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# PHS will host 'College Night'

#### SUBMITTED

Pampa High School will host "College Night" from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Commons area of the high school.

This is an informal time to visit with representatives from many different colleges and vocational schools about their campuses.

Each representative will have catalogues and other information to share with students and their parents.

In addition, recruiters from the different branches of the armed forces will be there to answer questions about enlistment.

All juniors and seniors from Pampa and surrounding communities are encouraged to attend and begin thinking about plans after graduation.

Parents are welcome to attend — with or without their students.

For more information, call Starla Kindle in the counselors' office at 806-669-4800.

# Blood bank coming to health fair

#### STAFF REPORT

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be taking blood donations at the Pampa Health Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

The fair will be held at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is sponsored by Accolade Homecare and Hospice Health.

All blood types are needed, and you can either walk in or call for an appointment.

Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a free "Fight Cancer" T-shirt.

A photo ID or donor card is required. You must be at least 17 years old to donate.

Donors who are age 16 may now donate with a signed parental consent form. Other vendors at the health fair include Medication Cleanout of Amarillo, United Pharmacy of Pampa, Physician Preferred Laboratories of Amarillo and Harrington Cancer Center of Amarillo. Happy State Bank will be serving food. There will be a prize drawing at the end of the fair.

# Shop talk about tabletops



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, beauty and function. The new tables at Red River Steakhouse look attractive while displaying ads from area businesses. Below, Derek South of ABC Advertising Agency, whose company is providing the tables, and Will Frost, owner of Red River.

#### Red River Steakhouse unveils tabletops that feature ads from area businesses.

#### BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE

thowsare@thepampanews.com Is good as the food is at the Red River Steakhouse in McLean, on Wednesday it was the tabletops that got most of the attention.

The restaurant unveiled tabletops in its smaller dining area that featured embedded advertisements from area businesses



For appointments to donated blood, call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800.

#### Evolution, textbook review focus of SBOE hearing

#### By Morgan Smith The Texas Tribune

A past Texas State Board of Education chairman and outspoken creationist urged his former colleagues on Tuesday to approve high school biology textbooks he said would "strike a final blow to the teaching of evolution."

Appearing at a board hearing on new instructional materials, Don McLeroy, a Bryan dentist who lost his seat on the SBOE in the 2010 Republican primary, told board members that the science textbooks currently under consideration contained many "hidden gems just waiting to be mined by inquisitive students" that proved there was no evidence for evolution.

McLeroy's testimony diverged from other witnesses skeptical of evolution, who criticized the proposed textbooks for inadequate coverage of alternatives to the scientific theory and asked the board not to approve them until publishers made changes.

His statements prompted a confused question from board member Mavis Knight, D-Dallas.

"Are you saying 'adopt these books' face-

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ments from area businesses.

ABC Advertising National Headquarters of Sedalia, Mo. produced the tables and solicited the advertising.

The restaurants never own the tables, said Derek South, the company's local representative.

The advertisers pay for a spot under a threeand-half-year contract and the restaurants use the tables at no charge, South said.

ABC is one of the nation's leading manufacturers of restaurant tabletops featuring advertisements. Their tables can be found in more than 3,000 restaurants across the U.S. with advertisements from thousands of businesses.

Originally, South said his company would place between 50 to 60 ads on a tabletop, but in time reduced the number to around 30 and made the ads larger.

The tabletops are made from a very hard compressed board and the trim is a solid ash wood.

South was at Red River Wednesday night, where a dinner of either grilled chicken or pork loin was served on-thehouse to the advertisers.

"It's a win-win situation for everybody," South told The Pampa News.

ABC's restaurant clients get attractive, solidly-built tables for free and businesses get their ads in front of the hundreds of customers who dine at the tables over the period of the **TABLES** cont. on page 3

# KING SPEAKS AT CHAMBER LUNCHEON



#### Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

State. Rep. Ken King was the guest speaker at Tuesday's Pampa Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon. King lives in Canadian and represents District 88, which includes Pampa. King finished his first year at the Texas Statehouse, which included three special sessions. King said he has worked diligently to ensure rural Texas is not left behind in Austin. "There are only 19 (state) congressmen west of I-35." He wrote House Bill 1926, which was filed without the governor's signature. The purpose of the education bill is to set up online learning programs he said would raise the bar for students at rural schools. King said the intent is not to replace classroom teachers, but to provide opportunities not available to students in rural districts. For instance, Pampa High School does not have a teacher who can teach Mandarin Chinese, but there are four such teachers in Plano. A student in Pampa could take the course online while still participating in the classroom for his other subjects.

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### PAMPA FORECAST



Today: Morning showers with a high of 76. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds northeast at 14 mph. Sunrise at 7:31 a.m.

Tonight: Clear with a low of 51. Winds eastsoutheast at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:43 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny with a high of 80. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:32 a.m.

Saturday night: Clear with a low of 53. Winds south at 12 mph. Sunset at 7:42 p.m.

Sunday: Sunny with a high of 81. Winds south at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:32 a.m.

Sunday night: Clear with a low of 55. Winds south at 14 mph. Sunset at 7:40 p.m.

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# Obituaries

#### Jessie "Biddie" Edwards Taylor

Jessie "Biddie" Edwards Taylor, 86, died Sept. 17, 2013 in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday,

Sept. 21, 2013, at Carmichael-What-

ley Colonial Chapel, with Pastor

Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist

Church, officiating. Burial will fol-

low in Memory Gardens Cemetery

under the direction of Carmichael-

Mrs. Taylor was born May 11, 1927

in Electra. She had been a resident

of Pampa since 1933. She married

Claude A. Taylor on Dec. 7, 1946 in

Pampa. Biddie was employed by Ma-

Whatley Funeral Directors.



Jessie **Taylor** 

rie Foundations for 13 years and also worked for the City of Pampa water office. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church. She enjoyed ceramics and especially time spent at the lake with family and

friends. Biddie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and Inez Edwards, a son, Jerry Taylor, and a sister, Ruth Monce.

Survivors include her husband, Claude A. Taylor of the home, her daughter, J'Nell Stiles of Pampa, a sister, Cecelia Geneva of Odessa, a brother, Jack Edwards and wife Judi of Pampa, three grandchildren, Cory Taylor and wife Jennifer of Mt. Blanco, Derek Taylor and wife Jessica of Dallas, and Stacy Whited and husband Charles of San Marcos, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Highland Baptist Church Building Fund, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home from 6:30-8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 20, 2013.

The family would like to express their thanks to Integra Hospice for their loving care of their wife and mother.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

# Fortherecord

### Pampa man arrested for tampering with government records

#### STAFF REPORT

William the Pampa Police Department for violation of pro- 0.15 percent. bation — tampering with government records.

Kimberly Guenther, 28, Pampa, was GCSO for animal cruelty,

content level greater than appear.

Nichole arrested Wednesday by criminal mischief.

Gray County Sheriff's Of- of probation - criminal rested Wednesday by PPD David fice for violation of proba- mischief, capias pro fine for theft of property greater Wortham, Jr., 54, Pampa, tion — driving while intox- — disregarding a stop sign, than \$1,500 and less than was arrested Wednesday by icated with a blood alcohol capias pro fine — failure to \$20,000.

· LeeAnn Renee Wil- 43, Lefors, was arrested arrested Wednesday by liams, 38, Lefors, was Wednesday by GCSO for GCSO for manufacturing Bruce Daniel Ell-

arrested Tuesday by the theft by check, violation wanger, 28, Pampa, was ar-

Anthony Dewayne • John Wayne Williams, Dunn, 29, Pampa, was or delivering a controlled substance, evading arrest.

# Texas fruitcake chain controller appears in court

former controller of the counts of mail fraud. famed Collin Street Bakguilty to federal charges to defraud the Corsicanathe company.

claiming he embezzled based bakery by writing jewelry, and other items. nearly \$17 million from almost 900 fraudulent Bakery managers detect

DALLAS (AP) — The dicted last week on 10 alleges he spent the mon- fired him. They reported about 600 bottles of wine,

ey on luxury vehicles, a their suspicions to Corsi-Court documents say second home in Santa Fe, cana police, who reported ery chain has pleaded not Jenkins managed a scheme N.M., some 60 watches, the matter to the FBI.

checks from 2005 through ed the fraudulent activity, ly/18XdePs). He remains

The Dallas News reported Jenkins' Bakery managers detect- plea Thursday (http://bit.

gether for 13 years. We live in the country with livestock. I was taught to remove my shoes when I entered my house, especially since I was raised on "How long have you two a farm. My husband wasn't required to do the same as

Morning

a few years ago. At the time, made a deal with each gether for 17 years, and it's I have asked him for my mother was very upset other - he would live his not our fault that we didn't the last 10 years to kindly and threatened to leave, own life and they would get married many years ago, take his shoes off when he but somehow they worked remain married. Because Without having to make comes in so he won't track it out. However, he is still it is affecting your moth- a political statement each dirt, mud, manure, etc. into seeing this woman. They er's health, suggest that time we're asked, should the house. He absolutely talk on the phone for hours, she discuss this with her we simply tack on the num- REFUSES. I have exand he visits her house fre- physician and perhaps get ber of years we've been to- plained my reasons repeatquently, leaving my mother a referral to a therapist gether without the benefit of edly and told him it hurts alone for extended periods who can provide her with marriage? I'm proud of the my feelings and makes me emotional support during time we've been a couple, feel disrespected. He still When I ask my mother this difficult time. If she and even prouder that I love won't do it. Can you please why they are still in con- agrees, it could help her Rob as much today as when tell me why? Am I being tact, she doesn't want to physically and emotion- we first fell for each other. too demanding? - TIRED talk about it, and my father ally because stress and de- What should the answer OF WALKING ON GRIT **DEAR TIRED:** I don't think so. Your reasons for DEAR KEN: Congratu- wanting his dirty shoes mother's health, which lighted we can finally marry lations on your forthcom- off seem sensible to me. wasn't quite great to begin in our home state of Cali- ing nuptials. The answer From where I sit, it apwith and has gone downhill fornia. When we do, how you should give is the pears your husband cares since this all started. Is there do you suggest we answer most accurate one: "Rob little for your feelings, anything I can do in this the question that straight and I have been married isn't concerned about any situation? - WORRIED married couples often get, for (insert the number) extra work he creates and years and together for 17 stopped listening to you years before that." To say 10 years ago. You have my that is not making a politi- sympathy, and I sincerely cal statement; it's the un- hope he has some virtues that compensate for his



DEAR ABBY: My father **DEAR** admitted to having an affair It appears your parents Rob and I have been to- he was growing up.



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WORRIED: been married?"

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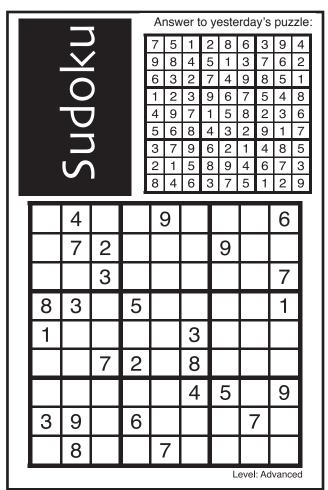
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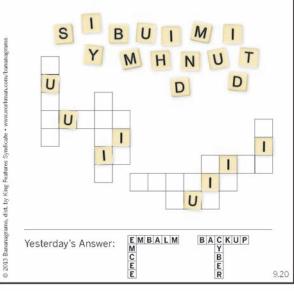
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varnished truth.

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# **Tables**

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contract, he said.

Will Frost, who owns Red River with his parents, agreed that the table-top advertising should stimulate business in the area.

"We want to spread good will and show our support for businesses," he said.

Since the restaurant opened in 1997, business has been non-stop, he said. Red River is located less than a mile off Interstate 40 and not only attracts interstate travelers, but people from towns all around the area

"It's worth the drive," Frost said.

The building was originally a church and then a trinket shop, Frost said. The building was expanded in 2001, he added.

Local musicians perform mostly original music on the weekends and the restaurant has a robust catering business, he said.

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tiously?" she asked.

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McLeroy said he wasn't.

He said that despite asser-

tions of "robust evidence"

for evolution, the textbooks

actually offered few facts

supporting it. He cited les-

sons on the complexity of

cell structures and gaps in

"Evolutionists argue that

creationists want to force

their religious views into

the text, but just the teach-

ing of biology accomplish-

The 15-member SBOE

won't vote on the 14 sci-

ence textbooks currently

under consideration until

November. Chairwoman

Barbara Cargill, R-The

Woodlands, said the board

would also discuss revis-

ing the state's textbook ap-

proval process, which sci-

have criticized for alleg-

and including unqualified

reviewers.

fossil records.

books.'

#### Frost said he first saw tables at the Blue Sky restaurant in Amarillo and thought they'd be a good idea for his restaurant.

Jack A. Moreman, who owns Rolling Plaines AG Compost Inc., in Clarendon, is one of the advertisers who attended Wednesday's dinner.

"I think the tables look great," he said.

South, who mingled with the business owners as orders were being taken, said he heard nothing but positive feedback.

He said Thursday in an email the response has been so good that the restaurant wants to get the second room done soon.

Among the Pampa advertising with displays on the tables are Texas Furniture, Prestige Auto Body, Bob Douthit Auto and The Pampa News.

Most of the ads had "QR codes," which when scanned by a smart phone takes you directly to the advertiser's website or Facebook page.

by the Texas Freedom Network pushed for the inclusion of more arguments critical of evolution.

Concern about creationists' outsize participation in the review process also prompted a University of Texas graduate student who served on the panels, Jimmy Gollihar, to write a letter to the state board last week.

"It is impossible to conclude that the teams reviewing textbooks were anything other than grossly skewed and obviously biased," he said. "The net result of having a huge raft es that," he said. "Sup- of non-scientists on the port the Bible, adopt these panels was that rather than checking for factual errors in the texts, I was put into the position of having to painstakingly educate other panel members on past and current literature.'

Prior to Tuesday's hearing, three SBOE members — Ruben Cortez, D-Brownsville; Marisa Perez, D-San Antonio: and Marence education advocates tha Dominguez, D-El Paso - expressed their disapedly lacking transparency pointment with the process at a rally organized by the Texas Freedom Network. Cargill herself has drawn They said that publishers accusations of improper were being pressured into involvement in the review including non-scienceprocess from the Texas based arguments against Freedom Network, a group evolution and called for only "content-relevant educators" to be included on review panels. Cargill said during the publishers to voluntarily disclose for public review any changes they made to textbooks prior to their adoption. She also emphasized that any reports made by review teams were preliminary — and that in November, the board would take up suggestions about how to improve the process "I'm very appreciative of the reviewers themselves,' she said. "But we've got some work to do."

# Pampa Fire Department call log — Sept. 16-19

The Pampa Fire Depart- units and seven personment responded to these nel. calls for the following dates. One unit with three motor vehicle accident at the 1000 block of North medical call in the 2100 personnel responded to Highway 152 and County each call, unless otherwise indicated.

#### Sept. 16

• At 2:01 p.m., to a medical call in the 400 block Rider.

• At 2:32 p.m., to a block of West 25th.

• At 7:02 p.m., to a

• At 11:54 p.m., to a Road 4 1/2, one unit and four personnel. Two occupants transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

#### Sept. 17

• At 4:15 a.m., to a block of North Charles. • At 9:41 a.m., to a false

and seven personnel. • At 10:30 a.m., to a

carbon monoxide call in Hobart. • At 2:40 p.m. to a medical call in the 300 block of North Naida.

#### Sept. 18

• At 6:51 a.m., to a medical call in the 1500 block of West Kentucky, East Harvester, four units medical call in the 800 medical call in the 2800 one unit and four personnel.

smoke scare in the 2600 alarm in the 2100 block of tor vehicle accident in block of North Wells, one block of Comanche, two North Nelson, two units the 600 block of North unit, four personnel.

Hobart, one unit and four personnel.

• At 9:03 p.m., to a block of North Coffee.

#### Sept. 19

• At 1:54 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2700 block of West Randy Matson.

• At 8:46 a.m., to a false alarm in the 100 block of and nine personnel.

• At 1:06 p.m., to a • At 2:44 p.m., to a mo- medical call in the 1200

# Number of missing in Colo. floods drops

LONGMONT, (AP) — The number of to assess the damage on people unaccounted for Wednesday, and homefrom Colorado's devas- owners under mandatory tating flooding has fallen evacuations were expectdramatically as rescuers ed to follow Thursday. reach stranded victims, and electricity and phone Jamestown services are restored to were allowed home, and ravaged areas, allowing three entrances to Rocky residents to contact fam- Mountain National Park ily, friends or authorities. were reopened.

But some of the stranded are refusing to leave spokeswoman for the their homes, prompting Larimer County Sheriff's crews to show them pho- Office north of Boultos of the surrounding der, said Wednesday that destruction amid warn- widespread airlifts have ings that they could be given way to "pinpoint" cut off from essential ser- rescues and door-to-door vices for several weeks.

leave were getting a first- cue teams with dogs and hand understanding of medical supplies began the destruction. Business picking through homes, owners were allowed vehicles and debris piles back into the heavily for victims.

Colo. damaged town of Lyons

Also Wednesday, residents

Jennifer Hillmann, a searches.

Some of those who did Urban search-and-res-

reported unaccounted for sions, down from a high dwindled from a high of of about two dozen. 1,200 to about 200.

people who are holed up for emergency airlifts and they don't want to may be returned to Fort leave the area," Hillmann Carson, where they will said.

"we're getting a lot more Utterback said. people calling in and saying, 'hey, here's where ignored the evacuation I'm at. I'm safe.'

documenting the damage off rescue helicopters they find, Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pelle said.

It is part of responders ending the "high-octane" emergency response to the widespread flooding tion is in hopes they will

The number of people still flying rescue mis-

Some of the helicop-"We're having a lot of ters that have been used be on standby, Colorado But she added that National Guard Lt. Mitch

Many homeowners orders to stay with their Search crews also are homes, and they waved flying overhead.

Hillmann said search crews were showing some of them photos of how broad the destrucsoon.

"Although it might be OK where you are now, up the canyon and down the canyon are completely washed out," she said.

## **Randall County Ag Show and Crops Tour set for Sept. 24**

#### SUBMITTED BY TEXAS

A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION CANYON — The 37th scheduled for Sept. 24 in Canyon, according to Dr. J.D. Ragland, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resource agent, Randall County.

Registration, coffee and donuts will begin at 8:30 a.m., sponsored by Panhandle-Plains Land Bank of Amarillo. The morning tures after Recent Rains, Dr. education units - 0.5 in portion will be in the Dille- Ted McCollum, AgriLife drift minimization and 2.5 hay Education Room of the Extension beef cattle spe-Kuhlman Extension Center, AgriLife Extension's office for Randall County at 200 N. Brown Road. The program is free with the sponsorship of Happy include an awards program State Bank. The morning program, starting at 9 a.m. includes: - Farm Bill: What We Know and What We Don't buses sponsored by the Palo Know, Dr. Steve Amosson, Duro Soil and Water Con-AgriLife Extension economist, Amarillo.

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Program and Estate Plan- and include three stops. ning Update, DeDe Jones, annual Randall County Ag AgriLife Extension risk Show and Crops Tour is management specialist, Amarillo.

- Farm Insurance Program and Requirements, Rachel Myers, Great Plains Ag Credit, Claude.

Water Laws/Regulations and Its Impact on Ag Producers, Lynn Tate, High Plains Underground Water District Board, Amarillo.

- AgriLife Farm Assist AgriLife Extension office The tour stops include:

• Sorghum Varieties/Plant Population Utilizing Various Planting Methods, Stan Friemel Farm.

• Cotton Varieties and Bayer CAP Trail, Randy and Ryan Wieck Farm.

 Amarillo Antique Tractor Association - Antique Plowing Demonstration, Harold Artho Farm.

Three Texas Department - Managing Native Pas- of Agriculture continuing general — will be available

Einema 4 Showing Now! Friday September 20 -Thursday, September 26 Riddick (R) Fri - 7:15 9:45 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:15 9:45 Sun - 2:00 4:30 7:15 Mon - Thurs. 7:15 **One Direction (PG)** in Real D 3D Fri-7:00 9:30 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:30 Sun-2:00 4:30 7:00 Mon-Thurs 7:00 The World's End (R) Fri- 7:00 9:45 Sat. 2:00 4:30 7:00 9:45 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:00 Mon-Thurs. 7:00

Ten helicopters were

that began last week "and leave, noting that some moving into the long and mountain communities arduous task ahead," he could start getting snow said.

that monitors religious influence in public schools, after reports that she encouraged creationists on the panels. Cargill said she hearing that she had asked only attended the meetings to thank volunteers for their work reviewing the texts.

State panels have been reviewing sample instrucmaterials since tional April. The panels, which are assembled by SBOE members, have included several prominent creationists and evolution skeptics, as well as others without a background in education or science. Their preliminary proposed changes obtained

cialist, Amarillo.

- Weed Control in Native Pastures, Jody Stockett, Dow representative.

The noon luncheon will and the presentation, Water Issues and Update from Water District, by Tate.

The afternoon tour, on servation District of Canyon, will depart from the

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to private applicators attending the event. For those planning to at-

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# Viewpoints



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There is no right or wrong vote on Syria

If you cobble together every major decision that President Barack Obama



he entered the Oval Office, none has been more perplexing and difficult as the

has had to

decision to

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strike Syria for using chemical weapons on its own people.

As members of Congress grapple with how they are going to vote, there is no typical constituency on any side of this debate. Congressional Black Caucus members, some of the staunchest supporters of Obama, are not enthralled with voting yes to authorize a military strike, sounding like many libertarian Republicans who can't justify to their supporters the cost of the action.

House leaders John Boehner, Eric Cantor and Nancy Pelosi have all encouraged their members to support the action, but they are standing out on a ledge and few are trying to pull them back in. Members are being accused of flipflopping on the issue, but that's not how anyone should see this decision. President Obama has made a series of statements on the issue, including his famous "red line" speech a year ago. Secretary of State John Kerry and Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, two military veterans, have made the administration's case, but there is still a lot of doubt and confusion as to whether the United States firing missiles and/or drones into Syria will make a bit of difference. Turn to cable news and reliable hawkish conservatives are on opposite ends of this debate. And then you have reliable dovish liberals who are saying the president must act. Frankly, I would hate to have to vote on this issue; you can reasonably make the case for hitting Syria and the case time the phrase "vote against the action, all at the same time. But one thing is clear: The American people are not in favor of the action. The NBC/Wall St. Journal poll shows nearly 80 percent of Americans wanting the president to get congressional approval to strike Syria. The overriding issue for Americans is we are sick of war. After the debacle in Iraq, the long slog in Afghani-

stan, seeing thousands of our men and women return from the battlefield battling debilitating injuries, PTSD and the make since suicide rate through the roof, Americans of all stripes have said enough

is enough. That really is the most difficult issue President Obama has to overcome, even if we are offended by the use of chemical weapons on humans, especially children.

President Obama has made it clear that striking Syrian President Bashar Hafez al-Assad will not result in regime change. Well if we're going to hit him hard, and it won't alter the course of the civil war going on there, exactly why are we doing it?

Now for those who support President Obama, the other quagmire is taking out Assad and not knowing who will take over the country. There are numerous rebels fighting Assad, and some factions are led by al-Qaida. So taking out the Assad regime could put al-Qaida in charge of a major country in the Middle East, and now we have Afghanistan all over again.

# Simple Insights One essential item for the home

Growing up, my family always had dogs. There was a small portion of my life just after moving to New Jersey



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when we did not have one, but the house just felt like it was missing something, and when we found an irresistable exotropic boxer, it didn't take much convincing in order to get my mom to let us take her home.

I claimed her as my own and was devastated when I moved back to Texas and

had to leave her behind. I so looked forward to my reunion with her when I went to visit my mom in Maryland a couple months ago. My stepdad did not think she would remember me because it had been two and a half years since she had seen me, but I knew she would remember me because I think dogs have this forever bond with their owners. I proved to be right when I walked in the door and Sydney ran straight to me and did not leave my side for the entirety of my visit.

I have always loved having dogs around, and my family is the same way. We sort of have a thing about

boxers. My mom, dad, one of my sisters and my brother each have a boxer, and I have taken it upon myself to break the trend.

Now that I am out on my own, it's time for me to invest in my first dog, an English bulldog, and I couldn't be more excited about it. I have wanted Humphrey for about eight years now, and those who follow me on Instagram know how obsessed with him I am already. When it came time to make my first big post-collegiate purchase, I knew I wanted to get a dog, and when I told my dad about it, he said I should probably start looking for my own place, so now I am taking two huge steps in one. I think the suggestion was made so that I don't shave more years off our family dog's life. Poor Nikita has already had to deal with two boxer puppies over the past few years, and the old girl just wants to get her 20 hours of sleep a day in with minimal interruptions from pups.

I'm going to pick up my bulldog in exactly one month, and he is the cutest dog I have ever seen, not that I'm the least bit biased or anything. He's a chubby brindle bulldog with a white head, chest and front feet. I'm fortunate enough to have found a passionate breeder who sends me daily pictures and videos of my goober of a puppy, and I look forward to that part of my day. I can't wait to never let him leave my sight, and my friends already joke with me about being a hovering "helicopter mom."

At the same time, I do realize what a big responsibility having a puppy is, which makes me glad that I had Sydney from the time she was a puppy because I've already gotten to see what hard work it takes in order to care for one. Even though I have always claimed Sydney as my own, I'm not the one who has always paid for her vet visits (she has always been a sickly dog), food and toys, so I'm looking forward to stepping up to the plate and taking care of a dog all by myself, even one as high maintenance as I keep hearing bulldogs are. There's just something about them I guess that makes them impossible for me not to like. They're just so ugly that they're cute, I suppose.

I look forward to continuing to piece my life together, and I feel like I have found a good starting point. Puppy updates to come when Humphrey gets a hold of his first pair of momma's shoes, which I fear may be inevitable.



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Those are the fears expressed by members of Congress, and you know what? Everyone is right and no one is wrong.

Then the final issue is the credibility of America if we do nothing. "Our word is bond" has always been something American leaders have touted to the world. Saying that we would make Assad pay for using chemical weapons, and then not doing so, would embarrass the U.S. globally and allow Obama's critics to gloat that he is a weak leader.

I've tried to look at this issue from multiple angles and have not been able to find a sense of certainty on either side. Members of Congress are getting an earful from their constituents in town hall meetings, and competing interests on all sides are lobbying. If there ever were a your conscience" applied, this would be it. And truth be told, no matter how a member of Congress votes, I can't be mad. Because those voting for or against will be right and just.

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# Lindsey's plan for war on Iran

This summer produced a triumph of American patriotism.



**BUCHANAN** was ready to vote no to

war, when President Obama seized upon Vladimir Putin's offer to work together to disarm Syria of chemical weapons.

The war America did not want - did not come.

Lindsey Graham is determined that this does not happen again.

The next war he and his collaborators are planning, the big one, the war on Iran, will not be blocked the same way

How does Graham propose to do this?

He plans to introduce a use-of-force resolution, a peacetime declaration of war on Iran, to ensure Obama need not come back to Congress — and can attack Iran at will. Lindsay intends a preemptive surrender of Congress' constitutional war-making power - to Obama.

He wants to give Obama a blank check for war on Iran, then stampede Obama into starting the war.

On Fox's "Huckabee" Sunday, Lindsey laid out his scheme:

"I'm going to get a bipartisan coalition together. We're going to put together a use-of-force resolution, allowing our country to use military force ... to stop the

Iranian nuclear program. ... I'm going to need your help, Mike, and the help of Americans and friends of Israel."

In July, Graham told a cheering conference of Christians United for Israel: "If nothing changes in Iran, come September, October, I will present a resolution that will authorize the use of military force to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear bomb."

That Graham is braying that he intends to give Obama a blank check for war on Iran is not all bad news. For he thus concedes Obama does not now have the authority to attack Iran.

And by equating Iran's "nuclear program" with a "nuclear bomb" program, Graham reveals that his bottom line is not Obama's bottom line, but Benjamin Netanyahu's.

Obama has said only that Iran must not be allowed to build a bomb. Bibi says Iran must not have a nuclear program.

Yet, make no mistake. The goal of Graham, the neocons, Israel and Saudi Arabia is not a negotiated solution permitting a peaceful nuclear program in Iran. The goal is a U.S. war to smash Iran.

On Nov. 10, 2010, Graham let it all out: "Instead of a surgical strike on their nuclear infrastructure, I think we're to the point now that you have to really neuter the regime's ability to wage war against us and our allies. ... [We must] destroy the ability of the regime to strike back.'

Graham wants us to do to Iran what President Bush II did to Iraq.

But there are obstacles in our warlord's path.

First, there is no conclusive proof Iran has decided to build a bomb.

Twice, the U.S. intelligence community, in 2007 and 2011, has asserted with high confidence that Iran has made no such decision.

Senators who do not seek a new war with Iran should call James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, to testify publicly as to whether Iran is "racing" toward a bomb. Or is this the usual War Party propaganda?

As of today, Iran has not tested a bomb and, to our knowledge, does not possess any uranium enriched to the 90 percent necessary to build a bomb. Indeed, Iran has just announced that half its supply of 20 percentenriched uranium has been converted to fuel rods.

Iran's new president, Hassan Rouhani, was elected on a pledge to get U.S. sanctions lifted and to end Iran's isolation. But to accomplish this, he must prove that Iran has no active bomb program and that he is willing to allow intrusive inspections to prove it.

As a first step to negotiations, Rouhani just appointed the most pro-American foreign minister in four decades.

Moreover, Iran, victim of the worst poison gas attack since Benito Mussolini invaded Ethiopia, launched by Saddam Hussein with U.S. knowledge, has condemned any Syrian use of chemical weapons and signed the agreement banning them as well the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The Ayatollah has issued a fatwa against an Iranian nuclear weapon.

Often, the interests of adversaries coincide. In World War II, with Hitler as the enemy, the monster Stalin becomes an ally.

Putin wants no U.S. war on Syria or Iran. This requires no chemical weapons use in Syria and no nukes in Iran. This coincides with U.S. interests, if not Lindsey Graham's.

The Russians, with ties to Tehran and Damascus we do not have, can be helpful in keeping us out of wars we do not want.

The true friends of America are those seeking to keep us out of wars, not those maneuvering us in.

That Vladimir Putin is going to Tehran, and Obama to the U.N. to meet Rouhani is good news.

Better news would be that Congressional anti-interventionists were meeting Graham's war resolution with one of their own, reaffirming that, as of today, Obama has no authority to launch any preemptive or presidential war on Iran.

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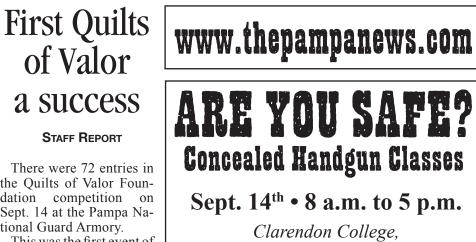






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The Quilts of Valor Foundation competition on Sept. 14 featured 72 different quilts and had other antiques on display as well. The competition took place at the Pampa National Guard Armory.





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da Stewart, Weatherford, Okla., first place; and Gayle Wilson, Pampa, second place.

Honorable mentions went to Judith Lisman, Panhandle; Debbie Black, Pampa; and Boy Scout Troop 48, Pampa.

Vendors came from Texas and Oklahoma.

There was live music and a 1955 Chevy was brought in by Douglas Towing.

Sponsors included the Potato Bar, Sew What, the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Peacemaker's Quilt Guild and Scrappy Girls.

There was a great response from the community.

"We've never seen such energy and support from a community," said Peggy Luck, Quilts of Valor coordinator of Southwest Kansas.

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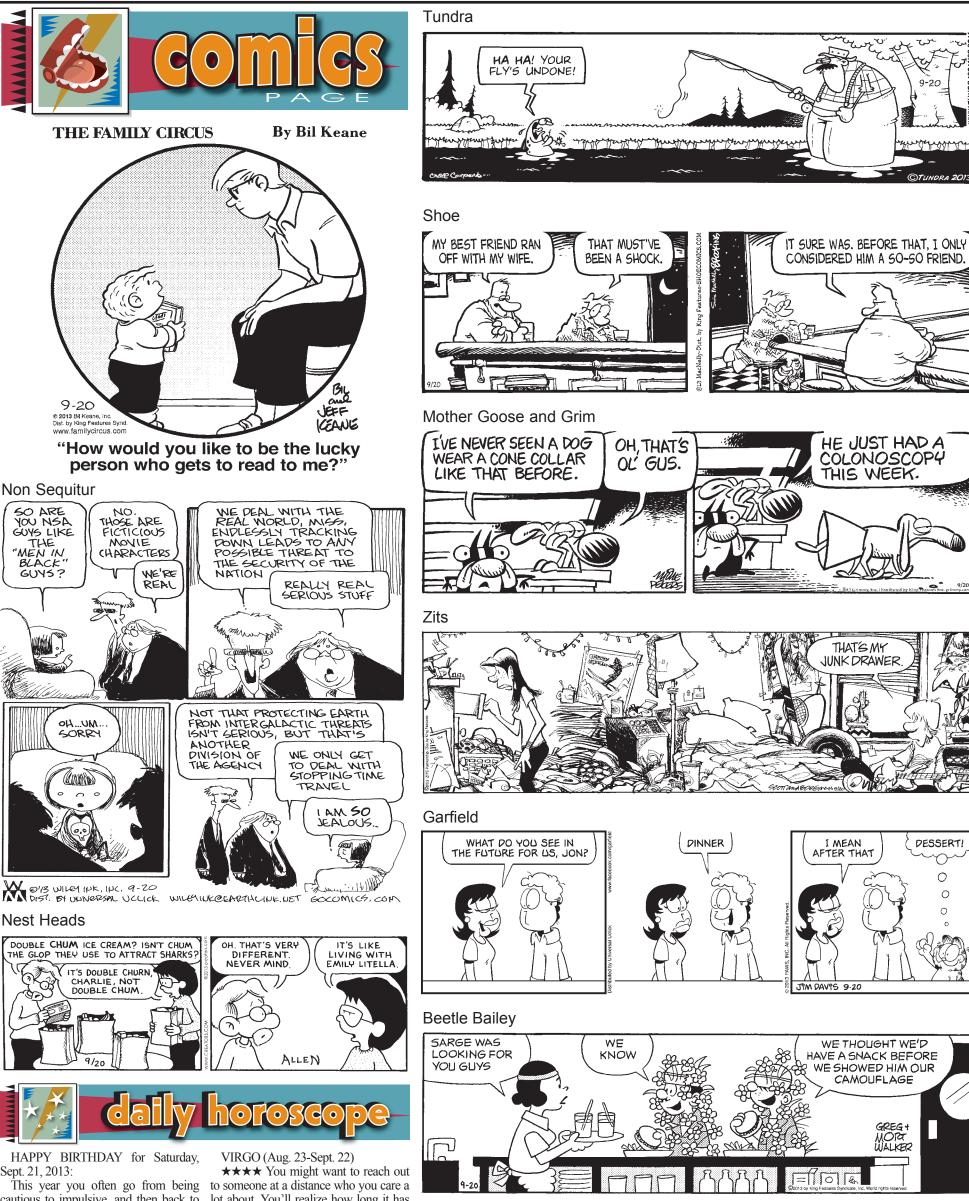


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#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$  A partner might be very reticent and unwilling to share. You would like to change this and establish a safe environment. You will try to inspire this person to get out of him- or herself by offering to help achieve one of his or her long-term desires. Tonight: Make it your treat.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You seem detached and content. You know how to make a point without triggering others. Use the present moment to get together with a key person. The arts will be involved, whether you decide to visit an artist or simply do some finger painting. Tonight: Be expressive.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Lie low for a few days. You might be more tired and cranky than you have been recently. Your ability to resolve problems and ease tension might be off right now. Realize that you might need a break. Make a call to an older friend or relative. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**\*\*\*\*** Surround yourself with friends; you will enjoy being part of a crowd. Consider going to the movies, a concert or even a ballgame. The change of scenery will renew your energy and set off more fun and adventure than you might've thought possible. Tonight: You are the party.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$  You'll take the lead and follow through on an important matter involving a loved one or your finances. Don't forget to check in with an older friend or relative. This person might have some important information for you. Catch up on a partner's news. Tonight: In the limelight.

to someone at a distance who you care a lot about. You'll realize how long it has been since you have seen each other. Make plans in the near future to get together and catch up on each other's news. Tonight: Take in some music at a favorite place.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**\*\*\*** Someone will let you know that he or she expects your undivided attention. You might not feel as if you have a choice, so you'll decide to go along with the program. By the end of the day, you'll feel as if you have come to a long-overdue understanding. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You barely will have time for yourself, as so many people seem to be seeking you out. Devote the day to a special person in your life. The two of you could start acting like kids again. Share a new interest together to strengthen your bond. Tonight: Favorite place, favorite person.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ You will have so much to do that you won't be able to socialize the whole day away. Someone close to you might be offended, and he or she will let you know in no uncertain terms. The solution will be to invite friends over for a spontaneous get-together. Tonight: Make it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

 $\star\star\star$  A friend might seem distant, but don't take this person's behavior personally. If you do, a real problem could develop. Make plans to join several friends for lunch or a movie. You will unwind with ease under this scenario. Tonight: Enjoy the one you are with.

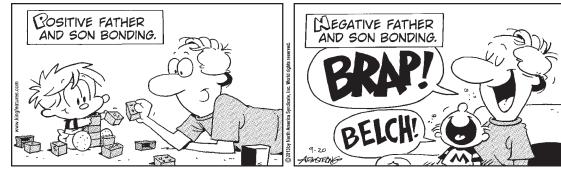
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Wanting to stay close to home is very unusual for you. Ask yourself what you are trying to avoid and why. You simply might need more R and R. You always give 100 percent -- now give it to yourself. Reach out to a family member to arrange a much-needed visit. Tonight: Order in.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Realize that your words carry a lot of weight. In fact, you could cause others to pull back or close down. You know how to be diplomatic, so for everyone's sake, use those skills. Someone you inspire listens carefully to every word you speak. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

#### Marvin



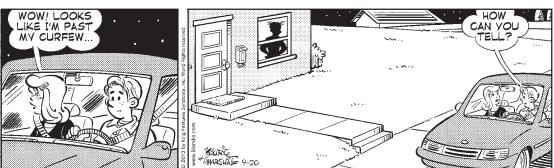
#### Hagar The Horrible



#### Peanuts



#### Blondie



# PampaSports

# **Oklahoma St. names former NCAA official for review**

STILLWATER, (AP) — Oklahoma State trated. has appointed a former the football program.

of alleged violations first Hargis said.

Okla. reported by Sports Illus-

"While the articles do NCAA official to investi- not implicate any current gate alleged misconduct in coaches or players to have firm specializing in com- truth to the claims made in cess as he conducts his and 2010. direct involvement in any School president Burns alleged misconduct, we he was on the NCAA en-Hargis and the Board of have a responsibility to Regents said Monday that confront these disturbing Charles E. Smrt will lead reports head on and with an independent review complete transparency,"

pliance audits. Before that the articles. 18 years.

of the OSU/A&M Board of immoral and unethical I will conduct the review coaches, and sham jobs for Regents, said the board en- conduct or conduct that with care and urgency," he which players were paid.

Hargis said Smrt is a vet- dorsed Smrt's selection to violates applicable rules," said. eran NCAA enforcement determine, "based on cred- Link said. officer. He is currently ible sources and confirmed president of a consulting facts," whether there is any fered him unfettered ac- occurred between 2001

"But let there be no

Smrt said Hargis has of- reported by the magazine review.

forcement staff for almost doubt, the OSU Board sue the facts wherever they tioned in the report are of Regents does not and may lead. I assured him cash payments to players Tucker Link, chairman will not condone illegal, that I will do so, and that from boosters and assistant

The alleged violations

Among the potential "He has asked me to pur- NCAA violations men-

## Cowboys' Claiborne has injured shoulder

IRVING, Texas (AP) ence. Morris Claiborne laughed when reminded of his Twitter rant a few hours after a pass interference penalty cost the on after a 38-23 Dallas Dallas Cowboys a final chance to come back against Kansas City.

to show he had moved on after feeling compelled to self.'

Moving on is what cornerbacks get paid to do, even those playing with an injured shoulder, wounded pride and the burden of being a No. 6 overall pick that the Cowboys moved up eight spots to get a year ago.

Claiborne still thinks he made the right move the owner, I don't really coming over the back of Chiefs receiver Donnie Avery to break up a pass short of the first down on third-and-10 — even if Cowboys coach Jason Garrett joined the chorus this league," the coach of those saying he was a little too aggressive.

And even if the resulting first down eventually your job to keep bringleft Tony Romo more ing it when you play than 50 yards from field goal range with 16 seconds left in Kansas City's some 17-16 win.

Claiborne Wednesday after the first out his career."

Garrett says Claiborne impressed everyone with the way he kept playing in that game, and moved win.

But there is a troubling stat for Claiborne: In The easy smile seemed eight games since that day in Philadelphia, he doesn't have an interceptell "the haters out there tion and didn't even have your opinion doesn't a pass breakup in seven matter so keep it to your- of them. He's up to 17 career games, with just one interception.

Thus, the scrutiny when the glare of the spotlight turned negative again in Kansas City.

"I could care less what somebody else says," Claiborne said. "As long as I'm not hearing nothing from my coaches or care."

Garrett doesn't sound worried about him.

"The opposing offenses are going to have success against corners in said. "The quarterbacks are too good, the receivers are too good and it's those kinds of positions. "They might have success, but you're not going away "Ain't thinking about and I think Mo has demsaid onstrated that through-

practice for Sunday's The bigger concern home game against St. for Claiborne might Louis. "It's nothing to be his left shoulder. It opener against the New It's not the first lesson York Giants, and he place. To try to protect the tions against the Chiefs, ing and once for interfer- taking his regular spot.

# Houston rookie Hopkins off to great start

Houston Texans have watching star receiver Andre Johnson make spectacular grabs.

catches from DeAndre Hopkins.

3-yard touchdown recep-Titans

watching him, he makes a It's just exciting to watch spectacular catch at least once a day and sometimes fensive coordinator Rick Dennison said.

what he's here for."

out of that game with a Just two games into his concussion. And with his sion in the second pre- to the team," he said when NFL career, the Texans status uncertain for Sunare already beginning to day's game against Balti- until the opener. But he expect equally dazzling more, the rookie could be showed no signs of rust, pressure off other guys needed again.

Hopkins reached above lot since he's stepped into Hopkins finished with a defender to pull in a the building," quarterback seven catches for 117 Matt Schaub said. "He tion to give Houston a 30- just continues to make He also had another big 24 overtime win over the plays and when you give him a chance, he's going 'If you're out at practice to make you look good. him grow each week."

The Texans have been selected him with the 27th down by Hopkins. "So for us to put the ball overall pick in this year's

HOUSTON (AP) — The up and him to make a play, draft. It was the first time paid much attention to that's great to see, but we Houston had drafted a regrown accustomed to kind of expected it. That's ceiver in the first round big game among fans and since taking Johnson with Johnson was knocked the No. 3 pick in 2003.

He sustained a concusseason game and sat out asked about his playmakgrabbing five catches for "He's been asked to do a 66 yards in his NFL debut.

Hopkins finished with yards against the Titans. play to set up the score when he caught a 25-yard pass on third-and-10 to get Houston to the 1-yard every day. line.

three times a day," of- impressed with the matu- run backed Houston up I came out here going rity of Hopkins since they to the 3 before the touch-

the excitement over his tries to deflect attention about his performance.

"I feel like it's important ing ability. "It takes some that are making plays. When you're one-on-one you always want to win those matchups.'

He feels as if his development was helped by the challenge of matching up against Houston's firstteam defense in practice

"My confidence has A loss of 2 yards on a grown since the first day against Johnathan Joseph," Hopkins said of Hopkins said he hasn't Houston's top cornerback.

## **Rangers fall to Rays in 12 innings Wednesday**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. have lost eight of nine. (AP) — It wasn't the worst yet.

But Wednesday night's 4-3, 12-inning loss to the Tampa Bay Rays is one they will remember if they don't reach the postseason. There were so many ways they could have won it.

'This is tough because we were right where we wanted to be with the right person (Joe Nathan) on inning with a pinch-hit the mound," manager Ron double. Washington said of the

Jose Lobaton opened the loss of the season for the 12th with a single off Jo-Texas Rangers, at least not seph Ortiz (2-2) and pinchrunner Sam Fuld went to

second on Yunel Escobar's bunt. Fuld then scored the winning run on Jennings' hit to right center. Brandon Gomes (2-1)

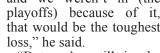
of the Rays struck out Ian Kinsler with runners on second and third with two outs in the top of the 12th. Jeff Baker had led off that

Texas took a 3-2 lead in

sus' ground ball up the and we weren't in (the middle.

"He didn't hit it great, but he hit it enough to get it through the infield, in the right spot. A lot of times postseason, aren't we? I that's what this game is can't see how this can be about — hit it where they the toughest loss. We get aint," Nathan said. "He another opportunity tomorwas able to do that and tie row." the game up. I tip my cap to those guys for battling up 2-0 with a two-run triple with two outs."

blown save in 42 attempts. misread the drive in center. "If it was the last game which went over his head.



"But we're still in the

Leonys Martin put Texas off Chris Archer in the sec-It was Nathan's third ond. Jennings appeared to



me. I'm a corner. I learn was dislocated in the to let stuff go quickly."

in moving on for the for- kept playing after trainmer All-America from ers popped it back into LSU.

Last year in Philadelphia, Claiborne got beat shoulder, Claiborne was for a touchdown and was limited to nickel situapenalized three times twice for defensive hold- with Orlando Scandrick

11th inning. solid for us all year. It just drus scored from first base didn't happen tonight."

Desmond Jennings' RBI single in the 12th inning moved the Rays into the top spot in the AL wildcard race. Texas has a halfgame lead over Cleveland, which lost at Kansas City, for the second wild card, and Baltimore is a game Freddy Guzman stole secbehind the Rangers, who ond and scored on DeJe-

"Joe's been the 11th when Elvis Anon Adrian Beltre's two-out single.

> But Nathan couldn't hold the lead, even after getting the first two outs in the 11th. The Rays tied it on David DeJesus' RBI single after Nathan walked Matt Joyce. Pinch-runner

#### Baseball

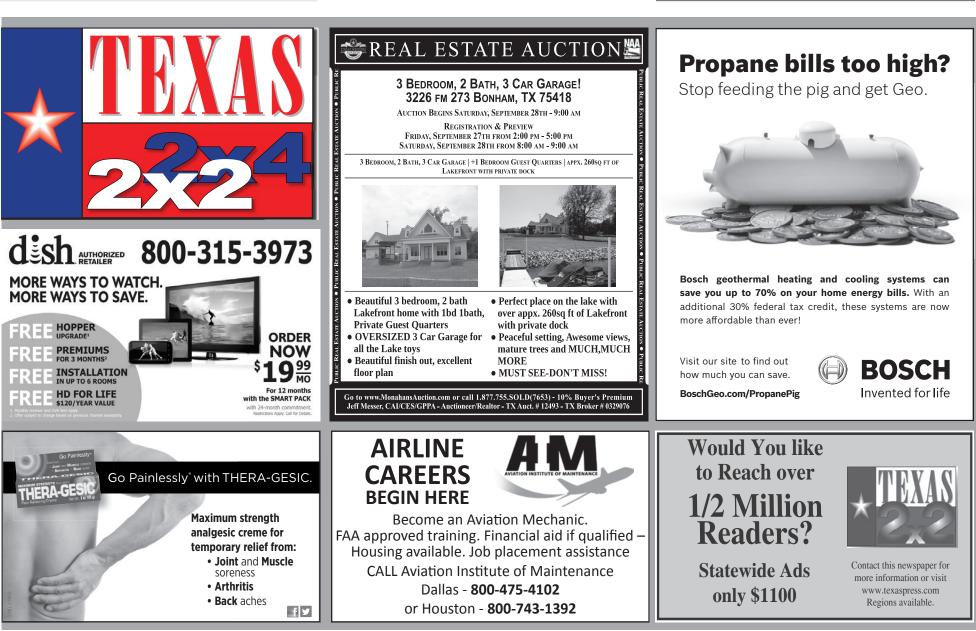
Texas Rangers at Kansas City Royals.......7:10 p.m. FOX SW (CableOne 45, Direct TV 676)

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#### **Canadian Foootball**

Edmonton Eskimos vs. Winnipeg Blue Bombers....7:30 p.m. ESPN2 (CableOne 25, Direct TV 208)



# PampaSports

# Harvesters will look to spoil Falcon homecoming

#### Both teams go into contest with lopsided losses against non-district teams.

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After a lightning delay halted the game between Pampa and Dumas last week, the Harvesters fell to the Demons, giving up a lead late in the game. After giving up the lead, Dumas just kept padding to the lead, eventually winning 52-21. Bushland had a similar experience last week, falling to Harvester district opponent Dalhart. Bushland only managed to put 13 points in the loss.

What does this mean for Friday's game? Both teams are hungry, having just one win between the two of Canyon, has a senior quar- 189 yards. terback and wide receiver combination. quarterback Taylor Cornelius has 719 yards and six cons almost matching that touchdowns on the year. He and Harvester quarterback Tyler Hooper both have thrown four interceptions, with Hooper having 407 yards in a run-heavy offense. Harvesters' offensive weapon senior Adrian part, not allowing their du-Elam has 17 catches for 127 yards to accompany his 80 rushing yards on the year. Junior running back Brycen McClendon has tion that they took back for emerged as the primary a touchdown at the start of in Bushland at Falcon Starunning threat for the Har-

them. Bushland, much like vesters with 42 rushes for

Both teams have allowed Bushland more than 370 yards a game on defense, with the Faltotal on offense with 370 yards a game offensively.

Last week was the most promising week for the Harvesters. The defense kept the Dumas option-offense in check for the most al-threat quarterback to get loose through most of the start of the game. The defense also had an intercepthe game.

The run defense failed the Harvesters last week late, but the Falcons like to throw the ball more than Dumas. This is an offense that likes to spread the ball around, with their leading receiver only accounting for 200 of the more than 700 yards that Cornelius has thrown. Tyler Hooper threw the ball a lot last week, and proved that he can spread the defense out, connecting on multiple occasions with junior wide receiver Zach Gates and Adrian Elam.

The teams take the field dium at 7:30 Friday night.

Photo by John Le

The Harvesters' offense showed life last week against Dumas. They will look to continue that trend Friday against Bushland.



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# Golf Tips of the Week

#### A 59 on any course is an achievement.

A 59 in any event is a magi- for instance. Golfers have cal achievement, so congratulations to Jim Furyk!

Jim shot a 59 with a bogey on his scorecard at the BMW Championship this past Friday. Thing is, I know of at least two other players scoring this magical number on the leading tours this TIM year already and that's **STADLER** 

quite something! To give you an idea of how great this achievement is, all three have been notched up in an age where courses are being made longer and longer to make the game more challenging for the top professionals. So, who's prevailing - the R & D engineers or the defenders of the game?

#### Technology versus Tradition

I suspect that at the very top level, it's the technology that is prevailing. The players are taking advantage of all the science going into the equipment: the swing analysis, the fitness and preparation and, of course, the golf ball.

#### Adiustable Drivers not exploited are a waste of technology

rushed to get their hands on

these products, but how many have gone through the process of making sure they're buying a technology solution that fits their game?

How many have invested in a fitting to get the right shaft, grip and loft, then spend time with an expert setting up the

face angle, weight distribution and loft adjustment to get the most out of their swing?

#### So, take the step and exploit the right technology for your game

How many golfers have thought to have a golf ball fitting? Jim Furyk is specific about all of his equipment, including his golf ball – it is tuned perfectly to his game. The regular golfer can take as much care in their preparation as Jim does and utilize the technology on the market to their advantage. It does make a real difference! Contact us now and let's discover how we can make technology

## **Browns trade Trent Richardson to Colts**

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — rookie despite playing most Not long ago, Trent Rich- of last season with two broardson was viewed

as a cornerstone for Cleveland's future. On Wednesday, he became part of

its recent inglorious past. The Browns traded the powerful running back to In-

dianapolis in a stunning move just two games into the season and that Richardson made it

one year after drafting Richardson in the first round. The team's new front office dealt Richardson for a

first-round draft pick next year, when the team will have two opening-round selections and 10 overall.

Cleveland is rebuilding again and the team hopes to use those picks — seven to help turn around a floundering franchise.

Such a reversal was what the Browns had in mind when they took Richardson with the No. 3 overall pick in 2012. The former Alabama standout seemed to have it all: power, speed and good hands.



Trent

for, and it may Richardson not have helped clear he wanted the ball

> more. However, Browns CEO Joe Banner said there was nothing negative about Richardson and the team simply seized an opportunity to improve.

Cleveland's two

He lacked the

explosiveness the

gime was looking

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

But Richardson wasn't the kind of back Cleveland's front office wants or apparently suited first-year coach Rob Chudzinski's offense. Richardson, who rushed for 950 yards as a

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