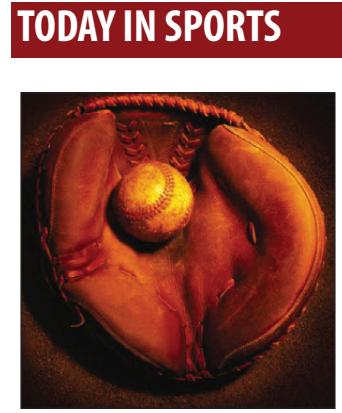


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## County tightens access to wireless networks

**Hears report from Pampa EMS director.**  
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ty's computer networks, Daniel Silva, owner of Vision Computer Services, a local company that is in charge of IT for the county, said the threat was real because his business had discovered three "rogue access points" at different county offices. Silva made a presentation to the

Gray County Commissioners Court at its regular meeting Tuesday. Silva said the rogue access points were the result of county offices installing wireless routers purchased off-the-shelf at stores like Walmart. He said those routers created weak points in an otherwise secure system in which someone could at-

tack the network or install a virus or worm. "We can't protect the network with equipment bought at Walmart," he said. Silva said as a private contractor working for the county, he was in a position where everyone at the county "was his boss" and did not

have authority over anyone. Commissioner Jeff Haley asked who in the county ultimately pays for his company's services, and Silva answered it was Judge Richard Peet, who oversees the Commissioners Court. "That's your boss," Haley said. **COUNTY** cont. on page 2

## Hit-and-run sends 3 to hospital, 1 in critical condition

**Police seeking man who fled scene.**  
 STAFF REPORT

A male suspect fled the scene after causing a major vehicle collision around 8:15 p.m. Monday at Cuyler Street and U.S. Highway 60. The Pampa Police Department is seeking Jesus Barrueta-Dominguez, 35, who fled the scene before officers arrived. A woman and two children were hospitalized for injuries they sustained in the crash. Upon arriving at the scene, officers determined that a maroon 2008 Chevrolet Silverado that was traveling east on U.S. Highway 60 had crashed into the back of a green 1998 Chevrolet Lumina that was stopped for a red light at the intersection. Barrueta-Dominguez was indentified as the driver of the Silverado. A warrant for failing to stop and render aid/serious bodily injury has been issued for his arrest. "We are unsure of why he fled," said PPD spokesman Officer Brian Massey. "There were no indications at the scene that alcohol was involved, no warrants for his arrest nor any signs of illegal activity were discovered at the crash scene." The Lumina was driven by Armando Acosta, 29, who was not injured in the crash. The three other occupants of the Lumina were transported by Pampa EMS to Pampa Regional Medical Center. They were Maria Dela-Cruz, 36, and two children, an 8-year-old girl and 4-year-old boy. Due to their ages, the names of the children are being withheld at this time. Both Dela-Cruz and the girl were treated and later released from PRMC. The boy was transferred via LifeStar helicopter to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo and

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## Children's book author spends week visiting Pampa schools



Children's book author Susan Stevens Crummel was at Lamar Elementary on Tuesday morning sharing her stories. She met with all different age groups throughout the day and had the children act out some of her books while she narrated. Crummel shared stories about her life and family and captured the attention of the children with her energy. Crummel wrote "Help Me, Mr. Mutt," which is one of Time Magazine's Top 10 Children's Books of 2008 as well as "The Great Fuzz Frenzy," winner of the 2010 Texas Bluebonnet Award, along with several other popular children's books. Crummel will be visiting Travis Elementary today, Wilson Elementary on Thursday and she will finish the week off at Austin Elementary on Friday.

Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

## 9 constitutional amendments to be on November ballot

**THE TEXAS TRIBUNE**  
 When Texans cast ballots for the Nov. 5 election, they will consider nine proposed constitutional amendments. And after a lottery was conducted Monday, the order in which the amendments will appear on those ballots is now in place. The Texas Legislature has proposed 656 amendments since 1876, and voters have

approved 474 of those submitted to them, according to the Legislative Reference Library. Each of the amendments on the November ballot have been approved by two-thirds of the House and Senate and will require majority approval from voters to take effect. First on the ballot will be HJR 62, by

state Rep. Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, which would authorize the Legislature to provide a property tax exemption for the spouses of veterans. This amendment specifically authorizes a tax exemption for all or part of the market value of the residences of spouses of military members who are killed in action. Second will be HJR 79, by state Rep.

Dan Branch, R-Dallas, which would eliminate a requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund. Neither is in operation, with the State Medical Education Board having been defunct for more than a quarter-century. HJR 133, by state Rep. Linda Harper-**BALLOT** cont. on page 2



## SHELTER CONSTRUCTION IN HOME STRETCH

Construction on the Pampa Animal Shelter in the Hobart Street Park is nearly completed. Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes said the date of substantial completion is Nov. 1. At that point, the architects and engineers will have a "punch list" they will use to go through the building and do small repairs such as painting over scratches on walls and fixing crooked door hinges. Stokes said that while occupants will often move into a new building while everything on the punch list is being fixed, the city has decided it would be better for the workers to finish everything and for all the furniture to be installed before the animals and shelter workers relocate to the new building. He expects the building will be occupied by the third week in November and that the city will schedule a grand opening.

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# County

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The Commissioners voted to immediately shut down the rogue access points and from this day on requests for wireless routers would need to go through the Commissioners Court. The Commissioners also voted that county offices wanting wireless routers must pay for them out of their own budgets and that the equipment must meet the security standards set by Vision Computer Services.

At the request of attorneys working cases at the Gray County Courthouse, a wireless network was installed in the building to provide them access to the Internet. However, the network is separate from other networks in the courthouse and the county

jail across the street.

Also, at the jail there is an access point used by doctors to write prescriptions for inmates, but it would be virtually impossible for a someone outside the building to hack in because the jail's walls are too thick, Silva said.

Commissioners also heard a quarterly report from Alan Price, director of Pampa EMS.

Pampa EMS is a nonprofit corporation that receives fundings from both Gray County and the City of Pampa.

In June, the EMS service relocated from 1010 S. Barnes St. to the county's new heliport behind Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Price said since making that move their response times have improved by an average of two minutes.

Peet asked if that is because most of their calls are coming from the north side of town, and Price answered yes.

"Eighty percent of our calls are from north of U.S. Highway 60," he said.

In other business, the Commissioners agreed to renew service agreements and grants with the National Association of Counties (NAC); CIRA, the county's website provider; Appriss, an automated victim notification system; the state Attorney General's victim notification service and the state's Indigent Defense Grant Program.

While membership in the NAC entitles the county to a monthly magazine with very few Texas-related articles, the positive, Peet said, is that the membership allows the county to obtain health

insurance cards and prescription discounts for its indigent residents.

Since the state requires all counties to post their agendas, meeting minutes and budgets online, each county must maintain a website, and CIRA provides that service for most counties in Texas.

Commissioners agreed that automated victim notification services are a worthwhile expense, because they inform victims of assault and other violent crimes on the status of their perpetrators. For instance, victims are contacted when their perpetrator comes up for parole, is moved from one prison to another or is released from prison.

The Indigent Defense Grant Program partially reimburses the county for its costs for court-appointed attorneys.

# Hit-and-run

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was listed in critical condition.

Portions of U.S. Highway 60 were blocked off and traffic was rerouted for several hours while officers investigated the crash scene.

At 11:30 p.m. the roadway was reopened.

Anyone with information regarding Barrueta-Dominguez's whereabouts should contact the PPD at 806-669-5700 or Pampa Gray County Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222.

A \$200 reward is being offered for information that leads to his arrest.

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# Ballot

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Brown, R-Irving, will appear third on the ballot. The amendment would extend the tax exemption period on storing aircraft parts in the state and would provide more tax relief to aerospace manufacturers, which often hold such parts in inventory for an extended period of time.

HJR 24, by state Rep. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, will follow and authorize the Legislature to give a partial property tax exemption on charity-donated residences to disabled veterans or their surviving spouses. The amendment would strike the current requirement that qualifying residents be "100 percent" disabled.

SJR 18, by state Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, will appear fifth on the ballot and would allow homeowners age 62 or older to

use reverse mortgages to purchase residences. The current law only expressly allows traditional mortgages, which lets such homeowners borrow against the equity of their homes. The amendment would allow the prospective borrower to use a Federal Housing Administration-insured home equity conversion mortgage to help buy a new home.

Next will be SJR 1, also known as the Rainy Day Fund Amendment. The amendment would create two funds to help finance key projects in the state water plan by pulling about \$2 billion from the Texas Economic Stabilization Fund. Authored by state Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, the amendment has been opposed by conservatives who have argued that pulling money from the Rainy Day Fund would endanger Texas' economic health.

HJR 87, by state Rep. Sergio Munoz, Jr., D-Palm-

view, will appear seventh on the ballot. It would authorize home-rule municipalities to choose how to fill city council vacancies if the positions have less than 12 months remaining in a three- or four-year term. The amendment would remove the requirement to hold a mandatory special election for those positions.

HJR 147, by state Rep. Bobby Guerra, D-Mission, will come next on the ballot. It would repeal a constitutional provision authorizing the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.

Last on the ballot will be SJR 42, by state Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston. It would authorize the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to use additional disciplinary actions — including public admonition, warning, reprimand, or required additional training or education — against judges or justices after a hearing. The current law allows the SCJC to issue

a public censure or recommend a judge's removal or retirement.

In Gray County, early voting begins Oct. 21 and continues through Nov. 1 at the Gray County Courthouse on the fourth floor, Room 415. On Nov. 5, Election Day, voters can vote in Lefors at the Community Center at 103 N. Court. In McLean, voters can vote at the McLean branch of the Lovett Memorial Library at 302 N. Main St. In Pampa, voters in the 2nd Precinct can vote at the Pampa branch of the Lovett Memorial Library, located at 111 N. Houston St. In 5th Precinct, voters can vote at First Christian Church at 1633 N. Nelson St. Those in the 6th Precinct may vote at Zion Lutheran Church located at 1200 Duncan St. In the 7th Precinct, citizens may vote at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium at 1000 N. Sumner St.

*Editor's note: Reporter John Lee contributed to this story.*

# 2 girls arrested in bullying case

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Two Florida girls who were primarily responsible for bullying a 12-year-old girl who killed herself were arrested after one of them acknowledged the harassment online, a sheriff said Tuesday.

Police in central Florida have been investigating the death of 12-year-old Rebecca Sedwick, who climbed a tower at an abandoned concrete plant Sept. 9 and hurled herself to her death. Authorities said as many as 15 girls may have bullied Rebecca and the investigation was continuing.

Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said the arrests of the girls, ages 14 and 12, were hastened when the older girl posted Saturday on Facebook, saying she bullied Rebecca but she didn't care.

"We decided that we can't leave her out there. Who else is she going to torment, who else is she going to harass?" Judd said.

The 14-year-old girl was accused of threatening to beat up Rebecca while they were sixth-graders at Crystal Lake Middle School, telling her "to drink bleach and die" and saying she should kill herself, the sheriff said. The older girl convinced the younger girl to bully Rebecca, and they both repeatedly intimidated her, called her names and once

the younger girl even beat Rebecca up, police said.

Both girls were charged as juveniles with third-degree felony aggravated stalking.

If convicted, it's not clear how much time, if any at all, the girls would spend in juvenile detention because they did not have any previous criminal history, the sheriff said.

"Time may not be the best trainer here. We've got to change this behavior of these children," Judd said.

The sheriff's office identified the two girls, but The Associated Press generally does not name juveniles charged with crimes.

Judd said the bullying began after the 14-year-old girl started dating a boy Rebecca had been seeing. The older girl didn't like that and "began to harass and ultimately torment Rebecca," Judd said.

A man who answered the phone at the 14-year-old's Lakeland home said he was her father and told The Associated Press "none of it's true."

"My daughter's a good girl and I'm 100 percent sure that whatever they're saying about my daughter is not true," he said.

At the mobile home, a barking pit bull stood guard and no one came outside despite shouts from reporters

for an interview.

Neighbor George Colom said he had never interacted personally with the girl but noticed her playing roughly with other children on the street.

"Kids getting beat up, kids crying," Colom said. "The kids hang loose unsupervised all the time."

A telephone message left at the 12-year-old girl's home was not immediately returned and no one answered the door to her home.

The girls were arrested Monday night and released to their parents' custody. Judd said the 14-year-old was "very cold, had no emotion at all upon her arrest."

The girls remain on home detention.

The younger girl was Rebecca's former best friend, but the sheriff said the older girl turned her and others against Rebecca, out of fear they would be bullied, too.

Before her death, Rebecca changed one of her online screen names to "That Dead Girl" and she messaged a boy in North Carolina: "I'm jumping." Detectives found some of her diaries at her

home, and she talked of how depressed she was about the situation.

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**Tonight:** Clouds early clearing late with a low of 37. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:07 p.m.

**Thursday:** Sunny with a high of 67. Winds west-northwest at 8 mph. Sunrise at 7:52 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Mostly clear with a low of 42. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds east at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:06 p.m.

**Friday:** Showers with a high of 53. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds north at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

**Friday night:** Clouds early clearing late with a low of 34. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:04 p.m.

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# Obituaries



**Earl Folley**

## Earl Wenton Folley

Earl Wenton Folley, 39, of Pampa, passes away Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013.

Earl was a very simple man with two main loves in his life, old muscle cars and most importantly, his family. He was a man that would do anything for his family. His love for them was pure and true.

He was also an awesome mechanic.

He loved to be under the hood of a car and the excitement in his eyes when he would get an old car running was unforgettable.

Now may he rest in peace with his family and we will be pickin' and grinnin' with all of them again one day.

Earl was preceded in death by both his parents Earlene Elizabeth Folley and Timothy Edwin Folley, his grandfather Earl Raymond Sullivan and a son Damon.

Earl left behind two sons Hyiram Wenton Folley of Atoka, Tenn. and Clay, two daughters Destiny Elizabeth Folley and Amber, his sister Michelle Lee of Naples N.Y., a brother Duke Folley of Portland, Ore. and his aunt Tammy Sullivan of Pampa.

## For the record

# Gray County indictments Oct. 9

The Gray County grand jury met Oct. 9 and handed down the following indictments:

- Kristina Diane Wood, two charges of theft of property less than \$1,500 with two or more previous convictions
- Marcus Deshana Williams, possession of a controlled substance, namely, cocaine — less than one gram.
- William James Trice, money laundering — greater than \$1,500 and less than \$20K.
- Derek Tod Stone, pos-

session of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — less than one gram.

- Cosme Herrera Segovia, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, deadly conduct discharging a firearm.
- Anthony Vasquez Segovia, deadly conduct discharging a firearm.
- Jon Wyatt Roe, evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction, possession of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — less than one gram.

- Benito Lopez, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- Robert Lee Leger, evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction, vehicular accident involving an injury.
- Derek Dwayne Howard, aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.
- Daniel Lee Flores, possession of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — less than one gram.
- Brenda Marie Feaster, theft of property — greater

than \$1,500 and less than \$20K.

- Stephanie Marie Dors-ey, abandonment of or endangering a child, criminal negligence.
- Kayla Danyell Debose, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — greater than four grams and less than 200 grams.
- Raymond Dee Arm-strong, possession of a controlled substance, namely, cocaine — less than one gram.

# Pampa Fire Department call log Oct. 8 – 14

The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

- Oct 8**
- At 7:56 a.m., two units and five personnel to a fire prevention program in the 900 block of West Kentucky.
  - At 8:11 a.m., to a medical assist in the 800 block of West 25th.
  - At 8:53 a.m., one unit and two personnel to a gas leak in the 1000 block of Varnon.
  - At 9:25 a.m., five units and nine personnel to a fire prevention program in the 800 block of Browning.
  - At 9:59 a.m., to a medical assist in the 12000 block of Frederick.
  - At 10:10 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1100 block

- Terrace.
- At 10:33 a.m., to a medical assist in the 1900 block of Fir.
  - At 12:51 p.m., to a lift assist in the 800 block Deane.
  - At 7:21 p.m., one unit and five personnel to a medical assist in the 100 block Warren.
  - At 11:08 p.m., to a medical assist 2700 block of West Randy Matson.
- Oct 9**
- At 9:11 a.m., five units and seven personnel to a fire prevention program in the 2300 block of Primrose.
  - At 10:28 a.m., two units and four personnel to a fire prevention program in the 1100 block Gwendolen.
  - At 1:21 p.m., five units and seven personnel to a fire prevention program in the 1900 block of Duncan.
- Oct 10**
- At 9:56 a.m., two units

- and five personnel to a fire prevention program in the 700 block of West Browning.
- At 10:04 a.m., to an odor investigation in the 100 block of North Cuyler.
  - At 12:49 p.m., six units and nine personnel to a fire prevention program in the 1200 block of South Nelson.
- Oct 11**
- At 2:07 p.m., to a good intent call at the intersection of Nelson and Gwendolen.
  - At 3:11 p.m., to an investigation at the intersection of Hobart and Somerville.
  - At 7:56 p.m., to a lift assist in the 8300 block of Cole Road.
  - At 10:24 p.m., to a medical assist in the 300 block of East Browning.
- Oct 12**
- At 12:00 a.m., to a med-

- ical assist in the 1900 block of Holly.
- At 4:20 a.m., to an arching power-line in the 1600 block of North Faulkner.
- Oct 13**
- At 2:17 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a lift assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.
  - At 5:20 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 800 block of Scott.
  - At 5:37 p.m., to a medical assist in the 1200 block of North Wells.
  - At 10:53 p.m., one unit and four personnel to a medical assist in the 800 block of Bradley.
- Oct 14**
- At 10:15 a.m., to a lift assist in the 2100 block of North Nelson.
  - At 11:38 a.m., two units and seven personnel to a fire alarm in the 200 block of Canadian.

# Former officer sentenced for sex assault

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Houston police officer accused of raping a woman handcuffed in the back of his patrol car has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The Houston Chronicle reports Adan Carranza

pleaded guilty Tuesday to attempted sexual assault in exchange for the prison sentence.

His attorney, Steven Rocket Rosen, said the 33-year-old Carranza had "a major, major lapse in judgment."

Carranza was a Houston officer for three years before the attack in June 2012. He had responded to a traffic accident when he handcuffed one of the drivers and put her in his patrol car. The victim told investigators he waited for others

to leave before he assaulted her. He then took her to jail for reckless driving.

Investigators say DNA and video evidence confirmed the woman's story.

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## Museum Musings

# A history of Woody Guthrie

Woodrow Wilson Guthrie picked up a guitar at the age of 17 in 1929 and his uncle showed him how to chord. Soon after, Woody — only his mother called him Woodrow, commenced to singing and performing. Folksinger Woody Guthrie was born in Oklahoma, but came to the area during the Depression days. He just drifted in because his father worked in Pampa. It was said that he came with a guitar and clothes in a paper sack. He was a kid who painted, read books, wrote songs, and rode the rails. He achieved national prominence in the 1930s writing songs about the dust bowl and the working

man. Guthrie lived in Pampa from 1929-37. While in Pampa, he married Mary Jennings, the sister of his best friend, Matt Jennings, on Oct. 28, 1933. They had three children. With Guthrie on the road and barely time to see each other, the couple split in 1942. Guthrie was married three times and fathered eight children over time. Guthrie's first band in Pampa was comprised of Matt Jennings, Cluster Baker and himself. Guthrie died in New York in 1967. He was most known for songs such as This Land Is Your Land and was a major influence to artists such as Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen. Tribute to Guthrie can be seen all around Pampa today, including the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, downtown on South Cuyler Street.

Visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 pm. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com.



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Submitted photo of Matt Jennings, left, Woody Guthrie and Cluster Baker.

## Corporate leaders' crisis created by their own donations

America's great minds of business and finance have reached a consensus on the government shutdown and worse, the prospect of a debt default: While the latter is worse, both are bad.

Those same great minds are well aware how the shutdown came to pass and why default still looms on the horizon, whether next week, next month, or next year.

Yes, the frightened corporate leaders surely know how this happened — because their money funded the tea party candidates and organizations responsible for the crisis.

Consider Rep. Ted Yoho, R-Fla., a tea party freshman whose outspoken stupidity on a default's potential benefits, such as an improved U.S. credit rating, has provided a bit of dark humor in these dark days. Yoho, a large-animal veterinarian, announced months ago that he would never vote to raise the debt ceiling.

Like most Republican candidates, he had no problem raising contributions from business interests, notably including contractors, insurance companies, manufacturers and agricultural processors. All of which presumably share the horror of default expressed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. But no doubt Yoho parroted the usual right-wing clichés about taxes, regulation, labor, and health care, so all the business guys wrote a check without caring that Yoho is an ignorant yobbo.

Or consider Rep. Marlin Stutzman, R-Ind., who came to embody the idiocy of the shutdown when he declared "we're not going to be disrespected" by the White House but couldn't articulate precisely what Republicans needed in order to reopen the government and avoid default. Another low-wattage tea party newcomer, Stutzman likewise raised plenty of money from commercial banks, real estate firms, insurance companies and various manufacturers. Why do these executives write checks to elect someone like him?

upper chamber, including such adornments of democracy as Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., and of course Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas. Johnson says there needn't be a debt default, no matter what Congress does, while Cruz, the "Defund Obamacare" mastermind, is more culpable than any other single legislator for the paralysis gripping Washington and the country. Johnson's top donors include an investment firm called Fiduciary Management Inc., ironically enough, as well as Northwestern Mutual, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Mass Mutual Life Insurance, and naturally, Koch Industries (which now claims, disingenuously, that it doesn't favor the Cruz shutdown strategy or a debt default).

As for Cruz, guess who paid for his campaign? Very close to the top of the list of donors for the despised Texan is none other than Goldman Sachs — whose chairman Lloyd Blankfein showed up at the White House a few days ago to bemoan the catastrophic threat of default. Not only did Blankfein and his fellow bankers warn of what might happen if America breaches its full faith and credit, but he even hinted that the fault lies with Republican hostage takers. Which is only partially right, because Blankfein and his fellow financiers need to look in the mirror, too. Cruz also got a big check from Berkshire Hathaway, corporate home of the venerated Wall Street sage Warren Buffett, who just compared the impact of default to "a nuclear bomb." If that nuke wipes out the markets, Berkshire's investment in Cruz will have lit the fuse.

If any of these business leaders honestly cared about fiscal responsibility and economic growth — let alone the constant threat of shutdowns and defaults — they could step up to warn the Republicans that the money won't be there anymore unless they cease and desist from such assaults on democracy. They have more than enough money and power to end this crisis — and make sure it never happens again — but they seem to lack the necessary character and courage.

To find out more about Joe Conason, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.



## Democrats, don't pop the champagne yet

The numbers for the Republican Party are beyond discouraging. The Grand Old Party is hemorrhaging support. In the most recent Wall Street Journal-NBC News survey, only 24 percent of voters, an all-time low in the poll's history, now have a favorable view of the Republican Party. The public blames Republicans more than they do President Obama, 53-31 percent, for the shutdown of the federal government. In this week's Gallup poll, just 28 percent of voters — a 10-point drop since September — favorably viewed the GOP. This is the lowest favorable number that either political party has registered in the 21 years Gallup has been asking the question. Seventy percent in the Washington Post-ABC News poll, one week into the government shutdown, disapprove of congressional Republicans.

Democrats show their own favorable and unfavorable numbers — 39-40 percent in a Wall Street Journal-NBC News poll and 43-49 percent in the Gallup — are nothing to write home about, yet Democrats are barely able to conceal their glee. It's not that voters are smitten with the Democrats; they most definitely are not. It's just that compared to the historically unpopular GOP, the Typhoid Mary of American politics, Democrats don't look nearly as bad. It's a little bit like winning a humility competition against Donald Trump and Kanye West.

But before Democrats start popping their chilled champagne in anticipation of their inevitable comeback in the election of 2014, they should understand that the government shutdown, coupled with the very public game of chicken over the nation's debt ceiling, has led to even further hemorrhaging of voters' already shrunk confidence in Washington and the public sector. Democrats historically have believed and argued that the federal government, at its best, can be an instrument of social justice and economic progress.

Republicans, by contrast, have mostly been the anti-government party. This was not always the case. In the middle of the Civil War, in which more Americans died than in all of the nation's other wars combined, Justin Morrill, a Republican congressman from Vermont, wrote the Land Grant College Act, which the Congress passed and President Abraham Lincoln signed into law. It mandated the federal government to give every state 30,000 acres of land for each U.S. representative to establish federal funding for every state to fund at least one public college accessible to all. The first college built under the Act was MIT, the second Cornell and it has gone on to include 215 public colleges and universities.

In 1862, not even one percent of the U.S. population had set foot on a college campus when, brimming with confidence and optimism, Americans dared to establish a national university system, which would become the envy of the world. Given today's pervasive pes-

simism and mistrust in government, it is almost impossible to believe that Americans would dare to accept Justin Morrill's challenge. Barely fifty years ago, three out of four Americans trusted their government to do "what is right" or "just about always" or "most of the time." This year only 22 percent of us express similar levels of trust in the public sector. Optimism is the parent of confidence and trust is confidence's offspring. We now have an acute national deficit of all three crucial characteristics.

The Republican Party brand is deep in the cellar; make no mistake about it. But bad news for the GOP is not good news for Democrats as long as Americans continue to lose confidence in our capacity to act collectively, through our freely elected government, for the common good. It's time to put the champagne back on ice.

To find out more about Mark Shields and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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## W. Pa. man upset over \$100 fee for road kill bear

UNIONTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A western Pennsylvania man is upset that he had to pay \$100 to claim the carcass of a bear he killed with his truck — but the Pennsylvania Game Commission routinely charges fees for

keeping road kill animals. Greg Thompson tells WPXI-TV he recently hit the bear on U.S. Route 119 in South Union Township, Fayette County. He was surprised to learn he'd have to pay \$100 to keep the bear,

from which he hopes to have a rug made. But Thompson's experience isn't unique, according to state wildlife regulations. Motorists must pay \$10 per point to keep antlers from road kill deer, \$25

to keep a deer cape, and \$50 for a fox. Still, Thompson isn't happy saying, "I shouldn't have to pay a hundred bucks. They should have to pay my deductible."

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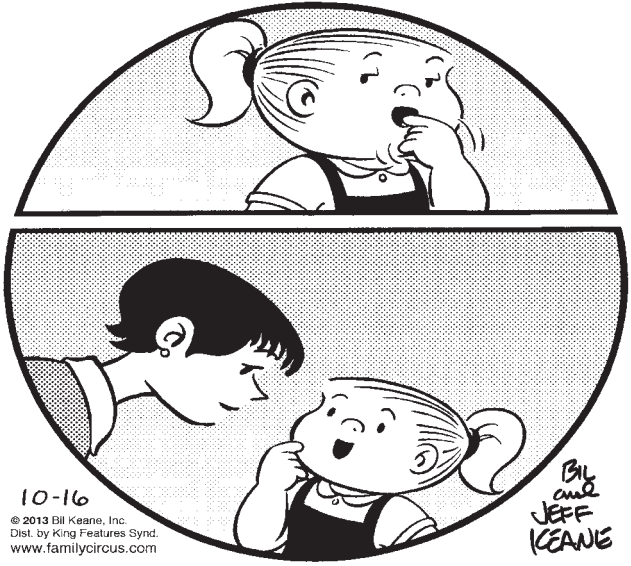
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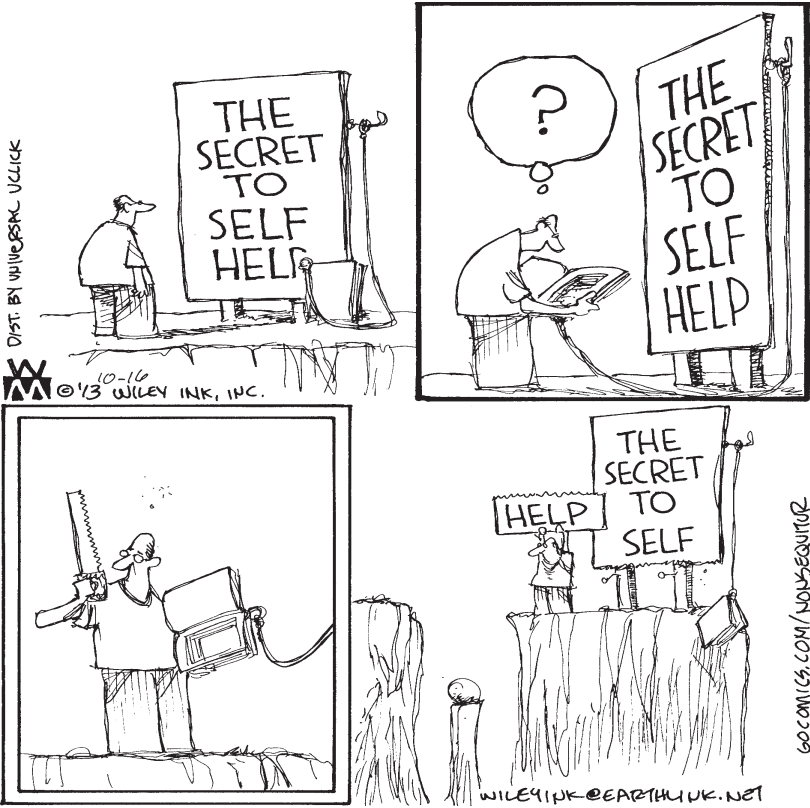


"I hope the Tooth Fairy is in town, because she's gonna have some business with me soon."

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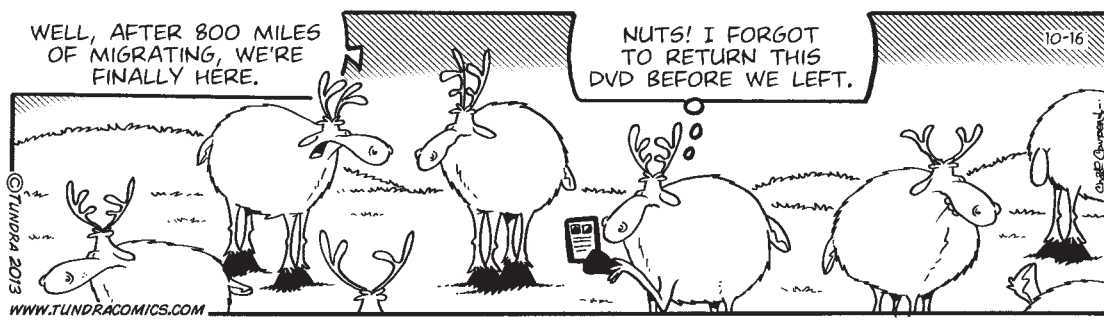
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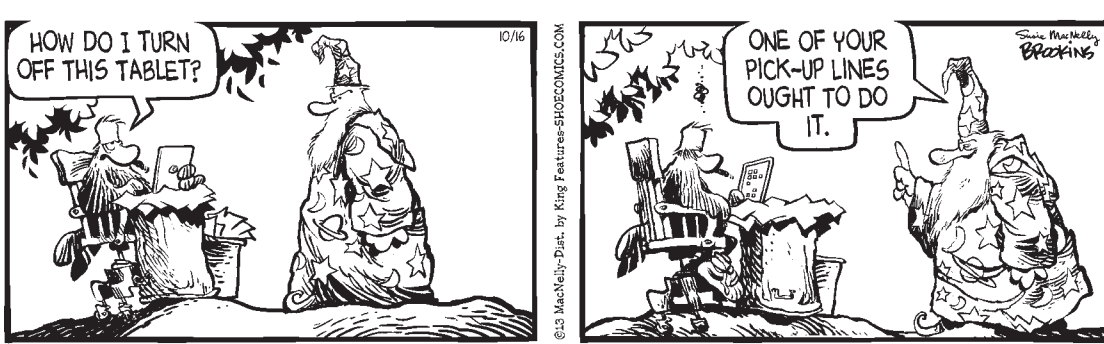


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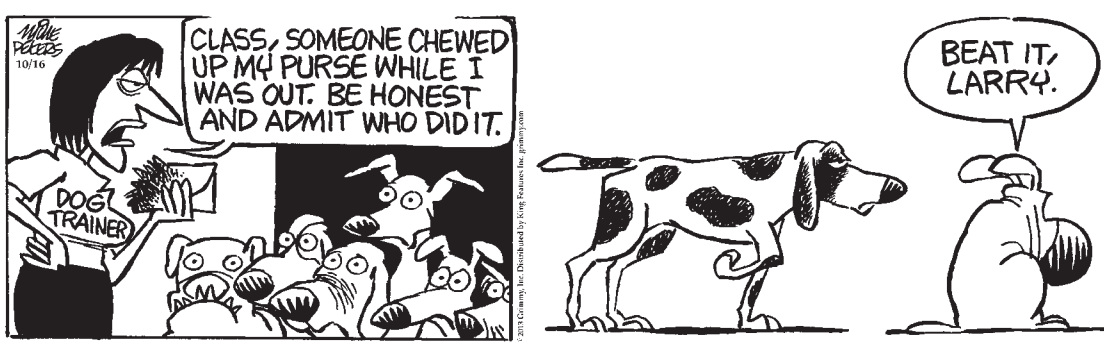
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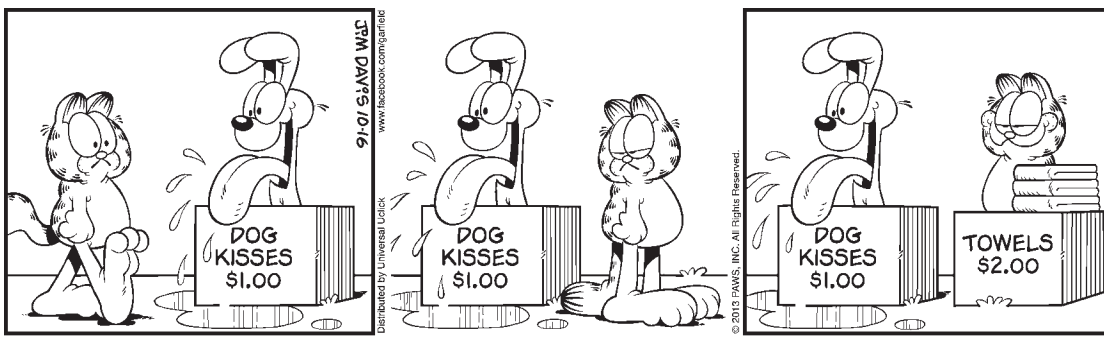
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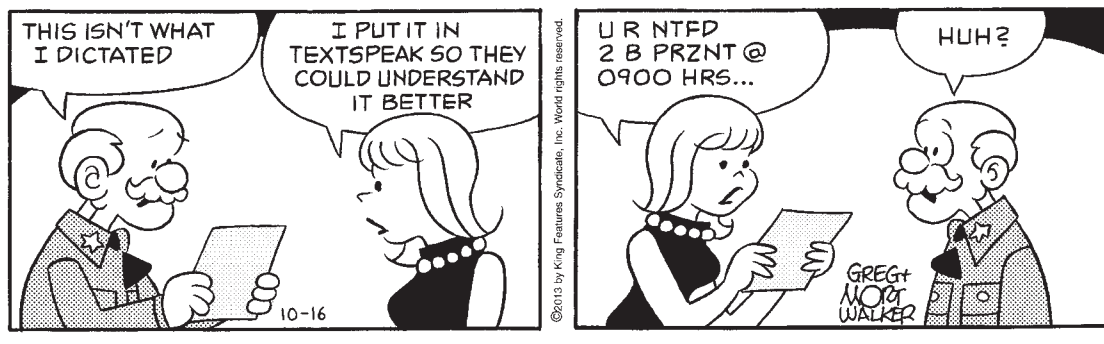
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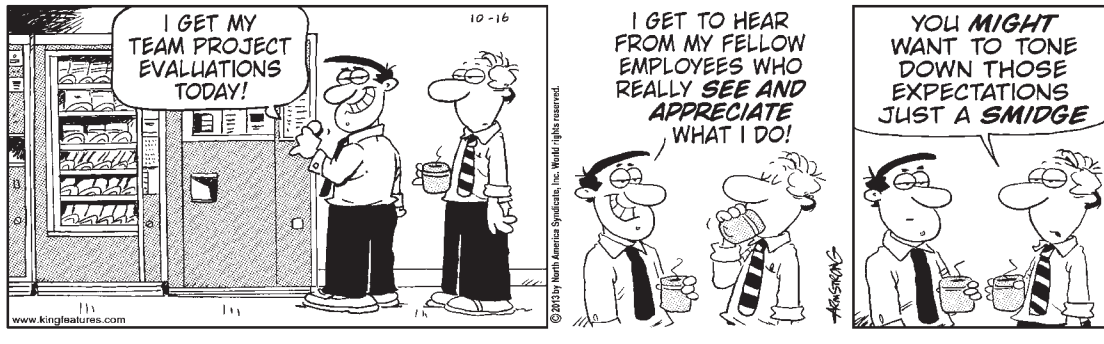
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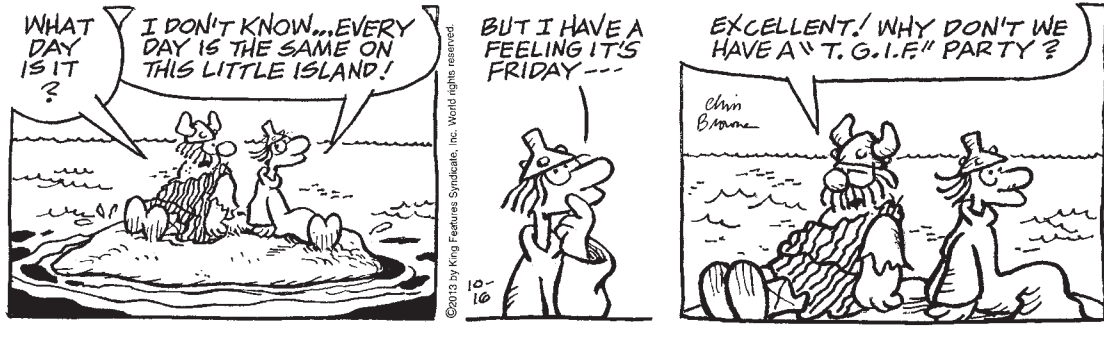
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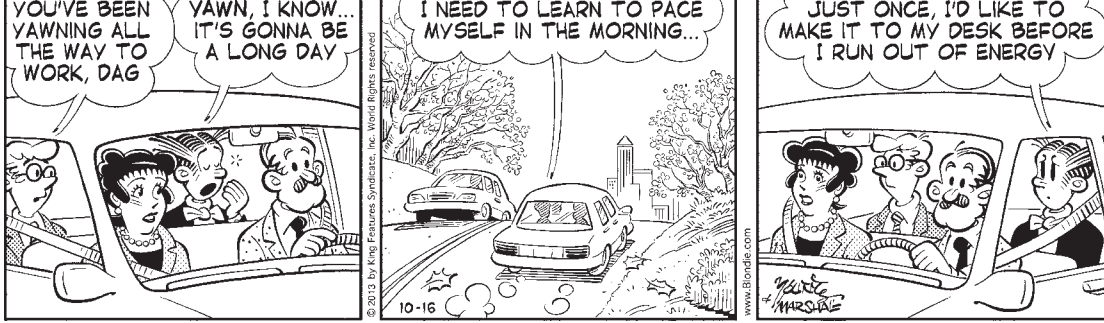
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# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013:

This year you will be heard, and others will respond to your messages. Come summer 2014, you will start noticing that your life works in a most unprecedented way. If you are single, you could have difficulty separating one admirer from the next. Make no commitments yet. If you are attached, your sweetie is likely to be unusually dominant. Know that this need to be a strong force in the relationship might die down once you give him or her some space. You certainly realize that you can't control anyone but yourself. ARIES is full of surprises!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ You could push someone into doing what you want, but it would be even better if the choice came from this person him- or herself. Even if the first reaction is not what you want, give it time to be processed. You might be surprised by what happens. Tonight: Expect the unexpected.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★★ You will want to rethink a personal matter and work on visualizing a positive change. Understand that you might not get immediate results, but you will gain an insight that will help fulfill your desires. Let more romance in. Tonight: Not to be found.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★★ Emphasize what is possible, as opposed to what you believe you can do, especially if there is a schism between the two. Be ready to change plans at the very last minute. Always visualize the end result, and you will discover that your path is easier. Tonight: Join friends.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ You could be in a leadership position and not want it. Think carefully before you throw away your crown and free yourself of those responsibilities. A change could occur that you might think you'll like. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ A call from a friend who is often full of mischief will make you smile. Call this person if he or she does not call you first. Being with this individual gives you a new perspective on life. The two of you have a grand old time, no matter what you do. Tonight:

Togetherness is the theme.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ A partner or an associate knows what he or she wants or needs, and won't hesitate to let you know what that is. You could feel pressured and/or cornered. Your reaction might be very different from your normal response, which will shock this person. Tonight: Just be yourself.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Approach an important person in your life without using manipulation. Even if he or she is difficult, the results could be excellent in the long run. Touch base with your inner feelings. Anger could be closer to the surface than you think. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

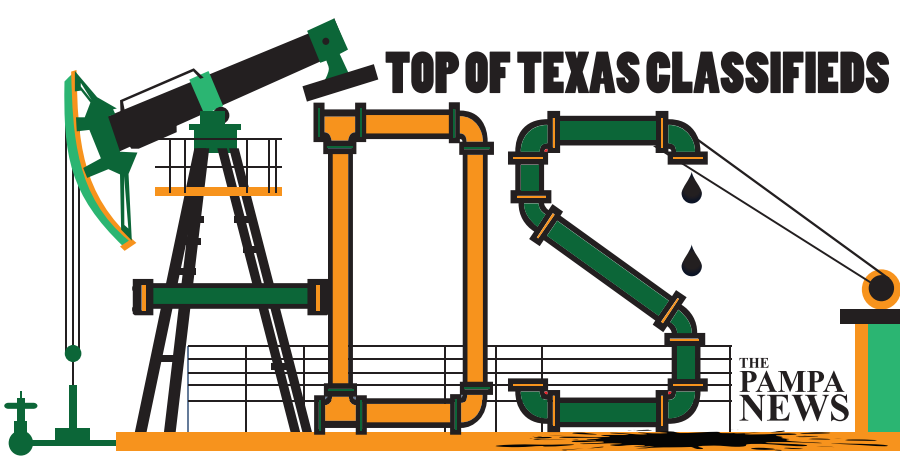
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Listen to news openly. You might make some radical changes to your schedule or health program that will have long-term implications. Be sure that you are ready for this transformation. Check in with a doctor before doing anything drastic. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ No one can stop your creativity from flowing. It's as if it is a part of your body. Your ingenuity peaks, and your imagination goes wild. Keep a notebook beside you to jot down some of your better ideas. Tonight: Go for something naughty.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★ You could be in a position of giving the OK on a major change. Once you give the go-ahead, it won't be possible to revert back to this point in time. Of course, you need to take risks in order to make your life dynamic. Weigh the pros and cons carefully. Tonight: Order in.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ You are likely to say what you think, regardless of the outcome. You'll get a surprise when someone decides to react. You could be more set on your preference not to change course than you realize. You might not have a choice right now. Tonight: Hop on the Ferris wheel of life.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Be aware of the cost of continuing on your present path. You might be very uncomfortable with a decision, but you won't want to change courses. Count on the unexpected wreaking havoc and the situation rectifying itself. Tonight: Treat a loved one to munchies and a drink.



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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My 17-year-old daughter confided that she has become sexually involved with her boyfriend and asked if I would buy condoms for her. I agreed that she should protect herself and bought her a box of 12.

A week later, she informed me that she needed another 12-pack. When I asked why she had run out so quickly, she confessed that she has been supplying them to her girlfriends. Apparently they can't confide in their moms the way she can with me.

My dilemma is that condoms are expensive and, on one hand, I don't want to be the one supplying a group of kids. On the other hand, if I can help to prevent an unwanted pregnancy, maybe it's worth it. What do you think I should do? — SAFE SEX ADVOCATE IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR SAFE SEX ADVOCATE:** If your daughter's friends are old enough to be sexually active, they and their boyfriends should also be responsible enough to provide their own birth control. Generally, teens do not need the permission of their parents to receive information about it. Because you want to help them avoid unwanted pregnancies (as well as STDs), direct them to the nearest Planned Parenthood Center for low-cost or no-cost birth control and instruction on how to use it. There are 18 of these health centers in Illinois. To find the one closest to you, visit [plannedparenthood.org](http://plannedparenthood.org).

anywhere except at the table, so my husband brings treats into the family room. I try to limit high-sugar/fat items like chips and candy, which he buys for them on a regular basis. I also try to adhere to a regular bedtime schedule, while he thinks nothing of stretching lights-out to an hour or more later.

Then he complains that the girls won't listen to him, so I must be in charge of the discipline. While this makes him Fun Daddy in our house, it makes me ... MEAN MOMMY IN OHIO

**DEAR MOMMY:** It appears you're not just raising three wonderful girls, but also coping with an immature, overgrown boy. Parenthood is supposed to be a united, consistent partnership, a team effort. Your husband is sabotaging you and ignoring that one of the responsibilities of parenthood is establishing rules and limits that children should live with. Your husband needs parenting classes, and if

that's not possible, some sessions with a child behavior expert who can explain the consequences of what he's doing to his daughters in the name of being "Fun Daddy." From my perspective, there isn't anything funny about it. You have my sympathy.

**DEAR ABBY:** I work at a senior retirement community, and the residents have a Halloween party each year. In the past, there were prizes for the three best costumes. However, last year they stopped giving prizes because one of the residents is a professional artist and costume maker, and the association felt it would be unfair to the others to have him compete.

This year it was decided not to hold the contest at all. The residents are disappointed. How can they continue to have the costume contest and include the professional? — DRESSED UP IN LOUISIANA

**DEAR DRESSED UP:** Ask the artist/costume designer to be the judge.

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fencing swords
  - 6 Courage
  - 10 Open, in a way
  - 11 Hall of Fame catcher
  - 12 Slender
  - 13 Majestic
  - 14 Vegas number
  - 15 Blow one's top
  - 16 Turn bad
  - 17 Frost relative
  - 18 Pig's place
  - 19 Using foul language
  - 22 Zilch
  - 23 Alpha follower
  - 26 Worrying excessively
  - 29 Small tablet
  - 32 Fall behind
  - 33 Conk out
  - 34 Magazine worker
  - 36 "Good heavens!"
  - 37 Desire
  - 38 Travel papers
  - 39 Orchestra members
  - 40 Keen
  - 41 Jazz club units
- DOWN**
- 1 Uproars
  - 2 It's beside this answer
  - 3 Summer quaff
  - 4 Young men
  - 5 Bond, for one
  - 6 Turns right
  - 7 Goads on
  - 8 Characteristic
  - 9 Like soy sauce
  - 11 Lunch carrier
  - 15 Floral ring
  - 17 One way to decide
  - 20 TV spots
  - 21 Acquire
  - 24 Nice chunk of change
  - 25 Bring to life
  - 27 Ring setting
  - 28 Yellow-stone sight
  - 29 River to the Rio Grande
  - 30 Pueblo material
  - 31 Course chunk
  - 35 Course needs
  - 36 Layered mineral
  - 38 Brewery sight

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## Junior High has runners finish in Top 20 for both boys and girls

### STAFF REPORT

The Junior High cross country teams competed at Palo Duro Lake near Spearman Saturday, Oct. 12. The girls race had a total of 117 runners. The boys race had 91. The District meet will be Saturday, Oct. 19, in Borger. The girls will run at 10 a.m. and the boys run at 10:30.

Finishing top for the girls was Bethany Roden in 12th, and finishing top for the boys was Moses Avila in 17th.

Full results:

Name	Time	Place
<b>Girls</b>		
Bethany Roden	14:38	12
Alexandra Galvan	15:51	40
Madison Davis	15:58	43
Katia Madrid	17:32	80
Alyssa Hart	19:23	102
Jacey Baten	19:28	104
Brenna Barro	21:11	114
<b>Boys</b>		
Moses Avila	13:01	17
Jordan Perez	13:25	28
Yzrail Vasquez	14:45	41
Xander Karson	14:46	42
Nahum Nunez	14:48	43

## Suspension over, Von Miller asks for time, trust

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — No apologies. No promises. No explanations.

Instead, Broncos linebacker Von Miller simply asked his fans, teammates and coaches to judge him on what he does in the future, now that his six-game suspension for violating the NFL's drug-abuse policy is over.

"I definitely made mistakes in the past," Miller said Monday during his first en masse interview since his suspension officially came down.

"It won't do anybody any good to go back and defend that stuff. I've already served my suspension. I'm working hard to gain everybody's trust back."

He fell short of the promise he made in July, when news of his pending suspension first surfaced, that "when this is all done and resolved, I will sit down with all you guys and be candid about everything."

Instead, during a nine-minute interview heavy on scripted talking points, the third-year veteran talked about how grateful he was for the support his teammates have shown him during his ordeal, and how happy he'll be to get back onto the practice field with the Broncos on Wednesday.

## DUCK SOUP TOURNAMENT WINNERS



Submitted photos

The City of Pampa Recreation Department recently held its annual Duck Soup tournament. There were six teams competing in the event. The Pampa Players Association provided the awards for the teams. For the second consecutive year, Duke Tracy's Battitude of Amarillo, pictured above, finished first place in the tournament. Also from Amarillo, HUH, pictured below left, played great all day and took second place. Both first and second place won t-shirts for their finishes. Finishing third, below right, Chief Plastic played six games and finished with third place. They won a Pampa Recreation souvenir cup. The City of Pampa Recreation Department would like to thank all the teams for making this last tournament of the year a success.



## Sports Briefs

### UW announces 2016 football sched. change

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming's football schedule for the 2016 season has been undergone some changes.

The Cowboys' road game at Nebraska has been moved up a week from Sept. 17 to Sept. 10, 2016.

The one-week change in the Nebraska game coincided with a new series announced between Oregon and Nebraska that will begin at Nebraska on Sept. 17, 2016.

To fill the opening caused by the Nebraska change, Wyoming has added UC Davis to the 2016 schedule. Wyoming will now host UC Davis on Sept. 17.

### Steelers lose T Brown, TE Johnson for season

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Levi Brown's season with the Pittsburgh Steelers ended before it even began.

The Steelers placed the offensive tackle on injured reserve Tuesday after Brown tore his triceps dur-

ing warmups before last Sunday's game against the New York Jets. Pittsburgh acquired Brown last week from the Arizona Cardinals. Coach Mike Tomlin said Brown will need surgery.

The Steelers also put tight end David Johnson on injured reserve with a wrist injury that will also require surgery. Pittsburgh signed free agent tight end Richard Gordon and promoted cornerback Isaiah Green from the practice squad.

The Steelers activated LB Sean Spence off the physically unable to perform list. Spence hasn't played since tearing multiple ligaments in his left knee in the final game of the 2012 preseason.

### Grand jury likely in death of NFL star's son

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Prosecutors expect to ask a grand jury to consider more serious charges in the death of the 2-year-old son of Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson.

Lincoln County State's Attorney Tom Wollman

says he will review the completed autopsy report along with other reports before seeking any new charges against 27-year-old Joseph Robert Patterson.

Sioux Falls police identified the boy as Tyrese Robert Doohen, who died Friday after being hospitalized with severe head injuries.

Patterson, the boyfriend of Tyrese's mother, was charged last week with aggravated assault and aggravated battery.

Prosecutors are also asking that a suspended sentence be imposed for a previous domestic assault conviction.

A message left for Peterson's attorney was not immediately returned. Peterson has declined to discuss the relationship he had with the boy.

### Spurs waive Maggette, 2 others

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs waived center Marcus Cousin, guard Myck Kabongo and veteran forward Corey Maggette on Tuesday.

Cousin appeared in two preseason games, averaging 1.5 points and 2.0 rebounds. Kabongo finished with six points in five minutes at Denver on Oct. 14.

## Ware, Murray hurt for 'Boys

IRVING (AP) — DeMarcus Ware could miss a game for the first time in his eight-year NFL career.

DeMarco Murray isn't saying whether he is about to have a third straight season interrupted by injury.

The star pass rusher and starting running back for the Dallas Cowboys both were injured in Sunday's 31-16 win over Washington.

Ware strained his right quadriceps muscle in the first quarter. Murray exited in the second quarter with an MCL sprain in his left knee.

Their health is likely to go a long way toward determining whether the Cowboys end a three-year playoff drought.

It won't help that the first game after the injuries is Sunday in Philadelphia.

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