

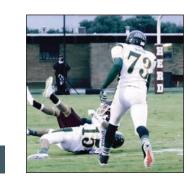


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Distance runner coming through Pampa next week

■ New Zealand man on a 'Forrest Gump'-like run across U.S. expected in Pampa on Sept. 29.

> By JOHN LEE jclee@thepampanews.com

When Forrest Gump ran across the United States in 1994's big hit "Forrest Gump," reporters asked him why to which he simply replied "I just felt like running."

Many people trek a cross the country for several reasons: raise awareness, raise money for charity and sometimes even as a competition.

In the case of Perry Newburn, a 59-year old New Zealander, it's for charity.

Newburn, who is part of running group called Moon

Joggers, is running across America raising funds for Koru Care and the Little Heroes foundations. Both are New Zealand-based organizations which help children.

The name of the run is "Perry's Run: America in 46 Days," and was inspired by a milestone Newburn will be celebrating this month.

Newburn will be turning 60 this month and has needed something to inspire him.

Newburn wants to break Frank Giannino Jr.'s record of running across the U.S. in 46 days, eight hours and

He will be staying in Pampa with Pampa High School teacher Greg Easley, who discovered him on couchsurfing.com. The website is designed to connect people traveling the country with those willing to loan a room out for the night to the travelers.

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Perry Newburn is running across America and hopes to finish in a record-setting 46 days.

PHS CLASS OF 1959 TO HOLD 55TH REUNION



Photo by John Lee

The Pampa High School class of 1959 will hold its 55th reunion on Sept. 26 and 27 at Briarwood Full Gospel Chirch, located at 1800 W. Harvester. Class members are pictured from left to right. Front row, Martha Jonas, Helen Allison, Judy Davis and Pat Bolton. Back row, Arthur Rohde, Larry Holmes, Guy Thompson and Larry Ingrum.

City Commission meeting Friday moved to next week

SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF PAMPA

The Pampa City Commission meeting scheduled for this Friday has been rescheduled for next week in order to satisfy truth and taxation guidelines and chapter 26 of the tax code. The scheduled meeting of the commission also had items listed that are no longer relative after the commission tabled a vote on the budget Tuesday

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DPS Trooper seizes almost \$86,000

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DPS

AMARILLO - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Tuesday on Interstate 40, yielding almost \$86,000 in U.S. currency.

At approximately 1:53 p.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2005 Honda Odyssey traveling eastbound on I-40, for a traffic violation, near Groom in Carson County.

The driver of the Odyssey was identified as Nathaniel Medina, 30, of Easton, Pa. During the traffic

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Two Pampa High School graduates to be inducted into Hall of Fame today

STAFF REPORT

This morning PHS graduates Zach Thomas and Drew Harvey will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at 9:30 a.m. in the McNeely Fieldhouse. Each of these gentlemen have a number of great achievements since gradu-

Zach Thomas

Thomas

Pampa High School Class of 1992 Zachary Michael Thomas was born Sept. 1, 1973 to

Steve and Barbara Ann Thomas. Zach has one older brother, Bart and one younger sister, Katina.

He attended White Deer Public Schools

from Kindergarten through his freshman year of high school. He participated in numerous U.I.L. competitions where he excelled. He played summer baseball, basketball, gymnastics, track and was even in the band. He enjoyed weight lifting and football, where he began his

journey playing "Mean Machine" football 3rd through 6th Grade.

He started as a freshman on the White Deer 1988 State Champion undefeated team, with his brother Bart leading as the quarterback. He was named Amarillo Globe News Newcomer of the Year.

Zach transferred to Pampa where he played Harvester baseball and football. His Senior season the Harvesters won district, bi-district, area and regional which was a record setting year. It was the first time in PHS history for the Football team to advance to the quarter-finals. Sports Hall of Fame.

Zach was named the District MVP and the Globe News Super Team Defensive Player of the Year. He was named First Team All-State his senior year. He is in the Texas High School Sports Hall of Fame and The Panhandle Upon graduation, Zach accepted the scholarship invitation to Texas Tech University where his brother Bart was playing. They became the only brothers in the history of

the Southwest Conference to both receive All-Southwest

Conference in the same year. Zach was awarded the

Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year his junior and senior years. He recently was inducted into the 2014 Southwest Conference Hall of Fame.

Zach was the only three-year captain chosen by his teammates in Texas Tech Football History. He received the E.J. Holub "Double Tough" Award presented to the player who shows leadership and dedication.

Selected by the Texas Tech players he was awarded the Pete Cawthorn Memorial Award for Most Valuable Player (MVP) exemplifying valuable leadership and skills in both 1995 and 1996.

He was a two-time unanimous First-Team All-American in 1994 and 1995. Also, he was selected as a 1995 finalist for the "Butkus Award." In 2006, Zach was inducted into the Texas Tech Athletics Hall of Honor. Receiving many awards and honors, he set a school record of 20 tackles in a single game against Missouri. All the while, remaining humble and giving praise to those around him: his teammates, coaches and all those that made it possible for him to become the player he was.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday Today

Low

Today: Afternoon thunderstorms with a high of

His heart, humility and work ethic paid off as he became a member of the National Football League as a Miami Dolphin. New Head Coach Jimmy

Sunday

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Johnson selected a 5'11" linebacker from Pampa in the fifth round of the 1996 NFL Draft with the 154th overall pick. He would wear the number 54 jersey throughout his spectacular Miami career. Zach had only seen NFL games on television and had never attended an NFL game until his first official pro game, which he played on his birthday, Sept. 1, 1996. As a rookie, Thomas led Miami with 154 total tackles (same number as his draft pick!). Teammates reported that he was first in the locker room and the last to leave. Thomas was a student of the game, a football junkie, and that gave him an edge. As a rookie he was recognized as the team's MVP and Newcomer of the Year by South Florida Media. He became the first rookie to earn MVP since Dan Marino in 1983 and first defensive player since 1976. Also, Zach received the 1996 Unsung Hero Award selected by NFL

Zach was selected to the Pro Bowl seven times during his career. He also earned first-team All-NFL honors five times. Selected to the 1998 "All-Madden Team". He was a three time Dolphin Leadership Award Recipient. He was chosen to the "All-Iron Team" as selected by CBS analyst Phil Simms and PFWA Dolphins Chapter "Good

Players Association and

Became the first Dolphin

in team history to receive

NFL Defensive Rookie of

the Month

Guy" Award. Linebacker Thomas was voted by the Associated Press to the All-Pro Team seven times being the second most selected in franchise history. Zach played 12 years with the Miami Dolphins receiving numerous awards. He is Miami's all-time tackle leader with

ceptions with four. He was selected as third on the Miami Dolphins All-Time Top 100 Players. He played one year with

the Dallas Cowboys wearing number 55. His 1,733 total tackles are more than any linebacker currently in the Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the "Miami Dolphin Ring of

Honor" with his name and number on the stadium wall in 2012. Zach has also been nominated for the NFL Hall of Fame.

Opportunities are endless for NFL players to participate in various benefit, charity and community service projects. Zach has enjoyed sharing his time, finances and talent in helping others. Children's hospitals, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Hometown Huddle, fishing tournaments, celebrity golf tournaments, John Offerdahl-Gridiron Grill Off (for foster children), speaking to youth appearances, Camp Katina, etc. Military and veterans are favorites of Zach. He visits veteran's hospitals and also visited the troops sponsored by USO and NFL in Germany – 469th Air Base Group – Kaiserslautern visiting troops in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center – Heidelberg and Frankfurt, Germany.

He also traveled to Iraq for the Tostitos, 2011 "Salute the Troops" and "Con-

Zach and Dr. Maritzabel Lozano were married in 2006. They are the proud parents of two children, Christian Zachary, four, and Valentina Bella, three. They reside in South Flor-

Drew was born in Pampa

nect to Home Bowl" held in Joint Base Balad, Iraq, placing the spotlight on and celebrating U.S. military men and women heroes stationed in Iraq. The game was actually played during the Holiday season December 2010 and broadcasted during the Fiesta Bowl halftime.

Drew Harvey Pampa High School Class of 1964

Texas and raised on a wheat



grade

years! Harry Nelson, Drew's grandfather, broke out the land in children, and his youth was filled with hours of tractor driving, wheat harvesting and working cattle. The wonderful family, friendships, inspiring teachers, the excellent environment of Pampa High School and the "Panhandle work ethic" laid a strong foundation for as Tech University. Drew graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering Aluminum Company of the Gulf Coast of Texas. But, after only five months, he was drafted into the but at White Sands Mis-He returned to Alcoa for a 36-year career living in Texas, Tennessee, Brazil, and finally Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1982. As a registered professional engineer, most of his early work was in the smelting and casting businesses working on opexpansions. After moving to Pittsburgh, he was part of a team starting a new business unit, Alcoa Automotive Structures, which hoped to convince the auto industry that car bodies should be aluminum, not steel. As the engineering director, Drew traveled extensively to Europe and Japan and eventually in Germany that supplied aluminum "space frame" bodies to Audi for the A8, the world's first production volume aluminum car. plants followed in Hungary, Italy, England, Spain, Drew led implementation of advanced manufacturing technologies throughout the business unit before retiring in 2004 at the age

of 58. His wife Paula retired the same year after many years of teaching at the elementary and pre-school levels. They have a son, Tyson, a 2-year-old son, Spencer mals. Lloyd. An avid bicyclist, Drew enjoys multi-day,

1,639 tackles. He also farm, 16 miles east of town. long distance bike tours holds the Dolphin record The bus driver began driv- through various states. He for career touchdown inter- ing the same year Drew also remains very conbegan first nected with the Texas Panat handle and tries to return Woodrow whenever possible to help Wilson Ele- on the family farm.

mentary, so Drew got involved in they spent many things immediately a lot of time after retirement, one of together which was a Habitat for on bus No. Humanity Global Village over trip with his daughter to the village of Mpongi Putithe next 12 Puti in Uganda, Africa. As a Habitat GV team leader, he lived in and built houses 1910 and four generations with the people, worked later, a nephew continues with the family receiving to farm the property. Drew the house and came back is the youngest of Lloyd with a lot of questions and Virginia Harvey's four around social justice, work ethic, African development and values. More Habitat trips followed to Zambia, Ethiopia, and New Zea-

land. A second African initiative began with a trip sponsored by Drew's local church. In 2005, Drew led a team of 18 to the Nyadire engineering studies at Tex- United Methodist Mission Complex in Zimbabwe. Nyadire includes a large hospital, orphanage, 1200 and went to work for the student school system, teaching college, school of America (Alcoa) down on nursing, and a farm. With the ongoing collapse of Zimbabwe, it was clear this facility would not survive army and spent the next without outside support. two years, not in Vietnam, Upon returning, the team created "The Nyadire Consile Range in New Mexico. nection" (TNC) dedicated to enabling Nyadire to continue serving the people of Northeastern Zimbabwe. The guideline of "connecting people to people" has led to 13 ongoing programs which sponsor orphans, keeps a doctor & medicines in the hospital, operates a erations support and plant micro-loan program, etc. (www.nyadire.org) TNC strives for a true partnership, acknowledging that all involved benefit equally. Drew has been chairman of TNC since it's beginning and continues to take teams to Nyadire each year. A May 2013 trip initiated a program to rebuild six rural health clinics that desperately need upgrades led construction of a plant to provide the most basic of care. Initial funds were raised (\$300,000+ needed for each clinic) and the first clinic, Chikwizo, was completed in August 2014. Additional manufacturing Drew will return to Africa for the 11th time in October 2014. He is now work-Norway, and the U.S., but ing to rejuvenate the large the conversion pace to alu- Nyadire farm and hopes to minum remains promising, use annual profits to rebuild but slow. As the director the remaining five health of alcoa business systems, clinics. If successful, a revitalized farm could enable a self-sustaining facility no longer dependent on donor support — the "golden objective" of any humanitar-

ian effort. Drew loves a good adventure, and as part of a January 2012 trip, he and a group of friends ascended Africa's tallest mountain, who works in medical sales Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzaand lives in New York City, nia. Kilimanjaro is located and a daughter Allyson, a in the Serengeti, home to veterinarian technician liv- many of Africa's most draing in Pittsburgh. Tyson has matic landscapes and ani-

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79. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds southsoutheast at 16 mph. Sunrise at 7:30 a.m. Tonight: Thunderstorms with a low of 65. Chance of rain: 80 percent. Winds south-

southeast at 14 mph. Sunset at 7:45 p.m. Saturday: Thunderstorms with a high of 78.

Chance of rain: 80 percent. Winds south-

southeast at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:31 a.m. Saturday night: Thunderstorms with a low of 63. Chance of rain: 80 percent. Winds east at 9

Sunday: Thunderstorms with a high of 76. Chance of rain: 80 percent. Winds east-northeast at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:31 a.m.

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Pampa ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., September 29, 2014 in the Pampa ISD Administration **Building Boardroom,** 1233 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pampa ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF) to send containers of scavenged medical items to Zimbabwe, Drew joined the BBF board of directors in 2009. As Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, he worked closely with BBF's staff to greatly increase ocean container shipments to Africa. In addition to continued shipments throughout the world, BBF's new "Africa Initiative" is now supporting over 100 African hospitals with the supply of medical consumables, limited drugs, medical hardware, and refurbished medical equipment. BBF has consistently been one of America's top charities as ranked by Forbes magazine and Charity Navigator. Drew continues to be fas-

cinated with Africa — the cultures, the history, the music, the religious mix, the high value of relationships and the belief that tomorrow will be better. And yet, the poverty, the disease, the injustice, the wars, the hunger, and harsh

realities of life call out for change. In addition to Africa,

Drew also works in numerous local and national programs. He has been on many humanitarian trips to areas of disaster relief in places like New Orleans, Mississippi, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. As part of the national program "Everybody Wins", Drew reads weekly to individual children who attend one of Pittsburgh's inner city primary schools.

Drew occasionally teaches classes summarizing the history and current situation of Native Americans, and worked with a team to build a Native American church in Illinois. Drew's Christian faith has guided his life. He routinely has leadership roles at his local church, which is now working to increase the role of the global church in effectively responding to the inequities and problems of our world.

In August 2013, Drew was one of the Pittsburgh recipients of a "Jefferson Award," which honors volunteers performing significant community and public service in America.

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stop, the trooper discovered a concealed compartment containing three bundles of

U.S. currency. Medina was placed under

arrest for money laundering, a third-degree felony, and booked into the Carson County Jail. The concealed cash was allegedly being transported from Los Angeles to Brooklyn, N.Y.

Obituaries

Earlene Louise Jackson

Earlene Louise Jackson, 77, of Pampa, died Sept. 15, 2014 in Martinsburg, W.V.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Jackson was born on Jan. 2, 1937 in Little Rock, Ark. to Malinda Jackson and Earlie Jackson. She pursued a career in beauty school, graduating on Nov. 16, 1956 from Bearon Light Beauty College in Texarkana, Ark. Her interests included her family, sewing and reading. Earlene

devoted her time and energy as a **Earlene Louise** caregiver to family members. Her **Jackson** charms and smiles were enlight-

ening at any given moment. She was a beautiful, loving and kind person whom we all loved, and will dearly miss, as she goes to her family in heaven. We will remember and cherish the moments we had with her.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Jeanette Coleman and three brothers, Herdis Jackson, James Jackson and Chester Jackson.

She survived by her son George Jackson; two brothers, Ozzie Jackson and Earlie Jackson; three sisters, Mable Jackson, Clara Tucker and Gladys Ward and many nieces, nephews, cousins and other family.

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

Elizabeth A. "Liz" Flores

Elizabeth A. "Liz" Flores, 62, of Winamac, Ind. went home to be with the Lord at 12:08 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014, at her daughter's home in Winamac.

Liz was born on Dec. 5, 1951 in Hobbs, N.M. to Carl and June Williams Galbreath. Liz worked many years as an in-

surance agent in Texas, where she raised her three children. In 2002, Liz moved to Winamac to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren.

Liz knew Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother. She will be dearly missed.

Survivors include a daughter, Kelley Vasquez and husband Gustavo of

Winamac, Ind.; two sons, Mitchell Flores of Waco and Leslie Flores and wife Debbie of Pampa; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; her mother. June Williams of Winamac, Ind.; three sisters, Zelpha Wolf and husband Robert of King Fisher, Okla., Carlessa Harp of Fairview, Okla. and Linda Burns of Oklahoma City and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carl Galbreath and a sister, Brenda Honaker.

No services or visitation will be held.

Memorial Contributions may be given to the family. Arrangements were made by Frain Mortuary in Wi-

namac, Ind.

City

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night.

Following Tuesday's public hearing, the City Commission did vote unanimously to table a vote to approve the City budget for fiscal year

2014-15. The commission will now vote on a the next meeting scheduled for Monday, September 22nd at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be

held at M.K. Brown Auditorium in order to accommodate the expected audience.

the new tax rate the Com- to have a second reading sion meetings.

mission will be required on the budget and a first to have an additional and second reading of the new proposed tax rate at meeting to approve a bud- new tax rate. Those meetget that is supported by ing location, times and the new rate. That meet- dates will be posted at ing is scheduled for 5:30 City Hall, announced in p.m. Tuesday September a future press release and 23rd at the M.K. Brown announced at the Monday Auditorium.

Elizabeth A.

Flores

Two more meetings will need to be sched- and encouraged to attend Following approval of uled, as required by law, this and all City Commis-

and Tuesday meetings. The public is invited

Runner

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Newburn has already traveled from New York City and was in Illinois on Thursday morning.

Easley said that he wants Pampa as possible.

Easley said that the day town, he will be running facebook.com/perrysrunafrom Elk City along State mericain50days. Highway 152.

Distance runners are ento get as much of the com- couraged to join Newburn munity out to welcome when he leaves Pampa, if Newburn coming through they can handle waking up extra early to do so.

For more information on Newburn comes through Perry's Run, visit www.



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Area support groups

The following is a list of support groups that meet regularly each week in Pampa. Information for each meeting is submitted to The Pampa News office and may not be completely updated or accurate. Please notify the newsroom if a change is necessary.

The Pampa News welcomes all submitted materials for area support groups. Please include the meeting time, date and location and if applicable provide a contact number for each group.

- Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, starting June 26 at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.
- Narcotics Anonymous -Pampa Group meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.
- Cancer Support meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info,

contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

- Alcoholics Anonymous Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. Al-Anon meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072
- Alcoholics Anonymous Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W Foster Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.
- Pampa Caregiver Support meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.
- Accolade Home Care sponsors a Parkinson's Support Group the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St. For more information, call Lindsey Been at 806-665-9700 or 806-324-3230.



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In Scotland, 'aye' means no to England

"Should Scotland be an independent country?" reads the referendum

on which

Scotland

will vote

Thursday.

Voters have

two choices

- yes or

Queen

Elizabeth

II went so

far as to tell



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Scots on Sunday, "I hope

people will think very care-

fully about the future." The

queen was savvy to urge

Scots to look ahead, not behind. The Scottish Parlia-

ment building opened in

2004 after the Scotland Act

1978 allowed for local con-

trol. It is a marvel of mod-

ern architecture located off

Edinburgh's Royal Mile.

Its open architecture and

use of glass, oak and syca-

more display a determina-

tion to root political power

not in the moldy grandeur

of nearby Holyrood Palace

Minister Alex Salmond has

dredged up ancient griev-

ances to push his country

1707 Act of Union with

England.

back in time — before the

"Harry Potter" author

J.K. Rowling has likened

Scottish independence to

an acrimonious divorce.

Expect bitter battles over

the pound, the banks, the

royals. "I doubt that an in-

dependent Scotland will be

able to bank on its ex-part-

ners' fond memories of the

old relationship once we've

left," Rowling warned

in June. She has donated

more than \$1.6 million to

the Better Together "no"

Nonsense to that, the

'yes" lobby counters. On

Sky News recently, Justice

Minister Kenny MacAskill

argued that if the refer-

endum passes, the usual

social union, the currency

and the monarchy will re-

main intact. If anything, he

added, the 300-year peace,

relationship" will emerge

Scotsman Jim Murphy,

Parliament, laughed at the

idea there could be no hard

"to make England a foreign

feelings if Scotland votes

a member of the British

friendship and "cordial

campaign.

stronger.

country."

who gets custody over

Sadly, from that futuris-

tic perch, Scottish First

In June, President Barack Obama spoke against an "aye" vote when he spoke of America's "deep interest in making sure that one of the closest allies that we will ever have, the United Kingdom, remains strong, robust, united and an effective partner." Obama should have used stronger language, as he will need a strong United Kingdom in the war (yes, war) against the Islamic State.

It can be no accident that a masked Islamic State henchman engaged in the brutal beheading of aid worker David Haines, a Briton and a Scotsman, as the big vote looms. MacAskill has told Sky News that a "yes" vote would bring the very liberal Scotland freedom from decisions made under the coalition government of conservative Prime Minister David Cameron — that is, freedom from British defense spending and any wars into which the United but in iconoclasm and steel. Kingdom is drawn.

But it's not that easy to opt out of war when terrorists are willing to export - as MacAskill well should know. In 1988, Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270, including 11 Scots on the ground. A Scottish court found Libyan intelligence agent Abdel Baset al-Megrahi guilty. Al-Megrahi received a life sentence and was to be eligible for parole after 20 years, but he served a mere eight years in a Scottish prison. On the dubious ground that prostate cancer left al-Megrahi with less than three months to live, MacAskill granted him "compassionate" release in 2009. The son of the late Moammar Gadhafi flew the terrorist home to a hero's welcome on a tarmac in Tripoli, where Scotland's worst mass murderer lived until 2012. Salmond explained, "Sometimes someone has to break the cycle of retribution with an act of compassion." It's a shame his Scottish National Party doesn't feel the same way about Great Britain.

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Support Obama's new ISIS plan

I know he's made a million mistakes. And I have opposed nearly all his domestic and international poli-



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cies. But after watching Obama's intense ISIS speech Wednesday night, and reading the text several times, I think the president basically — finally got it right. I support him. My

best advice to Republicans and Democrats is to support the presi-

dent's new ISIS campaign.

Noteworthy, as of this writing, House Speaker John Boehner has announced his backing of Obama on this matter. Democratic Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Republican Sen. leader Mitch Mc-Connell have also announced their support of the president's ISIS plan. Only Nancy Pelosi is absent.

But I want to underscore the need for Republicans to get on board

with this Obama plan. If not, they risk blowing what appears to be a landslide election. Opposing the president on this would look way too political, ignoring national security. It would be a huge mistake.

Here are the opening words from the president on Wednesday night. They rally support: "My fellow Americans, tonight I want to speak to you about what the United States will do with our friends and allies to degrade and ultimately destroy the terrorist group known as ISIL.'

Importantly, Obama now seems to be following the sound advice of experts such as former ambassador Ryan Crocker (who terms ISIS, "al-Qaida Version 6.0"), General Jack Keane, the retired four-star general and former vice chief of staff of the U.S. Army, and U.S. Army general Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

Perhaps the most important point in the president's speech was his apparent decision to bomb ISIS in

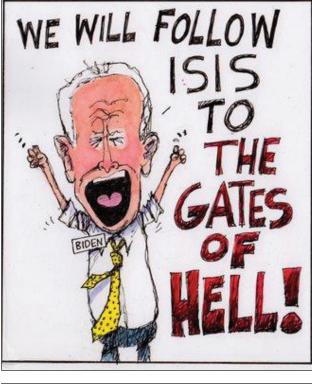
Syria as well as Iraq. The presumption is that this will be done simultaneously, which is the exact advice given to him by Crocker, Keane and Dempsey.

That's another signal to members of the GOP. Before you go home for the congressional election break, fund Obama's new military request and pass a resolution endorsing the simultaneous bombing of ISIS in Syria and Iraq.

Additionally, while Obama said he doesn't want GI combat troops on the ground, he specifically endorsed the use of special-ops forces to guide enhanced bombing missions and support Iraqi and Kurdish troops with training, intelligence and equip-

In his speech, the president announced the deployment of an additional 475 "service members," which can be added to the several hundred already in Iraq. In all likelihood, thousands of Special Forces will be

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Letter to the Editor

Thanks to the Pampa community

First off, I want to thank each and every one of you that came to City Hall this past Tuesday and to those texts saying they couldn't be there, but they were supporting my position on the tax rate. The overflow crowd was tremendous and it has brought results.

This coming Monday, we are starting over on

our budget and tax rate. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Auditorium. There every one of you, so please come. Your attendance is really needed.

The meeting will get under way with the City Commissioners and the mayor discussing the budget, which we will be starting over on, and the tax rate.

If we all work together on this, we can come up with a good budget and a very good tax rate that will not penalize our citizens and the businesses here in Pampa.

Now is not the time to become complacent or assume that because of the large turnout last Tuesday

that we have won. We must follow this process through with the adoption of the budget and tax rate.

Again, thank you for beinf involved and I look forward to seeing you Monday.

> Robert W. Dixon City Commissioner Ward 3 806-661-8270

Commander in Chief

"If we take the proper steps, we can save lives, but we have to act fast,"



SUSAN ESTRICH

President Obama said on Tuesday. "We can't dawdle on this one. We have to move with force and make sure that we are

catching this as best we can given that this has broken out in ways we have not seen before.'

The president was in Atlanta announcing an expanded military effort to aid African countries fighting Ebola, but he also might have been talking about the necessity of stopping the oil-fueled terrorism and hate of ISIL.

Obama did not set about to be a foreign policy president. He was going to be the health care president, the guy who focused on jobs and equality and the environment and education.

But with two years left in his term, the president can't do much of anything about any of those things, other than issue executive

orders and (if Democrats hold onto the Senate) appoint people. If Democrats lose the Senate, so much for the appointments piece. For better or worse, like it or not, the domestic agenda — whether right or left — is caught in gridlock. For better or worse, like it or not, Obama must face the challenges of a

world in crisis. Amidst the horror being wreaked by these extremists is an opportunity for this president to rise above the pettiness of American politics and act as the commander in chief. The extremists have created a coalition that would not otherwise exist, and, equally improbably, they have silenced the partisan attacks from Speaker Boehner and his crowd. Now the president must take the next step — away from politics.

Leave it to the Senate Democrats to fight their fights in the battleground states where the president's presence doesn't help anyway. Enough with the endless fundraising for negative ads and back-and-forth blame games. Enlist Bill Clinton to do the domestic rallies.

Send Joe Biden to collect checks from the big donors. The best thing Obama can do is to confront the world, speaking for a united country, facing danger with determination

and boldness. This is not our president's natural inclination. His critics, and even his friends, have complained that "not doing something stupid" is not a strategy or a worldview. Even now, with the country, and especially his opponents, ready to give him more authority than he is asking for, the concern — and it is a real one — is that the president is asking for too little and not too much, that it may take special forces "advisers" to stop ISIL and not just air strikes, that no boots on the ground might more accurately mean no boots on the ground in frontline combat.

We have had too many presidents who have found it too easy to send young men and women into harm's way. Not making mistakes is not a strategy, but it remains a good idea. The president should not be reckless, but neither should he be timid.

I usually start to laugh

when politicians start invoking "the American people," as if we are a monolith who speaks in one voice directly into the ear that is not hooked up to a television camera. But this is one of those occasions where it seems almost true that the country wants to be united, wants to be strong, wants to fight back and, most importantly, wants a president we can trust and rely on in

the battle. Easy? Of course not. But the president is not the newbie he was six years ago. The best thing he can do for his party, his country and his legacy, let alone the people who are in harm's way, is to focus not only on the belated battle against Ebola, but also on the belated and necessary world effort to deal with the threat of extremism that knows no limits. He might just be the national security president yet. And by the way, the Democrats might even hold the Senate.

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necessary to destroy the Islamic State. Along with the bombings, there will have to be a ground war to eventually eliminate ISIS. And that will require all manner of U.S. advisors, such as ground-to-air controllers for every allied battalion. This will be tough stuff.

The president also will increase military assistance to the free Syrian opposition to Assad, which is tricky business. But former ambassador Crocker argues that this can be done with moderate Sunni

And Obama stated that 'we will redouble our efforts to cut off (ISIS) funding; improve our intelligence; strengthen our defenses; counter its warped ideology; and stem the flow of foreign fighters into and out of the Middle East." And he reiterated the need to provide more humanitarian assistance.

Coalition building will not be easy, but it's an important part of the strategy. That's probably why President Obama said, "ISIL is not Islamic." What he undoubtedly meant is that these are a bunch of crazy, bloodthirsty, power-hungry people who are hiding behind religious beliefs that are not shared by moderate Arab states, such as Saudi Arabia, Jordan, hopefully Turkey, certainly Kuwait and maybe Qatar. Significantly, Obama

stated a "core principle"

of his presidency: "If you threaten America, you will find no safe haven." Well, that's basically what President George W. Bush said when he proclaimed right after 9/11 that "You're either with us, or against

Obama never gives Bush any credit. He didn't when his predecessor handed over a stable Iraq following the surge. And he hasn't mentioned that Bush recommended 20,000 U.S. forces be left behind in Iraq. But at least Obama

has gotten some religion in this new phase of the War on Terror.

Why his change? Well, ves, he's getting clobbered in the polls. But I think the political narrative completely changed when America saw the horrific beheadings of American journalists Jim Foley and Steven Sotloff. Suddenly, Americans got on their hind legs and shouted, "We must not let this go unpunished." And then came the realization that ISIS will come at us at home in a

short period of time.

It took President Obama a while to figure all this out. He was leading from behind, but maybe now he's moving toward the front. Looking ahead, the key issues will be commitment and execution.

As President Reagan used to say, "Trust, but verify.'

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

City The Pampa 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.

PAWŚ meets first Tuesdays

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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 adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th Commerce building on of each month. If the date the corner of Ballard and falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting with plays country music. For be held on Monday. The more meetings are held on the Della second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Kepublican Women's Club

Women's Club meets month, January through at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For 6:30 p.m. and membership more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday niques. For more informanight starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St.

There is a desperate need For more information, call August, 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 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them where they will be more for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club information, call at 806-663-1136. **PPQG** Meets fourth **Thursdays**

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the Top O' Texas Republican fourth Thursday of each October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discus-The Woody Guthrie sion followed by a program featuring quilting techtion, call 806-662-2909.

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Please bring a salad to share! For more information, call 669-1155.

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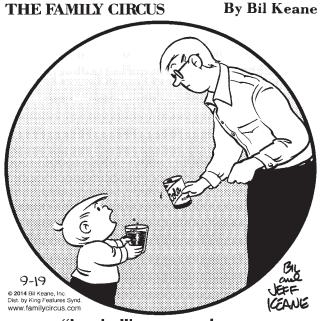
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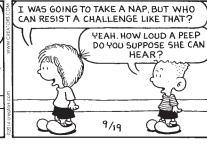
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Nest Heads







Sept. 20, 2014:

This year you often seem to hold in your feelings. Part of the reason is that you are perpetually evaluating different situations and your feelings about them. If you are single, you easily could get hurt if you remain so withdrawn. You will encounter someone very intriguing this year. Remember that everyone's sensitivities are different. If you are attached, the two of you need to be able to tune in to each other's moods and feelings. Your sweetie understands your sense of vulnerability.

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

You both need to plan on special time

together as a couple. LEO makes an

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You will be in the right mood for some fun. Letting off steam in your quirky way tends to make you and those around you feel good. A loved one might feel a little depressed. Only this person can change his or her mood. Tonight: Let out your inner wild child.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might feel as if a loved one has rained on your parade. On the other hand, you are likely to gain some insight into why this person's behavior bothers you. Try to root out the issue. Perhaps you feel threatened or uncomfortable. Tonight: At home, making a fa-

vorite meal. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Be ready to express your feelings with several different people. A friend or loved one might need to be told how much he or she is cared about. On some level, you could be tired of always having to assure others. Don't make it a big deal. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be aware of how much you have to offer, and refuse to be intimidated by a difficult person or situation. Do not put yourself down, as you are quite adored. A child or loved one could be ornery. Know what you want from a domestic situation. Tonight: Your treat. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You seem to radiate energy and excitement. Happiness is contagious. Demonstrate your compassion for someone in a way that means something to him or her. A domestic matter could be weighing you down.

rock and roll. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might want to see what is going on behind the scenes with a child or loved one. This person might be more on the fritz than you realize. Add a little excitement and nurturing to the moment, and you will witness a quick change. Tonight: Vanish while you can. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You know what you want, and you'll be willing to verbalize exactly what you desire. How you approach a loved one could be much different than usual, as he or she could feel out of sorts. Unexpected behavior could throw a boomerang into your day. Tonight: Your choice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You will be much happier if you simply relax and do what you want to do. Refuse to hold back or get tense in various situations. Learn how to say "no" in a caring way, and others will respond in kind. Check out a new gym or exercise program. Tonight: Others notice you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You can't disappear, even if you try to. You are a prominent part of someone's life, and this person counts on you. Whether it is the child within you he or she adores or the person you are now makes very little difference. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Getting back to the basics counts. You can't escape how important it is to you to have a stable home life. Try to factor in more excitement to your routine, as that will be much better than the same old, same old. Tonight: Let a close loved one know how you are feeling

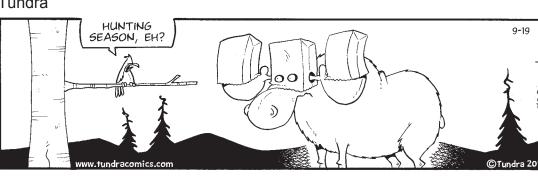
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Defer to someone else. You might decide to veer in a different direction at the last moment. You will get quite a reaction! Unpredictability seems to be your middle name. A parent could be very difficult to listen to, but try anyway. Tonight: Go where you want to be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Your perceptions might not be correct. You could be missing out on an important detail or two. Understand that sometimes you can't seem to see the big picture. You are likely to pull the wild card financially. Anything seems possible at the moment. Tonight: Pace yourself.

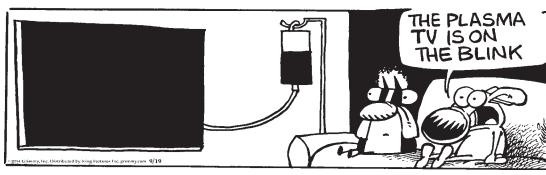
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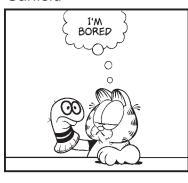
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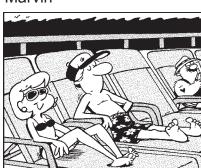




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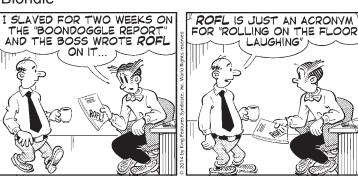








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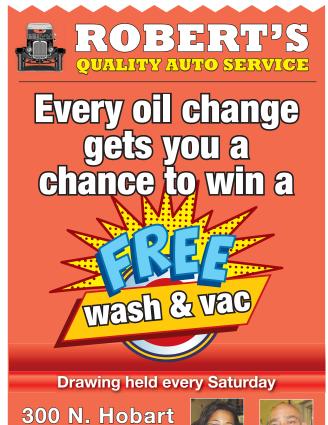
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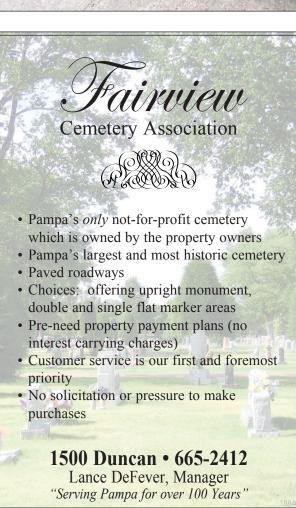
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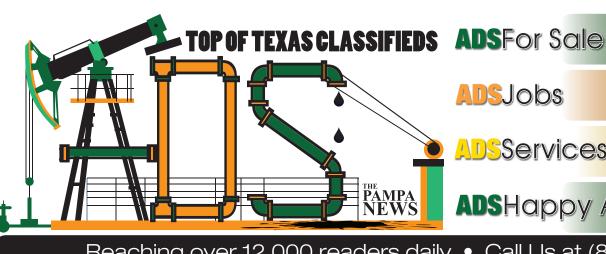
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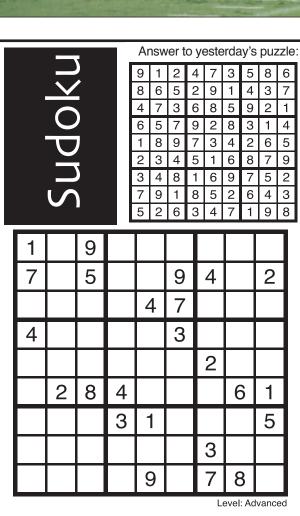


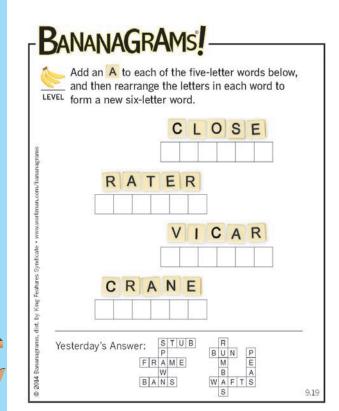
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Harvesters prepare for Homecoming game versus Bushland

By John Lee

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Tonight the Pampa Harvesters (1-2) look to take on the Bushland Falcons (1-2) in a game that is also the Homecoming game for the Harvesters.

Bushland, who is coming off of a loss at Borger, will be facing the Harvesters under first-year head coach Jimmy Thomas.

"They're a good football team," Pampa head football coach Greg Poynor said. "They have a new head coach, too. It's his first year at Bushland and they are doing a great job. They're pretty explosive offensively. He didn't start the season running for them but they have a sophomore running back (Jonathan Reyna) who is playing well

back, who is very dynamic are big play guys," Poynor completion or a 60-yard

Poynor said he feels like the defensive unit they ers have lost two in a row, have it probably even better Poynor said last week's than the one the Harvesters loss was a humbling expefaced last year.

"I think that's where they have made the biggest felt like we played well change from last year," defensively," Poynor said. change from last year," Poynor said. "I feel like they are a little better than they were last year. They have two really big defensive linemen and one really athletic defensive lineman. They have two linebackers and just athletic everywhere else.

"So they are good football team, we are going to their's (Hereford)." have to play our best football to beat them.'

Poynor said the athleticism of the offense is one reason why he doesn't expect a repeat of last year's loss at Bushland.

"Then they got a quarter- receivers who can run and let it turn into a 16-yard

or more."

Even though the Harvestrience.

"Honestly last week I "I felt like we tackled better than we had all season long. They had some great athletes, too. That quarterback of theirs is every bit as good as the quarterback we played the week before and we did a terrible job tackling him (Elk City's QB) and a much better tackling

The immediate tackling will help the Harvesters prevent the Bushland's spread offense from being

'(It's ok) Sometimes to give them that six or seven-"We've got four or five yard completion, just don't

bit. We want to get you one-on-one with our little quick guys. One way of doing that is being the best tackler you can be, then another way is getting a lot of guys getting to the ball."

Considering this week is Homecoming Week, Poynor said this is a good time for the festivities to get the players excited and forget about the Hereford

"I have been very proud of our kids," Poynor said. "I feel like they have been able to leave that loss behind and focus on the game that's coming up. I think they realize how good of a team Hereford was and we can focus on a team that I feel like we match up very well with. Two very evenly matched teams.

"It's been an awesome week, especially with Zach Thomas. That's a big deal for our football team; getin the pocket, very hard said. "We've got several completion," Poynor said. ting him inducted into the to tackle, then they got guys that can make ex- "That's a little bit our phi- Pampa Harvester Hall of some good receivers and a plosive plays of 30 yards losophy even for us a little Fame. That's been a neat

Photo courtesy of Charla Shults

Junior corner Aaron Arreola makes a tackle during Friday's 35-7 loss to Hereford. Head coach Greg Poynor said tackling will be one of the keys to stopping the Falcon offense.

deal and he is going to talk to us tomorrow and that's return to action tonight a big deal for our football at 7:30 against the Bushteam. Sometimes Home- land Falcons at Harvester coming can be a distraction Stadium. As of Thursday but I feel like this was a afternoon there was an 80 good time for this. It cre- percent chance of rain. ates a little excitement.'

The Pampa Harvesters

Texas A&M-SMU preview capsule

(AP) — The Aggies try for their first 4-0 start since have three sacks in each of 2006, and need only 37 points to reach 200 points in the first four games of a season for the first time Myles Garrett has already for the season with an elsince 1917. SMU's home matched Texas A&M's bow injury. Cassel, the kid opener is its first game freshman record with 5 1/2 from Washington, was limsince coach June Jones' sudden resignation Sept. 8, after the Mustangs were outscored 88-6 in their first two games.

Key matchup

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then-No. 10 Baylor, is playing two Top 10 teams in the same season for the first time since 1989, when the Mustangs played at No. 1 scored touchdowns. ... The Aggies will be in the Dallas market two weeks in a row. Their next game is Sept. 27 against Arkansas at the SMU, which opened the Dallas Cowboys' home sta-

Notre Dame and No. 9 Arkansas. ... There have been 16 different players who have caught passes this season for Texas A&M, and eight of them have

Texas QB David Ash ends playing career

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas working with the team's knowledged that there was seventh in school history in quarterback David Ash has younger quarterbacks. given up playing football after over the last year.

Strong said on Wednesday that he told Ash "there was no way we were going to let you

back on the field.' Added Strong, "His health

is our major concern."

Strong said that Ash would

Ash, a junior, suffered a members.

suffering at least one concus- concussion during the second He played in the opener, a (4,728). sion and lingering symptoms week of the 2013 season in victory against North Texas, a game at BYU. That is the but experienced headaches Swoopes started the last two Longhorns coach Charlie only concussion that Ash and and dizziness after the game, the team have acknowledged. He returned two weeks later. against Kansas State, but left that game with what Texas officials called a head injury. He missed the rest of the season.

Ash was determined to remain a part of the program return this season, but he ac-

some concern among family career touchdown passes (31)

Strong said.

Ash missed the next two games. The Longhorns have off this week.

Strong said Ash approached

him to discuss the future. Ash played in 29 games at Texas, starting 22. He ranks

Sophomore

games for the Longhorns, losses to BYU and UCLA. Swoopes has completed 44 of 65 passes (67.7 percent) with three touchdowns against one interception. Swoopes completed 24 of 34 against UCLA, including two touch-

and eighth in passing yards

Tyrone

Cowboys' Romo misses practice, calls it routine

IRVING (AP) - Tony pay-per-view from Cali-Wednesday with tight- game without him, hopness in his surgically ing a revised drug policy repaired back, although would cut his four-game the Dallas quarterback suspension in half. called it a routine day of

Romo has missed since and the Dallas cornercamp and the preseason. The 34-year-old Romo

cember, eight months Rams. after a procedure to rethe offseason last year.

Romo says his back work on the back.

Scandrick says his ready post-suspension

IRVING (AP) — Orlando Scandrick had to watch the Cowboys on

Romo missed practice fornia in their second

The long-awaited word finally It was the first practice Wednesday the start of the regular back was back on the season. He took several practice field with evdays off during training ery intention of playing Sunday in St. Louis.

Scandrick just smiled had surgery to repair a when asked if he would herniated disk in De- be ready to face the

"Yeah, without a quesmove a cyst from his tion," the seventh-year back that kept him out of player said. "Without a doubt."

Scandrick didn't is fine after taking ev- leave his home in the ery snap in the first two Los Angeles area over games. He does exten- the weekend because sive daily conditioning he figured the players and the league still had The Cowboys (1-1) some details to work out visit St. Louis on Sun- on a revised policy for performance-enhancing

> He was back in the Dallas area this week, waiting a couple of days longer than he thought.

PepsiCo latest sponsor to voice NFL concern

NEW YORK (AP) — turbed." Another major sponsor is saying she is "deeply dis- ment late Wednesday.

handling of domestic vio- players and the NFL's ac-Inc.'s CEO Indra Nooyi of these issues," in a state-

Pepsi is one of the big-Noovi decried the "re- gest NFL sponsors through speaking out on the NFL's pugnant behavior of a few its namesake soda brand, Gatorade sports drink and lence cases, with PepsiCo knowledged mishandling Frito-Lay snack division. The league and its teams have come under fire over the past two weeks over how it is dealing with several players with domestic DEFEVER MONUMENT COMPANY violence allegations against them. An investigation has been launched into whether Commissioner Roger Goodell knew about or saw a video of Baltimore Ravens player Ray Rice hit-806.669.4495 ting his then-fiancee earlier than he said.

Most major sponsors have voiced disapproval, with Anheuser-Busch, another one of the biggest, saying it was "increasingly concerned" about the situa-

But despite the lip service, it would be difficult for a sponsor to actually give up on the NFL. An average of 17.4 million people tune in during a regular season NFL game, about 65 percent men and 35 percent women, according to Nielsen. During the Super Bowl, that ratchets up to 111.5 million watchers.

Nooyi said she supports Goodell, calling him a "man of integrity," and praised the decision to hire three women executives to help shape its domestic violence policies.

"The reality for Commissioner Goodell and the NFL is that they now have an opportunity to effect positive change with the situation presented to them," she said in a statement.

Watch the Pros

Baseball

Detroit Tigers at Kansas City Royals.....ESPN2 7 p.m. Texas Rangers at L.A. Angels.....FSSW 9:05 p.m.

College Football

Connecticut at South Florida.....ESPN 7 p.m.

High-School Football

McEachern at Lovejoy.....ESPNU 7 p.m.

Wales Open......GOLF 4:30 a.m. Yokohoma Tire LPGA Classic.....GOLF 4 p.m. Champions Tour: Pacific Links.......GOLF 6:30 p.m.

Basketball

New Zealand vs. U.S.....ESPN2 10:30 a.m.

F1 Racing: Singapore Grand Prix...NBCSN 8:30 a.m.

Bellator MMA: Fresno.....SPIKE 8 p.m.

Salt Lake vs. Colorado.....OLN 9 p.m.

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