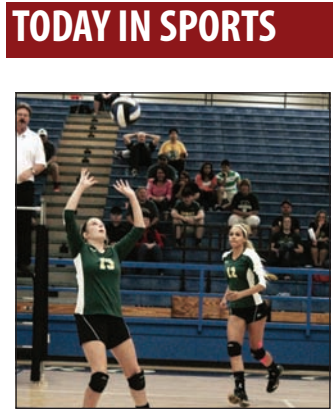


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Amarillo prisoner caught 8 hours after escape



Marvin Garcia

AMARILLO (AP) — A convicted killer was recaptured Monday about eight hours after he escaped from a prison in Amarillo by scaling a fence, authorities said.
 Marvin Garcia, 34, from El Salvador, was apprehended after authorities aboard a search plane saw someone jump from a northbound freight train that had slowed, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark said.

State troopers and local law enforcement agencies converged on the area north of Amarillo near the Canadian River and U.S. Highway 287, and took Garcia into custody.
 A corrections officer on patrol at the prison agency's Neal Unit in Amarillo spotted Garcia on a razor-wire fence about 3:40 a.m. and fired six shots at him, but he got over the fence and fled.
 "It does not appear he had been shot," Clark said. "He did have some cuts."
 Garcia will be taken to court for arraignment on felony escape charges and then returned to prison, Clark

said.
 Tracking dogs, Potter County sheriff's deputies and Amarillo police had joined corrections officers in the hunt for Garcia, who in June 2010 began serving a 25-year sentence for murder for fatally beating a man with a piece of wood in Harris County.
 Court documents show Garcia pleaded guilty to the 2008 slaying and accepted the 25-year term. He wasn't eligible for parole until 2021, according to prison records.
 The Neal Unit in Amarillo can hold about 1,300 inmates.

Pampa High School to host college night

SUBMITTED

Pampa High School will host college night on Wednesday, Sept. 24 in the commons area of the high school from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
 This is an informal time to visit with representatives from many different colleges and vocational schools about their campuses. Each representative will have catalogs and other information to share with students and their parents. In addition, recruiters from the different branches of the armed forces will be there to answer questions about enlistment
 All juniors and senior from Pampa and surrounding communities are encouraged to attend and begin thinking about plans after graduation. Parents are welcome to attend — with or without their students.
 For more information about this event, call Starla Kindle in the counselors' office at 806-669-4800.

Dr. Jay Johnson announces smile makeover winners

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Dr. Jay Johnson's office is proud to announce Jennifer Kent and Marisa Fuentes as the winners of their second smile makeover contest. Both ladies were nominated by their families, and Dr. Johnson feels each will really benefit from the dental treatment they have already begun. Dr. Johnson's office wishes to thank everyone for getting involved and nominating so many great candidates. The Super Smile team says they are thrilled to have this opportunity and plan to help other deserving individuals as soon as possible.



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Tralee Crisis Center recognizes honorable men

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Tralee Crisis Center, a non-profit victim services agency serving the eastern Texas Panhandle for 30 years, invites the public to submit a 200-word essay about an honorable man in their life as part of its National Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities.
 On Oct. 23, Tralee and its community partners will conduct its annual Honorable Man March and remembrance of the Texans who were killed by intimate partners in 2013. The March begins on the north steps of Pampa City Hall, and will continue east down Kingsmill Avenue to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Building, 200 N. Ballard.
 "We encourage everyone whose lives have been affected by domestic violence, who know someone who is a victim or who support the end of domestic violence to take part in this march," said Dee Dee Laramore, Tralee Crisis Center executive director. "The march itself is a somber event with drums beating once every three seconds to represent how often domestic violence occurs across the United States."
 "We also take this time to recognize the women who died at the hands of an intimate partner this past year. In 2012, that included 114 women — just in Texas," Laramore said.
 The mood changes at the reception following the march which ends at the **TRALEE** cont. on page 2

Texas adds 20,100 jobs in August

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THE TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION
 AUSTIN — The Texas labor market added 20,100 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in August. Over the year, employers expanded their payrolls by 395,200 total non-farm jobs.
 The unemployment rate was 5.3 percent in August, up slightly from 5.1 percent in July. It remained below the national unemployment rate of 6.1 percent.

"Texas added 20,100 jobs in August, with the private sector showing steady monthly growth for well over four years," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "We encourage Texas veterans to visit their local Workforce Solutions office to take advantage of the many tools and services that allow them to translate their military skills and experience into good-paying civilian jobs."

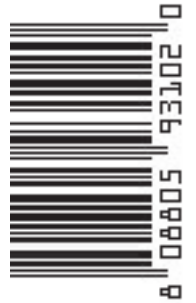
Goods Producing industries in Texas accounted for a majority of the growth in August. Construction added 6,900 jobs over the month. Manufacturing employers added 1,800 jobs in August. Mining and Logging increased by 4,500 jobs, and notably grew by 9.1 percent over the last 12 months.
 "We're seeing growth in several service industries including Education and **JOBS** cont. on page 2

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
High 83 Low 61	High 84 Low 59	High 80 Low 57

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 83. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:33 a.m.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 61. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south at 14 mph. Sunset at 7:39 p.m.

Wednesday: Afternoon thunderstorms with a high of 84. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds south-southwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:34 a.m.

Wednesday night: Scattered thunderstorms with a low of 59. Chance of rain: 60 percent. Winds south at 12 mph. Sunset at 7:38 p.m.

Thursday: Afternoon thunderstorms with a high of 80. Chance of rain: 50 percent. Winds south-southwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:34 a.m.

Thursday night: Mostly clear with a low of 57. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds south at 12 mph. Sunset at 7:36 a.m.

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Tralee

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Pampa Chamber Building's M.K. Brown Room. There, marchers will celebrate men who possess non-violent qualities and honorable character. The

winning essay and 2014 Honorable Man will be announced at this reception. All persons who are the subject of the essay nominations will be recognized and presented with a certificate naming them as Tralee Crisis Center "Honorable Men."

Honorable Man essays can be submitted by mail

at Tralee Crisis Center, P.O. Box 2880, Pampa, TX 79066-2880 or by email to deedee.tralee@sbcglobal.net. Submissions must include the name, address and telephone number of both the "honorable man" and the person submitting the essay. Deadline for receiving essays is Friday, Oct. 10.

Tralee's 24-hour hotline, 806-669-1788 or 1-800-658-2796, is available to anyone seeking more information about Tralee Crisis Center and services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and violent crime. Tralee Crisis Center is an agency supported by the United Way.

Jobs

Continued From Page 1

Health Services, which increased by 7,500 positions in August," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Texas boasts a quality skilled labor force, and I encourage those looking for new opportunities to visit WorkInTexas.com."

Professional and Business Services industries led the way in jobs added over the month, expanding by 8,700 positions. Annual growth in this industry was up to 5.0 percent in August. "Every major industry in Texas showed positive annual growth and Texas employers added 395,200 jobs over the year, achieving an annual growth rate of 3.5 percent," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope An-

drade. "I commend Texas employers for continuing to grow their investments in the Lone Star State." The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest August unemployment rate in the state at 2.8 percent. The Odessa MSA came in second at 3.4 percent and the Amarillo MSA ranked third at 4.0 percent (not seasonally adjusted). Audio downloads from Commissioner Andrade

on the latest labor market data are available at: <http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2014/press-releases-2014.html#pressReleaseAudio>. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit www.tracer2.com.

Master Marketer Program to begin in January in Amarillo

AMARILLO — Agriculture producers must develop better marketing skills to improve their bottom line in times of greater market price volatility, and the Master Marketer Program is the place to get that training, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

The next Master Marketer Program will be held in Amarillo. It will begin Jan. 21-22 and continue Feb. 4-5, Feb. 18-19 and March 2-3. All the meetings will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center of Amarillo, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd.

A free futures and options leveling workshop for anyone who doesn't think they are ready for intermediate to advanced level training will be held on Jan. 20 before the program begins, said Dr. Steve Amosson,

AgriLife Extension economist in Amarillo.

Amosson will be leading a group of instructors from within the agency, several universities and private industries to put on the third Master Marketer Program in Amarillo.

Master Marketer is a national award-winning risk-management educational program where participants learn how to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production and price risk, and execute a risk management and marketing plan, he said.

A wide range of topics is covered to enhance marketing/risk management skills, Amosson said. Case studies, group discussions and simulation exercises will be used to provide experience with real tools that can be used on individual farm

and ranch operations.

The 64-hour curriculum is offered as four, two-day sessions held every two weeks. It is the most intensive marketing/risk management training provided by Extension anywhere in the U.S., Amosson said.

The final date to register is Jan. 10, but Amosson said the class has always filled up in advance when it has been in Amarillo and he has never seen interest this high, this early.

"Only 60 participants can be accepted, so those interested shouldn't wait to register," he said.

The registration fee for the program is \$340, which includes noon meals and educational materials. Amosson said previous registrants say it is well worth the money, reporting their incomes have increased more than \$35,000

per year on average.

The training in the Amarillo area will focus on feed grains, cotton, wheat and livestock, he said.

Program costs are partially covered by grants from sponsors, including the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau, the Cotton State Support Committee, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board and the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

For more detailed information about the Master Marketer Program, including evaluation results from previous classes and registration brochure go to <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu>. Individuals can register by filling out the brochure and sending a check or use the preferred method to register online by credit card at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/>.

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Left, Jessie Castillo from R.H. (Rufe) Jordan Unit and DeAnne Dunninghoo from the Ronald McDonald House. Jessie delivered pop tabs on behalf of Warden Norris Jackson to help families staying at the House. We collect aluminum pull tabs from surrounding communities and "Doppler" Dave Oliver takes them to the recyclers for us. We use the money from the tabs to help families with ill children who are staying at the Ronald McDonald House. In 2013 we served families from Pampa for 399 nights, the most nights for any city last year!



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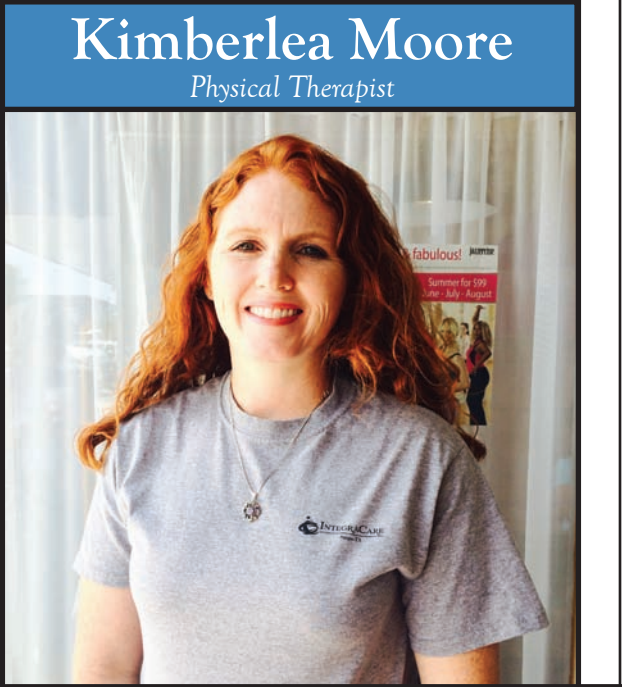
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Obituaries

Randy Boland

Randy Boland, 39, of Odessa was called to heaven on Sept. 19, 2014 in New Mexico. Randy was born to Johnny Boland and Venetta Susan Jones Boland on Nov. 21, 1974 in Odessa. Randy worked as a Torque Turn Tech with Express Energy.

Randy lived his life the way we all want to, but don't have enough balls to. He was one of a kind. Randy was very funny, loving, caring, and honest. He cared a lot for his kids, son, Jonah and stepdaughter, Elexis. He found his soul mate in his fiancé Reyna. Not too many people can hit rock bottom and make it back out, but Randy did. He was addicted to working out and going to AA meetings. Randy loved his friends and co-workers at Express Energy.

Those left to cherish his memories are his father, Johnny Boland of Fritch; son, Jonah Boland of Odessa; stepdaughter, Elexis Wood of Odessa; his fiancé, Reyna of

Chihuahua, Mexico; brothers, Curtis Boland of Pampa, Kelton Boland and Kendrick Boland, both of Lubbock and sister, Teena Johnson and husband Todd of Odessa.

Randy is preceded in death by his mother, Venetta Susan Jones Boland.

Funeral Services are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014 at Acres West Funeral Chapel at 1 p.m., officiated by Pastor Daniel Johnson, followed by interment at Los Angeles Section of Ector County Cemetery, Odessa.

Services are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University Blvd, Odessa.

Condolences may be sent online at acreswestfuneral.com.

Special Thanks to Express Energy for all the support and loving kindness given to the family during this time of loss.

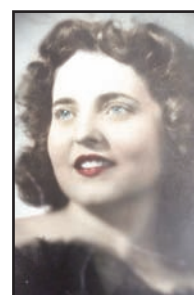
Iris Pearl Ragsdale

Iris Pearl Ragsdale, 89, of Pampa, died Sept. 18, 2014 in Pampa.

Memorial services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Virginia Reeve

Virginia Reeve, age 85 of Roaring Springs, died Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 in Pasadena. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2014 in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Father Francisco Perez officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson Funeral Home of Childress.



Virginia Reeve

Virginia was born July 29, 1929 in Bristow, Okla. to Thomas and Lora (Williams) Johnson. She married Wayne Reeve Sept. 1, 1950 in Pampa. He preceded her in death Aug. 1, 2005.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Andrew, and a daughter, Beth Mattfield.

Survivors include three sons, Steve Reeve of La Porte, Randy Reeve of Roaring Springs and Michael Reeve of Soldotna, Ark.; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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For the record

Pampa man arrested for drug possession, evading

STAFF REPORT

Terry Glenn Honeycutt, 46, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance — between four and 200 grams, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Celaya Pedro Garcia, 41, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Po-

lice Department for assault to cause bodily injury to a family member.

Harvey Green, 53, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for theft of property, *capias pro fine* — failure to appear, *capias pro fine* — no solicitation permit.

Joshua Garrett Vance, 20, McLean, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for aggravated assault on a public servant, evading arrest with a vehicle.

Cornelius Dashawn Wright, 22, Amarillo, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

Michelle Elizabeth Ann Mayberry, 20, Skellytown, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for theft of property — between \$50 and \$500.

Patrice Oteava Ballard, 26, Amarillo, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for two charges of violation of probation — fraudulent

use or possession of identifying information — less than five items.

Delnita Ann Ray, 48, Stratford, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for violation of probation — possession or transport of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Jordan Mayo, 18, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for a Pampa municipal violation — possession of drug paraphernalia,

possession of a controlled substance — less than one ounce in a drug free zone.

Melina Alvarado, 39, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for three Pampa municipal violations.

Matthew Sweet, 18, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces in a drug free

Jacob Collins, 22, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces in a drug free zone.

Jasmine Villarreal, 17, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for *capias pro fine* — theft, *capias pro fine* — failure to maintain car insurance, *capias pro fine* — expired motor vehicle inspection.

Pampa Fire Department call log — Sept. 19-22

STAFF REPORT

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

Sept. 19

At 9:21 a.m., to the 500 block of Montague for a medical assist.
At 11:51 a.m., one unit

and two personnel to the 1800 block of FM 2300 on a medical call.

At 3:26 p.m., to the 1200 block of Crawford on a medical call.

Sept. 20

At 11:24 a.m., to the 1100 block of Neel on a medical call.

At 1:11 p.m., to Recreation Park on a medical call.

At 7:31 p.m., to the 1300 block of Coffee on a

medical call.

At 8 p.m., the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a medical call.

Sept. 21

At 12:05 a.m., to the 2600 block of North Hobart on a medical call.

At 3:19 p.m., to the 1400 block of Williston on a lift assist.

At 3:18 p.m., to the 900 block of Osborn on a medical call.

At 8:08 p.m., to the 1100

block of South Christy on a medical call.

Sept. 22

At 1:01 a.m., to the 1100 block of East Francis on a lift assist.

At 8:28 a.m., to the 700 block of Murphy on a medical call.

At 10:22 a.m., to the 300 block of Jean on a medical call.

At 12:28 p.m., to the 8300 Highway 70 on a medical call.

SpaceX breaks ground on Texas rocket launch site

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The commercial rocket launches that could begin as early as 2016 in the southernmost tip of Texas will be a critical step toward one day establishing a human presence on Mars, SpaceX founder and CEO Elon Musk said Monday.

With waves from the Gulf of Mexico crashing just over the dunes and crabs skittering around a tent erected for the groundbreaking, Musk said he expects SpaceX to invest \$100 million in the world's first commercial orbital spaceport during the next three to four years.

The commercial satellite launch revenue Musk anticipates generating at the Boca Chica Beach site east of Brownsville will fuel California-based SpaceX's real objective. "The long-term goal is to create technology necessary to take humanity beyond Earth," Musk said.

"To take humanity to Mars and establish a base on Mars. So it could very well be that the first person that departs for another planet will depart from this location."

Beginning as early as the third quarter of 2016, Musk said he expects the spaceport to handle at least 12 rocket launches per year. SpaceX will continue using government launch sites in Florida and California, but Musk said its manifest would outpace the available launch windows at those existing sites.

Gov. Rick Perry, on hand for the ceremony, announced a \$4.4 million grant from the Texas Emerging Technology Fund to the University of

Texas at Brownsville that will be matched by the University of Texas System to test and commercialize a new communications system at laboratories at the SpaceX Boca Chica complex.

"The future of South Texas takes off right behind me," Perry said.

Perry is also providing \$2.3 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund toward the spaceport and an additional \$13 million from the Spaceport Trust Fund.

The U.S. Department of Commerce announced Monday that it had awarded \$1.2 million to the University of Texas at Brownsville for a high-tech business incubation

facility that could foster a cluster of space industry businesses.

SpaceX is expected to create 300 jobs at the site, and Musk said he expected other companies to settle there.

SpaceX already provides resupply missions for the International Space Station with its unmanned Dragon capsule, most recently on Sunday. Last week, SpaceX and Boeing won contracts to carry U.S. astronauts to the space station beginning in 2016 or 2017. Musk said he expects those NASA missions to continue to launch from Florida. NASA has not launched its own crews since the end of the shuttle program in 2011.

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Prairie Plains Perspective

Apathy aside, it's still semantics of the spiel

I'm telling you the city council chamber was packed! 'Twas SRO and out into the halls with irate Pampa citizens, having all of a sudden mind you, a keen interest in per our mayor, a little tax rate increase. Imagine what a timely placed letter to the editor in the newspaper can induce among Pampa's citizenry turned taxpaying protestors...

Last Tuesday's turnout was incredulous considering just two weeks prior during the routine city council meeting the tax rate increase was first broached to the ear of just one, county 'em, one citizen. Atypical apathy stings the taxpayer in the arse...

Crowd control during the commission meeting was keeping our fire chief busy, and rightly so folks. You see, in the event of a fire there's a little state law that requires ingress/egress for meetings in government buildings, so all entrances into council chambers could not be blocked... And due to such, some of the all of a sudden angry and offended taxpayers became loud mouthed horses arses. I heard this yelled from the hallway: "You knew it was going to be crowded! Why didn't you have the meeting at M.K.Brown!?" This, I repeat, after the last council meeting where just one concerned citizen attended.

'Democracy is a government where you can say what you think even if you don't think.' Author unknown.

One other point about Pampa's suddenly concerned taxpaying citizenry. I've attended many a city council meeting, and never before

have I counted so many policemen in attendance. It's usually just Chief Rushing. If all the policeman in attendance were there due to the threat of physical harm to a member of our city government, if such was truly the case (or maybe it was crowd control), there could not have been any more a despicable and reprehensible reason why.

Don't you love the two way street afforded we humankind lucky enough to live in a democracy? On one side of council chambers the angry taxpayers and on the other, Pampa's deer in head lights mayor, city manager, and city commissioners who I now realize, should hire a professional semantics person to aide them in their delivery... Commissioners, your frustration was evident. 'Twas evident by the way you held up and read like a teacher the Budget Facts Sheet to the taxpayers as if they were third graders. What's that you said, Commissioners? Oh, about apathy? Well Commissioners, you've a point. But Commissioners, you followed up by trivializing a 17.5 percent increase on the tax rate. \$49 more a year to a Pampa taxpayer already struggling to make ends meet with ever increasing costs with everything pertinent to living ain't trivial. Semantics...

"My phone has rang off the wall about weeds! I can't tell you how many calls I've received about weeds! I understand once a complaint is lodged it takes an untold amount of paperwork! Is that right....?" His words may not be verbatim, but I'm pretty close on how they were opined by the first commissioner to speak. Where is this going I thought, for this meeting is about a tax rate increase? But hey, I own up to some bouts with A.D.D.,

so I understood his dilemma, and will answer with the obvious - Well, you know Mr. Commissioner, those uncut and very tall weeds will (it is, after all, fall...) dry up and become, fire hazards, so they need to be mowed. I may be somewhat succinct with this Mr. Commissioner, but if paperwork on the part of Code Enforcement is required vis a vis a complaint, then so be it. It is a must do part of their job. As an elected official Mr. Commissioner, part parcel your job is taking those taxpayer (your constituents) phone calls and routing them to the appropriate city department, whether you like it or not. Election time as you inferred, is just around the bend. Semantics...

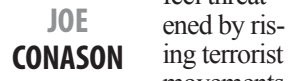
'The most important political office is that of the private citizen' - Louis Brandeis.

Per Pampa's tax rate increase - Our mayor and city commissioners should pay heed. One point that was made abundantly clear last Tuesday is our city government must do their fair part by lopping unnecessary costs and not put this 17.5 percent tax rate increase solely upon the taxpayer. For all of you suddenly concerned taxpayers, you need not continue wallowing in that apathetic sty if only were you to attend the regular city commission meetings. By doing so, you will know beforehand what's in the planning for our city, thereby negating any need to stampede city hall.

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American amnesia: Why the GOP leads on national security

If the latest polls are accurate, most voters believe that Republican politicians deserve greater trust on matters of national security. At a moment when Americans feel threatened by rising terrorist movements and authoritarian regimes, that finding is politically salient — and proves that amnesia is the most durable affliction of our democracy.



JOE CONASON

Every year around this time, ever since 2001, we promise never to forget the victims of 9/11, the courage of the first responders and the sacrifice of the troops sent to avenge them all. Our poignant recollections seem to be faulty, however, obliterating the hardest truths about that terrible event, as well as the long aftermath that continues to this day. The result, attested to by those polls, is that Republicans escape responsibility for the derelictions and bad decisions of their party's leaders at crucial moments in the recent past.

Not long after the 9/11 attacks occurred, the Republican noise machine instantly began blaring a message of blame aimed at former President Bill Clinton, insisting that he had ignored the threat posed by al-Qaida during his White House tenure. That accusation was wholly false, but discovering the truly culpable wasn't easy — because President George W. Bush and his vice president, Dick Cheney, worked hard to prevent a full investigation by the 9/11 Commission.

In due course, that probe revealed how Bush and Cheney had ignored clear warnings — from Clinton himself, from counterterrorism adviser Richard Clarke and finally from the CIA on Aug. 6, 2001 — that al-Qaida was preparing to strike the homeland. Preoccupied by their tax cuts and their plans for an invasion of Iraq, they had done nothing.

The country and the world rallied around Bush as he declared war on the Taliban and sent U.S. and NATO troops into Afghanistan. But thanks to the incompetence of Bush, Cheney and their military command, not only did

Osama bin Laden and Mullah Mohammad Omar escape and remain at large for years but also the entire effort eventually collapsed into futility, with no plausible goal or exit strategy. It soon became clear that the Bush White House and Defense Department had other fish to fry, over a few borders in Baghdad.

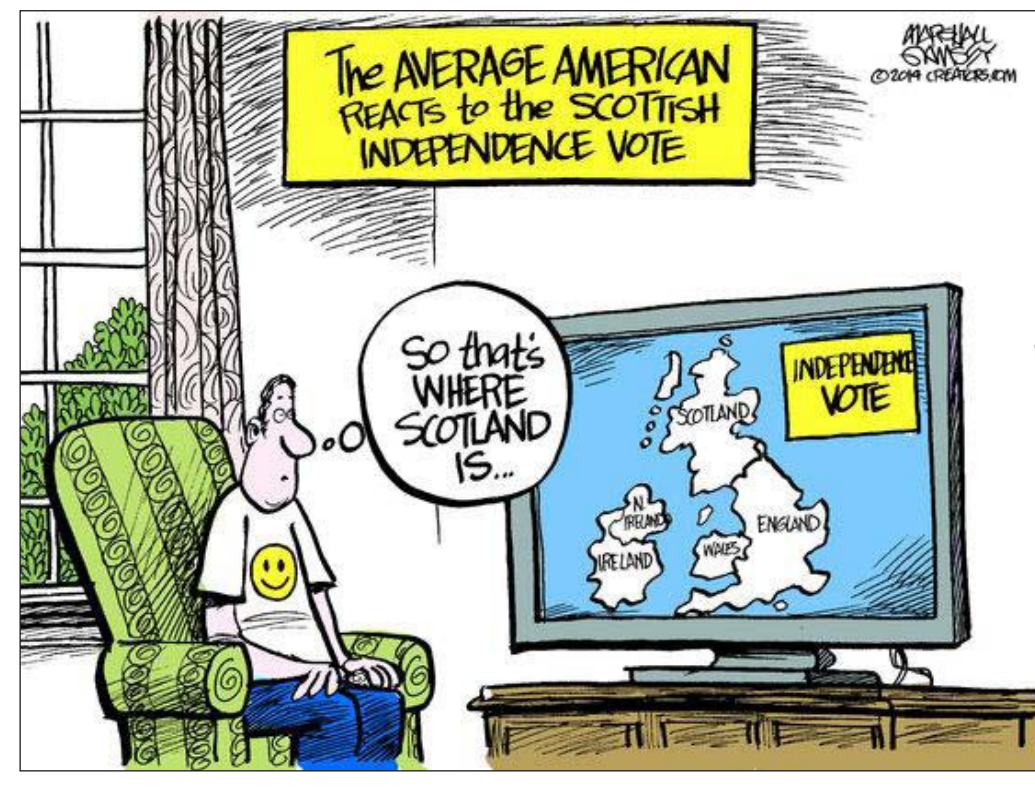
Even the most forgetful citizens probably recall how Bush, Cheney, their national security advisers and their allies in Congress misled the nation into war against Iraq, falsely alarming us about nonexistent weapons of mass destruction.

They may even recall how those great Republican statesmen pursued the invasion, lawlessly and without adequate preparation or clear objectives, costing thousands upon thousands of Iraqi and American lives and trillions of dollars. Their actions led to horrific human rights and Geneva Conventions violations; they embarrassed the United States and enhanced the regional influence of the ayatollahs in Iran.

And now, of course, the current dismal situation in Iraq — unfairly blamed on President Barack Obama — is a direct consequence of the war, the American occupation and the divisive sectarian government installed in Baghdad by the Bush administration, which also disbanded the Iraqi army and all of Iraq's government institutions. Without the destruction inflicted on that country — especially on its Sunni population — by Bush and Cheney, there would be no burgeoning Islamic State today.

Disremembering all of those unpleasant facts, voters may well consider the Republican Party better able to manage foreign and defense policy. After all, Republicans have long styled themselves as the tough-guy "daddy party" and bamboozled much of the public with that image. What remains to be seen is how much more of their brilliant stewardship this country and the world can survive.

To find out more about Joe Conason and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.



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Letter to the Editor

It takes a village...

One thing about Pampa is that we love our sports. Both of my daughters have played sports most of their years in school. I must say that I am grateful for the opportunities that they have had to participate on several teams and for the coaches and teammates they have had over the years.

I strongly believe that everything in life, both good and bad, helps to determine our character. Sports in general play a large role in this as well. While playing on a team we learn how to work with one another and how to sacrifice for the benefit of the team. We do what is asked of us by our coaches and teammates and do it to

the best of our ability. I am like most in that I like a big win in our favor but we also must keep in mind that for every winner there is a loser. And most of the time a loss will build more character than a win. I've heard most of the clichés such as "it is not whether you win or lose but how you play the game." This is so true. We can learn to win with humility and grace and learn to lose with dignity and respect for our abilities. There are times that we "play up" to a better team and times other teams will "play up" to us. Either way there will be a loser and a winner. To me, what matters most is that if we have a

win, our coaches teach our children to show respect for the other team, demonstrate humility and grace. And when we lose, to teach our children how to lose with dignity and know that if they have given all they had on the court, field or wherever, that it is okay to lose. If they lose, they learn what they can do better next time and try again. These attributes will carry over in their later years.

Recently, our varsity volleyball team played Lubbock Monterey and went to five games. We lost in the tie breaker by two points. But all of us parents in the stands were as happy as if they had won. The girls fought the

entire time and gave Lubbock a good fight. We are fortunate with the coaches we have in that they are teaching our children life skills. How to win and more importantly, how to lose. I know all too well how easy it is to criticize the staff and even the kids but we need to keep in mind that there is a bigger picture than just whether or not we win. It takes all of us, coaches, teachers, aides, teammates, parents, etc. to raise good kids. It takes a village.

Thanks to all the staff of Pampa ISD for what you do.

**Butch Noble
Pampa**

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Community Calendar

City Commission meetings

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

School board meetings

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

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

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

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

County Commission meetings

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

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior

Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

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

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them 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 Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG Meets fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

First United Methodist Church

Every Friday through August, First United Methodist Church will be holding Gospel Pic'n and Grinnin'.

The weekly event will be at 5:30 p.m. at Gathering Space in the church.

For more information call 806-669-7411.

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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 — The 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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Pampa Entertainment

Chris Brown ready to stop getting in his own way

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Chris Brown celebrated his 25th birthday in jail last May by making his own “spread cake”: chocolate, peanut butter, bread and milk.

Chris Brown

“Mix it up in a little cereal bowl and let it sit for a little while. It comes out and you’ve got a nice little cake,” Brown said, laughing. “A couple of the homies taught me how to do it.”

Accustomed to the high life since he became an R&B star at 16, Brown was brought low by his three months in lockup. He emerged last June determined not to slide back into his old ways. Jail had changed things.

“I’ve always renege on a lot of my situations. But I think that’s a part of growing up and learning. For me, now I have a better sense of what’s important — being that I was incarcerated, being that I’ve had the bad stuff happen to me,” he said in an interview. “You can’t continuously mess up. You’re not going to get that many chances. I’m not saying by my peers, but I’m just saying by God in general. For me and my spirit, I just want to be able to have some peace, be able to chill and do what I love — because I was

blessed with this opportunity and this talent, so I don’t want to waste it.”

Brown — a brilliant dancer and talented singer who is among the most electrifying young performers — presents himself as a maturing artist who recognizes past mistakes. He’s in court-ordered twice-a-week therapy. He trimmed his entourage from 30 people to single digits. He ended simmering feuds, including one with rapper-singer Drake. His sixth album, “X,” released last week, includes plenty of sex- and party-focused songs, yes, but also reflective and heartfelt lyrics that acknowledge and take responsibility for his struggles.

Sitting in his publicist’s office a day after his album was released, Brown smiled easily and seemed eager to show that he had turned a corner — but acknowledged he still has room to grow.

“Sometimes you’ve got to touch the stove to see that it’s hot. And I’m one of those guys that does that all of the time,” he said. “Sometimes I might be my own worst enemy. I’m not always going to make the right decision.”

He was quick to criticize the series of angry outbursts that culminated in an incident in Washington, D.C., last October when he punched a man who tried to get into a picture Brown was taking with two women. That led eventually to a jail sentence for violation of his probation,

instituted after he was convicted of the infamous 2009 pre-Grammy Awards attack on then-girlfriend Rihanna.

“At first I went mentally into being aggressive, and being totally like unapproachable with situations because I didn’t feel comfortable with myself living my life, as far as whatever mistakes I made, because I was constantly being judged,” he said. Now, Brown said he recognizes, “I’m an entertainer. And I influence a lot of people, young and older. ... Before, I was out of hand. So I think now it’s time to grow up.”

Gail Mitchell, senior correspondent covering hip-hop and R&B at Billboard magazine, said the Grammy winner has a reputation as a “studio rat,” recording and collaborating constantly with his peers.

She interviewed Brown for a cover story after he got out of jail.

“I think he needed a wake-up call and maybe that’s what it was, maybe that’s what it took,” she said. “I don’t think there’s any shame in that.”

Brown said he feels a kinship with Justin Bieber, 20, another pop star whose once-immaculate image has been sullied by repeated public bad behavior.

“Growing up in the public eye, being younger with all of the success — girls, money, everything — it can get to your head real fast. ... I was arrogant, cocky, thought I was invincible at one point,”

Brown said. “We don’t get the benefit of growing up behind the camera. We don’t get the benefit of making our mistakes and nobody hears about it.”

The question now is whether Brown can avoid further mistakes. Someone shot and injured Death Row Records founder Suge Knight at a Brown-hosted party last month. Does trouble simply follow Brown, no matter what?

“It’s 50-50. You could say that trouble follows me. And you could also say I create my own trouble,” he said. He mostly sticks to throwing house parties lately but, “I’m not in control of going to a club and it getting shot up.”

Brown has been able to climb pop charts despite legal trouble: “Loyal” peaked at No. 9 on the Billboard Hot 100 while Brown was jailed. The rude, flippant song was the fourth single from “X” to be released. Brown said he was surprised at its success.

“It’s my version of TLC’s ‘No Scrubs,’” he said. “It just goes to show that sometimes when you put out a super big record with substance, that’s not the key all the time. Sometimes you want to just put a record out there that might be disrespectful, just have fun.”

Brown’s album was released at a time of increased public discussion about domestic violence following TMZ’s release of video showing NFL star Ray Rice

punching out his then-fiancee in an elevator. The singer said he accepts that he’ll be linked with the issue for the foreseeable future.

“There could be a million other celebrities who were in the same situation, but because of the high-profile case

and whatever it is, they’re going to always automatically associate myself with it,” he said. “When the media associates me, it’s to do a bigger message. It’s to show the world and raise awareness for it and definitely show that it’s not OK.”

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‘The Maze Runner’ has explosive opening weekend

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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“The Maze Runner” came to Pampa’s Cinema 4 on Friday. The movie follows Thomas, played by Dylan O’Brien, after he is placed into a community of boys in what they refer to as the glade. He has no memory of any prior events and upon his arrival, he finds that everyone in the glade is trapped in a maze.

The plot

Thomas has no memories, not even his name, until the night of his arrival at his welcoming party. He learns that every month, the box pops up with supplies and a new member of the community. Each citizen is given a job, and perhaps the most important of these jobs is that of the maze runner. Each morning, the maze opens up, and the runners spend the day running through the maze memorizing it in an attempt to one day find the way out.

When Thomas arrives, things start to change. His curiosity and rebellious nature when it comes to following the community rules irk the other community members, especially Gally, played by Will Poulter.

Thomas becomes a maze runner after running into the maze to save Minho, played by Ki Hong Lee. The pair survive a night in the maze, which had never happened previously, and from there, they work together in an at-

tempt to escape.

Fun Facts

Imdb.com had these fun facts about the movie:

- Of the largely British cast, only actor Thomas Brodie-Sangster, who plays Newt, got to keep his accent.

- The production had to hire snake wranglers to make sure the areas where they were filming were snake free. Before filming began the wranglers found 25 venomous snakes. The biggest one they

found was a five-foot rattlesnake.

- Director, Wes Ball originally pitched ‘The Maze Runner’ as ‘Lord of the Flies meets Lost.’

Parents’ guide

This film is rated PG-13, which I deem it worthy of being. There is some profane language and some violence, but there’s nothing too outrageous.

What do I think?

Initially leaving the theater,

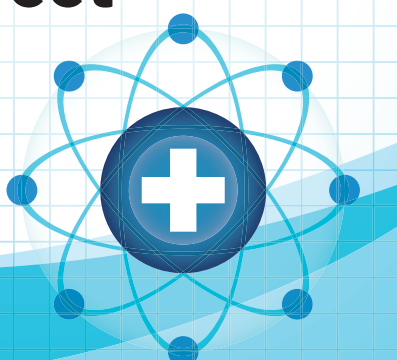
I was not insanely impressed with the movie. The ending certainly did make me curious enough to go see the sequel when it’s released, though. I thought it had a good cast, but I just feel like it’s too similar to other series’ that are out right now, mainly “The Hunger Games,” in that only the strong survive. But if that’s what you’re into, The Maze Runner won’t disappoint. IMDB members rated “The Maze Runner” 7.7 out of 10.

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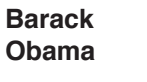
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Around The Globe

Obama and immigration: High hopes, a mixed record

WASHINGTON (AP) — There were about 30, all Mexican nationals desperate to avoid deportations that would separate them from their families. Living in Illinois, they appealed for help from their new U.S. senator, Barack Obama.



Barack Obama

He turned them down. It was one of the first times Obama could have used the power of his office to help defer the removal of immigrants who were in the United States illegally.

Eight years later, with his powers magnified as president, such a decision is upon him again, this time with the status of millions of immigrants at stake.

That episode in 2006 represents just one early marker in Obama's complicated history with the politics of immigration. The son of a Kenyan immigrant, Obama has been embraced and scorned by

immigrant advocates who have viewed him as both a champion and an obstacle to their cause.

Now, perhaps paradoxically, in their anger over his delay of executive actions that potentially could give work permits to millions of immigrants living illegally in this country, these advocacy groups also hold out hope that when Obama does act, he will be aggressive and leave a mark for posterity.

"Some of the hard feelings could be forgotten at the end of the day if he acts boldly," said Janet Murguia, the president of the National Council of La Raza, a leading Latino advocacy group.

Obama's record on immigration, however, is one of caution and deliberation punctuated by moments of determination amid some broken promises. With the president delaying executive action until after the November congressional elections, some Democrats worry that expectations have been raised beyond what he can deliver.

"If they weren't sky high before, they are

now," said Jim Manley, a former top aide to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "I'm not convinced they will meet the expectations of the Hispanic community."

White House officials say the delay will not affect the scope of what Obama intends to do. They play down suggestions he is looking to build his legacy with the decision.

"The goal is going to be to do as meaningful a package of reforms as is available to the president through his executive authority," White House communications director Jennifer Palmieri said. "I don't think that is going to manifestly change from September to when we do this later this year."

The 2006 incident with the immigrants seeking to avoid deportation illustrates Obama's past reluctance to act unilaterally and calls attention to the on-and-off relationship he has had with leaders in the Latino community.

As Obama recalls in his book "The Audacity of Hope," a group of Chicago community advocates visited his office seeking

legislation to legalize the status of that small group of Mexican immigrants. Obama didn't want to provide special dispensation to a select group and sent an aide to decline the request, leading to a confrontation.

That year, Obama also angered Latino leaders when he voted to erect a 700-mile double fence along the U.S.-Mexico border. The measure passed the Senate 80-19, over the objections of many Latino groups who saw it as an enforcement-only alternative to a comprehensive immigration overhaul.

Over time, Obama would build a varied immigration record:

—He backed compromise legislation in 2007 from Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and John McCain, R-Ariz., to overhaul immigration laws. Whether his support for a labor-backed change to the legislation contributed to the bill's demise remains a point of debate.

—During the 2008 Democratic presidential campaign, Obama took the side of pro-immigrant forces in supporting driv-

er's licenses for immigrants living illegally in the United States. That stand distinguished him from Hillary Rodham Clinton, who opposed them.

—Obama galvanized Latino voters with promises to take up an immigration overhaul during his presidency's first year.

But once in office, he backed off to deal with the recession and launch a health care overhaul.

—Under his watch, deportation numbers began to rise. Immigration groups protested; Obama argued he could not act unilaterally to reduce deportations.

—In 2012, as he campaigned for re-election, his administration announced a plan to defer deportation for certain immigrants who entered the country illegally as children. Since then, the program has deferred deportation and provided work permits for nearly 600,000 immigrants.

—He backed bipartisan comprehensive immigration legislation passed in the Senate in 2013 and held out hope the Repub-

lican-controlled House would follow. This past June, Obama was finally convinced the House would not vote, and he promised to act on his own shortly after summer's end.

—This month, Obama decided to wait until after the elections, saying he worried his actions would be undermined by campaign politics and damage any prospects of future legislation.

For Obama's executive actions to be embraced by Latino and immigrant advocates, Murguia said, the number of people helped must far surpass the number of deportations under his administration — 2 million-plus, already.

"If he does 3 million or less, then years from now it could be said he deported as many people as he protected," Murguia said.

White House officials caution that without a change in the law, Obama's actions are limited.

"Whatever we do is going to be imperfect," Palmieri said, "and is not going to be as big as we need."

Syria vote isn't last word from Congress on war

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's Mideast war strategy isn't in the clear yet in Congress.

The president got what he wanted this past week when the House and Senate overwhelmingly approved arming and training moderate Syrian rebels to fight Islamic State militants. But the go-ahead is good for less than three months. And many lawmakers want a say over the rest of a plan featuring some 1,600 U.S. military advisers in Iraq and airstrikes expanding into Syria.

Congressional authorization for military action is "long overdue," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Senate Democrat and the most senior member of Congress to question Obama's legal basis for intervening in the Middle East. "We are living on borrowed time, and we are traveling on vapors."

A showdown looms when lawmakers return to the Capitol after midterm elections — and no one knows yet how it's going to play out.

Permission to prepare vetted Syrian opposition units as a ground force to complement U.S. airstrikes expires Dec. 11, at which point the training effort

won't even have begun. American military leaders say the operation needs up to five months to get off the ground. Authorization for the training program is also included in a version of this year's defense policy bill, but its passage is not guaranteed.

Although some recent polls suggest a swing in U.S. attitudes toward backing foreign intervention, the scars of 13 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan haven't fully healed. Public and congressional support may only be temporary, heated after the beheadings of two American journalists by Islamic State group militants. Twenty-two senators and 156 House members, Republican and Democrats included, opposed the provision last week. Several in both chambers said they voted "yes" half-heartedly.

"I know it's not a perfect plan, but I think we need to start somewhere," Rep. Jim Langevin, D-R.I., told Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel at a hearing.

November's elections will have a significant impact. If Republicans win the Senate majority, they may delay reauthorization until January when newly elected senators are in place and they are able to

leverage concessions from Obama on foreign and domestic policy matters, including possibly a new round of sanctions on Iran.

If they fail to net six seats and remain in the minority, Republicans may emerge less determined to cooperate with the president.

For Obama, Democrats also are unsteady allies. Most in close Senate races voted for the Syrian training mission, but several leading doves bucked the trend. And many said they hoped to revisit the issue when Congress reconvenes.

In both parties, the specter of a 2016 presidential race will also begin to appear, with potential candidates jockeying for influence and staking out positions in defiance of party leaders who've all backed Obama on the issue up to now.

"We must now defend ourselves from these barbarous jihadists, but let's not compound the problem by arming feckless rebels in Syria who seem to be merely a pit stop for the arms that are inevitably scarfed up by ISIS," said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., one such possible candidate, using one of the acronyms for the Islamic State group.

Calls for Congress to establish the legal parameters for fighting the militants come from both parties and cover the breadth of the political spectrum. There has been widespread rejection of the administration's argument that it can operate on the basis of a 2001 law authorizing action against al-Qaida and its affiliates and a 2002 resolution for

the Iraq war. The Islamic State group militants grew out of the al-Qaida movement, but the two alliances are now fighting. The Islamic State group didn't exist at the time of either vote.

Conservatives such as Paul and liberal Democrats including Reps. Barbara Lee of California and Jim McGovern of Massachusetts cited the legal case in voting "no" on the Syrian training mission. Foreign policy centrists who supported intervention are joining the push for a broader authorization.

The leaders of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Bob Menendez of New Jersey, the Democratic chairman, and Bob Corker of Tennessee, have repeatedly spoken about repealing what they call outdated authorizations for the use of force and replacing them with a new one.

Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., the House Foreign Affairs Committee chairman, isn't committing yet to such a process, but many in his committee want similar action.

Given the body's gridlock over just about everything and the party divisions caused by the war, any wider bill from lawmakers endorsing military action probably wouldn't have gained passage — or at least not in the two weeks this month Congress was in session. Democratic leaders told the White House that Obama lacked the clout for anything beyond the training mission's authorization, legislative aides said.

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AMARILLO — On Thursday, Oct. 16, Clift Land Auctions will conduct a land auction of a 2,108-acre recreational ranch in Armstrong County. This ranch is located at the headwaters of Mulberry Creek and offers majestic views, amazing Mulberry

Creek, great wildlife habitat and beautiful rugged terrain. This property is located just 30 minutes from Amarillo and would be the perfect weekend retreat or hunting property. “We will break this ranch into nine individual tracts, which should result in more potential buyers and

a better overall return for the sellers,” commented George Clift, owner of Clift Land Auctions and Clift Land Brokers in Amarillo. “Some properties are just made for the multi-parcel auction process, and this ranch is one of those,” continued Clift. A growing trend, multi-

parcel land auctions have proven a sound business decision for both buyers and sellers of farms and ranches. Buyers have the opportunity to buy just what fits their operation and sellers benefit from having more potential qualified buyers and more control over the terms of the transaction.

This auction will take place in the Ballroom at the Amarillo Country Club, 4800 Bushland Blvd. Amarillo at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16. There are also scheduled ranch tours on Saturday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 11. If you plan to participate in one of the ranch tours, you will need

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Gov. Perry Helps Dedicate Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Facility

SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF RICK PERRY
COLLEGE STATION — Gov. Rick Perry today participated in the site dedication for the Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Facility, part of the Texas A&M Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing (Texas A&M CIADM). This \$91 million, state-of-the-art influenza-vaccine manufacturing facility, a partnership between Texas A&M University and GlaxoSmithKline, will help protect against infectious disease and the threat of bioterrorism. “Providing true security involves more than just guarding our borders; we need to prepare for all types of threats, whether natural or from those who would do us harm,” Gov. Perry said. “This facility will

help to combat such threats by quickly developing and manufacturing life-saving vaccines to guard against the worst diseases imaginable. This facility will save lives.” Today’s ceremony builds on a series of significant measures the state has undertaken in the last decade to bring Texas to the forefront of biotech research and development, including creating the Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine at Texas A&M University and the National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing. The 100,000 square foot facility will serve as the anchor of the Texas A&M CIADM, one of three public-private partnership centers established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase America’s

ability to respond to a variety of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear attacks or threats, as well as naturally occurring infectious diseases. “This center is important for our nation, but also evidences a new paradigm for how academic health science centers must transform health by forging novel partnerships with the federal government and leveraging the expertise of world-leading commercial partners, such as GSK,” said Dr. Brett Giroir, CEO of Texas A&M Health Science Center. “Texas A&M Health Science Center will continue to pioneer new pathways forward — this is the only way that unmet medical needs, locally and globally, will be addressed, and access to quality care can be achieved for all.”

“Texas A&M has a long and proud tradition of dedicated service to our nation,” said Texas A&M System Chancellor John Sharp. “This facility, and the Texas A&M CIADM in which it is housed, builds upon that tradition and helps put Texas A&M at the forefront of translational research and development so that research discoveries will advance to the field faster to save lives.” Once the Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Facility is operational, it will be able to produce up to 50 million influenza vaccine doses within four months. The facility will also develop vaccines aimed at targeting pandemic influenza strains. The Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Facility is scheduled to be completed in 2015.

GM expert says 21 deaths eligible for compensation

DETROIT (AP) — The death toll from crashes involving General Motors small cars with faulty ignition switches is at least 21. Attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who was hired by the company to compensate victims, said Monday in an Internet posting that he received 143 death claims as of Friday, and 21 of those have been deemed eligible for payments. A spokeswoman said the rest of the claims are under review and not all will be eligible. The death toll rose from a week ago, when Feinberg had determined 19 claims would get payments. The website also said

that Feinberg received 532 injury claims as of Friday. Of those, 16 are eligible for compensation thus far. The others are still being reviewed. The defective switches can unexpectedly move to the “accessory” or “off” positions, shutting down the engine and knocking out power steering and brakes. With engines shut off, people can lose control of their cars and crash. If that happens, the air bags won’t inflate. GM has admitted knowing about the problem for more than a decade in small cars such as the Chevrolet Cobalt. Yet it didn’t begin recalling the 2.6 million small cars until February.

Texas school district temporarily removes seven books

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas school district temporarily removed seven books from its approved book list for high school students after parents complained at a school board meeting about sex scenes and references to rape, abuse and abortion. Highland Park Superintendent Dawson Orr said the books will be reviewed by committees of parents, teachers and students, a process that could take months. “I made the decision — given the volume and the tenor and just the continual escalation of this issue — that we would pause, take the time to go ahead and create the reconsideration committees and do the work,” Orr told The Dallas Morning News.

Teachers can choose from more than 200 books on the high school’s approved book list, each reviewed by a committee of teachers and parents. They sometimes send permission slips for books with mature content. Parents who object to a book can request another option for their children and formally ask to have it removed from the list. One parent who raised objections, Tavia Hunt, said she doesn’t want her sophomore daughter or any students to feel uncomfortable in English class because of sex scenes, but said the books should be allowed in the library. “This is not about banning books. No one is advocating that,” Hunt said.

“We want the kids to have access to the books in the library. The problem is having obscene literature mandatory in the classroom and for discussion.” One of the seven removed books is “The Glass Castle: A Memoir” by Jeannette Walls, about growing up in poverty with a father who spent his money on alcohol and a mother who became homeless. Walls is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the district’s annual literary festival in February. She said she was heartbroken to learn her book was temporarily removed and that teenage readers have told her the book gave them courage to seek help. “My book has ugly elements to it, but it’s about

hope and resilience, and I don’t know why that wouldn’t be an important message,” she said. “Sometimes you have to walk through the muck to get to the message.” But she said that she respects parents who are trying to protect their children. The other books that were removed are: “The Art of Racing in the Rain” by Garth Stein; “The Working Poor: Invisible in America” by David K. Shipler; “Siddhartha” by Hermann Hesse; “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” by Sherman Alexie; “An Abundance of Katherines” by John Green; and “Song of Solomon” by Toni Morrison.

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NFL vetting process: There are no sure things

By the time the typical player signs an NFL contract, around 100 scouts, coaches and general managers have pored over his history.

It's an expensive, painstaking and time-consuming process that includes personality tests, conversations with high school friends, the college equipment manager and many more — and, of course, a thorough review of police records.

The teams try to turn over every leaf, and yet, there are things they miss, or simply would never think to look for. Very little in the portfolios collected on Ray Rice or Adrian Peterson foreshadowed problems with the law.

"It's an inexact science. The process is flawed on both ends," said Charley Casserly, the former Redskins and Texans general manager, who spearheaded the teams' vetting processes for nearly two decades. "It's humans picking humans. None of us are perfect on either side of the

equation."

The process is much easier when the issues the players face are clear-cut, but that didn't stop Aaron Hernandez from being drafted. The former Patriots tight end had a checkered record in college and is now in prison, accused of murder in two cases. NFL teams will have copious amounts of information when they decide whether Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Jameis Winston, in trouble multiple times at Florida State, is worth bringing onto their roster.

"The information is usually there to make a good decision," said Ted Sundquist, former general manager of the Broncos. "There are many times when an organization will choose to listen to what they want to hear if they really like the player."

But not every troubled player in college stays that way in the pros — and, of course, there are thousands of college players whose names never make it onto a police blotter.

"You're not going to be able to catch all these things all the time," says Chris Elzey, who teaches Sport and American Culture at George Mason University. "People change. Certain things come up. As far as trying to recognize those problems beforehand, you can catch the glaring mistakes, but you can't foresee everything."

The scouting report on Peterson, now charged with child abuse, didn't raise major red flags.

When he was 7, Peterson's older brother was killed by a drunk driver. Peterson's father served eight years in prison on a drug-related conviction. A quote attributed to Peterson on biography.com says: "Resilience is what I'm all about. I run angry. Football allows me to take out some of my pain on the field."

Almost all of the scouting material on Rice before the 2008 draft centered on how hard he worked to get the most out of his 5-foot-8, 200-pound frame. He

was an underdog with a bit of chip on his shoulder. But there were no red flags in the character department, and he backed that up after arriving in Baltimore, becoming the face of the franchise — generous with his time and money.

The videotape of Rice punching his then-fiancee changed everything, and the uptick of such crimes coming to light figures to make NFL teams redouble their efforts.

"The leagues and the (sports) federations better be aware that it's a different world now," said Steve Roush, the former chief of sport performance at the U.S. Olympic Committee, who has vetted hundreds of athletes and coaches. "The standards by which these people have to conduct themselves has changed drastically and so has the standard by which the organizations evaluate them."

The grassroots of the NFL vetting system is the scouts. One of their jobs is to build relationships at

the universities where the most talented players play. They get to know position coaches, trainers, equipment men, professors.

"Ultimately, you want a guy who can walk up to a college coach and say, 'Hey, you've known me for 25 years. Give me the straight skinny,'" Sundquist said.

Teams put players through tests that gauge how well they learn; some of the exams are designed to give front offices a feeling for coachability, competitiveness, "some kind of psychological profile, if you will," Casserly said.

The clubs hire security firms, and if computer searches show blemishes on a player's record, the firms do follow-up work — calling police, lawyers, family, friends.

In all, a top prospect could get up to eight people judging not only how fast he runs, but what kind of citizen he is. The lowest picks usually get at least two sets of eyeballs on them.

Sundquist says that while the vast majority of NFL players "are good guys," there's no denying one truth: Most players treat the scouting combine and interviews as job auditions and try to be on their best behavior.

"Once you sign him, it's almost like it changes immediately," Sundquist said. "The focus is no longer on what kind of guy he is, it's now the opportunity and money you've invested, so I expect you to do 'X, Y and Z.' And on the other side, it suddenly becomes 'Player LLC' under the umbrella of a corporation, and the player is doing everything he can to protect the corporation."

How they'll react in the new relationship is an educated guess, at best.

"You do your job, you do it thoroughly, you make a decision and you go, and that's it," Casserly said. "You can't foresee every possible scenario. And you'll drive yourself nuts if you second-guess everything."

'The Lion King' earns record box office

NEW YORK (AP) — Here's something the folks at Disney can take real pride in: "The Lion King" is the top ticket of all time.

With a worldwide gross of over \$6.2 billion, "The Lion King" stage musical has now achieved the most successful box office total of any work in any media in entertainment history, The Associated Press has learned.

The show quietly took over top spot from the \$6 billion-earning "The Phantom of the Opera" late this summer, according to representatives from both shows. "Phantom" producers Cameron Mackintosh and The Really Useful Group congratulated "The Lion King" in a statement, calling their rival show "The Pride of

Broadway."

The total makes "The Lion King" more valuable than any single Harry Potter film, the blockbuster "Titanic," or any of the "Star Wars" movies. By way of comparison, the highest-grossing film in history is "Avatar," with nearly \$2.8 billion worldwide.

"It's difficult not to become emotional at this realization of the show's impact," said Thomas Schumacher, president and producer at Disney Theatrical Productions. He recalled the long road the musical has taken from its beginning in four downtown rehearsal rooms in May 1997.

"Our goal then was to tell the story purely and theatrically so that audiences could feel it in their

heart," he added. "And, to this day, that is the audience experience whether they see the show in Madrid; Appleton, Wisconsin; South Africa; Tokyo or Broadway. Of that, we are deeply proud."

The figure only calculates box office receipts from the various worldwide stage productions, not sales of posters or CDs and other merchandise, revenue from the film, which grossed \$423 million domestically, including its rereleased in 3D, or syndication and licensing fees. Currently, there are 10 productions of "The Lion King," including those in New York, London, in Hamburg, Germany, and on tour across North America.

There's no need to cry for "The Phantom of the Opera." It's still the longest-running show in Broadway history and 140 million worldwide have seen it. There are currently eight productions with new ones planned for Moscow, Hong Kong and Istanbul.

"The Lion King," which features music by Elton John and lyrics by Tim Rice and the vision of director Julie Taymor, was an adaptation of an animated film when it hit the stage but has in many ways overshadowed the film. It tells the story of a young lion cub's coming of age and uses puppetry and dance in ways that haven't been replicated.

It was the highest-grossing Broadway show last year and is the highest-grossing production so

far this year, despite rival shows in five bigger theaters and musicals like "The Book of Mormon" often charging hundreds of dollars more per ticket.

Part of its longevity is due to its movie tie-in, simple-to-understand story, family friendly themes and the fact that it's a spectacle not dependent on big-name stars. Twenty-two global productions have been seen by more than 75 million people.

"The Lion King" chased down the overall box office crown despite "Phantom" having a big head start: Disney's show began on Broadway in 1997, while "Phantom" debuted onstage in 1986 in London.

"It's the distance runner, it's the marathon runner. It's taken 17 years of legitimacy to get there," said David Schrader, executive vice president and managing director at Disney Theatrical Group.

What makes the achievement all the more remarkable is that Disney executives haven't gouged every last cent from the public. In fact, they've purposely left money on the table.

Last week, for example, the average ticket price at "The Lion King" was \$128, while "The Book of Mormon" was \$50 more. And while top premium tickets for "The Book of Mormon" was \$477 and \$300 for "Wicked," the highest price at "The Lion King" was \$197.50, illustrating a conscious attempt to keep even the best seats in the house under \$200.

"We're never going to be the top price. We're never going to have the highest VIP price. We're never going to have the highest orchestra price," said Schrader "We're not in this for tomorrow afternoon. We're in it for however many years we've got. We're trying to be moderate."

The other half of the equation — attendance — is also strong. It has increased four of the last five years on Broadway, the London production has seen a 6 percent increase in attendance over the last five years, and the latest North American tour has seen an 11 percent increase over the same period.

Both "Phantom" and "The Lion King" have benefited from the emergence of premium — or dynamic — pricing, although the Disney musical has obviously enjoyed more seasons using the tactic. It involves increasing or decreasing prices for certain seats depending on demand and started with the 2001 musical "The Producers," which set a precedent with \$480 tickets.

At the mother ship in New York, Schrader said the Broadway audience is made up of four key groups in roughly equal proportions: Manhattan residents, commuters from the New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, domestic tourists and foreign tourists. "There's no way you get to 17 years without somehow holding all four," he said.

Clever advertising — like using digital screens to show crisp images of brightly costumed characters at Pennsylvania Station and the city's airports — and a scrupulous attempt to maintain its high quality onstage mean "The Lion King" hasn't devolved in to a kids' show or a joke.

It still attracts a well-heeled crowd, routinely breaks \$1 million a week at the 1,700-seat Minskoff Theatre and Disney has been loath to ever discount its tickets.

"If anything, the lack of change is what's remarkable," Schrader said. "Everything erodes, everything comes apart. So the fact that it hasn't is curious."

Schrader spends much of his days poring over audience data, figuring out demand patterns based on historical trends, school holidays and even weather forecasts.

He knows that 6 percent of a Broadway audience is from the Philadelphia metro area. He knows that daylight savings time will "inevitably" mess up schedules. He'll add a ninth performance during a holiday week but balances that with a need to not overtax the cast.


"I love puzzles," he says with a smile.

But of "The Lion King's" remarkable longevity and continued potency, Schrader is modest about how much effect he has. "I wish we could take credit, but it's the audience and it's the word-of-mouth that's driving it."

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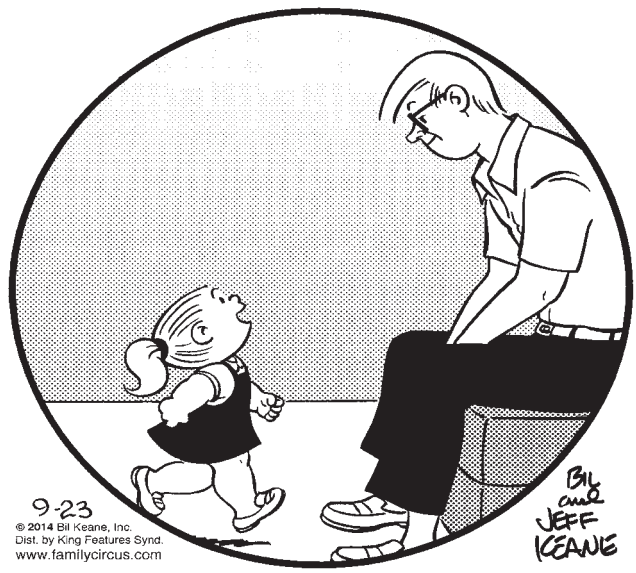


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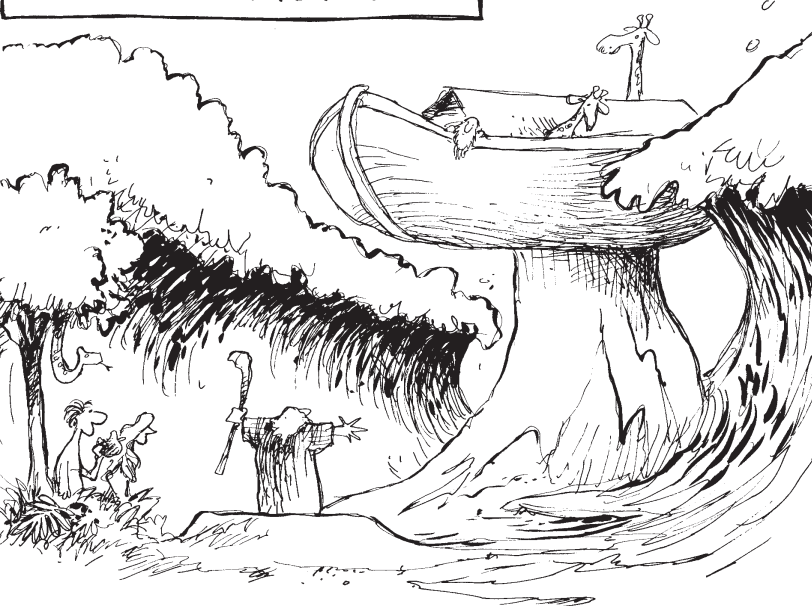
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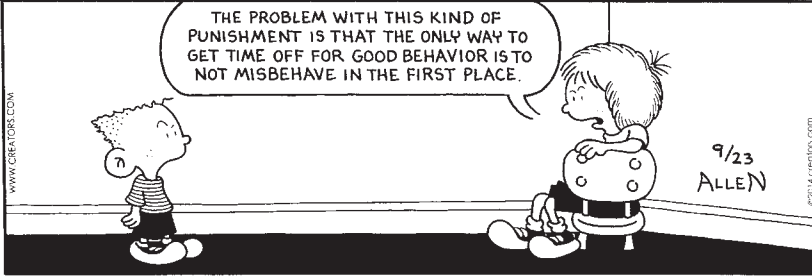
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This year you will experience a new beginning, if not several new beginnings. Your immediate circle of friends will expand, and you will find your life to be more rewarding. New friends and associates are more likely to be on the same plane as you. If you are single, decide what type of relationship you would like to experience, and keep this in mind when dating. If you are attached, you will zero in on a mutual long-term goal. This period could be very exciting for the relationship, and also for both of you as individuals. You might wonder about the superficiality of a fellow LIBRA.

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)
★★★ Others might decide on a new beginning, which could result in a discussion about what is going on around you. Your questions will prove to be instrumental and are likely to expose what is really happening. Tonight: Try not to explain to others what is going on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself, and know what is important and what needs to occur. You might need to make a decision about a health-related matter, and this time it just might stick. Feel free to examine what someone really means. Be nice. Tonight: Kick back and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to mingle and share with others, but a loved one could be demanding your attention. Don't try to bypass this person, as it likely will only cause an argument. A project seems to be infused with new energy. Tonight: Pain the town red.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be concerned about a loved one and what he or she has to offer in a particular situation. You will notice how others' perceptions are very different from those of the person in question. You could see a problem evolving far too quickly for your taste. Tonight: Be close to home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could want a change of pace. It is up to you to create it, though, as others are likely to be demanding. Consider how much you are valued before deciding not to answer your phone. Make a point to create

more time for your concerns. Tonight: Take a midweek trip.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be sensitive to others, and know that you have extra leeway to respond. You might want to avoid a situation that surrounds a business arrangement involving property. The timing might be off to resolve the issue immediately. Tonight: Time to treat a pal to some munchies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You seem to have the energy to handle whatever comes down the path, except perhaps an irate individual. Be careful when dealing with this person, as you could say something you will regret later. On the other hand, do not sit on your anger. Tonight: Only where you can relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to open up a conversation. You know that you don't always have all the right answers. A brainstorming session could point to quite a few different paths. Don't try to be logical with someone who is a bit zany; just be polite. Tonight: Get some shopping done.

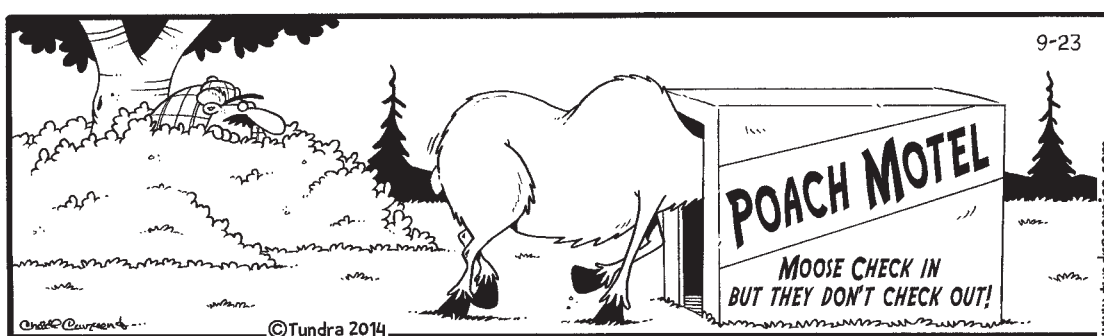
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be coming off as being a lot more assertive than you realize. Remain confident that you will fight for what you want. Try to allow others to come over to your way of thinking by giving them enough time and space. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Try to read between the lines when dealing with a parent or someone you care about. Understand that you might need to bypass this person's interference in your life yet still make a point to honor this person and his or her goals. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be getting mixed signals from a loved one at a distance. You also could be misreading a situation and projecting some personal issues into the mix. Try to have a conversation so you can ask more questions. Tonight: Let your hair down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could have a lot going on in your life regarding a partner or a financial matter. You might be pondering what is important and what would be best in the long run. There could be many twists and turns in the road ahead. Tonight: An intense talk with a favorite person.

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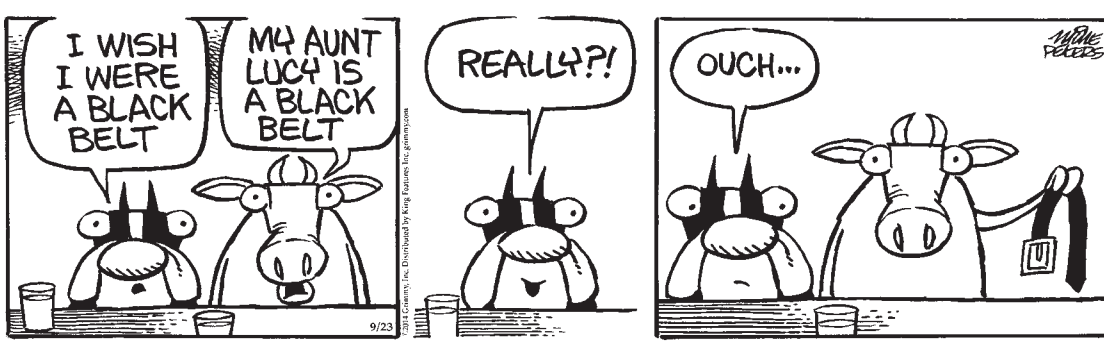


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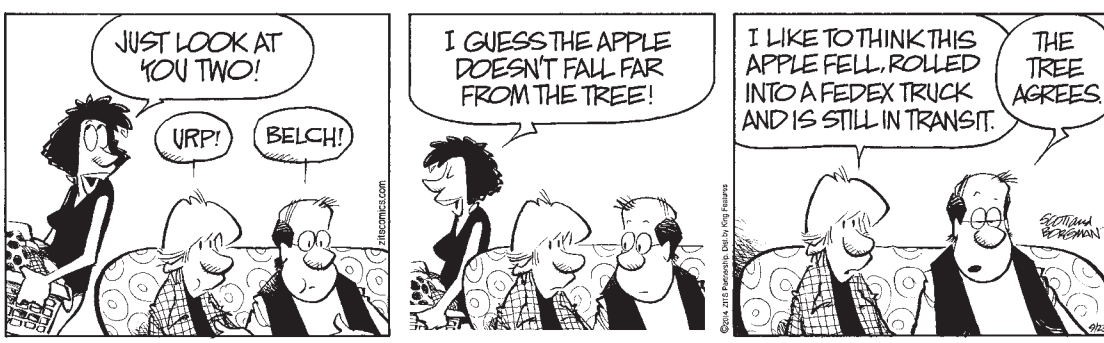
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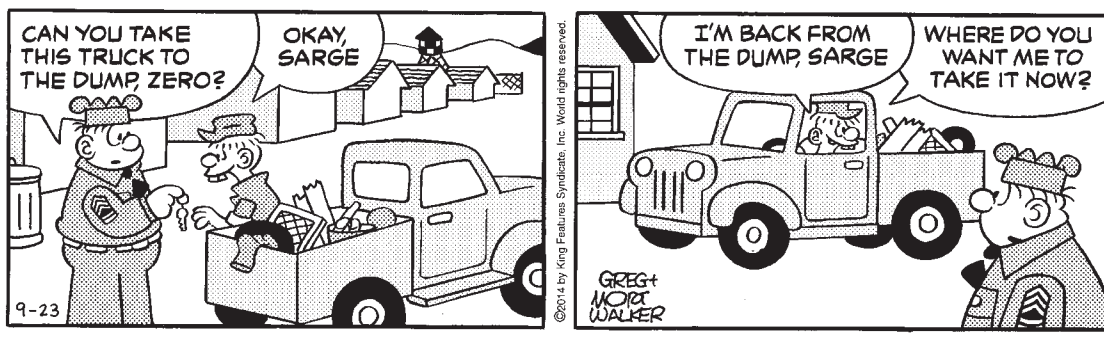
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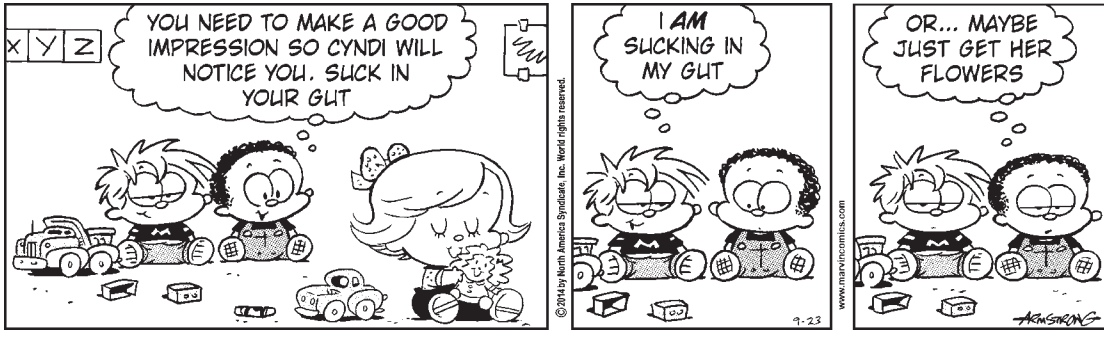
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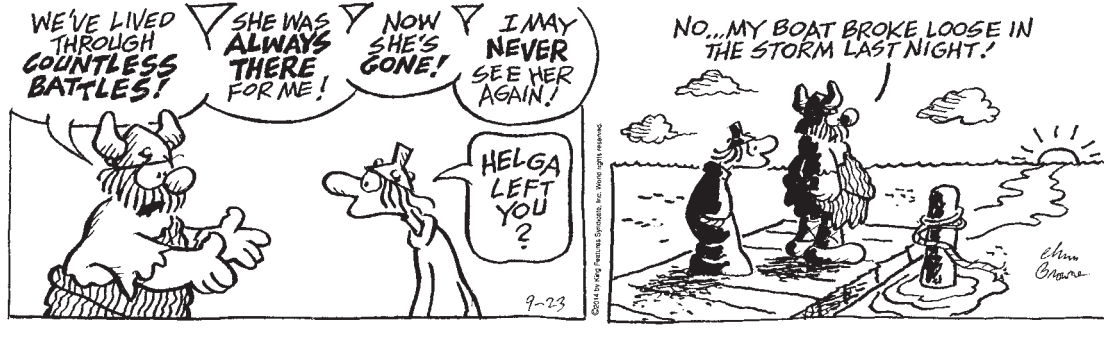
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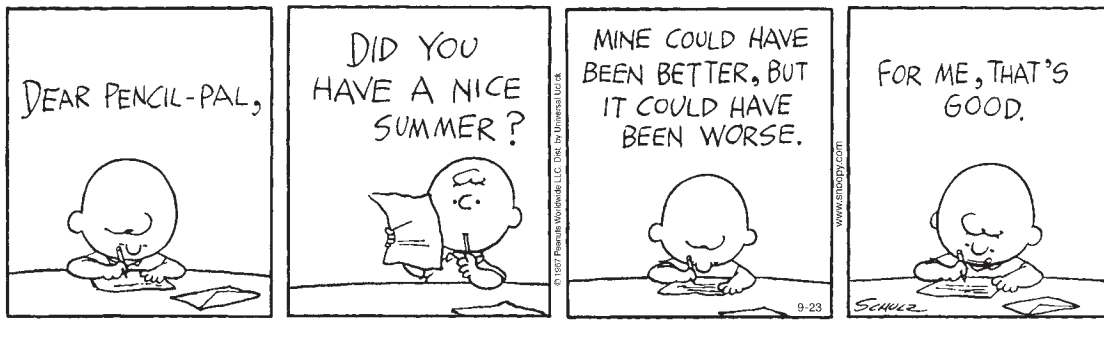
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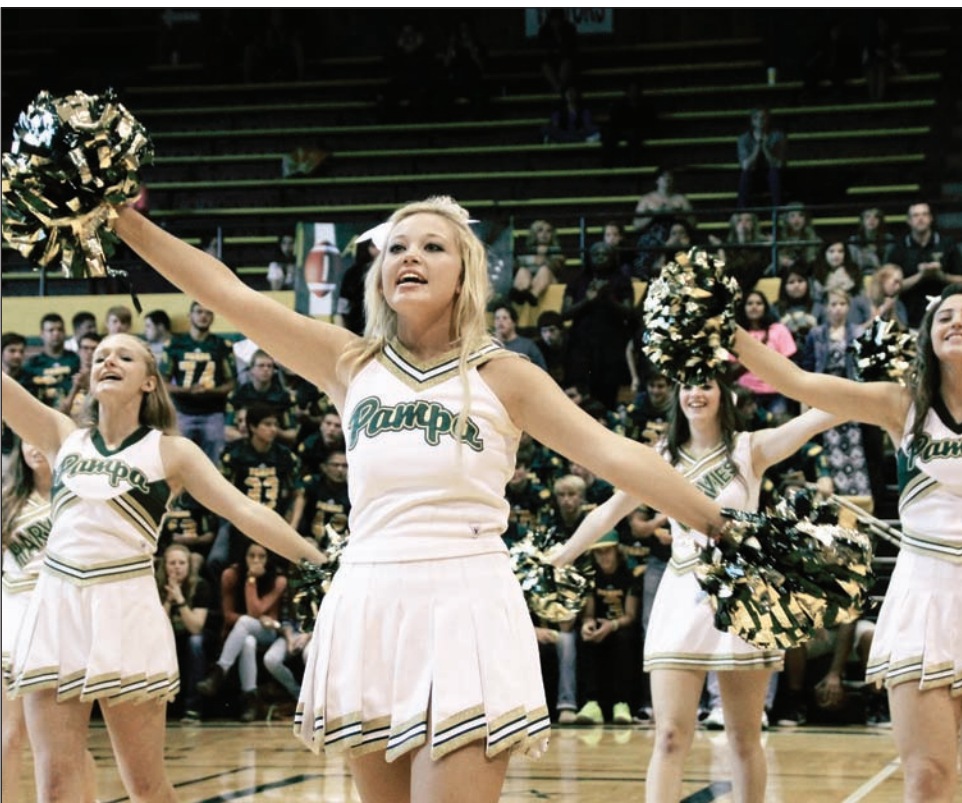
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PAMPA HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PEP RALLY



Photos courtesy of Charla Shults
The Pampa Homecoming Pep Rally was held on Friday afternoon. We showed you who was crowned King and Queen in Saturday's edition of The Pampa News, but here is some of the other fun from the event. Above, the Pampa Harvesters' cheerleaders lead the cheering. Above right, The show choir performs. Below, the guys put on a show and bottom, Harvey dances.



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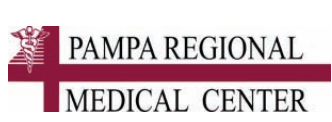
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Lady Harvesters sweep Palo Duro behind Taylor Eubank's strong performance

By JOHN LEE
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AMARILLO — The Lady Harvesters' volleyball team traveled to Amarillo on Saturday morning to take on the Lady Dons of Palo Duro.

The Lady Harvesters swept the Lady Dons in three sets, 25-19, 25-12 and 25-6. The Lady Harvesters are now 14-13 on the season and open district play Saturday at Dalhart.

"They are playing very well together and are very focused on what they want to do," Lady Harvesters head volleyball coach Brooke Sanford said.

"We are led by some very good seniors and they have a goal in mind and are working towards that. It was good after Homecoming to build on that. We played well on a Saturday morning."

The first set opened with a back-and-forth effort as

the Lady Harvesters and Lady Dons traded scores, including a kill from senior Caragan Niccum. The set continued in this fashion with senior Kirstin Hood tying it at 5-5. Consecutive kills from seniors Taylor Eubank and Madison Brown gave the Lady Harvesters a 8-5. The Lady Harvesters were able to maintain their lead as senior Allison Noble got a kill to make it 15-11. Eubank extended the lead again with a kill to make it 19-13. Brown and Eubank had consecutive kills later in the game to make it 16-23.

The final kill to come from a player, was junior Brittney Gonzalez to make it 24-19 as the Lady Dons hit the ball out of bounds and give the Lady Harvesters the 25-19 win for the first set.

On the opposite side of the court, trailing 5-2, the Lady Harvesters went on a 3-0 run spear-headed

by Noble and Eubank to make it 5-5. After another Lady Don point, a pair of aces from Hood, a triplet of kills from Eubank and a defensive stand at the net by Hood and Noble led the Lady Harvesters on a 9-0 run to give them the 14-6 lead. Three Lady Don scores later and the Lady Harvesters prepared for another scoring run started by Noble.

Consecutive points junior Cameron Schaub, Eubank and Brown helped the Lady Harvesters on a 6-0 run giving them the 20-11 lead. Brown and Noble closed out the game on a 5-1 run, including Noble finishing the game with two straight points.

As if a 13-point win wasn't pleasing enough to the fans who made the drive, the Lady Harvesters really laid it on the Lady Dons with a 11-0 run with the serving Eubank getting all but three of the points. Two of those three

points came from Gonzalez and Niccum.

Nicum, Schaub and junior Jacie Studebaker score three straight points extending the lead to 14-1 Lady Harvesters.

Studebaker scored another kill for the Lady Harvesters while sophomore Kami Ware had an ace.

The scoring run continued with Hood at the helm as the Lady Harvesters rolled to a 25-6 victory to finish the sweep.

While it is difficult to spotlight in a sweep, it is hard to ignore senior Taylor Eubank's serving to start the third set. She had a strong performance throughout the match and continuously found a way to the ball.

"She plays well, she's our team captain," Sanford said. She leads well and leads by example. She does a great job for us."

The Lady Harvesters return to action on Saturday



Above, Taylor Eubank (1) spikes the ball back to the other side. Below, Madison Brown and Allison Noble, bottom, make stops at the net.

at Dalhart to open district play.

"We are going to go watch them this week and see what they do. We saw them in a tournament,"

Sanford said.

"We just got to continue to play our game and stay focused and the wins should take care of themselves."



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Cowboys erase 21-point deficit, beat Rams 34-31

ST. LOUIS (AP) — DeMarco Murray fell short of expectations, at least against the St. Louis Rams. For the fourth straight game, he lost a fumble, too. "Of course, I'm worried about them," Murray said. "I'm very disappointed. I didn't play the way I should have played."

Tony Romo stepped up with his arm and legs and the defense made some big plays, helping the Dallas Cowboys rally from a 21-0 deficit on the road to win 34-31 on Sunday. They didn't need their running back to be Superman in a comeback that matched the largest in franchise history.

"We kept fighting and clawing and scratching," said Morris Claiborne, whose late interception clinched it. "When things went wrong, we didn't hang our heads."

Murray had 100 yards rushing on 24 carries, his 10th career 100-yard game, and a touchdown. It was nothing like the franchise-record 253 yards he rang up against St. Louis (1-2) in 2011 or the 175 yards he had last season.

Controlling Murray was a hollow achievement, much like in the opener when the Rams held Adrian Peterson down but got burned by Cordarrelle Patterson.

"He had a few good runs but for the most part we contained him," St. Louis defensive end Robert Quinn said. "For us to be up 21-0 and give that game away, we have no one to blame but ourselves."

The Cowboys (2-1) chipped away at the deficit and got contributions across the board.

Romo and Dez Bryant capitalized on busted coverage on a 68-yard pitch and catch scoring toss. Romo ran for 16 on third-and-13 on the go-ahead drive and Bruce Carter made his first career interception and then ran it in for his first career TD.

Some reasons why the Cowboys are 2-1 for the fourth straight year and the Rams are reeling heading into their bye week:

Fast Start: The Rams opened with an 80-yard scoring drive for the second straight week on Lance Kendricks' 1-yard catch. They were 5 for 5 on third down after Austin Davis converted third-and-13 with a 51-yard scoring pass to Brian Quick and were

seemingly in command after Janoris Jenkins' 25-yard interception return with 6:06 to go in the first half.

Faster Finish: Romo produced his 21st comeback victory in the fourth quarter or overtime, a franchise best. After scrambling to keep the drive alive, he hit Terrance Williams for the go-ahead score.

His second-half play overshadowed a third costly interception of the year.

Dallas also rallied from a 21-point deficit in 1984 against New Orleans and 1999 against Washington, although both of those wins came in overtime.

Mistake Prone: There were myriad reasons for a collapse that tied for the second-largest lead blown by the Rams.

— On Bryant's score, Jenkins bit on an early move and there was no safety help.

— Center Scott Wells lost a fumble when he didn't realize Austin Davis was in the shotgun, and Jared Cook dropped a touchdown pass that could have put the Rams ahead 27-20. Instead, they settled for a field goal.

— Zac Stacy was thrown for a 1-yard loss by Anthony Hitchens on a delay handoff on fourth-and-inches from the Dallas 15.

"They ran that play earlier in the game," Hitchens said. "It was me reading my keys and seeing it for the second time."

The Rams are 0-2 at home and were whipped 34-6 by Minnesota in the opener. Fisher said Davis played well, but that Shaun Hill would be the starter after the upcoming bye week.

Momentum Changers: Penalties and a turnover late in the first half helped the Cowboys close the gap.

Murray's 1-yard run came a play after rookie Lamarcus Joyner's interference call in the end zone. After Henry Melton recovered Wells' fumble, a roughing-the-passer call on Eugene Sims got Dallas closer for Dan Bailey's 29-yard field goal at the end of the first half.

Money Time: Bailey set a Cowboys record, hitting a 40-yarder in the third quarter for his 28th in a row.

"Honestly, that was the furthest thing from my mind," Bailey said. "It was an exciting game. There were so many other things to think about."

Turnovers, Jennings, Manning lead Giants to win

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — When it comes to winning football games, Tom Coughlin isn't afraid to get out of his comfort zone.

With his team feeling the pressure of a second straight 0-2 start and many worried about another 0-6 debacle, Coughlin did the unexpected with his players this week.

He played music at practice that his players liked, had a punt catching competition and got his players to relax. It worked.

Rashad Jennings ran for a career-best 176 yards and a touchdown, Eli Manning threw two touchdowns and the Giants' defense recorded their first three takeaways of the season in a 30-17 victory over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

"He is aggressive at trying to make adjustments to get this team focused and to get this team mo-

tivated," Giants defensive end Mathias Kiwanuka said of the 68-year-old Coughlin. "This group reacted to that. Maybe groups in the past would not have gotten it done but he got it done for this group and I respect him for being able to change with the team."

After two dismal performances, the Giants dominated in the first half, taking a 14-0 lead on Manning's 26-yard TD to Victor Cruz and a 1-yard run by Jennings.

Josh Brown added three field goals and Manning (21 of 28 for 234 yards) threw a 9-yard touchdown to Daniel Fells in the second half.

"It's always great to win," said Coughlin, who team will face Washington on Thursday night. "I wish we would have won a couple weeks ago and kept it going but we won today, let's just be happy with that for now."

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No. 4 Oklahoma thrives in test at West Virginia

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Playing a long stretch of games away from home doesn't stir great concern for Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops and his players. The Sooners overcame their first deficit of the season to quiet a sellout crowd at West Virginia, and now fourth-ranked Oklahoma (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) will use a bye week to try to build on a solid start to the season.

Oklahoma pulled away in the second half of a 45-33 win over the Mountaineers on Saturday night by slowing down West Virginia's up-tempo offense in the second half and letting the Sooners' 243-pound freshman running back Samaje Perine do most of the work.

Oklahoma will have another road test on Oct. 4 at TCU. The Sooners have beaten the Horned Frogs by a combined 10 points the past two seasons. Then there's the annual neutral-site battle with Texas on Oct. 11 at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Oklahoma has won there nine times since 2000 and will try to avenge a loss to the Longhorns last year.

"We don't look at the Cotton Bowl as away from home," Stoops said.

By the time Oklahoma plays again in Norman, on Oct. 18 against Kansas State, the Sooners will have gone five weeks between home games. That ties the 1999 season — Stoops' first as Oklahoma's coach — as the longest such stretch under him.

"Sometimes you have

to play on the road and it's not a big deal to us," Stoops said. "It's do your work and all that matters is how you play between the lines and get yourself ready to play. So we don't make a big issue out of it."

The Sooners had built double-digit leads in their first three games before fans had settled into their seats.

Against the Mountaineers (2-2, 0-1) in their Big 12 opener, Oklahoma trailed 24-17 just before halftime, then seized the momentum on Alex Ross' 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Oklahoma got the ball back to start the second half, scored on one of Perine's four touchdown runs and never trailed again. Perine finished with 242 yards on 34 carries.

"In past weeks, we've kind of started fast and slowed up a bit at the end," Oklahoma quarterback Trevor Knight said. "Tonight we were able to turn it on in the second half."

"We knew coming in it would be tough. West Virginia had been playing great and putting up huge numbers with their passing game," he said. "So to come into their house and win is huge for our program."

West Virginia quarterback Clint Trickett threw for 376 yards — his fifth straight game over 300 — and the Mountaineers outgained Oklahoma 513-500. But the Sooners sacked Trickett three times, made two interceptions and recovered one of his fumbles.

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 Pictures from the past Amarillo Venom tryouts.

Golf Thought of the Week

Your mind is important to your golf game.

I looked at the leaderboard of the Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club early on in the final round on Sunday and wondered what was going through Billy Horschel's mind. Right on his heels were McIlroy, Furyk, Day, Fowler and



TIM STADLER

Rose. That's a collection of some of the best playing the game today. Imagine how every 4, 5, 6 footer to save a par must have looked to Horschel in those circumstances. The strain on his mind must have been enormous.

He will have been trained in several psychological techniques to be able to perform under that pressure. Among them would have been instructional self-talk and trigger words, a pre-shot routine, imagery and the

creation of a polysensory experience (sound, smell, touch to feel the experiences of a good shot) and of course arousal regulation (a way of controlling the key body functions like heart-beat, breathing, etc.).

While you might not be under the same stress as Billy Horschel was going to be, it's worth examining some of these even if you're not a competitive golfer. Many of you would play better tee shots and sink more of your shorter putts if you were able to clear your mind, focus on the right thing, and regulate your level of tension. And, if you're involved in any other profession, guess what? These techniques apply there just as much as they do on the 18th green of a valuable golf tournament.

Don't forget how important your mind is to your golf game.

Tim Stadler is the PGA Golf Professional at the Pampa Country Club. He can be reached at 655-8431.

Braves fire GM Frank Wren after missing playoffs

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves fired general manager Frank Wren on Monday, less than 24 hours after being eliminated from the NL playoff race.

The move was announced by team president John Schuerholz, who scheduled a news conference at Turner Field.

Schuerholz has named former major league executive and MLB Network analyst John Hart as the team's interim general manager.

In addition, the Braves formed a three-person team to conduct the search

for a new general manager, which will include Schuerholz, Hart and retired Braves manager Bobby Cox.

Wren was in his 15th season with the Braves and his seventh as the club's general manager. He was appointed to the GM post after the 2007 season, when Schuerholz gave up the job to become team president.

While the Braves made the playoffs three times with Wren, he drew heavy criticism for the big-money contracts of second baseman Dan Uggla and center fielder B.J. Upton.

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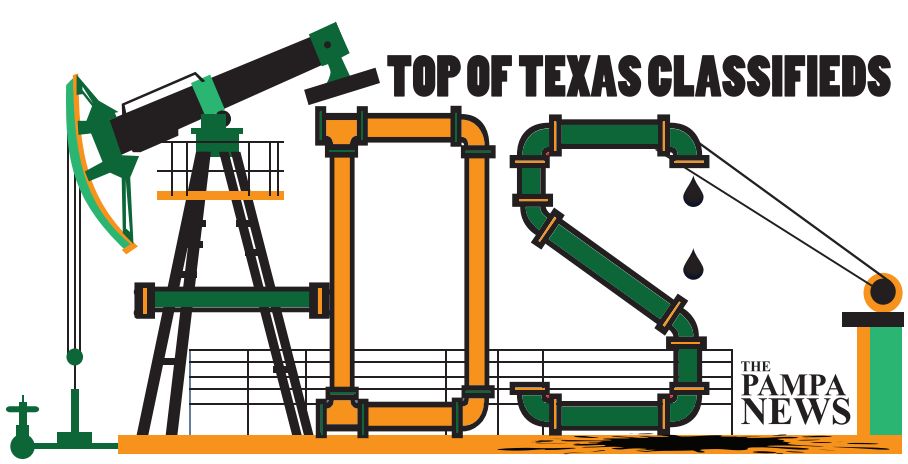
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Georgia could stick with run-first philosophy

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Georgia relied on its productive running game to get well in a lopsided win over Troy.

There may be more run-first games ahead for No. 12 Georgia, which plays Tennessee this week. The Bulldogs will try to even their Southeastern Conference record following a loss to South Carolina on Sept. 13.

Georgia (2-1) was dominant in compiling 547 total yards, including 367 on the ground, in Saturday's 66-0 win over Troy.

That's an unusual run-heavy ratio for coach Mark Richt, who has had strong passing games through the years with such quarterbacks as David Greene, Matthew Stafford and Aaron Murray.

Clearly, Georgia's strength in 2014 is its depth of talented running backs. Richt said Sunday he could see the Bulldogs continue to emphasize that strength.

"Yeah it's possible," Richt said. "There's no doubt they're a talented bunch of backs and we're run-blocking pretty darn good and it's not a bad way to play a ballgame. It helps play-action pass and we like doing that, we always have."

The big numbers on the ground against Troy came even as star tailback Todd Gurley was pulled after only six carries as Georgia quickly built a big lead. Nick Chubb, who had been the second-leading rusher, had only four carries less than a week after surgery to repair his broken left

thumb.

Freshman Sony Michel took the lead with 155 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

The running game produced big plays. Michel had a 75-yard run, Gurley broke free for a 48-yard gain and Isaiah McKenzie added a 49-yarder.

Gurley's short day wasn't the best way to boost his Heisman Trophy chances, but Richt said it is more important to keep the junior fresh for Tennessee and other SEC games ahead.

"Hopefully he'll have more energy next week because we're going to need it," Richt said.

Keith Marshall had five carries for 14 yards before being helped from the field following a hit to his surgically repaired right knee.

Richt said Sunday he was told Marshall does not have another anterior cruciate ligament injury.

The running attack overshadowed another efficient performance by quarterback Hutson Mason, who completed 8 of 11 passes for 97 yards with two touchdowns. For the season, he has completed 71.2 percent of his passes for 419 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions.

Mason said the focus was on "just taking care of business" following a tough 38-35 loss to South Carolina.

"We wanted to come out and move on from last week and just execute," Mason said.

"The maturity of this team was really great all around. There were no lasting emotions from the South Caro-

lina game. It was good to see what kind of success we can have' but we felt like it's more important to stop the run. Instead, the Trojans didn't stack the box us," Richt said. "They really didn't pack the box."

"There were times we had passes called that we checked out of the pass into the run because we felt like they were vulnerable to the run game.

"A lot of it was how they lined up against us. It was a little bit of a surprise."

"We could have said

‘Let’s throw it 50 times and play our best and move on.’

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Loss to Miss St. yields QB questions for LSU

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — In LSU's worst game of this young season, reserve quarterback Brandon Harris looked better than ever in the little playing time he had.

The freshman's stirring performance in the dying minutes of a humbling 34-29 loss to Mississippi State begged the question of what might have been if the young quarterback with the big arm had more

snaps. And with the Tigers sliding from a No. 8 ranking down to No. 17 this week, it sounds like coach Les Miles is considering that question seriously.

"He definitely gave a strong performance when he came in," Miles said.

"We are still going to look at the overall body of work and the things that we can do with him."

Mississippi State, which went from unranked up to

No. 14 in the AP Poll on Sunday, appeared to have LSU down for the count when the Bulldogs kicked a field goal to make it 34-10 early in the fourth quarter.

Bulldogs quarterback Dak Prescott was having his way with an LSU defense plagued by communication problems and missed assignments in giving up 10 plays of 20-yards or more, including touchdowns of 74 and 56 yards.

But just inside the final two minutes, Harris found fellow freshman Malachi Dupre for touchdowns of 31 and 30 yards in a span of just 27 seconds.

The first score capped a 95-yard drive that took only 1:48 as Harris also hit on passes of 19, 13 and 25 yards while mixing in a 7-yard run. The second score came just two plays after the Bulldogs fumbled in their own territory.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I had an awful childhood. After I was finally taken into state custody, I cycled through six different foster homes. Because of it I have struggled with mental health issues for as long as I can remember.

I'm 28 now and have a 4-year-old daughter who is everything to me. The problem is, I'm terrified of strangers. As a child I saw firsthand how evil people can be, and I am almost paralyzed with fear because of my hyper-vigilance. I fight the battle every day.

I am in counseling and I'm trying, but I am afraid I am going to make my daughter fear the world. She's in Head Start and loves it. Anyone who meets her comments on how happy and outgoing she is, but I don't know how to walk the tightrope between keeping her safe and making her afraid. Any advice would be appreciated. — TERRIFIED OF STRANGERS

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in the lap of luxury at a private country club in the East. My father was the golf pro. In my teens I noticed that these wealthy people always introduced one acquaintance to another whenever they met for a chat. I also noticed that my lower-income friends and family never did.

After moving across the country to the West Coast as an adult, I have noticed that nobody — rich or poor — seems to go out of their way to introduce a new face to others in the room. What would you say accounts for this? — DONNA IN LAS VEGAS

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DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago I began using a name other than my given

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A friend recently told me that because it is a common Japanese name, it is culturally inappropriate for me to use it because I am not Asian. It is also a name in Hebrew, German and Ancient Egyptian, as I recently learned. Is it wrong for me to use the name? — THE NEW "ME" IN COLORADO

DEAR NEW "ME": No, it's not. You can call yourself any name you wish. Many parents have given their child a name from another culture because they liked the sound of it, and you don't have to make any apologies for changing yours.

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There is one letter, not counting S, that, when added to all of the five-letter words below, can be used to form new six-letter words. Find the letter that works, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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Above left, sophomore Kami Ware (7) sets the ball for a spike. Above middle, senior McKinley Hancox (14) serves the ball to the Lady Dons. Above right, senior Caragan Niccum (8) sends the ball for the kill. Below left, sophomore Ariel Cambern sets the ball. Below right, senior Genevieve Zavala serves the ball to the Lady Dons.



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Seahawks hold off Broncos 26-20 in overtime

SEATTLE (AP) — For a coach that preaches fourth-quarter performance as one of his guiding team philosophies, Pete Carroll will cringe looking back on what happened in the final 15 minutes Sunday.

It didn't matter with Russell Wilson overcoming all of Seattle's fourth quarter mistakes.

"It all got erased because our guys rallied and finished the game off," Carroll said.

After seeing a 17-3 fourth-quarter lead evaporate behind Peyton Manning, it was Wilson's turn in the spotlight in overtime. Wilson passed, scrambled and put Seattle in position for Marshawn Lynch's 6-yard touchdown run and a 26-20 Seahawks victory.

For a quarterback that's

done nothing other than win since being named the Seahawks' starter in 2012, Wilson added another notch to his resume.

Wilson never let the ball leave his possession in overtime. After watching Manning tie the game in the final minute of regulation by going 80 yards without a timeout, the last thing Wilson wanted was to give Denver another chance at Super Bowl retribution.

Wilson was 4 of 6 passing for 35 yards and added another 21 yards rushing in overtime. After showing a reluctance to run in regulation, Wilson took off, twice using his legs to convert needed third downs.

And it was capped by Lynch plowing his way to the goal line and diving into the end zone.

"When it wasn't there I knew I had to fight for it," Wilson said. "Sometimes in a game you have to pick and choose when to stay in there a little bit longer, when to throw it and when to slide. And that's not one of those times, I don't believe."

Wilson finished 24 of 34 for 258 yards and touchdown passes of 39 yards to Ricardo Lockette and 5 yards to Lynch, both late in the first half. Wilson rushed for 40 yards, most coming in overtime, while Lynch added 88 yards rushing.

Denver and Manning showed resiliency absent in Seattle's 43-8 rout in the Super Bowl. Manning threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Jacob Tamme with 18 seconds left in regulation and his 2-point con-

version pass to Demaryius Thomas to tie the game at 20.

Denver had capitalized on Seattle's mistakes earlier in the fourth quarter, coming up with a safety and an interception of Wilson to put itself in position for the improbable rally. Manning threw for 303 yards and came within one TD pass of 500 for his career.

Yet, the Broncos still came up short.

"We're not saying, 'At least the score was better than the Super Bowl,' or anything like that," Denver defensive tackle Terrance Knighton said.

"We felt like we could come in here and win. It didn't happen that way so there's nothing to be happy about."

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SCENES FROM THE HOMECOMING GAME



Photos courtesy of Charla Shults
 The Pampa Harvesters had their Homecoming Game on Friday evening and it was quite the party. Above left, hearing about Pampa from the jungle-vine, this Gorilla came from Africa and was going bananas for the football team. Above middle, Homecoming mums were a common sight at the game, as these ladies show. Above right, junior Erik Samora (85) kicks the ball off to start the game. Below left, these youngsters got a sideline spot to enjoy the game. Below right, junior Erik Vizcaino (33) had an interception late in the game. Bottom top, senior Brycen McClendon (8) catches a pass from senior Ty Hooper. Bottom, Cy Wood (31) catches a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.



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