects: Domestically, it has signaled to his coalition that they should stick with him. He’s there for the long run and there’s no easy way out for him, so they know he won’t desert them. These crimes against humanity have also made ... very clear that it’s going to be very bad for the Alawites if there’s any political transition, which makes them even more loyal to him. They have nowhere else to go.”

Smith added: “It’s also been a brilliant play internationally. The extent of the chemical weapons has not been so much that Obama’s willing to put ground forces in. The airstrikes they are discussing are unlikely to be a decisive military factor. And Russia and Iran would love to snub the nose of the U.S., and this is a perfect way to do it. The U.S. is going to have to go it alone if they do it, and this is a great way for Russia and Iran to make the U.S. look impotent and pathetic. Russia’s going to continue supplying (Assad) with weapons, and Iran’s going to keep supplying him with money. So this was actually a brilliant play from him.”

The problem in this Syrian saga is that the White House isn’t examining the situation according to power paradigms of dictators — particularly Assad. It is responding to it according to the typical model of Western imperialism, and Assad knows it. That’s why he continues to play to his theater and taunt Goliath by poking his chest with words such as “Obama is weak.”

Herein lies the rub. On Saturday, BBC ran a story titled “Syria crisis raises question of US role in the world.” According to the article, “in the details of the debate over Syria, the

biggest questions and the larger picture are in danger of being lost. In essence, it’s whether the world needs a super cop. And whether the US should simply assume that role.”

If I were one of our lawmakers, I would emphatically tell the president: Quit taking the bait! If all the evidence about chemical weapons points straight to Assad’s front door, that doesn’t mean we check in our brains at the door of war and bow down to a Middle Eastern dictator’s mindset.

Proof of the president’s shortsightedness can be found in his naive strategy of a “limited” military campaign in Syria. What a joke and mockery to any opponent and to any rational mind! What professional fighter says, “I’m going to go into the ring and throw a series of blows and then get out”? Does the opponent have no bearing on countermeasures? You can’t limit an attack when you’re kicking hornets’ nests or throwing matches on gasoline!

And it’s not merely Assad waiting in the ring to counter the U.S. hits but also Iran, Russia, Hezbollah, Hamas, al-Qaida, et al. And with our ally Israel — which already is hated by most in the region — there’s no telling the outcome. It is no exaggeration to say that a single, unilateral U.S. strike on Syria could spark fires that lead to the inferno of World War III.

Obama needs to ratchet down his and his Cabinet’s need for speed in this Syrian matter, review the entire matter from Assad’s autocratic mindset, seek counsel from the greatest experts on the Middle East and then refuse to engage in action in Syria without congressional and interna-

tional support. Only then should the coalition decide on the best course of action against Syria — whether that’s a multinational attack on various hot spots or further arming and enabling pro-democracy resistance groups in the country or utilizing some covert actions against the regime that the world never connects to the U.S. or the international community.

The president already has confessed that the Syrian mission is “not time-sensitive” and that Assad’s actions pose “no imminent, direct threat” to the U.S. The only threat there is for the U.S. at this point is to the president’s pride, ego and willingness to humble himself for the sake of our military, our country’s future, our standing in the world and especially our not getting entangled further in Middle Eastern affairs.

As a six-time world karate champion, I know something about fighting, winning and losing. Sometimes one has to lose a battle to win a war, if only in appearance before certain others. And the truth is, Mr. President, sometimes you win, and sometimes you learn. My advice is to learn it now before it’s too late for all of us.

Assad placed Obama (and, hence, America) in checkmate when he launched chemical weapons on his people. The temptation is to blow up his chess pieces. But the right and wise move is to step away from the table, quit playing his game and form our own.

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War

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administration is asking us to let them do. The main argument for the use of force in Syria is the age-old line of concerns about American credibility, U.S. national interests and moral duty to act in the face of a humanitarian crisis of epic proportion in the Syrian War — which I refuse to call a “civil war” simply due to the fact that the U.S., Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Russia are already involved in it. I can’t help but wonder why that didn’t apply to Rwanda, Congo and the Sudan, but I digress. “We must act,” said the “honorable” Mr. Kerry. The question then becomes: What happens after that? One argument for U.S. intervention in Syria is to deliver a message to Iran to take seriously U.S. threats toward its nuclear program. But the fact is that the type of limited U.S. intervention in Syria that Obama is advocating will not only fail to deter Iran, it will make it want to increase its own defense capability in order to avoid being the next Iraq, the next Afghanistan, the next Syria. From the perspective of Iran, the only way to effectively deter the United States seems to be a fully capable nuclear weapons program. This “non-war” of Obama’s and Kerry’s puts the U.S. on a slippery downward slope. If limited use of force doesn’t work, the Obama administration will have backed us into the position that further military escalation in Syria will be needed based on the argument that American credibility is even more compromised.

The fact is, the American people don’t want to escalate our involvement in that WAR. As recently as yesterday, a Reuters poll showed that Americans strongly oppose this “non-war” of Obama’s and Kerry’s. Out of those surveyed, only 19 percent supported the use of military force. But we will do it anyway, the will of “We the People” be damned. We will escalate in Syria simply because our elected leaders do not have the cojones to say to the Obama administration what General Clapper said to Kerry, “No, not really, thank you.” In an embarrassing case of a barking Chihuahua who thinks himself to be acting like a Rottweiler, Senator Rand Paul, (R-Kentucky) said to the Secretary of Defense that “if we vote you down, which is unlike by the way, but IF we do, will you not go forward with a war that your Congress votes against?” The camera did not immediately move to the “honorable” John Kerry but I can imagine he must have wet his honorable pants at the ridiculousness of that statement. Of course they will still go forward with it! It is “not a war” after all. I think our government is far too lenient on the use of the word “honorable” for official titles. But, then again, thanks to Bill Clinton we may never know what the meaning of the word “is” is.

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Suspect in Texas rapes was charged in '90s assault

DALLAS (AP) — A crime-watch volunteer suspected of raping four women in Dallas this summer was implicated in a sexual assault two decades ago, but that case was dropped when his accuser died after being struck by lightning just before trial. Van Draylan Dixon, 38, was arrested Tuesday in a Baton Rouge, La., motel. Police say DNA evidence so far has linked Dixon to four rapes in Dallas’ Fair Park neighborhood, where as many as nine women were attacked by the same man this summer. The assailant in each case was armed with a handgun, forced the victims to secluded areas, then robbed and sexually assaulted them, according to police. Police are awaiting DNA tests from two of the nine cases; in three other cases, such evidence wasn’t available. In the early 1990s, Dixon, a convicted robber, was accused of raping a woman at gunpoint, according to the former prosecutor in that case. “The case made a deep impression on me,” said Colleen Skinner, the prosecutor in that case who is now a private attorney in Dallas. “It was just so brazen.” But the woman’s death in a freak accident made prosecution impossible, Skinner said. “My hands were tied,”

Skinner said. “Even if the rape kit had shown he was the perpetrator, I would need a witness to tell the jury that it wasn’t consensual. I would need a witness to tell me, ‘He forced me.’ I would need a witness to testify, ‘It happened in Dallas County.’” Police spoke to Dixon about this summer’s rapes in south Dallas after a tipster identified him as a possible person of interest. But police have said they had to release him after their interview because they didn’t have charges to hold him on. Dixon did voluntarily submit a saliva swab, which was then used to link him to DNA from four rapes. Arrest warrants were then issued for Dixon. The warrants charge him with four counts of aggravated assault. Dallas Police Maj. Jeff Cotner said “contacts” between Dixon and individuals in Dallas helped track him to the Louisiana motel, but he said no other details would be released until Wednesday. One of the victims told police her assailant shooed away her two children before attacking her at gunpoint, according to a police affidavit obtained Tuesday by The Dallas Morning News and WFAA-TV. The woman said a masked man approached her, brandished a handgun and demanded money

while she was walking with her children in Fair Park on Aug. 30. When she fumbled with her shirt looking for money, the woman said, the man told her children to leave, and then raped her in a nearby alley. Neighbors said that as a crime-watch volunteer, Dixon would patrol the streets several times a week. Dixon has been part of the area’s neighborhood crime-watch group, the Mill City Community Association, since January. The group’s president, Alendra Lyons, called his arrest a “relief to the community.” “A lot of people have been fearful, of course,” Lyons said. “They’ve been afraid.” State criminal records show Dixon was convicted of aggravated robbery in 1993. He served more than 10 years in prison, a state

prisons spokeswoman said. He was also arrested as recently as last month on a deadly conduct charge, according to Dallas County records. Lyons said she wasn’t aware of Dixon’s criminal past and that the incident had spurred her group to look into whether it could afford background checks on new volunteers, so that “at least we would be aware of what they have dealt with in the past.” As for police not going public with their investigation until after several attacks, Lyons said she didn’t want to second-guess officers who dealt with a difficult case. “We can’t go back in time and make them redo it,” Lyons said. “If that’s the process, the procedure on how they do it, I guess we just have to be OK with that.”

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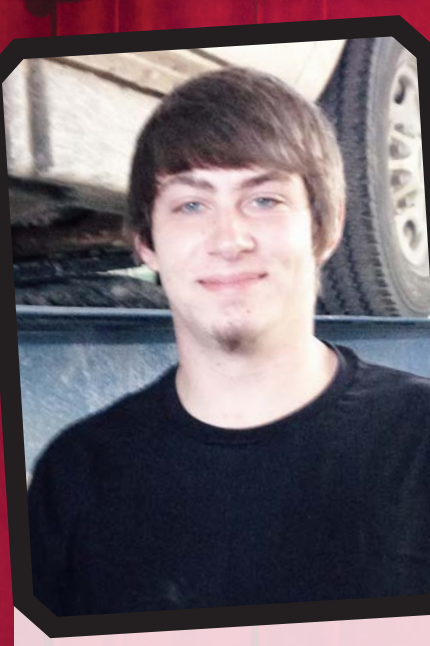
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Dylan Parks

Dylan Parks is the new GM Mechanic Apprentice. He is a 2013 PHS graduate. His mom is Melanie Carter of Brown, Graham and Company and he has one sister Courtney Linn of Arizona. Dylan has worked on cars his whole life. He focused on automotive mechanics in high school. He will eventually do GM on line training and get ASE certified. When asked why he chose this line of work he said, “This is what I know and what I’ve done since I was a kid.” Richard Stowers, said “I have high expectations for Dylan. He seems very enthusiastic and hard working. He is a quick learner and will do a great job.”

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Masonic Lodge #966 honors longtime members



David Crawford, left, receives recognition for 50 years of membership from Randy H. Day, right, while Billy Jess Willis, center, looks on.



James Earl Schaffer, left, is recognized for 60 years of membership by Randy H. Day, right.



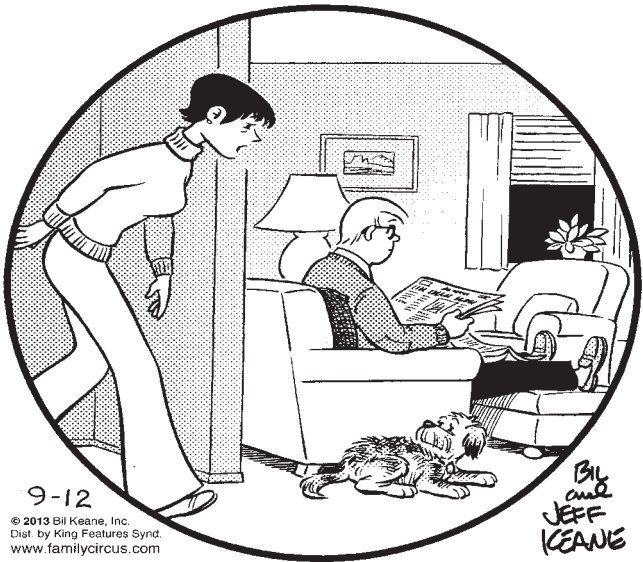
Billy Jess Willis, left, is recognized for 50 years of membership from Randy H. Day, right.



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Bil and Jeff Keane

"Dolly is learning to read. I listened to Dolly read. I like to help Dolly. Did you see me listen to Dolly?"

Non Sequitur

I THINK IT MEANS NO ONE IN THERE DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES



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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 13, 2013:

This year you move forward and create more of what you desire. Your creativity and intellect work together, which opens one door after another. The unexpected occurs several times this year when you least expect it, and it forces you to rethink your relationships. If you are single, you might not realize how desirable you are. You have choices. If you are attached, your sweetie develops a new dimension to his or her personality that is very unpredictable. Go with the flow, and accept that you can't change this person. CAPRICORN often provokes mischievous thoughts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Confusion surrounds your immediate plans. Many last-minute changes could emerge, but you will handle them well. The unexpected will occur in your daily life. Enjoy it rather than fight it. You also might want to rethink a project you've been working on. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Take news with a grain of salt, and consider the source of the information. You might want to do some fact-checking and speak with the parties involved. As a result, you will see the situation differently from how your source does. Tonight: If you can, take off for the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You finally will be able to make headway with a key person in your life. Seize the moment, and have the conversation that you feel is necessary. If you eliminate the theatrics, this person might surprise you with his or her response. Tonight: Relax with the one you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Someone who wants to dominate will emerge. If you are tired of this trend, walk away and refuse to respond to his or her power plays. Otherwise, you could be enmeshed in this situation for quite a while. Note that a boss or parent continues to be unpredictable. Tonight: TGIF!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to do something very differently. Fortunately, the prevailing winds of fate will encourage you on this path. Whether you are reorganizing your daily routine or adding a new element, you will feel more fulfilled. Tonight: Weigh the pros and cons of a

situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You like excitement, and you like to express your creativity. Revise your thoughts about a child or new person in your life. You might want to get a broader perspective. You could feel shaky or a little off in how you deal with this matter. Tonight: Get into the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Evaluate a problem that involves a personal matter. Confusion could make a decision harder to make. Listen to your inner voice before heading in any direction. Know what you need and want. Negotiate from that point, and don't settle. Tonight: Relax in a familiar place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You tend to deal with others in a unique way. Sometimes your self-discipline comes across as a stern attitude. You might want to loosen up a bit with your close friends and loved ones. People in general are unpredictable, including you. Tonight: Hang out with a special someone.

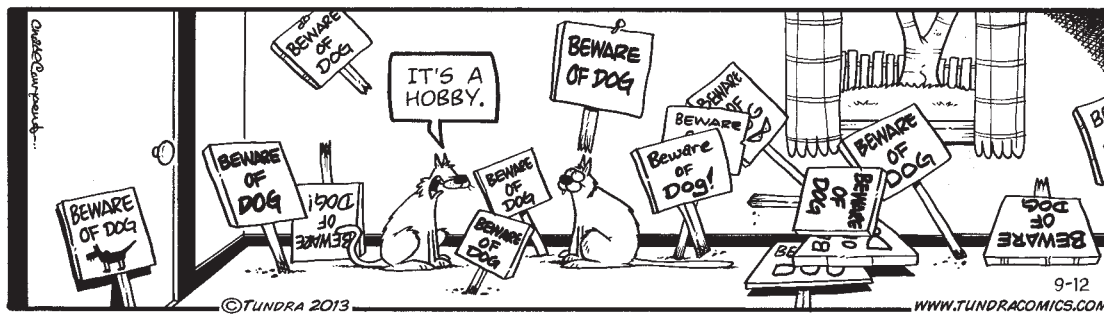
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Splurging happens easily with you, so make an effort to rein in your natural inclinations. A situation could develop that might shock you. If you can, stay conservative and do not push a matter any further. Trust something is going on. Tonight: Treat a loved one to dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Reach out to a friend or loved one at a distance. You might want to make special plans to visit this person. Keep paperwork and calls moving in an efficient manner, because you won't want to deal with any last-minute snafus during the weekend. Tonight: Do what you want.

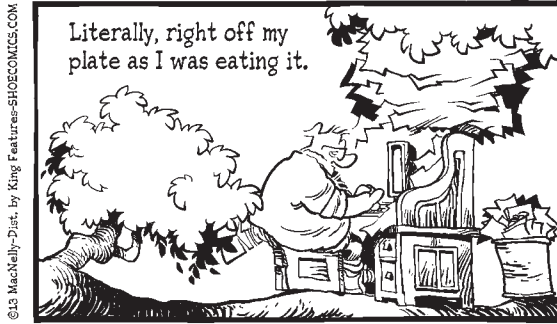
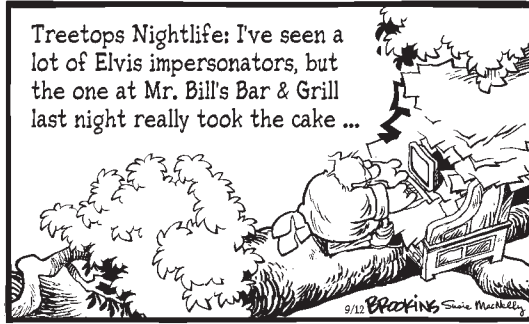
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ The less said the better. You might want to discuss a situation privately with someone before bringing it up with others who are involved. Clear your mind of details, and home in on what is needed. Open up to a trusted friend or two. Tonight: Have an important talk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You have the capacity to excite and inspire many people. Listen carefully to your peers in a meeting. You might wonder why they are proceeding as they are. Perhaps you'll want to seek out some clarification. Ask a question rather than give a lecture. Tonight: Find your friends.

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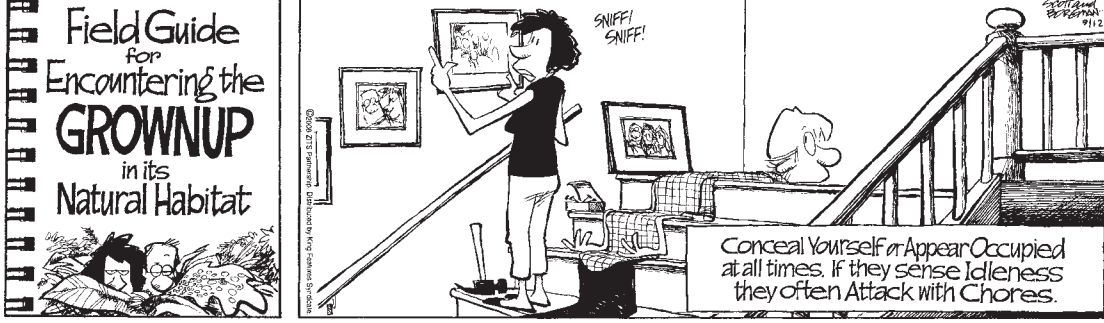
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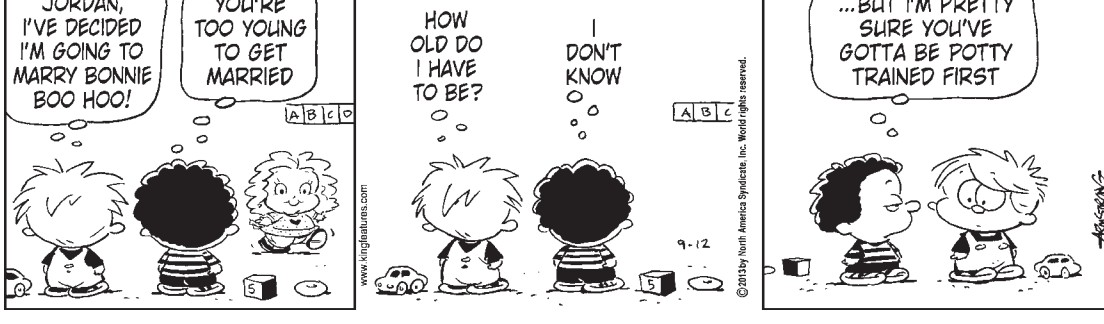
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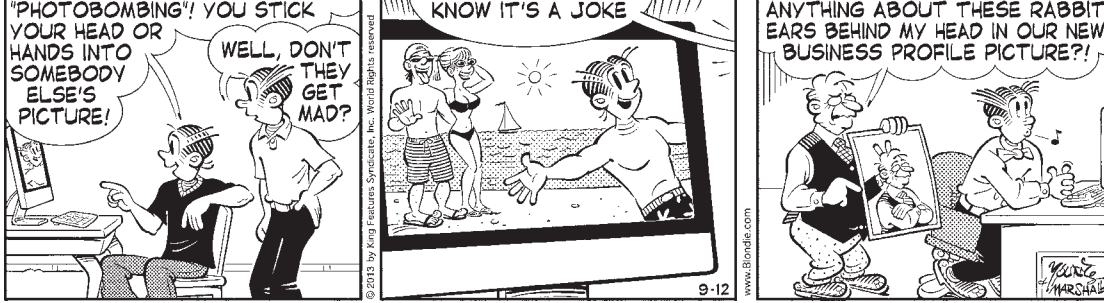
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Net defenders (12) Madison Brown and (5) Brittney Gonzales bat down a serve from Monterey.

Lady Harvesters Volleyball team thrills in 5 sets, loses tiebreaker

By JOHN LEE
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In five thrilling games, the Lady Harvesters volleyball team showed much improvement on Tuesday night against Lubbock-Monterrey. The scores for the sets were 25-23, 19-25, 18-25, 28-26, 9-15.

“We just talked about fighting,” head coach Brooke Sanford said. “It’s unfortunate with the injuries we have, [we have] to try to get better every moment. They did some tough things that we asked them to do this week and they responded in such a great way.”

The Lady Harvesters played best in the first and fourth games. Although those are small win margins, the Lady Harvesters dominated much of those games.

There were many of the serves that were volleyed back-and-forth and eventually the serve was won by the Lady Harvesters. The final point was scored by Madison Brown in the fourth round.

Some impressive plays were made by Allison Noble, Madison Joyce and Kirstin Hood. The defensive front at the net was dominant for the Lady Harvesters in all five games. Many of the points scored for Monterey were scored from out-of-bound serves.

After dominating the first set, the second set was a back-and-forth contest, tied on nine separate occasions. The third set was a similar story, hosting seven ties. Noble made an impressive anticipated strike to the opposite side of the court at one point in the set, making the decision to jump later than the rest of the net defenders and knocking down a spike from Lubbock.

In the fourth and the most exciting set, the volleyball team went into extra serves on multiple occasions because of the two-point margin rule. After leading by as much as five points at one time, The Lady Harvesters found themselves looking up at Lubbock-Monterrey trailing 23-21. After tying it at 24 the game was volleyed back-and-forth until the Lady Harvesters claimed their second win of the match.

The Lady Harvesters lost the tie-breaker, but must be proud of their performance for Tuesday night.

The Lady Harvesters hit the court again in Tulia on Saturday at 10 a.m.

“We are just working on trying to do every little thing right, at every moment. We work on that every day in practice and we hope to put it to good use in games.”

Regional Sports

Groom Tigers rout McLean Tigers 48-0

In a one-sided contest, Groom defeated McLean in a game where senior quarterback Zach Holloway had four touchdowns.

Running back Trenton Fields carried the football and Groom to the scoreboard first on a 10-yard scamper. Holloway would use the momentum to connect with Hayden Ritter for an eight-yard touchdown, his first of three. Nick Bohr then carried the ball for a touchdown himself from 16-yards out. Holloway and Ritter hooked up for two more touchdowns, one from 22

yards and one from six yards, and Brayton Hendricks also had a touchdown.

The Groom Tigers had 343 yards in the game, 234 passing and 109 rushing.

Lefors Pirates run over Hedley 42-8

Scoring 27 unanswered points, the Lefors Pirates, with Senior running back Tjaeden Swires and Dillon Helfer, ran all over Hedley.

Swires had more than 100 yards and scored two rushing touchdowns and one receiving. Helfer also had more than 100 yards and a rushing touchdown.



Tjaiden Swires

Giants deny Dallas claim they faked injuries

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Giants are denying an allegation from Dallas owner Jerry Jones that they faked injuries during a long touchdown drive by the Cowboys in New York’s season-opening loss.

Jones said after Dallas’ 36-31 victory Sunday night that “it was so obvious it was funny” when linebacker Dan Connor and defensive tackle Cullen Jenkins went out on consecutive plays in the second quarter, stopping the clock each time.

Tony Romo and Jason Witten appeared to complain to officials while Jenkins was down. Witten caught a 15-yard scoring pass from Romo to finish the nine-play, 71-yard drive late in the first half.

Connor, who played

for the Cowboys last year, didn’t return because of what the team described as a “burner.” Jenkins did return, and no injury update was given.

“It’s absolutely not true,” Giants coach Tom Coughlin said Monday. “Both of those players were injured. Connor never returned to the game. Cullen was in a position where he needed to regroup. That really wasn’t orchestrated at all.”

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said Monday he had not gone to the league over the sequence.



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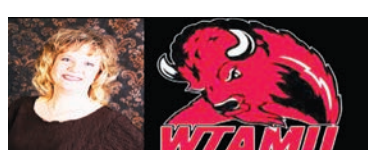
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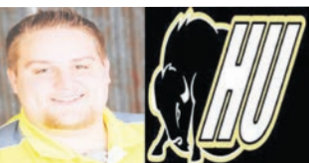
Saturday:
Tulsa at (14) Oklahoma
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(5) Stanford at Army
(7) Louisville at Kentucky
Akron at (11) Michigan
(16) UCLA at (23) Nebraska
(1) Alabama at (6) Texas A&M
Nevada at (10) Florida St. University
Tennessee at (2) Oregon
(19) Washington at Illinois
Kent St. at (8) LSU
Vanderbilt at (13) South Carolina
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(20) Wisconsin at Arizona St.



ReDonn's picks

Thursday:
(24) TCU at Texas Tech

Saturday:
Tulsa at (14) Oklahoma
(25) Ole Miss at Texas
(5) Stanford at Army
(7) Louisville at Kentucky
Akron at (11) Michigan
(16) UCLA at (23) Nebraska
(1) Alabama at (6) Texas A&M
Nevada at (10) Florida St. University
Tennessee at (2) Oregon
(19) Washington at Illinois
Kent St. at (8) LSU
Vanderbilt at (13) South Carolina
(4) Ohio St. at Cal.
Lamar at (12) Okla. St.
(21) Notre Dame at Purdue
Western Michigan University at (17) Northwestern
(20) Wisconsin at Arizona St.



Zac's picks

Thursday:
(24) TCU at Texas Tech

Saturday:
Tulsa at (14) Oklahoma
(25) Ole Miss at Texas
(5) Stanford at Army
(7) Louisville at Kentucky
Akron at (11) Michigan
(16) UCLA at (23) Nebraska
(1) Alabama at (6) Texas A&M
Nevada at (10) Florida St. University
Tennessee at (2) Oregon
(19) Washington at Illinois
Kent St. at (8) LSU
Vanderbilt at (13) South Carolina
(4) Ohio St. at Cal.
Lamar at (12) Okla. St.
(21) Notre Dame at Purdue
Western Michigan University at (17) Northwestern
(20) Wisconsin at Arizona St.



Tyler's picks

Thursday:
(24) TCU at Texas Tech

Saturday:
Tulsa at (14) Oklahoma
(25) Ole Miss at Texas
(5) Stanford at Army
(7) Louisville at Kentucky
Akron at (11) Michigan
(16) UCLA at (23) Nebraska
(1) Alabama at (6) Texas A&M
Nevada at (10) Florida St. University
Tennessee at (2) Oregon
(19) Washington at Illinois
Kent St. at (8) LSU
Vanderbilt at (13) South Carolina
(4) Ohio St. at Cal.
Lamar at (12) Okla. St.
(21) Notre Dame at Purdue
Western Michigan University at (17) Northwestern
(20) Wisconsin at Arizona St.

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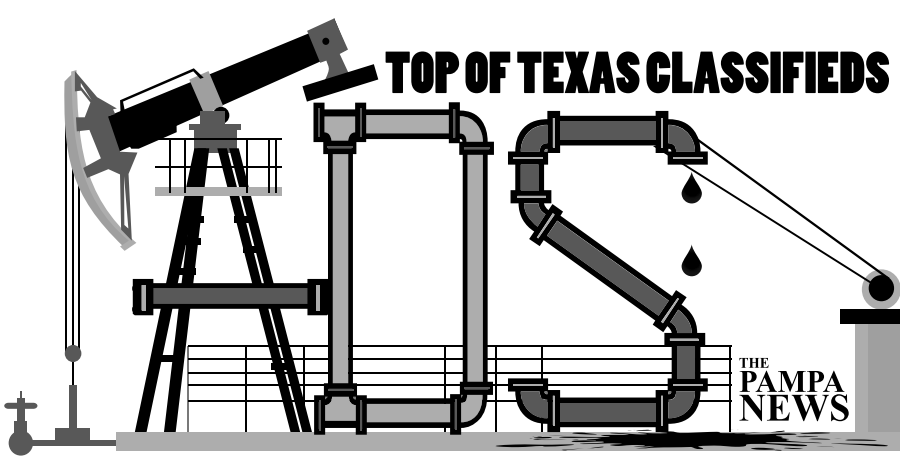
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9-12 CRYPTOQUOTE

D U H L T J U H N V T T F D O N T G

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— **L N T S B U T G M N Q**

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DEAR ABBY: I have four siblings. We get along fine as long as we're apart. During Mom's and Dad's funerals, I was dismayed at the degree of tension and bickering among us. I am now dealing with an incurable illness that will shorten my life considerably. I have no desire to put my husband through a funeral hosting a family who never liked him. I prefer to be cremated, and a handwritten letter be sent to each of my siblings after the fact. Is this selfish? I don't want people saying things they don't sincerely mean. I didn't have a happy childhood, and my siblings contributed to that. My letter will not be accusatory, nor will it rake up long-ago hurts. I just want them to know that my husband has carried out my wishes and they should not blame him for doing so. Any thoughts? — KEEPING IT SIMPLE

DEAR KEEPING IT SIMPLE: I don't think your wishes are selfish. You're entitled to exit the stage of life in the manner you choose. Because you prefer to bid your siblings goodbye in handwritten letters, go ahead and do it.

My daughter would like to move, but her lease won't be up until January. What should we do? I don't believe she can afford a lawyer unless legal aid is available to her. I find the situation scary. — WORRIED IN OHIO

DEAR WORRIED: I find it scary, too. Has your daughter discussed this with the manager of the building? If she hasn't, she should, and the conversation should be documented. An explosion could harm more neighbors than just her and her children. The smoker is a danger to everyone. If the manager can't compel the smoker to stop, then your daughter should move because, in a sense, the tenant downstairs is a ticking time bomb, and her children's safety is paramount.

DEAR ABBY: My aunt "Stacey" has what they call salt-and-pepper-colored hair. We have suggested many times that she dye

it, but she doesn't want to have to keep up with it. Recently, someone asked her 14-year-old daughter if that was her grandmother! Aunt Stacey will be coming for a visit soon and we want to surprise her with a hair dye. How should we go about it? — KRISTY IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR KRISTY: Don't do it, or the people who get surprised could be you and whoever else has concocted this hair-brained scheme. Not all women want to color their hair. Some would prefer to avoid the expense, and others become allergic to the hair dye. My advice is to appreciate your aunt for the person she is and forget about trying to change her image. *****

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Add a G to each of the words below, and then rearrange the letters in each word to form a new seven-letter word.

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Yesterday's Answer: SLOUCH, SUGARY, UNEASY, UPLAND

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Wild guess
 - 5 Smoker's pipe
 - 10 Sagas
 - 12 Washer cycle
 - 13 Dwelling
 - 14 Caper
 - 15 Sine qua —
 - 16 "Drat!"
 - 18 Makeshift book-mark
 - 20 Light metal
 - 21 Goblet part
 - 23 Leaf lifter
 - 24 Radiator part
 - 26 Skilled
 - 28 Course number
 - 29 Harry Belafonte hit
 - 31 Peyton's bother
 - 32 Golf hole with a bend
 - 36 Sirius
 - 39 — de France
 - 40 Banded rock
 - 41 Mosey along
 - 43 Sherbet flavor
 - 44 Entices
 - 45 Salon sounds
- DOWN**
- 1 Position
 - 2 Forbidden
 - 3 By the side of
 - 4 Garden section
 - 5 Toot one's own horn
 - 6 Bout site
 - 7 All things considered
 - 8 Foolish
 - 9 New
 - 11 Drugged
 - 17 Vein contents
 - 19 Twisty turn
 - 22 Like some elections
 - 24 Light bulb type
 - 25 Folding craft
 - 27 Marshy area
 - 28 Piano parts
 - 30 Nabokov book
 - 33 Fall sign
 - 34 TV's De-Generes
 - 35 Gaggle group
 - 37 Organ part
 - 38 Addition column
 - 42 Swamp stuff

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Malcolm Hinkle voted best customer service in Pampa

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60 employees, whereas today the company has done some downsizing and has only 15 employees. After Malcolm's death in 1992, an executive decision was made to scale back the mechanical aspect of the company and instead focus on ice makers.

The business is currently run by Zed, Malcolm's grandson, who recently decided to get back into the mechanical side of the company. He reopened the commercial and residential heating and air conditioning division of the company three years ago when he got his contractor's license.

Though the company has done ice work over the

years, they are currently putting more focus on the newer aspects of the company, such as the return of their commercial and residential heating, air conditioning, drink fountains, and commercial refrigeration.

As for his view on customer service, Zed was brought up to treat others as he would like to be treated, so he lives by this in his line of work as well. He prides himself on the fact that he cleans up after himself on work sites and does not make a mess for others to clean up after him, which is something his customers greatly appreciate. He also said that his customers also like the

quality of the work they receive when choosing to do business with Malcolm Hinkle, "When you're good at what you do, your customers recognize and appreciate that." Zed said he tries his best to always keep the customers' interests at the forefront of his thoughts. The company also has flat rate pricing, which means there are no surprise charges for clients when the job is done.

Long-time employee Dicky McCarn said he likes working for Malcolm Hinkle because he's not in the same spot doing the same thing every day. He started working for the company in June 1986.

Zed likes doing busi-

ness in Pampa because he gets to meet new people as well as work with people he already knows, and he enjoys the tight-knit community and the small town feel having experienced living and working in bigger cities prior to his return to the town.

Zed likes to think that his work speaks for itself, and he realizes that word of mouth advertising makes a big impact in small towns like Pampa, "If I do a good job, people are going to know. If I do a bad job, people are going to know that too. I feel like I have to be extra good because word of mouth is worth more than almost anything."

Over the years, Zed said that the company has improved by becoming more efficient and time management has gotten better over time as well.

What you see is what you get with Malcolm Hinkle, which is why the company was voted the best customer service in Pampa (Ammons Companies tied for the win in this category).

As far as future goals and plans for Malcolm Hinkle go, Zed would like to continue to expand the company both in Pampa and in surrounding areas. He appreciates the current business he has and looks forward to seeing the continued success of the company in the future.



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Above, Zed Richards shows off one of Malcolm Hinkle's new trucks. Upper left, Malcolm Hinkle has been in business since the 1950s providing top of the line customer service. Bottom left, A quote on the white board in the workshop inspires Malcolm Hinkle employees to be well-versed in their line of work. Bottom right, Zed watches as long-time employee Dusty repairs one of the ice makers.

