

Game Wardens: Law enforcement in the field



Photo by John Lee Logan Hudson is the game warden for Gray County.

BY JOHN LEE

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As the hunting seasons takes over the calendars in full force, Gray County game warden Logan Hudson's daily agenda is about to become more filled by the day.

"First and foremost we are a community-oriented policing agency," Hudson said. "The way we define that is we partner with the public in helping them solve their problems. Your standard police department, most of the time, is there to handle crime and violence, like the sheriff's office and local police.

"We are a state peace officers, so we fall under the same category as we help people with their problems including crime and violence but our mandate is hunting, fishing, water safety and outdoor recreation. We try to help the public solve their problems in that area while trying to be in compliance with the state."

Hudson said game wardens hold the same authority as

any state peace officer, but they work under the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, while state troopers are through the Department of Transportation. He said game wardens operate under the tagline, "Law enforcement off the pavement."

A day in the job of a game warden sometimes depends on the time of year it is.

"We generally can divide our year into two seasons," Hudson said. "We have a hunting and fishing season, fishing can be a year-round thing. Hunting seasons we generally work those from the Sept. 1 to the last of January. Generally when most of those seasons have ended."

Hudson said they work all weekends and holidays as well as the evenings.

"We regulate a recreation industry," Hudson said. "We work when everybody is off."

Hudson said they try to patrol with a purpose but have

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United launches 'Pharmacy Savings Program'

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The Heritage Room holds grand opening



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Altrusa Club of Borger to host craft show and flea market

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Altrusa Club of Borger, Inc is hosting a Craft Show and Flea Market on Saturday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dome in Borger.

Venders will be selling jewelry, clothing, purses, leather goods, scarves, homemade items, candles and much more. Altrusa will host the concession stand and will have pie, cookies, beans and cornbread, taco salads, Frito pies and soft drinks.

Admission is free. Funds raised by Altrusa from the shows goes to fund local projects and programs like: Opportunities, Buttercup House, Hutchinson County Crisis Center, Care Net Center, and Helping Hands. The club also sponsors the Senior Citizens Bazaar, scholarships to Frank Phillips College, and other local projects. For more information concerning the Craft Show and Flea Market please call 806-274-3965.

Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

The Heritage Room in the Pampa ISD administration building had its grand opening on Tuesday evening. Committee members were present to show guests around. Pictured from left to right are committee members Dr. David Young, Dustin Miller, David Teichmann, LeeAnn Ammons, Richard Dunham and Dana Terry. The group collected items for the room for more than a year, and the final product is something they are truly proud of. Several of the displays will rotate in and out of the room after a period of time, so there will always be something new for guests to see. The Heritage Room is open to the public during the administration building's regular hours.

Davis agrees to new Sept. 30 debate with Abbott

BY CHRISTINE AYALA AND TERRI LANGFORD The Texas Tribune

There will be a late September debate after all between gubernatorial hopefuls Greg Abbott and Wendy Davis.

Davis' campaign announced Wednesday that it had agreed to a Sept. 30 debate in Dallas with Abbott, an event that will be sponsored by KERA, NBC5/ KXAS-TV, Telemundo 39 and The Dallas Morning News.



Wendy

Davis

"After a conversation with KERA this morning, we have agreed to a debate format," said Zac Petkanas, a Davis campaign spokesman.

The two gubernatorial candidates, who are also scheduled to debate Sept. 19 in McAllen, have had a little trouble recently agreeing to ap-



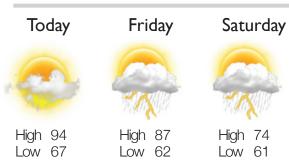
Greg Abbott pear in the same debate in Dallas.

Davis and Abbott had previously agreed to a debate sponsored by WFAA-TV, but Abbott backed out of the WFAA debate on Friday because of what one of his advisers said was "an inability to agree on

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PAMPA FORECAST



Today: Mostly sunny and windy with a high of 94. Winds south-southwest at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:19 a.m.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 67. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds southsouthwest at 19 mph. Sunset at 8:07 p.m.

Friday: Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 87. Chance of rain: 50 percent. Winds westsouthwest at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:19 a.m.

Friday night: Thunderstorms with a low of 62. Chance of rain: 90 percent. Winds east-northeast at 10 mph. Sunset at 8:05 p.m.

Saturday: Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 74. Chance of rain: 50 percent. Winds northeast at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:20 a.m.

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to go where the work is so they take a good observation spot. This allows them to listen for shots and sometimes make sure hunters are in compliance.

"A lot of what we do is prevention," Hudson said. "Apprehension is not our first priority. We try to educate people, prevent things from happening and then, when necessary, we apprehend violators. We are out on the county roads being seen in several different areas."

Hudson said the best thing for game wardens to do is to make contact with people enjoying the outdoors and let them know who they are and that they are there to help.

Hudson said the next big season is deer season, which is more of an early morning and evening ac-

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the species in season. Game wardens have several challenges they may face.

"You have to be really good at self-directing your efforts," Hudson said. "Our district office and my supervisor is in Amarillo. He is not over here every day. But I still gotta get up and go to work. We create our own schedules whereas a lot of law enforcement offices have shift work. We have to be available all the time because we are the only ones out here. There is no body to back me up."

work depends mainly on

The number of game wardens to a county depends on the size of the county. In the Texas Panhandle there are usually one game warden for every two counties, while down in Coastal Texas there may be more. Galveston County, for example, has five because of the commercial fishing industry.

game wardens have also eye-opening experience. been called down to work border patrol.

peace officer and being tasked with public safety in that," Hudson said. "While the State of Texas as well as I still believe it's potentialconservation law enforce- ly harmful to our country, ment we are also equipped for floods of undocumentto do things a lot of law enforcement aren't," Hudson said. "Every game warden is their looking for a bethas access to four-wheel drive vehicles, boats and four-wheelers. One of the they came from. There are things we have been doing a lot lately is working the border, Zone No. 9 around McAllen, as part of the and then there are people governor's directive to fight looking to make money off against illegal immigration. of those people, such as the You'll do one of two things down there, either a 12hour shift on a boat on the Rio Grande with the primary goal of deterring people from crossing the river."

Hudson also said that the and a daughter. primary goal is to apprehend the people smuggling people across the border. reached at logan.hudson@ But Hudson said that the tpwd.state.tx.us.

Recently, as of June 1, experience has been an

"Anytime you see anything first-hand, even long-"Part of being a full-time held beliefs can be challenged in situations like ed people to be pulling on our resources, the truth ter way. They didn't leave because life is good where two groups of people down there. There are people looking for a better way Cartels.'

Hudson who graduated from Pampa High School in 1991 returned to Pampa in 2002 with is wife. They have three kids, twin sons

For any questions or concerns, Hudson can be

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specific details of the format." The debate was to be a roundtable conversation with no specific time limits for candidate remarks. (The

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Texas Tribune had been a eager to participate in two statewide debates," Abbott partner with WFAA for that campaign manager Wayne debate.) Hamilton said Tuesday.

Davis initially agreed to Abbott's format preferences for a WFAA debate, but bate to other outlets did now says she will appear in the KERA debate.

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campaign to restructure the debate - something they could have done three months ago or even three days ago. WFAA President and General Manager Mike Devlin said Tuesday that

the station would no longer

pursue the debate because

"Only after losing the de-

WFAA ask for and receive

permission from the Davis

of Abbott's unwillingness to cooperate. "We expect people running for the governorship to behave in an honorable fashion," Devlin said. "At a certain point when you are dealing with somebody who doesn't keep commitments, why would we keep going back?"



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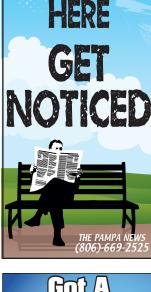
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Obituaries

Linda Rhue DeWitt McCain

Linda Rhue DeWitt McCain, 66, of Pampa, died Sept. 1, 2014 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept.



Linda McCain

6, 2014, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Private family inurnment will follow at the Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McCain was born April 30, 1948 in Wheeler and was a 1967 graduate of Pampa High School. She married Robert McCain in 1987 in Las Vegas. She was a certified nurse's aide at Highland Gen-

eral Hospital for several years and worked at the first McDonald's in Pampa. She loved to play dominoes, work jigsaw puzzles, dancing, flower gardening, sewing, crocheting and cooking.

Survivors include her husband, Robert McCain of the home; daughter, Camellia Roberts and husband Stuart of Amarillo; son, Keith Mason and wife Ann of Oceanside, Calif.; two stepsons, Bob McCain and wife Gwyn of Wheeler and Danny McCain and wife Pat of Dallas; father, Noel R. DeWitt of Pampa; two sisters, Cecilia Cloud and husband Allen and Kay Shepherd and husband Dennis, all of Pampa; two brothers, Ray DeWitt and Damon DeWitt and wife Maggie, all of Pampa; seven grandchildren, Jarrett Coronado of Amarillo, Jordan Coronado of Oklahoma City, Kendra Roberts of Lubbock, Te'Mera Benevides of Houston, Andrew Malszycki, Dustin Yonkings and Jacqueline Yonkings, all of Oceanside, Calif. and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Accolade Hospice, 1313N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

David Kent Gantz



David Kent Gantz

David Kent Gantz, Canton, GA, beloved son, brother, husband, "grand pa" and friend, died peacefully, on Sunday, Aug. 31. He is survived by his wife, the Reverend Robin Sumner Gantz, and by the families of their three children: daughter, Mary Epperson and husband Mark and their sons Matthew and Monte; son, Kevin Gantz and wife Cindy Gantz, and their children Allison, Sumner and Emer-

son; son Matthew Gantz, and his daughters, Madison and Brooklyn. He is also survived by his brother, Dale Gantz and wife Joe Ann and his sister, Dorothea Dougherty and husband Jim, and his brother-in-law, Don Moen, all of Las Cruces, N.M., sister-in-law Judith Kerr of Amarillo and brother-in-law Jim Sumner and wife Susie of Sonoita, Ariz., and multiple nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Moen, of Las Cruces.

Davis was born May 30, 1937 to Luevilla and Herman Gantz in Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1956 and received a B.S. in Math Education at West Texas State University in 1960. He and Robin Brook Sumner were married on May 2, 1959 and recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

David retired from Cabot Corporation, having worked in various capacities, including being labor negotiator, director of personnel (North American Carbon Black Division) and corporate employee benefits director.A strong believer in public service, David served on many community board of directors, including the Pampa Regional Medical Center, and Genesis House (halfway house for juveniles) in Pampa. He was United Way Campaign Chairman multiple times. He was elected elder and chairman of the board for the First Christian Church, Pampa, and later elder/ stated clerk for the Presbyterian Church, Pampa.

A strong advocate of scouting, David became president of the Adobe Walls Council, BSA (Texas) in the 70's and served on the Executive Board of the Golden Spread Council.

He received the Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award in 2001 due to his involvement in restoration of Camp M.K. Brown, Miami. In 2003, he was awarded the highest volunteer award in scoutingthe Silver Beaver Award-for his distinguished service to scouting.

At West Texas State University, Canyon, David was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternal brotherhood and was their chartering, First number one (president). He has been president of several KA alumni groups.

There will be two memorial services. On Sat., Sept. 6, a service will be held at 2 p.m. at the Jasper United Methodist Church, 85 W. Church St., Jasper, Ga., with the Reverends John and Judy Wolfe officiating. A second service is being planned later in Pampa, details pending.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation, 1577 NE Expressway, Suite A, Atlanta, GA 30329 or online at: www.choa.org or to the Boy Scouts of America, Golden Spread Council, 401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, TX 79124 or online at: www.goldenspread. org

Sosebee Funeral Home, Canton, Ga. is honored to serve the family. Sosebeefuneralhome.com 770-479-2131.

Donna Jean Galyon Goff

Donna Jean Galyon Goff, 79 of Pampa, died Sept. 3, 2014 in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept.



Donna Goff

5, 2014 at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Rev. Lewis Ellis, Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Goff was born July 30,

1935, in Fairfax, Okla., to Homer and Helen Galyon. She married Cleo A. Goff on Nov. 23, 1952, at Antelope Valley Church of the Brethren. She moved to Pampa permanently in 1956 where she loved her many friends.

Growing up in Garber, Okla., Donna was active as a Garber Wolverine. She participated in oral reading events, was a basketball player, cheerleader, and band member where she played the bells and was flag girl. She accepted Christ at an outdoor tent revival in her hometown and was baptized.

Donna served her church and community in many ways. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren, "Where Friends Meet God." She served in the Women's Work which made curtains, embroidered towels, provided food baskets to help families, and performed a variety of services to help her church. She taught Sunday school and was an active youth ministry leader. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and actively served to refurbish toys for children at Christmastime and provide Christmas food and gifts for families in need. She was a Girl Scout Leader, as well. Donna decorated many birthday cakes, wedding cakes, and all occasion cakes for people over the years while working for Ideal, Albertson, and Frank's Bakeries.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Dorothy Rogers of Enid and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Donna is survived by her husband, Cleo A. Goff; her daughter, Jeannie Belcher and husband Frank of Canadian; her granddaughter, Angela Black and husband Aaron of Canadian; her grandson, Jay Belcher and wife Amy of Amarillo; great-granddaughters, Abigail Black and Arionna Black, both of Canadian; and greatgrandsons, Lachlan Belcher and Aidan Belcher, both of Amarillo. She had nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great nephews who she loved to visit. Nonna, as she was called by her great-grandchildren, loved to attend church, school and athletic events for all her children. She not only showed great love for all of her family, but was also beloved by all of us!

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

AP Exclusive: Police short on Hispanic officers

WASHINGTON (AP) — ney General Holder noted lice," said Theresa Smith, black man by an officer in the city's payroll. "Police Community Louis refocused the coun- they serve," Holder said.

Efforts to improve rela- New Orleans, for exam- es that I inherited," said

The killing of an unarmed the lack of black police on a member of the Anaheim tionships between police ple, is among the most ra- Adrian Garcia, the sheriff Coalition, departments and communi- cially balanced departments in Harris County, Texas. a nearly all-white police forces should reflect the di- which aims to improve po- ties date to the 1950s and in the country. Yet in 2011, The first Hispanic sheriff of department in suburban St. versity of the communities lice oversight. Police shot 1960s, when some depart- the Justice Department the sprawling county that and killed Smith's son in ments started creating com- found that it discriminated includes Houston, Garcia

try on the racial balance becommunities they protect.

Associated Press found the communities where they work has narrowed over the last generation, particularly in departments that once were the least diverse.

A much larger disparity, low number of Hispanic officers in police departments. In Waco, Texas, for example, the community is more than 30 percent Hispanic, but the police department of 231 full-time sworn officers has only 27 Hispanics.

Ferguson, Missouri, a largely white police force protecting a mostly black community.

shooting of 18-year-old Mi-

it was 20 years ago. In trust you." But an analysis by The most cases now, underrep-Providence, Rhode Island, where there are large Hispanic populations, yet few cent year for which the data Hispanic officers.

however, now divides the the circumstances in cities department's racial makeup thony Chapa, executive tomatically doesn't trust such as Ferguson, Chester, Pennsylvania, and Maple Heights, Ohio, where most of the sworn officers are 1987. black representawhite and are protecting tion on police forces has largely black communities. In Anaheim, for instance, where the police department is among the least Across the United States, racially balanced in the na- had a majority Hispanic there are police depart- tion, the police killings of population, yet more than ments that still look like two Latino men in 2012 half of the police departset off weeks of angry pro- ment was white. That's tests. While more than half nearly five times as many the community is Hispan- departments than in 1987, ic, only 23 percent of the when the largest dispari-After rioting followed the sworn police officers are.

chael Brown there, Attor- tween community and po- and residents.

But the situation in Fer- 2009. "You can't bridge munity relations units. tween police forces and the guson is less common than that gap if people don't

The AP compared Census resented minority popula- Bureau data about a comthat the racial gap between tions in police departments munity's racial and ethnic black police officers and are found in places such makeup with staffing suras Anaheim, California, veys by the Justice Depart-West Valley City, Utah, and ment for more than 1,400 police departments from 1987 and 2007, the most re-Less common today are analyzed how different a of discrimination, said An- when the community au- that does not look like the was from the population it served

> The AP found that since improved, such as in New Orleans and in East Orange and Plainfield, New Jersey. At least 49 departments ties disproportionately in-"There's a huge gap be- volved black police officers

Among the most balin diverse cities are in Miami Beach, Florida, Oak Park Village, Illinois, nia, Bexar County, Texas, Cambridge, Massachusetts, New Orleans, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

are available. The AP then is to avoid the perception hard to accomplish that think a police department director of the Hispanic you." American Police Command Officer Association.

problems.

The AP found that even in cities where police departments reflect the com- on law enforcement. But it as a result, I feel like I was munities they protect, there still are issues with racial lice departments made real up the argument that maybe discrimination. Police may efforts. Some departments the policies are short-sided not be able to hire their way still struggle with it today. out of problems.

There are similar concerns representative of the comanced police departments in the Hispanic community. munity. But he's trying to

The executive director of Puentes New Orleans, Carolina Hernandez, said recruiter," Garcia said. "I Pasadena City, Califor- her group has been working have to talk to the comwith local police to bridge the divide between officers and the Latino community. "If you're here to protect One benefit of diversity and serve," she said, "it's

The U.S. government recognized the importance But a diversified police of recruiting more minority force does not solve all the police officers as early as ception," Garcia said. "As 1967, with that recommen- long as the community can dation from President Lyndon Johnson's commission would be years before po-"It is one of the challeng-

against African-Americans. said his department is not change that.

"I call myself the chief munity and let them know what we want their sons and daughters to serve the community.³

Garcia said he does not community it protects is more prone to discrimination than more racially diverse departments.

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ratings are so low when, in terms of bread-andbutter issues, there is more bread and butter

on our tables than there was two years ago, when Steven Joel Obama was reelected. After all, the usual rule is that, absent a major war, boots on the ground somewhere, we Americans tend to vote bread and butter, not war and peace.

Part of the answer, almost certainly, is the nature of midterm elections, the almost inevitable revolt every four years against whichever party holds the White House, which doesn't mean that party won't continue to hold the White House in two more years.

But the other part is the sheer terror of the world and the horrible sense that there is no plan, no strategy, no smart people in a room somewhere who have figured out how to keep our children safe.

Does Obama or Susan Rice or Samantha Power have a clue? This is not



The truths about the Facebook Messenger App.

Recently, Facebook has stopped letting users use the messenger part of their Facebook app and having them



download the Facebook Messenger App. The messenger app is solely the conversations you have with your Facebook friends and

nothing else. Sounds simple enough until you get into the parts about the permissions. It asks for

identity, contacts/calendar, location, text messages, phone, photos, camera/microphone, wi-fi connection, device ID and call information. Let the conspiracy theory and NSAhaters come out with their pitchforks

and torches Immediately after reading these, Facebook came under tons of criticism and was being labeled as intrusive.

While I admit this looks bad. There are plenty of reasons to approve the permissions.

Mashable.com actually broke them down in an article but I will give you the short-end.

If you have your identity linked to your Facebook account, or your friends, this allows for Facebook to give you a quick bridge to their contact information in your address book.

Location? Everything on your phone is tailored to your present location. Ever notice how when you post something it might say "near Pampa, TX" next to your post?

It wants access to your text messages so it can text you to verify it is you.

It also wants access to the phone portion of your device so you can make calls to your contacts directly from the app

If you want to share photos with your friends, it needs access to your cache. It needs access to your camera in

case you want to send video and voice messages to your friends.

So there you have it, the reason behind the "intrusive" requests. Now I understand there are those out there who still find this a privacy violation but it can be remedied.

I am several years behind the curb on my iPhone since I still use a basic iPhone 4, but I checked and it should be the same way to adjust privacy settings for later generations.

Simply go to your "Settings," go to "Privacy" and you can adjust it for contacts, calendars, reminders, photos, bluetooth and microphone. Also, when you install the app, it asks you the first time you log in if it can have permission to several different portions of your phone.

You can also adjust all of your privacy settings on Android devices as well, although that process appears to be a little more tedious, but for those who are concerned about their privacy, it is more than worth it the time.

So if you're still concerned about the intrusiveness of the Facebook Messenger app, the best thing to do is to just not download it.

How do you feel about the app?

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Insurance Insight So what is the future of health insurance during the age of Obamacare?

with people who are committed to ethnic cleansing on a massive scale, using American weapons seized in Iraq to murder those who do not share their extremist religious views, and kidnapping, raping and selling their wives and children? It is not just Americans they hate, and that is no comfort.

And in this morass, who will stop them?

The pressure now is on another of our enemies, Syria's brutal leader, Bashar al-Assad. He made the mistake of thinking, at first, that ISIS would be a distraction from his own troubles, that somehow he could ignore them and purport to be fighting terrorists. We made the mistake, it appears in retrospect, of not realizing that our best hope might have been to arm the non-ISIS opposition, rather than allowing ISIS to assume control. Or maybe, as some of President Obama's supporters speculate, those weapons would have fallen into ISIS's hands, as well. Water under the bridge.

So, is the enemy of our enemy — the brutal Assad — now our friend because at least he doesn't behead American journalists?

Is this world so frightening that we have no choice but to unofficially ally ourselves with murderers to save ourselves from even more brutal murderers?

My Democratic friends ask me why Obama's

about who "spun" what on a Sunday show about Benghazi — the Republicans' favorite political game.

This is about public beheadings, broad-scale ethnic cleansing, news articles suggesting that maybe we somehow need to work with our enemy Assad, and the awful, unsettling feeling you get in the pit of your stomach when you feel like there are no grownups in charge, that no one has a plan, much less an answer.

Or, to quote Obama himself, in his August 28 press conference, "We don't have a strategy yet." Clearly. And that is almost as terrifying as the video.

"Rooting out a cancer like ISIL won't be easy, and it won't be quick,' the president told the American Legion. "But tyrants and murderers before them should recognize that kind of hateful vision ultimately is no match for the strength and hopes of people who stand together for the security and dignity and freedom that is the birthright of every human being.

Sorry, but that sounds like the usual highfalutin rhetoric to me. Maybe Putin knows what it means. But ISIS? I don't think they play by those rules.

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Depending on which part of the country you reside, Obamacare conjures up emotions on either

side of the

aisle. Many

are vastly op-

posed, while

others find it

a reasonable

the problems

solution to



so infinitely **CLABORN** inherent in our current

healthcare system. So what about the next few months and years? What might the landscape look like down the road? That question is much easier asked than answered.

In the immediate future, we fully expect the insurance markets to remain in turmoil at least through the end of February. Last year, 8 million people signed up for health insurance through the federal and state marketplaces. Blue Cross Blue Shield estimated that 650,000 previously uninsured individuals or otherwise non-BCBS members obtained health insurance through their network throughout the country. According to sources, that number is expected to double in year two of the open enrollment period. Here is the situation that we are facing. Insurance companies and federal and state marketplaces are expecting about twice as many consumer seeking health insurance at the end of this year and the beginning of next year. The enrollment season begins on Nov. 15 and ends on Feb. 15. That means twice the number of people using HealthCare.gov and other marketplace mecha-

nisms in half the time as last year. However, it does not stop there. Not only are there projections of 16 million new enrollees, but what about the individuals who were insured through the marketplaces last year? What about those that received tax credits? What we are hearing is that the renewal process will be "automatic". According to the principal deputy administrator for Medicare, the renewal process "will be like group insurance for individuals. They will be able to do absolutely nothing to renew". Now, this sounds like a best case scenario, right? Wrong. This could lead to catastrophic consequences. Here's why. From everything I am reading as of this morning, there is no mention of how the marketplace will offset or equalize the rise of premiums from insurance companies. Everything being circulated up to this point mentions that automatic renewals will consist of the same tax credit on the same plan. That is all well and good when insurance companies hold rates steady. What does that mean for an individual that keeps his same plan with his same tax credit, but experiences a rate increase from his carrier? Based on what we're hearing from sources close to the administrative process of HealthCare.gov, there is no answer at this point. Here is a scenario of what could occur. Dave Johnson is currently insured by XYZ Insurance Company under their Silver plan with a \$1,500 deductible. The gross monthly premium on his plan is \$600 per month, but he receives a

federal tax credit of \$500 per month. So, his net premium is very manageable at \$100 per month. XYZ Insurance Company experiences a modest 13 percent rate increase this year. That increases the gross monthly premium to \$678 per month. Now, if Mr. Johnson's plan automatically renews with the same tax credit and the same plan, his net premium jumps up from \$100 per month to \$178 per month. This is a very consequential issue that we may have to consider.

Now, HealthCare.gov will have to be able to accommodate the 16 million new enrollees and, in the worst case scenario, 8 million previously insured members. That is three times the total for year one. Am I confident that the website will be fully operational one year and over \$800 million later? Absolutely not. The website remains relatively functional at best with unresolved issues that will hamper enrollments exponentially this year. We are in for a very long, arduous, confusing, and irritating enrollment season. Mass confusion will reign again.

So what about the distant future of health insurance? There are opinions from both parties that tend to lean in drastically different directions. Fox News says health insurance rates will triple, and there will be no more doctors practicing in America, MSNBC says rates will be drastically cut and care will be improved, and CNN says you can bake a chocolate chip blueberry cupcake at half the calories of a normal cupcake; I digress.

It's impossible to fully know the ramifications, either good or bad, of the healthcare law on the medical and insurance industries. However, we have seen many signs that point to extremes on both sides. For example, many doctors do not accept Obamacare plans because of the reimbursement rates up this point, and many more doctors are getting out of the Obamacare business. Conversely, we are seeing higher rates of patient care for the previously uninsured that is allowing them to maintain their health a little bit better. The downside to that is insurance companies have seen a surge in costly, intensive care for those individuals that have not been paying into the insurance system, but have had immediate access to extremely costly procedures and care. The point of all this is that with such sweeping legislation, there are bound to be a few glitches here and there, but there are also bound to be a few success stories with it. I fully see a drastic landscape change in the health care industries over the coming decade. It remains to be seen where that change will take us. If I had to venture an opinion, I would say we're in for a rude awakening.

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THE 2014 4-H COOKOFF FEATURING JOE OSTASZEWSKI



Photos by John Lee

Above left, Gary Whilloughby's junior intermediate team, which consisted of, in no particular order, Emily Robertson, Samantha Price, Wvatt Epperson and Jacee Sellers. Above middle, Joe Ostaszewski's senior team, which consisted of, in no particular order, Kaitlyn Dart, Delaney Riggs and Marle Youree. Above

right, Brandon Dukes' junior intermediate team, which consisted of, in no particular order, Kellie Mae Davis, Jennifer Price, Bryson Epperson, Savannah Sellers and Tony Soria. Below left, Kellie, Savannah and Tony work on their plate. Below middle, Kaitlyn and Delaney work with Joe O. on their dish. Below right, Gary Whilloughby's team answers questions about their dish. Bottom left, Gary Whilloughby's team works diligently on their dish as does Joe O.'s team in the bottom middle picture. Bottom right, the Gray County 4-H presented Joe O. with a shirt as a gift from Gray County and surrounding 4-Hs.



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Directly from the Dugout

Holland impresses in first start of season

much negative around the Texas Rangers this season I start of my articles on some-Derek Holland. He missed most of the season due to an injury he suffered falling down the stairs in his home. Holland got to start for Texas on Tuesday night against the Kansas City Royals. He was very impressive. Most starters do not perform well in their first game back from a DLstint but Holland went seven innings and only allowed one run. He also struck out six batters. It is unfortunate that he didn't pick up a win because Michael Kirkman allowed men to get on base and Jerome Edwards let them come in to score to give the Royals a 2-1 victory. But we can't blame the pitchers, where was the offense? With runners in scoring position Texas went 0-7 and left eight men on base. Alex Rios had a double and Rougned Odor had a triple. That was the extent of the Rangers offense. Final: Royals 2, Rangers 1.

Texas series with the Astros this past weekend lets go ahead and finish up this Royals series. Game three was played after press time on Wednesday. But now lets go back to game one that was played Monday.

Colby Lewis hit the mound in game one of the series. He gave up four runs and struck out five in seven innings of work. Shawn Tolleson and Alexander Claudio came in for an inning of work combined and didn't allow any runs. The offense was kind of stagnant again. Elvis Andrus and position. Final: Royals 4, Rangers 3. Colby Lewis also hit the mound last Wednesday in a game that was too late to while only allowing four runs against the Mariners. The Rangers offense did not disappoint Lewis and scored the finale on Sunday. He al- peting next year for the AL

Since there has been so pick up the win. Telis and a third innings of work. Andrus each doubled. Odor Mendez pitched a scoreless had a grand slam and Leo- inning and a third. Cotts think I will start focusing the nys Martin also homered gave up two runs in one in the game. The Rangers inning of work and Neftali thing good they have done. only left one man on base Feliz pitched a clean one This week that would be and went 4-8 with runners third of a inning. Rios and in scoring positon. Final: Rangers 12, Mariners 4.

game series with the Astros game. That was the extent that started Thursday. Nick Tepesch hit the mound and allowed two runs in four and a third innings of work. Roman Mendez allowed two more runs in one and two thirds innings. Phil Klein AL West Standings as of and Tolleson each pitched a shutout inning of relief. The offense was non-existent again. Robinson Chirinos had a double and Mike Carp had an RBI. Those were the fourth at 60-79. Texas main offensive hits Texas had. They went 1-8 with runners in scoring position and left six men on base. Final: Astros 4, Rangers 2.

The offense came alive for Texas on Friday and plated 13 runs. Andrus, Choice, Rios and Beltre all had doubles in the game. Choice and Odor homered in the game. Andrus (2), Beltre, Odor (3), Choice (3), Telis, and Dan Robertson all Before we talk about the had one or more RBIs in the game. Texas went 8-15 with runners in scoring position and only left four men on base. Scott Baker was on the mound for the Rangers and went six and a third innings with three strike outs and only two runs allowed. Claudio allowed one run in He is currently playing for an inning and two thirds of the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. work. Neal Cotts allowed three runs in one inning of Advanced affiliate. In 183 relief. Final: Rangers 13, at bats for the Pelicans he Astros 6.

start on Saturday. He threw also stolen five bases. five innings without allowing a hit. He also struck out five batters. Unfortunately Houston and Atlanta left on Adam Rosales each doubled it was another game where their schedule. It would be in the game. Adrian Beltre, the relievers and offense nice as a Rangers fan to see Michael Choice and Tomas blew the game up for the them do some spoiling over Telis each had an RBI in starters. Klein gave up two this next month of the seathe game. Four men were runs in one and two thirds son and spoil some teams' left on base and Texas went innings of work. Tolleson hopes of making the play-2-6 with runners in scoring kept the Astros off the board offs this season. Another for his inning and a third of thing to hope for is no more work. The offense was flat injuries. Yes, it is great we miserable though. Texas left got to see Derek Holland three men on base and went again, but we can't afford 0-1 with runners in scoring to lose him to another inrun the recap in last week's position. The sad fact there jury that may keep him out article. He went the distance is that the Rangers only had for parts of the 2015 seaand struck out seven batters one man reach second base son. Everyone just needs to in the game. Final: Astros 2, Rangers 0.

Robertson each doubled in the game. Ryan Rua and Now we get to the four Rios each had an RBI in the of the Texas offense. The Rangers went 2-7 with runners in scoring position and left six men on base. Final: Astros 3, Rangers 2.

> Here is a look at the Wednesday morning. Los Angeles is in first at 83-54. Oakland stays in second at 79-59. Seattle is in third at 74-63. Houston remains brings up the rear at 53-85.

The next player up in our prospect watch is Lewis Brinson. He is an outfielder and ranks eighth in the Texas farm system. Scouts say he has three or more tools in his power, speed and centerfield defense. His arm isn't far behind either they say. He must prove that he can make consistent contact to advance in the minors. His biggest issue is a lack of pitch recognition which can leave him helpless against breaking balls. They left the final statement that if he can improve as a hitter; he has the rest of the tools needed to become an All-Star center fielder. His projected call up date is sometime in 2016. They are Texas' Class-A has hit .246 with three home Robbie Ross had a great runs and 22 RBIs. He has

Texas has Seattle, Los Angeles twice, Oakland twice, stay healthy the rest of the way. Texas will be back com-

2014 NFL Season Preview Seahawks seek to repeat as Super Bowl champions

By Forrest Grimes fgrimes@thepampanews. com

Last season, the Seattle Seahawks went 13-3 on their way to their first Super Bowl win in franchise history.

Russell Wilson enters his third season as the Seahawks' signal-caller. Last season he threw for 3,357 yards, 26 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

The Seattle offense was much more reliant on their run game. Wilson ran for 524 yards and three touchdowns. Veteran running back Marshawn Lynch ran for 1,257 yards and 12 touchdowns on 301 carries last season. They'll rely on him again this year. The secondary running back will be Robert Turbin again this year.

Golden Tate was the Seahawks' leading receiver last season, but he is in Detroit now. They get Percy Harvin back, who missed the entire 2013-2014 regular season. He is expected to pick up Tate's his production this season. The other starting receiver, Doug Baldwin, had 50 catches for 778 yards and five touchdowns, last season. The Seahawks also drafted two wide receiv-

ers, Colorado's Paul Rich- viously mentioned, the Seardson in the second round ahawks drafted UCLA deand Alabama's Kevin Nor- fensive end Cassius Marsh, wood in the fourth round. Boston College linebacker At tight end, Seattle has Kevin Pierre-Louis, Mid-Zach Miller.

Sweezy. Britt was Seattle's Kiero Small. third-round draft pick.

the best defense in the home against the Green NFL, allowing an average Bay Packers. Seattle only of 273.6 yards per game.

Starting on the defensive line will be Michael the San Diego Chargers Bennett, Tony McDaniel, before a Super Bowl re-Brandon Mebane and Cliff match at home with the Avril. Defensive ends Ben- Denver Broncos. nett and Avril combined for 16.5 sacks last season. The starting lineback- Washington

ers will be Bruce Irvin, Dallas Cowboys, St. Bobby Wagner and K.J. Louis Rams and Carolina team in tackles last season the Oakland Raiders, New with 120. He also have five York Giants, Kansas City sacks and two intercep- Chiefs, Arizona Cardinals tions.

will start Richard Sher- Philadelphia Eagles, San man, Kam Chancellor, Francisco 49ers, Arizona Earl Thomas and Byron Cardinals and St. Louis Maxwell. Sherman led the Rams. NFL with eight interceptions last season, but could having another good seabe in for a down year if son with a 12-4 record, he doesn't get his off-the- but no repeat for the field issues under control. defending Super Bowl

In addition to those pre- champions.

dle Tennessee State defen-The starting offensive sive tackle Jimmy Staten, linemen for the Seahawks Marshall offensive tackle will be Russell Okung, Garrett Scott, San Diego Justin Britt, James Carpen- State safety Eric Pinkins ter, Max Unger and J.R. and Wisconsin fullback

The Seahawks begin Last season, Seattle had their season tonight at lost one home game last season. Next they play

After their bye week, the Seahawks play the Redskins, Wright. Wagner led the Panthers. Next the have and San Francisco 49ers. In the secondary, Seattle They finish the season the

I have the Seahawks

Petty plans to play injured

quarterback Bryce Petty started doing sit-ups in his bed.

Petty, who has two small, cracked bones in his back, also plans to be throwing passes for the 10th-ranked Bears in their next game Saturday night.

clearly in discomfort while this week. woke up Tuesday and throwing for 161 yards with two touchdowns. He play if he's not 100 peralso ran for a score to put cent. When asked about Baylor up 31-0.

vealed two cracked trans- acknowledged that the verse processes, which are coach would have the final small bones that stick out word. from each side of a verte-

WACO (AP) — Baylor only the first half, and was their approach with Petty

Briles said Petty won't that, Petty smiled and said An MRI on Monday re- he'd be 100 percent, but

"We understand it's a

Nick Martinez pitched plenty of runs for him to lowed one run in five and West once again. "I didn't come back to bra

sit again on the sidelines and watch. Every game is lot you can do for it. It's every football game," important and Northwest- kind of like a pinkie finger, Briles said. "But at the end ern State is important to me," Petty said Tuesday. "So I want to be out there. ... I'll be all right. We'll be good."

fensive player of the year fight through it." took a shot to the back on

surgery on it or anything like that," Petty said during his weekly availability The reigning Big 12 of- just kind of brace it up and Bryce Petty to do that."

his first series of the season Big 12 champion Bears dan Najvar and linebacker in a 45-0 win over SMU on will "certainly monitor Brody Trahan, had the Sunday night. Petty played him and be intelligent" on same injury in the past.

marathon, it's not a sprint, "There's not a whole and our goals are to win you're not going to get of the day, we want to win the Big 12 championship and we want to be in the final four (college footon the Waco campus. "You ball playoff), and we need

Two of Petty's former Coach Art Briles said the teammates, tight end Jor-

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September 9

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• Town Hall Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce with Senator Kel Seliger from 9:30 am to 10:30 pm

September 13

- Junk to Treasure Marketplace at M.K. Brown Auditorium form 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Quilts of Valor at the Pampa Armory on Hwy 60 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- A Time of Valor at the Pampa Armory on Hwy 60 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

September 14

 Conversation with Ambassador SichanSiv at First Presbyterian Church from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

September 16

- Chamber Luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce. Program is Rep. Ken King. Cost is \$10 per person
- Accolade Home Care Community Health Fair 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the M.K. Brown Auditorium

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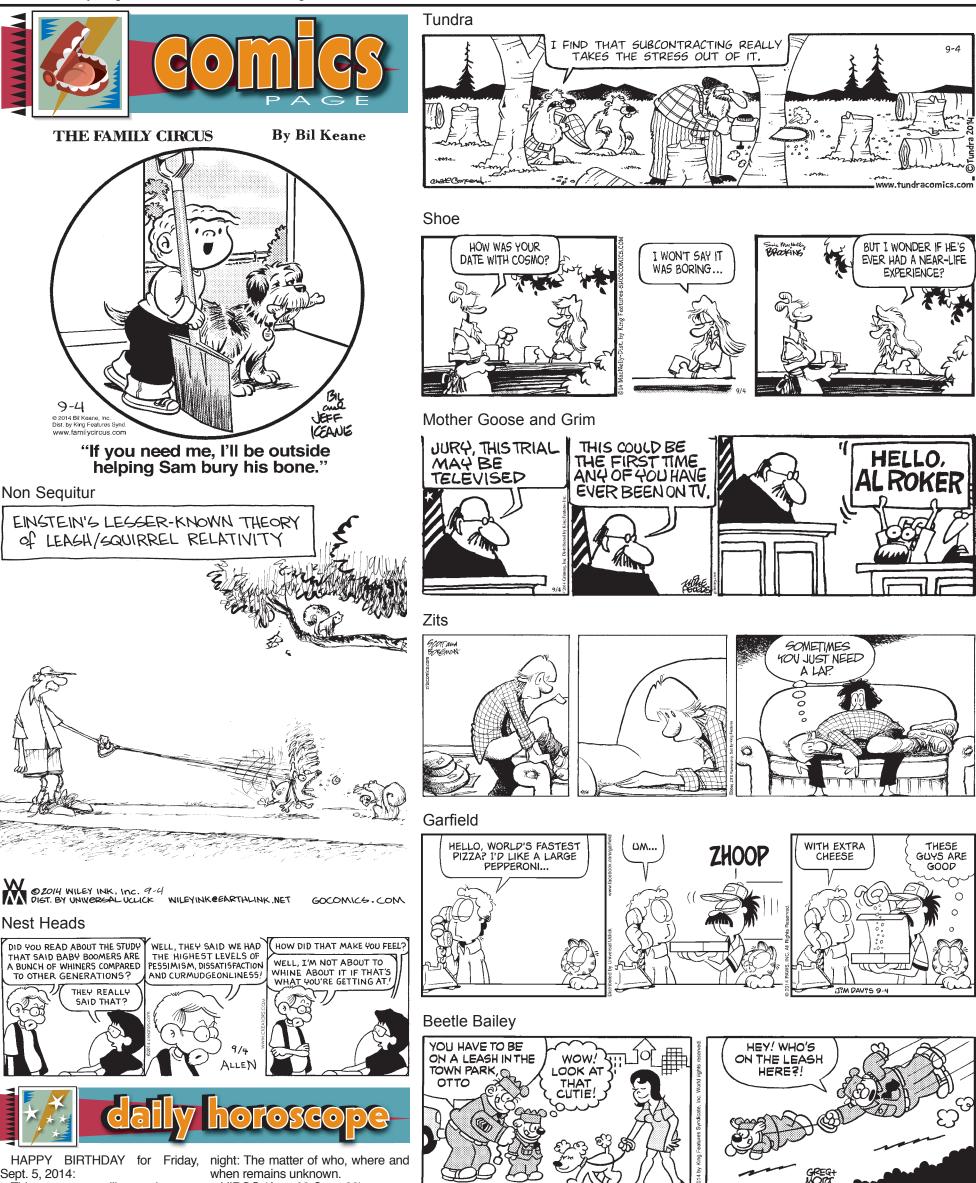
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This year you will experience a new beginning in your life that is likely to occur in late summer. If you are single, use caution when meeting new people, especially if you are interested in them romantically. The issue that surrounds your love life is a tendency to choose emotionally unavailable suitors. Be a realist with love, and everything will work out. If you are attached, you will develop a deeper and closer bond between lutely must be done. Fatigue marks you. Know that this is a very powerful year for you as a couple. AQUARIUS often shakes up the status quo.

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)

★★★★ Assume your natural role as leader of the gang in your immediate circle. A conversation will open up a door. The tone you use, as well as your expressions, will tell the whole story. Be aware of a partner's needs. Don't lose your focus. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might be looking past the obvious in order to gain a better perspective of what is going on. You could be missing an important detail as a result. You are still in need of more detachment. A loved one will delight you. Let your feelings out. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Complete what must be done in order to relax and get into weekend mode; otherwise, you could be fussy and demanding. Learn to detach and let go of the day's aggravation. Use your self-discipline, and you will be happy with the outcome. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your popularity will soar because of your flexibility. Many people are likely to seek you out in both your personal and professional lives. What is clear is that people trust your judgment. Be gentle with your choice of words. Tonight: Respond appropriately

LÉO (July 23-Aug. 22)

know what must be accomplished. The need to carry out a lot of pending errands will become more and more dominant. Start your weekend with a clean slate. Your popularity soars. ToVIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You just might want to relax at home. Make that OK, as everyone needs a day off from time to time. Venus moves into your sign, which adds an alluring element to your day. You could feel awkward in a normally easy situation. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Take care of what absoyour day, which could leave you wondering whether you need to cancel tonight's plans. The answer will come forward in the early evening. Nothing is going to stop you. Tonight: Go for what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Say what you really think, and don't sell out or change topics. Communication will remain active, but you might not want to say "yes" to everyone. Let your plans form by allowing your heart to make the final choice. Tonight: Consider making this an early night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Be sensitive to an ongoing financial matter that could rear its ugly head today. Self-discipline will go a long way if you choose to use it. Your cavalier attitude might cause you more trouble than you realize. Tonight: Flirt the night away, especially with the right person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Be spontaneous and natural, and you can't go wrong. You understand boundaries well. Do not allow yourself to continue with selfimposed limitations. The time has come to break free. Discipline a tendency to go to excess. Tonight: The party could go on and on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Use the daylight hours to recuperate from recent events and situations, as you have been going fullthrottle for quite some time. A partner entices you to follow his or her lead. Tonight: Be open to walking through a new door or two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Focus on friends, and fa-*** Emphasize the moment, and cilitate a situation that could bring you a lot of happiness. You might find the Friday nature of the day promotes a fun, late lunch. Listen to what various friends would like to share. Tonight: Make it OK to vanish.



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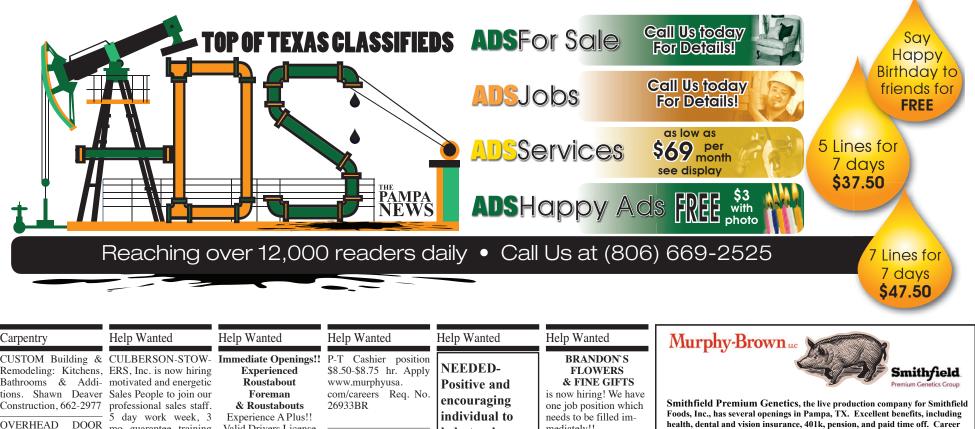
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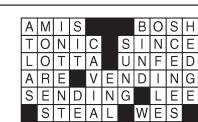
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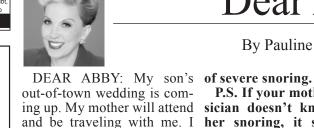
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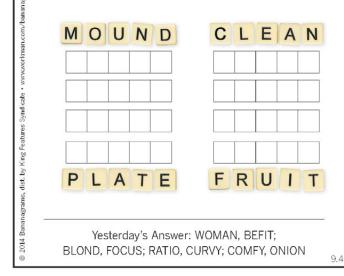
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2014 NFL Season Preview

Michael Sam signs with Cowboys

Sam's chael Dallas Cowboys.

Coach Jason Garrett undrafted rookies. said Wednesday that the

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Michael Sam

team, Garrett said. where our attention is draft. (football). What people say outside the organization is up to them."

The Cowboys, who are seeking help with their pass rush because of injuries and the offseason release of franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware, added Sam four days after he was released by St. Louis when teams had to cut rosters to 53 players.

Sam isn't likely to be on the active roster for Sunday's opener against San Francisco.

Any team can sign Sam off the Cowboys' practice squad, but would have to put him on the 53-man roster for a minimum of four weeks.

Being on the Dallas roster means Sam is returning to his home state. He was a lightly regarded recruit out of Hitchcock, Texas, a town of about 7,000 along the Gulf Coast about 40 miles southeast of Houston. His first two years at Missouri, Sam backed up Aldon Smith and Jacquies Smith, both of whom are in the NFL.

The Cowboys didn't have Sam on their draft

IRVING (AP) — Mi- with proven pass rushsecond ers. But he also lost out chance will be with the to Ethan Westbrooks, the Rams' top target among

Sam had three sacks, league's first openly gay one more than Westthird-stringers. Westa 1-2 sacks for West Texas

After coming out as and gay to his Missouri teamhelp our mates before his senior football season, Sam told the rest of the world about three "That's months before the May

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BY JOHN LEE jclee@thepampanews.com

After a lopsided loss in quarterback Peyton Manning's third Super Bowl, Denver Broncos' executive director of football operations John Elway spent the offseason buying pieces to improve a defense ranked 19th in the league.

The Broncos recruited former Patriots corner Aqib Talib, Browns safety T.J. Ward and Cowboys defensive end DeMarcus Ware.

They didn't stop there. With the Broncos' first pick April's draft, they selected Bradley Roby, a corner out

LSU, and Corey Nelson, another linebacker from Oklahoma.

Jammer and Michael Huff ers. are all either on different teams or not playing at all this year.

They do return corners Tony Carter and Chris Harris, while adding Talib,

of Ohio St. They also se- Ward, Ware, Marvin Aus- season at home against the lected Lamin Barrow, an tin, Charles Mitchell, Cody Indianapolis Colts, who outside linebacker from Larson, Will Pericak, Chase won the first round of Man-Vaughn and Brian Sanford.

Broncos look to avoid

Super Bowl hangover

and Knowshon Moreno are who the Broncos swept They did lose several both gone as well as Zane pieces on defense, how- Beadles. But they drafted ever. Champ Bailey, Wes- tackle Michael Schofield for a revenge game against ley Woodyard, Dominique from Michigan and Cody the Seattle Seahawks. The Rodgers-Cromartie, Robert Latimer, a wide receiver Broncos have a bye then Ayers, Mike Adams, Duke from Indiana. They also host the Arizona Cardinals. Ihenacho, Jeremy Mincey, signed former Steelers Shaun Phillips, Quentin wideout Emmanuel Sand-

> With new pieces in the receiving corp. and sec- York (Jets), host the San ond-year back Montee Francisco 49ers and San Ball ready to be the Broncos' bell-cow, this offense to New England. Again beshouldn't miss a beat. They ing 3-1 with the loss comwill however, lose slot re- ing from the one place ceiver expert Wes Welker, Peyton Manning's powers who tested positive for am- don't work, Gillette Staphetamine.

> Ball had 120 carries with 559 yards and will run behind a line made up of Ryan Miami Dolphins and travel Clady, Orlando Franklin, to Kansas City, a stretch Manny Ramirez, Louis Vasquez and Chris Clark. Ramirez and played their college ball at Texas Tech. This is the Diego and Cincinnati and same line that allowed then hosting the Raiders. Manning to have a recordbreaking 5,477 yards and ing on the weather in Ohio 55 touchdowns.

> have fourth-year player cinnati. Von Miller returning to pair up with Ware, which will 2, win one of the top two give offensive coordinators headaches.

ning vs. Colts last season. On offense, Eric Decker Then they host the Chiefs, last year, before traveling to the Pacific Northwest The Broncos should be 3-1 after this, with the lone loss being at Seattle.

Then they travel to New Diego Chargers and travel dium.

They travel to Oakland and St. Louis, then host the where they should go 4-0.

They close the season Vasquez hosting the Bills, going on a two-game road trip to San They could go 4-0, dependfor that Monday Night The defense will also Football game against Cin-

The Broncos will go 14seeds in the AFC and potentially make a return trip The Broncos open the to the Super Bowl.

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board, with owner Jerry Jones saying his size and skill set had him caught between defensive end and outside linebacker. Dallas passed on him with three of five seventh-round picks before the Rams got him at No. 249 out of 256 selections.

But Dallas heads into the opener with serious questions about its defensive line after giving up the most yards in the NFL last year — and third-most in league history.

Defensive end George Selvie, who might miss the opener with a shoulder injury, is the only Dallas lineman who had more than two sacks last year.

Tackle Terrell Mc-Clain, one of the key free agent signings, is likely out with a sprained ankle. The other major free agent pickup, tackle Henry Melton, missed all the preseason games with a groin injury. He hasn't played since tearing a knee ligament with Chicago in Week 3 last year.

DeMarcus Rookie who was Lawrence, drafted in the second round with the hope that he could at least partially fill Ware's void, can't play until after the eighth game. He's on short-term injured reserve with a broken right foot.

Sam, the SEC defensive player of the year with 11 1/2 sacks at Missouri last season, couldn't crack a St. Louis roster that was stocked

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Welker suspended for four games

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(AP) — The Denver Bron- at times last year when cos will be without Wes Welker was out. Welker for the first four

> Normally, the league announces such violations on Monday. News Welker's

until late Tuesday, after the league offices had closed and the Broncos had already finished drawing up against Indianapolis, undoubtedly with Welker playing a prominent role.

ESPN first reported Welker's suspension, saying the violation had to do with amphetamines.

Welker told the Denver Post in an email that he was "as shocked as everyone at today's news." He noted he's meticulous about what he puts in his body and fensive backs that roughed would "never knowingly take a substance to gain a competitive advantage in any way."

The 11th-year pro who's been the NFL's top slot receiver over the last decade added that he never concerned himself with the league's drug rules but now realizes those policies "are in New England with Tom clearly flawed.

While it takes multiple violations of the league's substance-abuse policies to trigger a suspension, a four-game ban is issued about his pending suspenfor a single violation of the sion. He then played in a NFL's ban on performanceenhancing substances.

Welker's suspension will cost him roughly \$706,000 in base salary.

ing Wes is very disappointing, but we understand the league's authority in this area," coach John Fox said in a statement. "While it's came when he tried to duck unfortunate to not have following a catch over the him to start the year, I have middle and absorbed a helfull confidence in our wide met hit by D.J. Swearinger. receivers and expect that Swearinger's hit knocked group to continue playing Welker from the game and at a high level." in the two greatest statistical offenses in NFL history: the 2007 New England Patriots and last year's Broncos. He caught 73 passes for was later fined \$8,268. 778 yards and a career-high "Obviously, I'm con-10 TDs despite missing cerned about Wes," Manthe last 3 1/2 games of last ning said after the game. season. He returned for the playoffs and had 18 catches come out of the game with for 160 yards and a TD. Manning will have to lean kept him out for a while." more on speedy wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders, of action until Oct. 12, who's played in the slot when the Broncos visit the before, or tight end Jacob Jets.

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. Tamme, who filled the role

Tight end Julius Thomas games of the season after is also better working the the NFL said the receiver middle of the field. And if violated the league's per- Sanders moves inside, that formance-enhancing drug opens up playing time for policy. rookie Cody Latimer or Bubba Caldwell opposite flanker Demaryius Thomas.

> "I have no doubt that Wes will remain focused on his preparations for the season and stay in excellent shape during his time away from the team," Fox said.

Even before Welker's come down ban was issued, the Broncos were facing a daunting first month to open the season. Kicker Matt Prater has been suspended for the first blueprints for their opener four games for an alcoholrelated violation of league rules and leading tackler Danny Trevathan is out for the first three games with a broken left leg.

Welker will miss games against Indianapolis, Kansas City, Seattle and Arizona. All four teams won 10 or more games last season.

The Seahawks and Colts both feature physical deup the Broncos' receivers at the line of scrimmage in wins over Denver last season

Adept at getting open in 1-on-1 coverage and finding the holes in zones, Welker hit it off immediately with Manning last year after spending six seasons Brady.

Welker was excused from practices for two days last month, apparently to meet with league officials preseason game against Houston on Aug. 23, when he sustained his third concussion since Nov. 17.

Welker returned to prac-"Tonight's news regard- tice Monday but declined comment afterward, saying he had to rush to a team function.

His latest head injury

drew a 15-yard penalty Welker played a key role and the wrath of Manning. The quarterback raced up to say some choice words to the swaggering safety, drawing his first taunting penalty of his career. He "I didn't like seeing him a blow to the head. He had Without Welker, Peyton one of those last year that Welker will now be out

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