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## Jumbos Fireworks celebrates more than 50 years in Pampa



Photos by Lindsey Tomaschik  
 Top, Jumbos Fireworks is located at the intersection of Price Road and Highway 60. It is open from 9 a.m.-midnight through the Fourth of July Holiday. Right, Jumbos employee Blake Chisum poses with the world's largest artillery shell, the Excalibur.



By LINDSEY TOMASCHIK  
 LKTomaschik@thepampanews.com

Jumbos Fireworks, located at the intersection of Price Road and Highway 60, has been a locally-owned family business in Pampa for 52 years now. Owner Ron Kotara and his business partner Randy Milligan currently run the stand, which is unique from others in the area because it is indoors. Jumbos has World Class Fireworks with special designs, and the company prides itself on having the largest artillery shell in the world, the Excalibur. "It goes way up in the air and dissipates, so there is no fire hazard," Kotara said of the firework. He is looking forward to this Fourth of July in particular because there is a drought index of zero. "This is the greenest Fourth of July I can ever remember there being since I've been in the business," he said. Kotara also said that his fireworks stand features all types of fireworks, ranging from children-type novelty to big show fireworks. "We're the only independent stand in town," he added. "We've been here the longest, too." The stand's original location was by the rodeo grounds, but it has been in its current home for about 20 years now. "We have people drive from as far as Oklahoma just for our fireworks," he said. Jumbos Fireworks is proud to employ several members of the community as well.

"We have about 10 varsity football players from the high school working for us and a coach, too," Kotara said. Kotara lights up when he talks about the people he works with and serves. He enjoys providing people near and far with good entertainment for the Fourth of July holiday. He added that the adults have just as much, if not more fun than the children with fireworks. "To me it's like Christmas in July," he said. "In December, everyone looks forward to Christmas, and this time of year everyone looks forward to fireworks for the Fourth of July." Jumbos Fireworks is open from 9 a.m.-midnight through the Fourth of July holiday. Just a friendly reminder that fireworks are not allowed to be popped in city limits or on county roads, just on private property outside city limits. The City of Pampa will be putting on its annual firework show at dusk on July 4. This year, spectators are not allowed to park on the streets surrounding the firework show. There will be plenty of parking for everyone at Recreation Park.

## Pattern Energy acquires Panhandle 1 wind project

This increases operating capacity by 16 percent.



**SUBMITTED**  
 SAN FRANCISCO, California, July 2, 2014 – Pattern Energy Group Inc. (NASDAQ: PEGI) (TSX: PEG) ("Pattern Energy"), today announced it has closed on its commitment to acquire 172 megawatts (MW) of owned interest in the 218 MW Panhandle 1 wind project from Pattern Energy Group LP ("Pattern Development") for a total cash consideration of US\$124.4 million. The balance of the project has been acquired from Pattern Development by three institutional tax equity investors. Acquisition Highlights  
 • Full 218 MW has completed construction and is fully operational  
 • Portfolio now comprises nine operating wind facilities and two construction projects  
 • Second completed acquisition since the Initial Public Offering (IPO) in a series of anticipated transactions with Pattern Development  
 • Project utilizes General Electric 1.85 MW turbines and is secured with a long-term contract for 77 percent of its output  
 • Located in one of the strongest wind resources in the country  
 • Cash purchase price represents a 9-10x multiple on run-rate CAFD [1] contribution from the project  
 "This acquisition adds 16 percent to our operating capacity and marks our third project to

## Crime Stoppers Crime of the Week



**SUBMITTED**  
 During the nighttime hours on Thursday, June 24 several subjects entered into the service lot at Fenton Motors, located at 123 N. Hobart. Once inside, the suspects stole a total of 3 vehicles, crashing one of them through the locked gate to create an exit. Two of the vehicles were later recovered after being found abandoned in the Pampa area. The third vehicle, a tan colored 2006 Ford F-350, is still missing. If you have any information regarding this crime, or know the identity of the person(s) responsible, call Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222, visit [www.pgcestips.com](http://www.pgcestips.com) or text "pampa" along with your tip, to 274637. A cash reward of up to \$400 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest or filing of criminal charges against the person(s) responsible for this offense.

## 'Watch Your Car Month' informs drivers about preventing vehicle crimes

**SUBMITTED**  
 DENTON — What is important to you? Is it your family, home, pets, money, security or other possessions? Did you know that if your vehicle is stolen or burglarized, all those things can also be threatened? In other words, crimes against a vehicle may be only the first in a string of criminal acts that directly affect you. In 2012, vehicle thefts in Texas totaled 64,982, which means a car was stolen every eight minutes. Any vehicle is a potential target, and those most stolen are at least five years old. In 2013, the most targeted makes/models in Texas included: 1) Ford Pickup 2) Chevrolet Pickup 3) Dodge Pickup 4) Chevrolet Tahoe 5) Honda Civic.

Vehicle thieves are looking for opportunities. And unfortunately, many drivers aid thefts by leaving doors unlocked and keys inside. Once a vehicle is stolen, any number of additional offenses could take place. The vehicle may be used to commit another crime. It may be operated erratically and involved in an accident. It may be dis-

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# Pattern

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successfully reach completion this year," said Mike Garland, President and CEO of Pattern Energy. "It is the second project we have acquired from Pattern Development that has gone into operation since our IPO — again demonstrating the value of that strategic

partnership — and we anticipate their extensive pipeline will create more opportunities that will help us meet or exceed our growth plans."

Panhandle 1 is located in Carson County, Texas, and consists of 118 General Electric

1.85 MW wind turbines. The facility is utilizing Texas' new Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) transmission infrastructure, which connects

to the state's main power grid operator, Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

"Panhandle 1 is located on one of the best wind sites in the U.S. with a strong wind resource and excellent access to transmission," added Garland. "The strength and reliability of the wind, coupled with an unleveraged finance structure, will result in stable, steady cash flows from the project."

The Panhandle 1 proj-

ect created more than 275 construction jobs and 11 permanent operations and maintenance positions. According to statistics from the U.S. Energy Information Agency, it will generate clean, renewable electricity for up to 60,000 Texas homes each year without using any of the region's limited water supplies.

Approximately 77 percent of the expected output of Panhandle 1 is contracted under a 13-year energy

price hedge, with an A-/Baa2 credit-rated affiliate of Citibank, with the balance sold at ERCOT's spot market prices.

## About Pattern Energy

Pattern Energy Group Inc. (Pattern Energy) is an independent power company listed on the NASDAQ ("PEGI") and Toronto Stock Exchange ("PEG"). Pattern Energy has a portfolio of eleven wind power projects, including one

project it has agreed to acquire, with a total owned interest of 1,472 MW, in the United States, Canada and Chile that use proven, best-in-class technology.

Pattern Energy's wind facilities generate stable long-term cash flows in attractive markets and provide a solid foundation for the continued growth of the business.

For more information, visit [www.patternenergy.com](http://www.patternenergy.com).

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## Vehicle

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mantled so the parts can be sold to fund other crimes ranging from drug use to terrorism.

In 2012, reported vehicle burglaries in Texas totaled 221,023, which means parts or contents were stolen every two minutes. Much like thefts involving the entire vehicle, drivers often unintentionally assist burglars with their crimes by leaving belongings visible. Items left behind can result in a number of additional offenses.

Keys or garage door openers can provide thieves access to homes, where belongings, money, and personal information could be taken. If a pet or child is left unattended in a vehicle, they could become additional victims of a thief. Items such as purses, briefcases, bags, electronics, clothing, or accessories can be stolen, leading to financial ruin, identity theft or resale of items to other unknowing victims.

Historically, more vehicle thefts and burglaries occur in Texas during summer months, which is why the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority

(ABTPA) has declared July "Watch Your Car Month."

During "Watch Your Car Month", representatives within 29 vehicle crime task forces funded by ABTPA will be working in their communities reminding Texas drivers that they must protect their vehicles and all possessions inside to avoid falling victim to thieves. If drivers are leaving themselves vulnerable to theft, they are encouraged to change their behavior in order to avoid vehicle criminals. In addition, drivers should recognize that thieves want to strike in locations where we are most likely to leave belongings

and be separated from our vehicles for longer periods of time.

Those places may include homes, malls, gyms, movie theaters, hotels, . . . even places of worship! Anywhere! In other words, thieves are looking for the biggest financial payoff that can be gained in the shortest amount of time and with the greatest ease. So always be aware!

To view the latest ABTPA PSA, for additional tips on preventing vehicle crime, information on "Watch Your Car Month", or to contact your local task force, call 800-CAR-WATCH.

# Wheeler County Grand Jury indictments — June 19

### STAFF REPORT

• Kenneth Richard Allen, burglary of a habitation with intentions to commit another felony — aggravated assault.

• Elisha Dawn Owens, assault to cause bodily injury

to a family member with a previous conviction.

• Zachery David Townsend, possession of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — less than one gram.

• Brandon Mark Todd, possession of a controlled

substance, namely, tetrahydrocannabinol — between four and 400 grams.

• Michael Dale Hutton, possession of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — less than one gram.

• Mitchell L. Wither-

spoon, possession of marijuana — between five and 50 pounds.

• Joshua Jacob Lewis, possession of a controlled substance, namely, methamphetamine — less than one gram.

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**Tonight:** Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 65. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south-southeast at 17 mph. Sunset at 9:03 p.m.

**Friday:** Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 91. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 6:33 a.m.

**Friday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 67. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunset at 9:03 p.m.

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 94. Winds south-southwest at 18 mph. Sunrise at 6:34 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy with a low of 68. Winds south at 18 mph. Sunset at 9:03 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## William J. "Bill" Berry

William J. "Bill" Berry, 79, passed away on June 29, 2014 in Pampa.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 5, 2014, at Central Baptist Church with Bro. Norman Rushing, pastor, and Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



**William J. Berry**

Mr. Berry, who chose to be called "Bill," was born Nov. 12, 1934 in Du Bois, Pa. to Jessie Mae and William James Berry. He arrived second in a family of 11. Bill and his family resided in the Du Bois area until he was 13. His father was a J.C. Penney Company manager and was transferred by Penny's to Bluefield, W.V. where Bill attended high school.

After high school, Bill attended John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark. from 1952 until 1956 when he completed a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. Upon graduation, he married his college sweetheart, Donna Girouard of Perryton. He had been a resident of Pampa for 58 years.

His first employment after college was with Frontier Perforators, an oilfield well completion service firm in Pampa, working from 1956 until 1966. In 1966, he and two others co-founded Titan Specialties Inc., where he served as vice president and president, until selling the business in 2006, and retiring in 2008. Bill worked 52 years designing, manufacturing and distributing products used in the oil and gas well completion process.

During his career, Bill developed a great interest in leadership studies and read many books on the subject. He loved people and loved to see young people have the opportunity to equip themselves for life by pursuing higher educational opportunities.

Bill was a Trustee of John Brown University and served on the JBU Development Committee from 1997 until June of 2012. He served as Development Committee chair from 2011 until June of 2012. He continued serving as Trustee Emeritus up until the time of his death. Bill loved this Christian university, and loved to see it grow and develop into the highly respected facility it is today. Locally, he served a term on the Pampa EDC, plus several years on the Pampa Industrial Foundation.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. Bill accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior when he was eleven, loved the Lord, and was active in church work throughout his life. This includes serving on church boards, teaching Sunday school classes, serving as Sunday school superintendent and singing with the senior's choir at Central Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his youngest sister, Barbara Jane Furrow, who passed away on Oct. 20, 1987 at age 34, and his older sister, Dorothy Jean Howington, who passed away on July 31, 2008 at the age of 75.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Berry of the home; two sons, William Todd Berry and wife Terri of Bakersfield, Calif. and Tyler Wayne Berry of Santiago, Chile; two grandsons, Scott Berry and Ryan King; and eight siblings, Elizabeth Ann Nelson of Tulsa, Okla., Kathryn Edith Gray of Bluefield, W.V., Margaret Louise Stafford of Princeton, W.V., Richard James Berry of Bland, Va., Charles Edward Berry of Bluefield, Va., David Robert Berry of Bastain, Va., Joseph Earl Berry of Bluefield, W.V. and Daniel Steven Berry of Richlands, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memo-

rials may be made to John Brown University, 2000 W. University Street, Siloam Springs, Arkansas 72761, Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065, or the Apostolic Faith College, P.O. Box 110, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713.

On Friday, July 4, 2014, the funeral home hours will be from 1-8 p.m., and the family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m.

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

## Edd Drew

Edd Drew, 55, died April 16, 2013 in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 5, 2014, at Open Door Church of God in Christ, with Rev. Hubert Kelly, pastor, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



**Edd Drew**

Mr. Drew was born Aug. 29, 1957 in Dodson, and had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He was a mechanic and attended Open Door Church of God in Christ. He loved playing basketball and dominoes. Edd had a great sense of humor. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Drew.

Survivors include a daughter, Jamie Drew of Dallas; three sons, Edward Kelly of Amarillo, Edd Trail Drew and Omaree Drew, both of Dallas; his mother, June Lidy of Pampa; five sisters, Jo Ann Stevenson and husband David of Mesquite, Shirley Irving Ford and husband Henry of Garland, Lydia Drew and Maxine Lofton and husband Rick, all of Amarillo and Tanya Lidy-Grays and husband Tom of Richardson; three brothers, Chester Wallace and wife Sharon of Houston, Charles Drew, Jr., and wife Julie of Iowa and Steve Lofton of Pampa and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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

## Ronald Keith Parrish Wohlford

Ronald Keith Parrish Wohlford, 51, died July 1, 2014 in Pampa.

There are no services scheduled. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Ronald was born May 30, 1963 in Greensboro, N.C., and raised in San Diego, Calif. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past 10 years. He loved to draw and complete other art. He ended every conversation with "God bless you."

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Georgia Wohlford; a brother, Randy Lee Wohlford; and a sister, Pamela Sue Wohlford.

Survivors include his son, Ryan J. Wohlford of Amarillo; three sisters, Renee Miller of Lebanon, Mo., Kimberly Colburn and husband Robert of Euless, and Robin Scott of Pampa; five brothers, Raymond Wohlford and wife Janis, Robert Wohlford and wife Darla, Duane Wohlford and Lloyd Wohlford, all of San Diego, Calif., and Rodger Wohlford of Phoenix and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

## For the record

# Amarillo woman arrested for driving while intoxicated

- Kailynn Lashell McClelland, 21, Amarillo, was arrested Wednesday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.
- Michael Joseph Renteria, 23, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for theft of property — between \$50 and

- \$500.
- Matthew Tyler Trusty, 25, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for assault to cause bodily injury to a family member.
- Abby Anne McBride, 33, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by DPS for driving while intoxicated, possession of a controlled

- substance — less than three grams.
- Michelle Angel Miller, 40, Alanreed, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for disorderly conduct — obscene language.
- Michael Dewayne Cox, 50, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for disorderly conduct — language.

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## Bereavement and Healing Funeral decorum

When I was a little girl, I lived in a small town filled with elderly relatives. My relatives would periodically pass away and so at a young age, I had quite a vast knowledge of funeral traditions and funeral etiquette. The first time I became aware that there were “Varying Rules of Etiquette and Tradition” for such an occasion, was at the funeral of my maternal grandfather.

Upon notification that my grandfather had passed away, my paternal grandmother quickly gathered my siblings and me, and off we went to the grand clothing stores in downtown Baton Rouge, La. I was surprised that I needed special clothing for the event. When I was young, girls were required to wear dresses to school, so I had plenty from which to choose. For some reason, however, although my dresses had always been adequate for funerals in the past, my grandmother felt that they would not do for this particular funeral. She purchased each of us, me and my siblings, beautiful semi-formal clothing. My brother, a beautiful navy suit with a crisp white dress shirt and a dark tie, my sisters and I, each beautiful navy dresses with white patent leather shoes, white ankle socks with lace on them and white patent leather handbags. She also purchased us dainty white gloves and lovely white hats to complete our ensembles. It was rather like Easter, but the clothes were not pastel and

the fabrics were heavier and more tailored than usual. After she was satisfied with our clothes, off we went to Opelousas, La., the location of the funeral home where my mother and her immense family were gathered. Upon arrival, I realized that this funeral was unlike any other funeral I had attended thus far in life. The funeral home was large and filled with my very sad relatives. Of course, sadness is not, in and of itself, unusual at a funeral, but my relatives were overly sad and I attributed their sadness and all of the extra attention toward our clothes and behavior on my grandfather’s unusually violent death. I was a child, and although funerals did not bother or confuse me, this funeral was somehow very different, and I just could not quite figure out why. As I grew older, I realized my parents had cultural differences within their marriage, and I was witnessing the variances of culture in its fullest extent, the expression of grief upon the death of a significant loved one.

The funerals I had previously attended were always from my dad’s side of the family. His family practiced a gentle Arklatex Christian religion and the funerals were in accordance with their beliefs. This funeral was on my mom’s side of the family. Unlike my dad, my mother had been raised a Southern Louisiana Cajun Catholic, and their funerals, as I was about to learn, were very different from the ones to which I was accustomed. The reason I have shared this with you, is that I am constantly asked by people, “What is appropriate to wear

to a funeral?” There is not a simple answer to this question. Clothing and even behavior are predicated on religion, culture and tradition. One should accommodate each funeral to the traditional systems practiced by the grieving family. After all, we go to a funeral to pay our respects. Should we not then practice respect towards the family’s religion, culture and traditions? Paying one’s respects does not mean that we merely show up and sign the register book. Paying one’s respects encompasses a myriad of components.

Of course, most of us know that we wear subdued colors, we speak with our quiet voices and one hopes we clean ourselves up before going to the funeral. Many people believe that black is the only color one should wear when in attendance. Although in some groups this is true, in others it is not. For a Buddhist, white is the appropriate color for bereavement.

My basic rule for funeral decorum is the same as it is for attire and language;

“Be clean, be respectful and be modest.”

If you will observe this rule, you should be able to attend almost any funeral and not be offensive to anyone.

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## The American flag: ‘A threat?’

It’s the very symbol of patriotism — Old Glory, as William Driver, a 19th-century American sea captain, nicknamed it. But even as we close in on Independence Day, more and more people across the country are calling the American flag a threat and inappropriate home garnishing.

A week ago, the landlord of a Texas man called the American flag “a threat to the Muslim community” and ordered him to remove it from his home, according to KHOU-TV.

Duy Tran said the Stars and Stripes means a lot to him. Posting the flag was the least he could do, he said, especially in the light of his friends who died for this country.

Tran added: “What really stunned me is that she said it’s a threat towards the Muslim community. I mean, I’m not a threat to (anybody).”

When KHOU-TV tried to confront the manager about the statement, she answered no questions, and the crew was escorted from the premises by a security officer with a note that read: “While the Lodge on El Dorado admires our resident’s patriotism, we must enforce our property rules and guidelines. Such guidelines maintain the aesthetics of our apartment community and provide for the safety of all residents. The apartment community already proudly displays our country’s flag in a safe and appropriate manner at the entrances to our community.”

So even though Tran had hung his flag with proper etiquette from his balcony, it wasn’t “safe and appropriate”? Are we now going to tell Americans that only one flag is allowed per 1,000 residents?

Tran rightly rejected that assault on his liberty, freedom and patriotism by saying, “I’m gonna leave my flag there, as an American, until she shows me proof that I don’t have the right to leave my flag there.”

That situation reminded me of another one that happened just last summer.

KOVR-TV reported that former Army Spc. Jen Elliot, who was a heavy-wheeled vehicle operator and a .50-caliber gunner in Afghanistan before being blown into a

wall there and receiving a traumatic brain injury, came home to her California apartment only to find an official violation on her door from property management stating that she could no longer fly her American flag from her balcony.

Elliot explained to KOVR-TV that she flew the Stars and Stripes because it reminded her of her Army unit overseas, which had incidentally lost six soldiers in the previous three months. She explained that she was particularly “upset and very offended” by the notice of violation because it demanded that she take down the flag for which she and her fellow comrades fought and still fight.

Elliot said she would move out before she would take down her American flag. She added: “It’s very important for me to have that up there. ... I’m not taking that flag down.”

Am I missing something? Do you remember the days when Americans not only used to be proud to fly Old Glory but frowned upon neighbors who did not?

These travesties regarding flag flying wouldn’t be so tragic if they weren’t becoming so prevalent and symptomatic of an America moving away from its original mission and Founding Fathers’ intent.

So for this July Fourth, I say we not only fly Old Glory proud and high but also remind our families, friends co-workers and neighbors exactly why we do.

I agree wholeheartedly with Elliot, who concluded: “We live in America. Why shouldn’t we fly our flag proudly?”

And what about those who oppose Old Glory’s posting?

Take your orders from Gen. Douglas MacArthur: “I see that the old flagpole still stands. Have our troops hoist the colors to its peak, and let no enemy ever haul them down.”

Then don’t hesitate for a moment to place your hand over your heart and say loudly and proudly for all to hear: “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

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## Tell the imperial president: No more wars!

Barack Obama has asked Congress for \$500 million to train and arm rebels of

the Free Syrian Army who seek to overthrow the government.

Before Congress takes up his proposal, both houses should demand that Obama explain exactly where he gets the constitutional authority to plunge us into what the president himself calls “somebody else’s civil war.”

Syria has not attacked us. Syria does not threaten us.

Why are we joining a jihad to overthrow the Syrian government?

President Bashar Assad is fighting against the al Qaida-linked al-Nusra Front and the even more extreme and vicious Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.

In training and arming the FSA, we are enlisting in a cause where our foremost fighting allies are Islamists, like those who brought down the twin towers, and a Sunni terrorist army that seeks to bring

down the government we left behind in Baghdad.

What are we doing?

Assad is no angel. But before this uprising, which has taken 150,000 lives and created millions of refugees, Congressmen and secretaries of state regularly visited him in Damascus.

“There’s a different leader in Syria now,” cooed Hillary in 2011, “Many of the members of Congress of both parties who have gone to Syria in recent months have said they believe he’s a reformer.”

If we bring down Assad, what assurance to do have that the Free Syrian Army will prevail against the Islamists who have proved far more effective in the field?

Will we not be compelled to plunge into the subsequent civil war to keep ISIS and al-Qaida from taking power?

If Assad falls there is also a high probability Syria’s Christians will face beheadings and butchery at the hands of the fanatics.

And should martyrdoms and massacres begin with the fall of Assad because of our intervention, the blood of Christians will be on the hands of Barack

Hussein Obama and the Congress of the United States.

Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin says he wants no part of Obama’s new wars. Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine rightly asserts that President Obama has no authority to take us into war in Syria or Iraq.

But where are the Republicans?

Absent an attack on U.S. citizens or vital interests, or an imminent threat of attack, Obama has no authority to initiate war. The Constitution places the power to authorize wars of choice exclusively with Congress.

James Madison and his colleagues were seeking to ensure against a rogue presidency of the kind that Obama has lately begun to conduct.

It is astonishing that Republicans who threaten to impeach Obama for usurping authority at home remain silent as he prepares to usurp their war powers — to march us into Syria and back into Iraq.

Last August, Americans rose as one to tell Congress to deny Obama any authority to attack Syria. Are Republicans now prepared to sit mute as Obama takes

us into two new Middle East wars, on his own authority?

A congressional debate on war is essential not only from a legal and constitutional standpoint but also a strategic one. For there is a question as to whether we are even on the right side in Syria.

Assad, no matter his sins, is the defender of the Christian and Shia minorities in Syria. He has been the most successful Arab ruler in waging war against the terrorist brigades of ISIS and al-Qaida.

Why, then, are we training Syrians to attack his army and arming people to topple his government? Have we not before us, in Libya, an example of what happens when we bring down an autocrat like Gadhafi, and even worse devils are unleashed?

While Assad has battled al-Qaida and ISIS for three years, our NATO ally Turkey has looked the other way as jihadists crossed over into Syria. Our Gulf allies have provided jihadists battling Assad with arms and money.

Query: Why are our putative allies aiding our worst enemies?

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# Wars

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This weekend ISIS declared a caliphate, the Islamic State, over all lands in Syria and Iraq it now controls. Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the ISIS war chief, has been declared the new caliph. "The Caliphate Rises," wails the Wall Street Journal. But who midwived and breast-fed the ISIS

movement that has now proclaimed the new caliphate? Was it not our Turkish and Arab friends? And whose army is the major obstacle to consolidation of a caliphate from Aleppo to Anbar? Is it not the army of the autocrat Assad whom we seek to bring down? Does this make sense? We are told that ISIS represents a security threat to the United States. But ISIS-controlled Syria and Iraq are on the border of Turkey, whose

army could make short work of them. If the caliphate is not such a threat to the Turks as to warrant their intervention in Syria, how can it be a greater threat to us? It cannot. Congress should block the \$500 million for Obama's wars and tell him his days as imperial president are over. *Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of the new book "The Greatest Comeback: How Richard Nixon Rose From Defeat to Create the New Majority."*

# Community Calendar

### City Commission meetings

The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

### School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the new administration building on North Hobart Street.

### Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

### PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public. There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3

to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable. For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

### County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

### TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

### Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

### Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30

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The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

### PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St. The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

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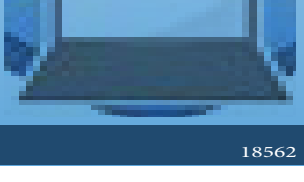


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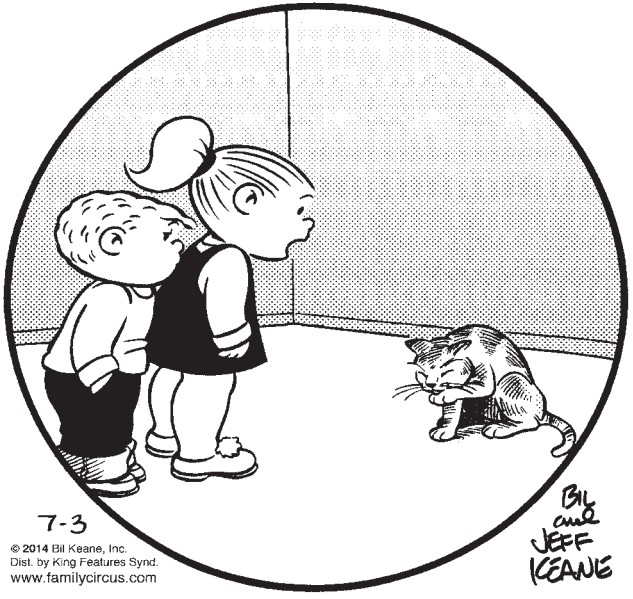
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"I don't think Kittycat is ever gonna star in a YouTube video."

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### Nest Heads



# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, July 4, 2014:  
This year you see a situation far differently. Your willingness to adjust and change direction allows more positive happenings to occur. You also are likely to see far more money make its way into your bank account. If you are single, you could meet someone special at any point, starting right now. Though this person might not be Mr. or Ms. Right, you will enjoy your time together. If you are attached, the two of you will make a major purchase together. Detach more often, rather than get into arguments. LIBRA is always gracious.  
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'll have a spring in your step as you greet the day. A confrontation with someone could mar the moment, if you let it. A loved one might need a certain amount of support and feedback. Be careful, as this person tends to be needy. Tonight: Celebrate the good old USA!  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ You'll wake up and realize what you need to do. Detach, and you will see how you can enjoy yourself more. You could discover that others will be happy to pitch in. Recognize what is going on with a friend. Check in with this person. Tonight: Let the party go on.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★★ Your imagination could support you in becoming the center of the party or barbecue. Your sense of humor will come out when dealing with friends and loved ones. How you handle a problem could determine how the rest of the day goes. Tonight: Let the fun begin.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ You might want to see a situation differently from how others see it. Be aware of how much of it is fantasy and how much is reality. Distorting a situation ultimately could cause a problem. Surround yourself with music and people. Tonight: Watch the light show.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ You could be more in touch with your feelings than you realize. Understand your limits within your immediate circle. Try to work through an issue. Check out several parties, if that's what you want to do. Enjoy

old friends, but have fun making new ones, too. Tonight: Out late.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ You might want to indulge a friend or loved one for no other reason than it's what you want to do. You'll enjoy just watching the other party's reaction. Do not hesitate to stop at a barbecue or two and visit with friends and family members. Tonight: Enjoy the fireworks.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★★ Your smile and caring will light up a loved one's face. You could have a similar reaction from your friends as well. Dote on all the people you want to dote on. Maximize the moment. Avoid getting into a tiff with a loved one. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Know when to pull back and relax. Your life seems to move at such a hectic pace that you have difficulty slowing down at times. Take today for you. Don't feel pressured to do anything you do not want to do. Tonight: Reach out to a loved one at a distance.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Try to use today to eliminate potential fireworks between friends. Go through the holiday barbecue routines. A loved one might do everything he or she can to get your attention. Let it happen; meanwhile, enjoy your friends. Tonight: In the thick of things.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★★ Others are likely to seek you out and ask you to join them for an adventure. Be willing to drop in, but also make it a point to follow your family's Fourth of July traditions. A conversation could become nothing less than awkward. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.  
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★★★★★ You will want to be more forthright about a problem you are dealing with. You might think that others are causing you this issue. Take an overview, and you will see a much different scenario. Get out and see friends who usually are not around. Tonight: Fireworks time!  
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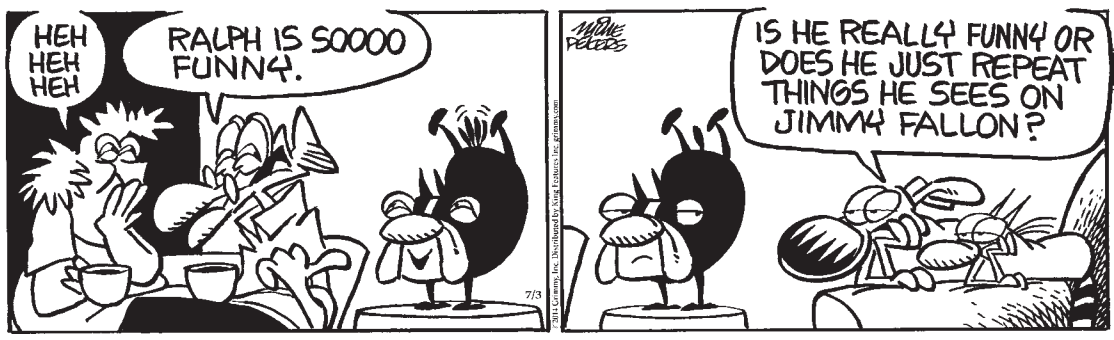
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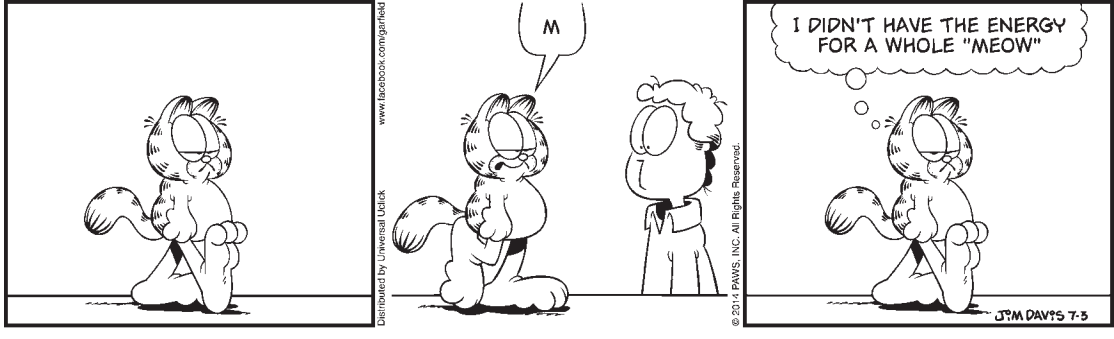
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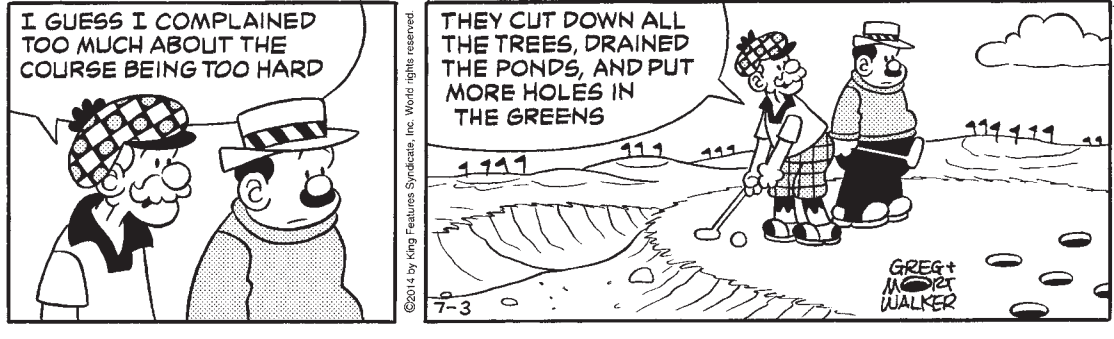
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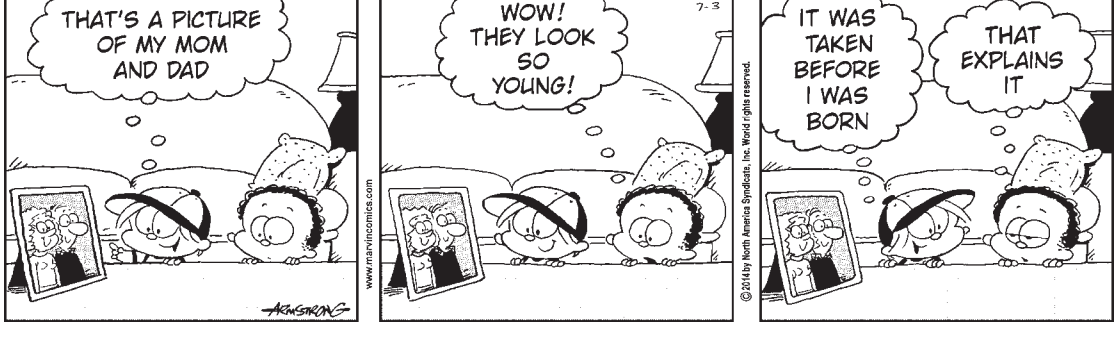
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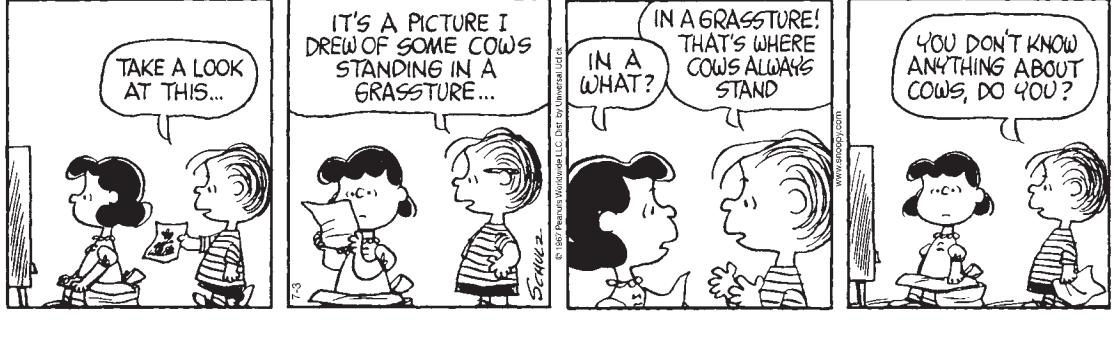
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# AgriLife Extension to begin farm program educational effort in the High Plains

Meetings scheduled July 10-Aug. 20

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AMARILLO — The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be providing an extensive farm bill educational effort in upcoming months, said agency experts in Amarillo.

While sign-up for the new farm bill program is still months away, the educational process to help producers understand the complexity of the new legislation, including new programs and options, is increasing in the High Plains, said Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist.

“Our AgriLife Extension county agents are currently attending educational seminars to become more familiar with general farm program provisions,” Amosson said. “They also are learning about the Texas A&M Agricultural and Food Policy Center’s decision-aid software, which will be available at a later date to assist with producer sign-up decisions.”

Beginning July 10 and continuing through Aug. 20, a series of county-level public meetings lasting about two hours each will be held across the Panhandle, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management program specialist. The meetings will explain general farm program provisions and provide a decision-aid demonstration.

The meetings are free and

will offer instruction from Amosson or Jones, as well as the AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources county agents.

Both Amosson and Jones will lead a second round of county meetings tentatively scheduled for October and November to provide further details and guidelines before the sign-up period begins.

The meeting schedule is:  
 - Carson County — 10 a.m., July 10, Carson County War Memorial Building, 500 Main St., Panhandle.  
 - Donley County — 1:30 p.m., July 10, Clarendon College Ranch and Feedlots Operation Building, 1122 College Drive, Clarendon.

- Briscoe County, 10 a.m., July 11, Happy State Bank, 500 Main St., Silverton.

- Hansford County — 10 a.m., July 14, First Baptist Church — Family Life Center, 123 S. Bernice, Spearman.

- Roberts County — 2 p.m., July 14, Courthouse Annex, 300 E. Commerce St., Miami.

- Lipscomb County — 9 a.m., July 17, Wolf Creek Heritage Museum, 13310 Texas 305, Lipscomb.

- Wheeler County — 1 p.m., July 17, Wheeler County Ag and Family Life Center, 7939 N. U.S. Highway 83, Wheeler.

- Moore County — 9 a.m., July 18, Moore County Community Building, 1600 S. Maddox Ave., Dumas.

- Dallam County — 2 p.m., July 18, First State Bank Dalhart, 1601 E. 16th St., Dalhart.

- Randall County — 10 a.m., July 23, AgriLife Extension office, 200 Brown

Road, Canyon.

- Oldham County — July 23, 6 p.m., Oldham County Barn, 305 Coke St., Vega.

- Deaf Smith County — 10 a.m., Aug. 12, AgriLife Extension office, 903 14th St., Hereford.

- Potter County — 6 p.m., Aug. 12, AgriLife Extension office, 3301 E. 10th Ave., Amarillo.

- Sherman County — 9 a.m., Aug. 14, Sherman County Barn, 501 S. Maple St., Stratford.

- Hartley County — 2 p.m., Aug. 14, Hartley Community Building, 815 Central Ave., Hartley.

- Hall County — 10 a.m., Aug. 18, Kathy Fowler Building, 123 S. 6th St., Memphis.

- Armstrong County — 9 a.m., Aug. 19, Armstrong County Activity Building on Farm-to-Market Road 207 South, Claude.

- Ochiltree County — 10 a.m., Aug. 19, Ochiltree Expo Center, 402 Expo Drive, Perryton.

- Hutchinson County — 1 p.m., Aug. 19, Morse Community Building, 100 N. 3rd St., Morse.

- Gray County — 2 p.m., Aug. 19, Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic St., Pampa.

- Collingsworth County — 9 a.m., Aug. 20, Bura Handley Community Building, 802 10th St., Wellington.

- Hemphill County — 2 p.m., Aug. 20, Sage Brush Meeting Room, AgriLife Extension office, 10865 Exhibition Center Road, Canadian.

For more information on a particular meeting, contact the AgriLife Extension office in that county. For a list of county offices, go to

<http://amarillo.tamu.edu/> and click on the County Offices tab.

**Drought preparation, rainfall monitoring will be topic of July 3 webinar**

COLLEGE STATION — Drought is always a possibility on Texas rangelands. But fortunately, we don’t have to be victims, said Tim Steffens, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service range specialist in Canyon and West Texas A&M University assistant professor.

“Preparing for Drought: How to Monitor Rainfall

and Stay Out of Trouble” will be the topic of a July 3 webinar featuring Steffens. “Knowing something about rainfall patterns and when major periods of grass growth are likely provides information to facilitate timely adjustments in grazing strategy in response to drought,” he said. “This webinar will highlight triggers to help you make informed drought management decisions.”

Steffen’s webinar is part of the Texas Range Webinar Series conducted monthly by the AgriLife Extension’s ecosystem sci-

ence and management unit. Each webinar is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m., said Pete Flores, webinar coordinator in Corpus Christi.

Flores said the program has switched webinar software, so those planning to participate should go to <http://bit.ly/LJzkB1> to configure their computer prior to the webinar.

This webinar and others in the series can be accessed at <http://naturalresourceswebinars.tamu.edu>.

For more information on the webinars, contact Flores at [Pete.Flores@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Pete.Flores@ag.tamu.edu).



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# PampaSports

## Harvesters hold basketball camp

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June 30 to Thursday, July 3 at McNeely Fieldhouse at Pampa High School. First through fifth graders participated from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and six through ninth graders

participated from 1 to 4 p.m. Pampa High School's head basketball coach Matt Embry said it is important to get children involved in basketball at a young age in order to help the high school program.

"We want to get the community excited about what we're trying to do," he said. "When you're building a program, you got to start them young. We want to get them started as early as we can so when they get to us, they already know our stuff, they already know how we want them to play in the game."

The younger children at the camp were taught strictly fundamentals.

"It's all ballhandling," Embry said. "It's all dribbling. It's all form-shooting. It's the basics of the game for these younger guys so when they get to the more in-detailed and harder things that they have the fundamentals behind them to be able to make those transitions easier."

The older group learned more about schemes than the younger groups.

"With the older kids we're more into showing them our offense," Embry said. "Showing them how we run our defense. Just more in-detailed stuff that we do at the high school level, because they are close to being there."



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The Pampa Harvester basketball team held their annual youth camp from Monday, June 30 to Thursday, July 3 at McNeely Fieldhouse at Pampa High School.

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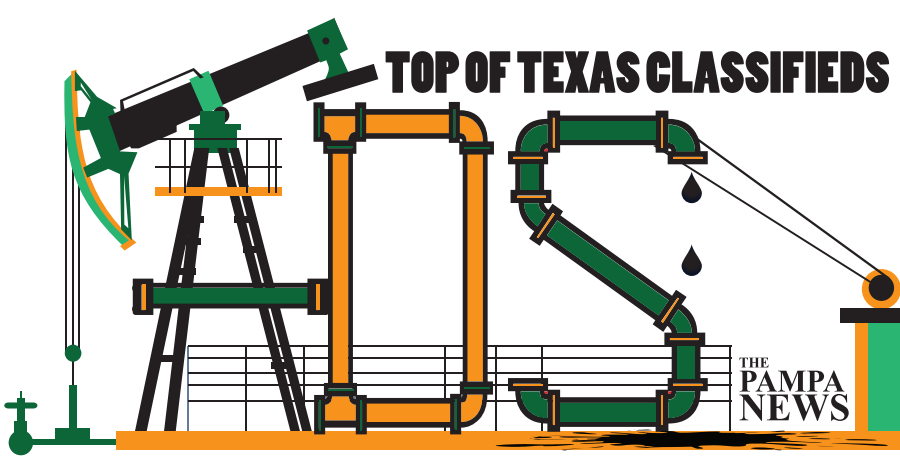
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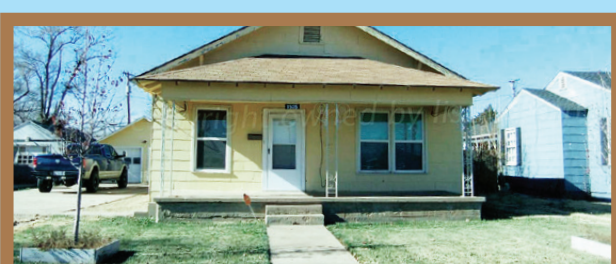
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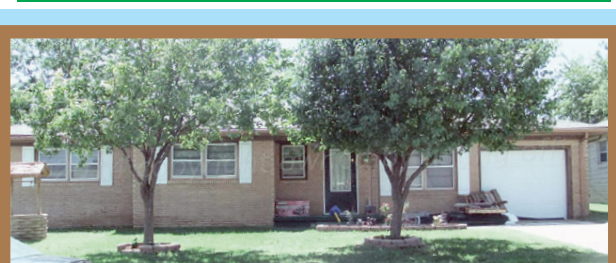
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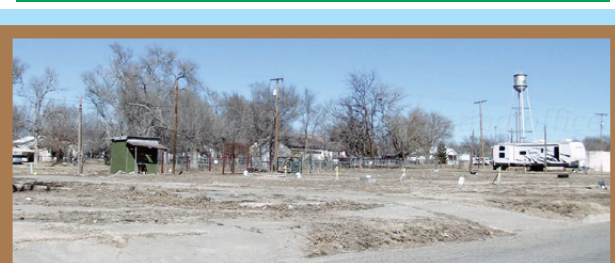
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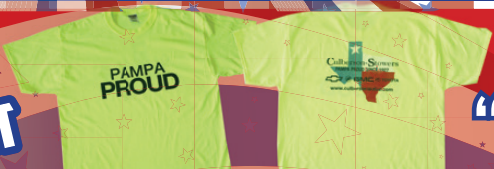
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### ■ Rangers can't string together wins consistently

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Some of the Texas faithful are starting to write this season off as a lost cause for the Rangers. We are nearing the All-Star break (July 14-17) and Texas is barely above the Houston Astros for fourth place in the American League West. The Rangers sit at a record of 37-46 and 14 games behind the Oakland Athletics for first place. A comeback now would go down in the record books as one of the greatest in Major League Baseball history. It has been a constant rule of thumb that at the All-Star break a team must be within five games of the division lead to have a solid shot of making the playoffs.

A little bad news as we recap the past six games for Texas. The Rangers ran into a buzz saw in Rick Porcello during the final game of the Tigers' series last Thursday. Porcello went the distance in a complete game shutout and held the Rangers to three hits the entire game. Nick Martinez did not pitch well as he allowed four runs in two and a thirds innings pitch. Scott Baker did okay in relief as he limited the Tigers to two runs over the remaining six and two-thirds innings. Leonys Martin, Luis Sardinas and Elvis Andrus had the Texas hits. No Ranger even made it to second base during the game. Final: Tigers 6, Rangers 0.

The Minnesota Twins

came to Arlington this past weekend for a three-game set. That is exactly what the doctor ordered for the Rangers as the Twins came into the series with an 8-game road losing streak. It would be extended to 10 before the Twins stole one in Texas Sunday.

On Friday, Nick Tepesch pitched like me and many other Ranger fans have been hoping for him to. We all know he is capable but just isn't consistent. Tepesch went seven and a third innings, allowed three hits, walked two and struck out five. If it wasn't for his 106 pitch count he might have lasted longer. Things got scary in the ninth for Texas though as Joakim Soira allowed four runs, three earned, and almost blew Tepesch's great performance. Thankfully the Texas offense had built a pretty hefty lead and the Rangers were able to hold on to the win. Adrian Beltré continued his hot streak as he hit a three run home run in the game. Shin Soo-Choo was 3-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Sardinas finished with a double, an RBI and a run scored. Final: Rangers 5, Twins 4.

Every baseball follower in America knew that Saturday was all but a win to be had for Texas with Yu Darvish pitching to redeem himself after two bad outings in a row. Darvish did not disappoint. He went eight innings, allowed four hits, had one walk, struck out 10 and most importantly did not allow a run. Ron Washington probably would have let him go out for the ninth inning if he wasn't at 110 pitches. Neal Cotts finished off the game with a clean frame in the ninth. Choo was 2-4. Beltré was hot again going 3-3 with two runs scored. Martin was 2-4 with a double and two RBIs. Chris Gimenez had a double in the game as well. Final: Rangers 5, Twins 0.

The Rangers were trying for the sweep on Sunday but unfortunately couldn't muster enough offense to get the victory. Colby Lewis allowed two runs on five hits in six innings pitched. He also struck out eight. Aaron Poreda, Ben Rowen

and Cotts pitched the next two innings clean. Soria gave up the winning run in the top of the ninth inning. Beltre had a hit and an RBI. Robinson Chirinos was 3-3 with a home run, an RBI and a run scored. It was a pitching battle throughout with runs being hard to come by. It was a game of who would blink first and the Rangers did. Final: Twins 3, Rangers 2.

The Rangers then hit the road for a four-game mid-week set versus the Baltimore Orioles. Joe Saunders pitched for Texas on Monday and probably just wants to erase the game from his memory. He allowed seven runs on four home runs in five innings pitched. Shawn Tolleson, Rowen and Baker shut down the Orioles from that point on but the damage was already done. Beltré had a double. Chirinos had a double and the lone Ranger run was scored by Martin. Final: Orioles 7, Rangers 1.

Tuesday was yet another bad outing by a Ranger pitcher. Nick Martinez allowed eight runs in five innings. Poreda, Jason Frasor and Tolleson did a good job shutting down the Orioles from that point on but the damage was already done. Alex Rios had two hits. Adam Rosales had two RBIs. There was very little on a positive note for Ranger fans to take from this one. Final: Orioles 8, Rangers 3.

The Rangers have now lost seven in a row on the road. There were two more games of this series on Wednesday and Thursday but due to deadline we were not able to recap those here. Now lets take a look at the standings as of the morning of July 2. The Oakland Athletics remain way ahead in first at 51-32. The Angels are in second at 47-35. The Mariners sit third with a 46-38 record. The Rangers are in fourth with a 37-46 record. And the Astros bring up the rear at 36-49.

This weekend the Rangers will continue their road trip as they head to New York for a three game series with the Mets in interleague play. Since the National League Mets are hosting there will be no

designated hitters in the series. Pitchers must hit.

Jonathan Niese (5-4, 2.88 ERA) squares off with Nick Tepesch (3-3, 3.65 ERA) on Friday. Niese has been very consistent this season. In his last 10 starts he has not allowed more than three runs in any game. This was originally supposed to be Colby Lewis in this spot but because the Rangers designated Joe Saunders for assignment everyone got pushed back one day. Tepesch has been impressive as of late but I am still giving the slight advantage to the Mets in this one. Prediction: Mets 4, Rangers 2.

Saturday has a matchup of Bartolo Colon (8-6, 3.88 ERA) against Colby Lewis (5-5, 5.71 ERA). Lewis has been shaky at best. One game he will limit the opponent to two runs and the next he gives up three home runs. If he doesn't improve he could find himself DFA'd like Saunders. Colon is sort of like Lewis where he will have great starts and then horrible starts. I could see this being a run scoring affair. But until the Rangers prove they can win consistently on the road I am giving the advantage to the Mets. Prediction: Mets 6, Rangers 3.

Game three could very well be a must win for the Rangers if they want to avoid the sweep. Zack Wheeler (3-8, 4.25 ERA) matches up with Nick Martinez (1-5, 4.65 ERA). Wheeler seems like a Colby Lewis type. One night he shuts down everyone and the next he has a short outing. Martinez has been pretty consistent, keeping the Rangers in games and just hoping for the offense to bail him out. I see a high scoring game but I think the Rangers may be able to squeak one out here. Prediction: Rangers 7, Mets 5.

The Rangers have pivotal divisional matchups next week as they have a three game home set with the Astros and a four game home set with the Angels before the All-Star Break. The Rangers will need to perform well in those last seven games before the break if they want to keep their very slim playoff hopes alive.

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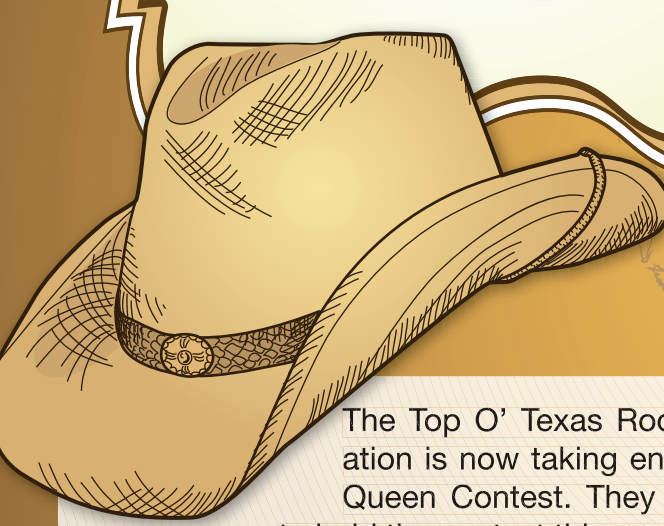
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The entry fee is \$125 per contestant and each contestant must find a local business sponsor.

Entries are due by July 7 at 4 pm. There will be an informal mandatory meeting for contestants on July 7th at 6 pm at the Chamber of Commerce.

Pick up applications from The Pampa News office at 403 W. Atchison.

## USA falls to Belgium

SALVADOR, Brazil (AP) — Tim Howard kept the ball out of the net with slides, with dives and with leaps.

He couldn't do it forever.

With the United States trying to reach the World Cup quarterfinals for the

first time since 2002, he saved 12 of Belgium's shots in regulation to keep the game scoreless.

But Kevin De Bruyne scored in the 93rd minute and Romelu Lukaku in the 105th to build a two-goal lead for the Red Devils, who hung on for a 2-1 win Tuesday that eliminated the Americans in the second round for the second straight World Cup.

Howard tried to sound modest.

"I'm just trying to do all the things that have gotten me here and gotten us here," he said. "That's what I signed up to do — stick my face in front of balls. It's nothing startling."

Howard finished with 16 saves, the most in a World Cup game since FIFA started keeping track in 2002. It was his finest performance in 13 years with the national team.

"For my heart, please don't give me too many games like this," Belgium coach Marc Wilmots said. "He was in a state of grace."

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