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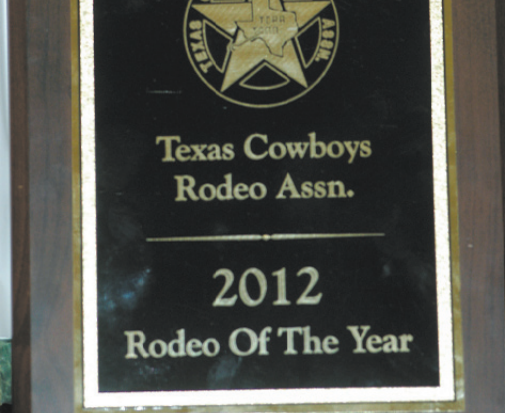
Top Of Texas named '2012 Rodeo Of The Year'

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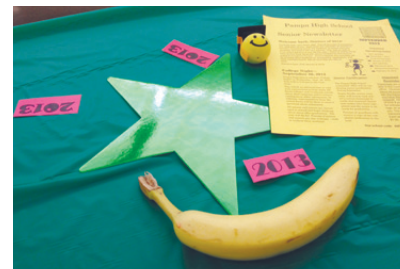
PAMPA — The Top O' Texas Rodeo has been officially recognized as the leader in the field. The local, popular, rodeo, which was held August 9th thru August 12th at the Top O' Texas/ Bowers Arena, has been named the Texas Rodeo and Cowboy Association's 2012 Rodeo of the year. This award is presented to the very

top rodeo on the circuit and is voted on by its participants — all members of the TRCA. "This award is well deserved, and a testament of the hard work by the Top O' Texas Directors and Volunteers." Robert Douglas has said. The rodeo enjoyed great success and with a final Saturday draw of an unheard of 473 spectators, eclipsed 2011 attendance numbers by 771 people.

This is not the first time the Top O' Texas Rodeo has won the award for top rodeo. They were honored back in 2010. In 2008, they were awarded 'Newcomer Of The Year' during their debut on the TCRA circuit. Douglas and the Directors met and will be nominating new directors and work has already begun on the 2013 Top O' Texas Rodeo — in the hope the honor of the Rodeo of the Year can return to Pampa again next year.



OPEN HOUSE & SENIOR BREAKFAST



Hundreds of Pampa High School seniors and their parents (top photo) turned out at 7 a.m. Tuesday for a special breakfast in the PHS Commons Area honoring the Class of 2013. The night before, high school students and parents attended a special open house on the PHS grounds (bottom left and right photos). Bottom left: Jennifer Adams, left, and Jamie Taylor, right, were among several teachers on hand to discuss their classes with students and parents Monday. Bottom right: Sophomore Karen Burrola, 15, left; Spanish teacher Beth Anne Preston, center, and senior Angelica Castillo, 17, right, demonstrate "Billy Joe Bubba." Billy Joe is a ventriloquist dummy whose enunciation is used in class to help teach languages such as Spanish and German. Preston said it is a great teaching aid and helps amplify the learning process in addition to the traditional texts and teaching methods.

Staff photos by **BEN TINSLEY**

Comish court to approve budget Thurs.

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PAMPA — Members of the Gray County Commissioners Court intend to formally adopt the Fiscal Year 2013 budget and tax rate at the Thursday morning meeting, officials said. The budget has dominated the commissioners' agenda during recent meetings, but the final vote is expected Thursday in the Gray County Courtroom, 205 North Russell, according to the meeting agenda. Currently, the tax rate stands at 52.96 cents per \$100 valuation. Commissioners recently reviewed departmental requested budgets, but at that point — a preliminary stage in the budget planning — were awaiting the results for certified tax property valuations.

No more Monday editions of Pampa News

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The Pampa News has stopped publishing its Monday edition to create a better focus on quality as well as place more emphasis on coming special editions, Publisher ReDonn Woods reiterated Tuesday. "By phasing out the Monday edition, we will be able to write better stories, have more thorough local coverage, and have an overall better product," Woods said. This is part of the many changes to the Pampa News announced by Woods in a recent edition of the newspaper. Changes include special editions such as American Profile and Spry Magazine, both made possible by Pampa Regional Medical Center. Readers will receive editions of those magazines — American Profile every Saturday and Spry once a month on Wednesdays — starting in October. Advertisers also will be affected by these changes. Every Tuesday,

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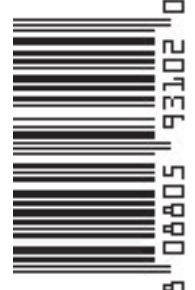
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PAMPA FORECAST

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Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Thursday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

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Obituaries

Linda Davis

AMARILLO — Linda Davis, 59, formerly of Pampa died Monday September 10, 2012 in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel with Gary and Jana Snider, brother and sister in law and pastors of Friends and Family Worship Center officiating. Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 S. Osage St.

Ms. Davis was born in Perryton. She lived many years in Pampa before moving to Amarillo in 2006. Ms. Davis was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis 30 years ago. During her battle with such a debilitating disease, Linda never complained. She always did her best to take care of her family. She was an inspiration to her family and all who knew her.

Ms. Davis is survived by her son Jeff Davis and his wife Kim of Canyon; her daughter, Ginger Alexander of Amarillo; 5 brothers, Charlie Snider and Gary Snider of Amarillo, Tom Snider and Jewel Snider of Pampa and Jim Snider of Dayton; 1 sister, Betty Tuck; her step-father L.W. "Stoney" Downey of Pampa; 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorial donations to the Amarillo Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 6222 Canyon Drive Amarillo, TX 79109.

To sign the online guest register, go to www.rectorfuneralhome.com.



Davis

He was a city commissioner, a retired firefighter for the Sallisaw Fire Department and also was retired from the city of Sallisaw, where he worked in code enforcement.

Funeral Services were 2 p.m. Aug. 23 at Immanuel Baptist Church, Sallisaw Okla. with Reverend Bryan Drake and Mr. Shannon Vann officiating.

Burial followed in Sallisaw city cemetery under the direction of Mallory-Martin Funeral Home in Sallisaw.

Robert L. "Bob" Schroeder, Sr.

PAMPA — Robert L. "Bob" Schroeder, Sr. 77, died September 11, 2012 in Amarillo.

SERVICES: 2:30 p.m. Thursday, September 13, 2012, at Hobart Baptist Church, with Rev. Mike Watson, pastor, officiating.

BURIAL: Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Schroeder was born July 19, 1935 in Randall County. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1958. He married Geneva Mae Norvell in 1956 in Hereford. She preceded him in death in January of 1995. He later married Alicia Pratt on December 20, 2008. He retired in 1987 from Cabot Corp. as a plant operator. He was a member of Hobart Baptist Church. He was an honorary sponsor for Pampa High School Rodeo Club. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

SURVIVORS: wife: Alicia Schroeder of the home; 2 sons: Bill Schroeder and wife Verna and James Schroeder and wife Jill, all of Pampa; step son: David Sikes of Phoenix, Arizona; step daughter: Janna Hampton and husband Keith of Foster, Oklahoma; sister: Anna Mae Schroeder of Amarillo; sister-in-law: Dorothy Howard of Clayton, New Mexico; 5 grandchildren: Darrel Schroeder and wife Jenny, Ashley Ilicic and husband Zeilko, Andy Schroeder and wife Kat, Lacy Schroeder, Jamie Cox and husband Jarred; 7 step grandchildren: Nicole Sikes, Bobby Sikes and wife Erin, Sarah Phipps and husband Michael, Aaron Sikes, Eric Sikes, Emily Callan and Katie Hampton; 8 great-grandchildren: Patrick, Paige, Archer, Morgan, Brinley, Taylen, Korbyn and Nathan. He was preceded in death by a son: Robert L. Schroeder, Jr.; his parents: Carl and Verna Schroeder; and 3 brothers: Carl Schroeder, Albert Schroeder and John Schroeder.

MEMORIALS: Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, Texas 79065, or Boy Scouts of America, Troop 404 of Pampa.

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Schroeder

William Clayton Meadows

William Clayton Meadows, 62, of Sallisaw Okla., was born Feb. 26, 1950 in Pampa to Johnny William and Lela Catherine Gray Meadows. He passed away Aug. 18, 2012 in Oklahoma City, Okla., at the age of 62.

He is survived by wife Tana of the home; one daughter, Misty Speir and husband John of Sallisaw, Okla.; one son, Dulaney Meadows and wife Becky of Sallisaw, Okla.; one sister, Cathy Jones of Minneola, Fla., one brother, Richard Meadows of Columbia, Missouri; mother, Lela Vise of Pampa; and three grandchildren, Britton and Emily Speir and Alivia Meadows.

He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Williams Meadows, and one brother, John Clyde Meadows.



Meadows

School Days Times 2



The senior breakfast Tuesday morning was well attended by both parents and students. First photo: Pampa ISD Superintendent Dr. David Young addresses the sizeable audience regarding the breakfast. Photo Two: The audience numbered well in the hundreds Tuesday.

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Shoe giveaway designed to help those in need

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Special To the Pampa News

Shoes, shoes, and more shoes. Around 1,000 pairs of brand new athletic shoes, in fact, will be given away free this, Wednesday, evening in the Coronado Center Shopping Center parking lot from 5 to 8 p.m.

"Paint this Town Red has teamed up with local business owner Don Campbell from the Bad Cattle Company and Holmes Sports Center to give these shoes out free to the community," PTTR Lead Pastor C.J. Frazier said.

"This is just another example of how the amazing people of Pampa come together to make things happen for this town," Frazier said. "We couldn't do any of these projects without local businesses like Holmes and the Bad Cattle Company stepping up and helping out."

Paint This Town Red is a new community service organization that sponsors "Project Red" events like the shoe giveaway planned for this week, but it is also a church group who meets at the Pampa Optimist Club.

"The community outreach Project Red events are open to anyone who wants to make Pampa a better place by being the hands and feet of Christ," according to Frazier. "And yes, we also lead a relaxed and casual service on Saturday nights especially geared for those who have not found a church home yet."

The group also organized a Project Red backpack event at Central Park last month where

1500 backpacks full of school supplies were given away to community members for free.

"Man, that was an awesome event that only happened because of God and again, because of the tremendous generosity of Pampa, our local businesses and those in the surrounding area who financially donated and made that possible," Frazier said.

The shoe giveaway, which the group calls "Project Red 10.5," landed in their laps last week and they have been quickly working to organize the shoes for distribution.

"We will have tables set up in the parking lot of Coronado Shopping Center outside of the old Albertson's building," PTTR Executive Pastor Daniel Passini said. "People can get in line, tell us what size shoe they need, and we will give them a box of brand new athletic shoes."

The shoes will be given out on a first come, first serve basis with one pair given to each person, and the shoe sizes range from children to adult, according to Kendra Towles, the PTTR Office Administrator.

"There is no requirement or fee required to pick up a pair. We have all kinds, colors, and styles, including cleats. Just come out and get what you need on Wednesday," Frazier said.

A home makeover "Project Red 11" is also scheduled for Sept. 22 at 9 a.m. at the home of longtime Pampa childcare provider, Glenda Walker. Those interested in getting involved with any of these projects can find out more at www.paintthistownred.org, or call the office on 912 N. Kentucky at 806.440.0567.



Vertical photo: Paint This Town Red Office Administrator Kendra Towles works Monday morning with volunteers Micki Frazier, Jeri Tidmore and Angie Smith to find the right place for the right shoe. The group will be partnering up with Bad Cattle Company and Holmes Sports Center to give away 1000 pairs of free, new, athletic shoes Wednesday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Coronado Shopping Center parking lot. Shoe sizes range from children to adult sizes in all kinds of brands and styles, including cleats. They will be distributed one pair per person and on a first come, first serve basis.

Horizontal photo: Paint This Town Red volunteers Lori Hendricks and Micki Frazier work Monday morning to find the right place for the right shoe. The group will be partnering up with Bad Cattle Company and Holmes Sports Center to give away 1000 pairs of free, new, athletic shoes Wednesday evening from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Coronado Shopping Center parking lot. Shoe sizes range from children to adult sizes in all kinds of brands and styles including cleats. They will be distributed one pair per person and on a first come, first serve basis. Courtesy photos.



OPEN HOUSE



YEARBOOK PATROL: Sierra Siever, 15, a Pampa High School sophomore, left, and Rebekah Foster, 15, a Pampa High School sophomore, right, help sell senior photos and ads for the upcoming yearbook. The two were in a booth at Monday night's open house at PHS.

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the Pampa News will be delivered to every house in town. (More than 8,000 homes.) Introductory rates are being offered through Christmas.

Also, the paper's subscription prices are being lowered to \$8 per month or \$19.99 for three months. Through the end of November, customers can purchase a year's subscription for only \$75 — a more than 34 percent savings, officials said.

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Chuck Norris: Election 2012: Supreme Court hangs in the balance



CHUCK NORRIS
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I believe freedom is worth fighting for. I am committed to protecting the freedoms our forefathers guaranteed to us in our Constitution. There are many politicians who disagree with me, although they are loath to admit it, but their true colors show in voting records on critical legislation. And part of what makes America great is that every two years, we, too, cast our votes, rendering judgment on whether lawmakers have fulfilled their promises. And every four years, as in 2012, our opportunity extends to the highest office in the land.

Less than 60 days remains before Election Day. I don't need to tell you how important this election is to the future of our country. The stakes are high, and that's why I proudly serve as honorary chairman of Trigger The Vote, the National Rifle Association's non-partisan campaign to register voters who support the Second Amendment. As a proud gun owner and defender of our Constitution, I am working within the system to make sure my voice is heard in Washington.

In the past several years, we have achieved great

victories. In two rulings, the Heller decision and the McDonald decision, the Supreme Court has ruled that all American citizens, in every state and municipality, have the right to legally possess a firearm. Those decisions were a tremendous accomplishment, and they finally ratified what our Founding Fathers envisioned when they drafted the Second Amendment.

So those who wish to deny our freedoms have been vanquished, and all is settled, right?

Wrong. There's a storm brewing on the horizon. Those who want to restrict our freedom have not surrendered. In truth, they are counting on this election to make their move. They are playing the long game, looking down the road to a day when one or more vacancies on the Supreme Court could upset the current balance.

The Heller and McDonald decisions were decided by razor-thin 5-4 votes in the Supreme Court. Those who want to overturn these decisions are betting on at least one of the nine Supreme Court justices to retire or otherwise leave service during the next four years. Some pundits have suggested that the number of Supreme Court vacancies filled by the next president could be as many as three.

Like all Supreme Court decisions, Heller and McDonald are not set in stone. If the balance on the court is shifted, a new challenge quickly can be mounted in the lower federal courts, eventually

making it to the Supreme Court. Our freedoms hang in the balance by the thin gossamer thread of a single vote. If that vote turns, the victories we worked so hard to solidify could be reversed.

The threat is present not only at the Supreme Court but also throughout our federal judiciary. Right now, dozens of cases already are winding their way through federal courts to implement the Supreme Court's rulings in Heller and McDonald. Those rulings were somewhat general in tone, and now their specific impact on existing gun laws is being defined through these cases.

The president also nominates judges for all levels of the federal bench. That is why we need to make sure we have a president whose nominees for any court -- including the Supreme Court -- will support the original meaning of our Constitution.

Every plan needs a backup, and this one is no different. We also need to make sure we have a U.S. Senate that is supportive of our fundamental freedoms, because the Senate votes to confirm new judges and justices. Several of the key Senate races are in highly competitive "battleground" states, and they may tip the balance of power in this country. If you live in these states, it's important to make your voice heard.

And that's why I am urging Second Amendment supporters nationwide to register to vote. If you're already registered, you

probably know someone who isn't. Share the stakes of this election with that person, and urge him or her to join the rolls of informed voters. We've made it easy on our website; all the tools to register are at <http://www.TriggerTheVote.org>. After all, when it comes to defending yourself and your family, can we really afford to gamble here?

I've spent my entire life standing up for what is right and seeking justice. I sleep better at night knowing that I have registered and exercised my right to vote. I urge everyone who is eligible to vote to do so. Let's make sure that the future of our country is in the hands of those who cherish freedom.

(Don't forget: "Last Ounce of Courage," the first theatrical motion picture to be awarded with my "Chuck Norris Seal of Approval," opens nationwide Sept. 14, coinciding with the 9/11 commemoration of Patriot Day. Visit <http://www.LastOunceTheMovie.com> for more information, including where it is showing in your area.)

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The conventions are over

The days immediately following the conclusion of national party conventions are not the best time to analyze a presidential race.

Polling numbers -- and even anecdotal evidence such as neighborly conversations -- reflect what is commonly called a "bounce" for candidates right after receiving their party nominations. The uptick in polling numbers follows a week of photo ops before adoring fans and non-stop attacks on the political opposition -- no surprise there. This year's conventions were a bit different, according to Gallup, the granddaddy of all political polls. The conventions don't draw the interest that they once did, so the bounces have been harder to discern. In his insightful blog "Polling Matters," Gallup Editor-in-Chief Frank Newport reported that polling data showed almost no bounce at all for the GOP ticket of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan following the Republicans' Tampa convention.

President Barack Obama and Democratic running mate Joe Biden fared a bit better. His national lead in Gallup's daily tracking polls rose from 47-46 percent to 48-45 following the Democratic convention in Charlotte. Historically, the circus atmosphere of Democratic conventions -- think back to Chicago in 1968 -- have been more entertaining. This year, even Clint Eastwood was no match for the triple-teaming from Michelle Obama, former President Bill Clinton and the president himself.

Does the post-convention scenario mean the Republicans should hit the panic button? Not really. If bounces from conventions were lasting factors, those calendars that show the faces and terms of past presidents would look different. Political momentum shifts quickly, and that's never been truer than in this digital age.

And while people these days seem to dig in earlier in support of their favorites, the number of undecided potential voters remains significant. There are nine weeks of unknowns remaining, and Election Day

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Debra J. Saunders: A comparison and contrast of the conventions



DEBRA J. SAUNDERS
Columnist

Tampa, Fla., was like the Republican National Convention delegation -- older, more experienced, less excitable. Tampa has hosted the Super Bowl; the city had lots of space and nothing to prove. There has been there/done that feel to the entire affair. Tampa Bay is used to welcoming visitors and has plenty of nice hotels to host them.

You say a hurricane is coming? No worries. They laid out some sandbags, closed up for a night and started up a day later. No need to rush a convention. People don't come to Florida to be in a hurry.

Charlotte, N.C., is a younger, more eager town, and it drew a younger, more jazzed set of delegates. The chance to host the Democratic National Convention delegation put the city in the big time. Volunteers dotted the convention center, greeting passers-by. They went out of their way to make visitors feel welcome.

Like a young family, the city didn't have a lot of room (as in hotel rooms), and that made for lots of griping.

The Obama campaign's decision to open up President Barack Obama's nomination acceptance speech to non-delegate volunteers by staging the event at the larger

Bank of America Stadium turned out to be impetuous. After the convention czars canceled the venue on account of possible thunderstorms, Republicans were thankful that they then could claim Obama could not draw enough volunteers to fill the stadium's 70,000 seats.

The decision angered the locals. As the Charlotte Observer's Taylor Batten later griped, the Democratic National Convention Committee has a pattern: "Make big plans (and) then scale them back."

In Tampa, Mitt Romney told the country that instead of going with the thrill of hope and change, voters should ask themselves whether they're better off than they were four years ago. He issued a simple proposition: Go with the candidate who can make the economy work for your family.

Obama was a changed man. When he spoke at his first two conventions, he arrived buoyed by promise and impatience -- a young man in a hurry to change the world. In Charlotte, Obama no longer played a young man's game. He carried the baggage of governance.

Thus, the president told his people that change takes time and that it isn't easy.

Ann Romney was the yin to her husband's yang. She was solid and warm. Most of all, she seemed happy as she delivered a speech that lit up the convention audience.

After Tampa, Romney predicted that the Democrats' convention wasn't "going to be as happy" as the Republicans' was. That certainly applied in the wife department.

Michelle Obama was the yin to her

'Ann Romney was the yin to her husband's yang. She was solid and warm. Most of all, she seemed happy as she delivered a speech that lit up the convention audience.'

husband's yin; they're both strong and fierce and smart and caring. She delivered a speech that fired up Charlotte delegates. At 63 and 48, Ann Romney and Michelle Obama represent the best of two very different generations.

Romney's running mate, Paul Ryan, was strong and fierce and smart and tough. In 2012, he was there to do what Obama did in Boston in 2004 -- to call out the wrongheadedness of the administration. As Obama was for the Dems then, Ryan was the GOP breakout star now.

Ryan's Democratic counterpart, Joe Biden, was not a rising star -- nor did Team Obama want him to be. The campaign didn't even give him a good speaking slot. Biden was happy anyway; he just kept talking and talking his way into prime time.

John McCain also did not rate prime time in Tampa, even though four ago, he was the GOP nominee. This year, he spoke Wednesday at 7 p.m., when most of the delegates weren't listening.

John Kerry, the Democrats' past nominee, enjoyed the floor's full attention Thursday night. He delivered perhaps his best speech in years, and he deftly jabbed

Romney for not mentioning Afghanistan in his acceptance speech. "No nominee should ever fail in the midst of a war to pay tribute to our troops overseas in his acceptance speech."

Romney should have mentioned Kerry is the candidate who gave Obama his big break. Who will be the next rising star?

The GOP's future could be seen in Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, whose grandfather stood behind a bar "so that one day" he "could stand behind a podium." The Democrats' future could be San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro, whose grandmother wielded a mop so that he "could hold this microphone." Castro's daughter, Carina, stole the show as she tossed her hair when she saw her face on the Jumbotron screen.

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DECIDE

Continued From Editorial Page

After its week in the political spotlight, North Carolina looms an important state in the upcoming vote. It is widely considered among political observers as one of the dozen or so "swing states" that will decide the Electoral College outcome.

Elon University has provided meaningful polling data for the state in recent years. Its numbers have emerged as ones to watch. In Elon's pre-convention polling, Mitt Romney was leading in the state by a 47-43 percent margin. Six percent of the respondents said they were undecided.

Some people in this area, where the GOP's supporters are the most vociferous, find the tightness of the statewide numbers hard to fathom, but they often forget that political leanings change noticeably as the focus shifts west into more urbanized regions of the state.

Romney will need to hold to his lead in North Carolina to stand much of a chance -- his predicament in other swing states is not nearly as promising. Tar Heel voters should pay close attention to the debates and other substantive aspects of the campaign. Their votes will be critical to the nation's future in what will be an interesting and important election.

This editorial contributed by the New Bern Sun Journal.

RAIN?



Many of the Pampa residents who attended this past weekend's game in Canyon had to decide if they would stay or go when the rain started falling. At one point, the lightning factor of the storm prompted referees to delay the game for 30 minutes.

Collector could scour internet for pot parts

Q: I recently became interested in canning, and when I found the canner seen in this photo in an antiques shop, I bought it. I paid \$25 and it works great. On the tip are the words "Automatic Canning Devices Inc.—Chicago." It has a metal bail handle and a black plastic one. The gauge was made by U.S. Automatic Gauge Co. in New York and works. The canner is 15 inches high and 39 inches in circumference. I was looking online for spare parts, just in case I needed them. I came up completely empty-handed and now I am more curious about my canner.

Could you tell me anything about it?

A: Automatic Canning Devices Inc. made canners and pressure cookers in the early 1900s in Chicago. Their advertising claim in 1936 stated, "Canning outfit that works every day in the year." Keep scouring the Internet for pot parts, sooner or later they will turn up.

Your canner was made around the 1920s to 1930s and can be found selling anywhere from \$10 to \$35.



Automatic Canning Devices Inc. was located in Chicago.



Stangl Pottery was known for its ceramic birds.

Q: Enclosed is the mark on the bottom of a wren pottery figurine. The bird is on a base and has a multicolored back, brown body and a yellow breast. The overall height is 4 inches, and it is in perfect condition. Also marked on the

bottom is the number "3590." It belonged to my great grandmother and was given to her by a friend in the 1950s.

What can you tell me about my figurine and its history?

A: Stangl Pottery, originally Hill Pottery, was taken over by Martin Stangl. Stangl was a successful designer and ceramic engineer. His company produced dinnerware, art ware and novelties. In 1940, he introduced a line of ceramic birds and animals. Most pieces were marked with a number and the

name of the decorator. The number for the Carolina Wren is "3590." Stangl died in 1972, and after his death, the company produced revised editions of its birds. They are no longer in business.

Your wren was made in the 1940s and would probably be worth \$75 to \$125.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P. O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.



Local ranches rodeo well

CONTRIBUTED REPORT

GRUVER — Two area ranches, see photo above, did well at the Panhandle Cowboy Classic Ranch Rodeo here this past weekend.

The High Card Ranch from Clarendon won the rodeo. The X Cross X and Adams Ranch team finished third.

The Hackamore Ranch of Colorado was second.

They were three of a 17-team ranch rodeo Friday and Saturday here competing in bronc riding, team penning, team branding, stray gathering and wild cow milking.

The High Card Ranch team consisted of Brad Shadle, Heath Hodge, Randy Crump, Cody Taylor and bronc rider Joshua Halsell.

The X Cross X Ranch and Adams Ranch team included Chance Bowers, Collin Bowers, Jarrett Proffitt, Ewill Adams and Allen Sturgess.

The X Cross X Ranch, owned by Chance and Collin Bowers of Grandview-Hopkins, is a cow-calf and stocker operations.

The Adams Ranch is out of Tulia.

The Panhandle Cowboy Classic Ranch Rodeo is one of a series of rodeos across the nation that lead to the Working Ranch Cowboy Association's Championship



Pampa High School students cheer the Harvesters on at this weekend's game in Canyon.

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**MIKE
SUBLETT**

It was 1971 and I had taken my first Greek test the day before. I wasn't ever a very good student. I had studied my tail off for that test; I didn't think I could study any harder. After checking role my Greek teacher, Dub DeLoach, passed out the graded tests. I was petrified. He placed my test on my desk and there it was: 32, in large red numerals. Part of me wanted to cry, but within a few moments I was just melancholy. I thought about that score the entire day. By the time the final bell rang, I had made a decision: I didn't have the smarts for this school, it was just way above my ability. Conclusion: I was going to quit. Problem: I had to tell Shari.

Husbands are strange creatures. If there is one human on planet earth they want to be admired by it is their wife. I got home about 1.5 hours before Shari got home from work. I practiced and practiced how to tell her, what words to use. I never practiced apologizing so much in my whole life. I was not only quitting school, but I had quit a magnificent job with great pay and benefits. How was I going to explain that? I kept watching the clock. She would be driving up in our 1964 Plymouth any moment. If I could have disappeared, I would have. Then I heard the car engine followed by the car door shutting. I got braced, ready to say the words.

Shari opened the door, fully expecting to find me studying hard at the kitchen table. When she didn't she asked, "Why aren't you studying?" I opened my mouth, but the words just wouldn't come out. The next thing I knew I was saying, "Oh, I was just taking a break before hitting the books." Shari replied, "I'll change and get to working on supper." I got the books out and started studying. And that was that. By the grace of God I stayed, learned how to study much harder, worked my tail off in every class and graduated in July of 1973. By God's grace? Absolutely. Because I was afraid to disappoint Shari? Absolutely. Lesson? Sometimes God uses your spouse to help motivate you to become the person you never thought you could be. Thank You, Lord. And thank you, Shari.

Now this story is the background to another story, a part 2 if you will. Here is part 2.

The other day I was checking my Facebook and noticed that one of the men I went to preaching school with had passed away. He was a year behind me in school so we weren't close, just kind of knew each other by sight. It has been 36 years since I have seen him. Yet my heart was instantly pierced, my eyes began to tear up and I felt a little blue. Reading that he had passed took me back to

the last time I saw Dennis. It was the night of my graduation from White's Ferry Road School Of Preaching. In fact, it was as I was about to leave the building after the graduation service was over. Dennis walked up to me and gave me a hug that you would expect to see David give his best friend Jonathan. It was uncomfortably personal and intimate. I was confused.

Dennis finally let go, stared into my eyes and said, "You don't even remember do you? You don't know why I feel like I'm losing one of my very best friends." I admitted that I didn't and apologized for not knowing.

Dennis began to share. "Oh, it wasn't a special day for you, but it was a life changing day for me. I had just gotten my first Greek test back and I had failed it miserably. I had studied as hard as I possibly could; I wasn't capable of studying any harder. I had decided that I just couldn't do it and that I was quitting. I wasn't even going to say anything to anyone, I was just going to leave when everyone went to chapel."

"About that time you came bouncing by like you did every morning, patted me on my back and said, 'Hey, if I can make it, you can too.' And you kept right on walking."

"At that moment God did something special in me. He used you to get me over the hump. I never told you because I didn't want anyone to know that I almost quit. But I decided tonight that you needed to know. One day you might need some encouragement and I wanted you to remember what a difference you made in my life. So thanks, Mike, and God bless you."

By that time Dennis had my full attention. I told him, "Want to hear a good one? The day I got my first Greek test back I made a 32. I was sitting up by the chapel entrance thinking of what a fool I had been for ever thinking that I could be a preacher and for quitting my great job working offshore for Southern Natural Gas Company. I was so angry at myself and ashamed that I just couldn't hack it. I decided that I was going to quit. But there was only one problem. I was married and I would have to go home and tell Shari that I was quitting. I was struggling with how best to tell her, what the right words were. Later that day I decided that there weren't any right words and that I couldn't bear the look that Shari would have in her eyes if I said that I was quitting. So I stayed, learned that I could work harder and with God's blessings graduated tonight. So you see, God used one "almost quitter" to help another "almost quitter" so that He could accomplish His will for both of us."

We hugged again, but this time differently. I haven't seen Dennis since that July night in 1973. One day I will. But it won't be in Louisiana. One day Dennis and I will see each other again in Heaven. And when we hug that day it really will be like David and Jonathan. So God bless you, Dennis, and please keep my seat warm for me. Mike

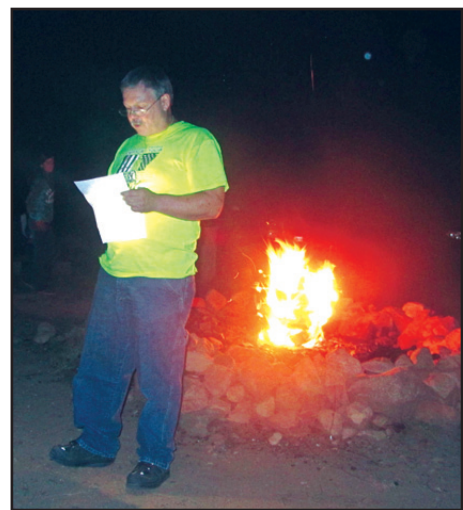
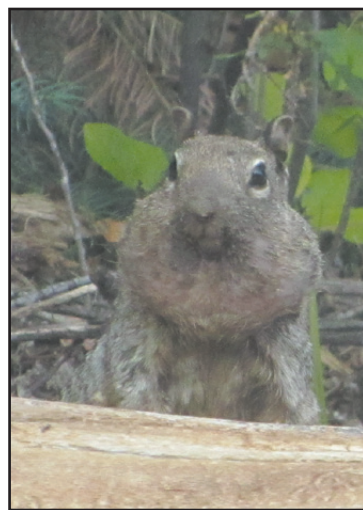
CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Hi-Land Christian Church Family Camp



Photos courtesy of **Hi-Land Christian Church**

Pictured Above and clockwise : At the annual Labor Day Family Camp held at El Porvenir Christian Camp near Las Vegas, New Mexico, times of praise and worship are among the most special memorable. Dan Long below sharing a Bible lesson at the Saturday night campfire over Labor Day, moments. While attending Hi-Land Christian Church's annual Family Camp over Labor Day, Pam Whinery caught this squirrel literally "packing it in" for his winter hibernation.



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How do I get Saved? Step 1 in the Christian's Life

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In 1 John 5:12 we see that "He who has the Son has life, and he that has not the Son of God has not life." The only condition to having salvation is having Jesus Christ, and the only way to have Jesus Christ is to receive Him as your personal Savior. The only way that you can receive Christ as your Savior is to believe in the work that He has accomplished on the cross. He did this on your behalf. There is no other way to salvation. Belief is the only work that God will accept, and it is a non-meritorious act of faith.

In 1 John 5:13 the Bible makes a statement so that you might know that you have salvation: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God,

in order that you may know that you have eternal life and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Many people do not know for sure if they are saved. A lot of people hope they are saved. A lot of people are trying to be saved. A lot of people want to be saved, but very few people know that they are saved. You can know it today if you are in Christ. If you are in Christ you are saved; there is no doubt about it. The Bible says it in 1 John 5:13 so you can know it.

Now the question is, once you receive Christ as your Savior, can you lose your salvation? Again, let us take a look at some scripture. In Romans 8:38-39 the Bible says, "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

nor height, nor depths, nor any other creatures shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The principle here is the love of God. Paul says that "nothing can separate you from the love of God." Understand that in eternity past God loved you so much that He provided for you a Savior, and that love was expressed in time when Jesus Christ came to earth and went to the cross. God actually has two kinds of love for you. So, if you have made a decision to believe in Christ and His righteousness (+R) has been imputed to you, God loves you, and that love is the basis of knowing that nothing will separate you from Him. Hebrews 13:5 guarantees it: "I will never leave you, I will never forsake you."

There is more assurance in John 10:28-29: "I give unto them eternal

life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My Father's hand. My Father which gave them to Me is greater than all, and no man can take them out of My Father's hand." Again the promise and claim from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, no one can remove you from the Plan of God once you have made a decision to believe in Jesus Christ.

One of my favorite verses is 2 Timothy 2:13 "Even if we believe not, yet, He abideth faithful; for He cannot deny Himself." This verse means that there may come a time in your life that you don't even believe that your salvation still exists. Has God denied you? You are in Christ and in God's family. For God to deny you, for God to say no to you means that God would have to say no to Christ.

He cannot do that, that is what the verse says. That is a condition that God will not carry out. So by means of your faith, and by means of the imputation of the (+R) of Christ to your life, you know that you have salvation, and you know that nothing can separate you from God. You know

that even if you deny that it happened, God will not deny you.

Yes, if you have made a decision to believe in Jesus Christ, it did happen, and you are in the family of God. You have completed phase one of the Christian life, which is salvation.

God's Amazing Grace!

CHRIS ELY

One of my favorite verses in the Bible is 2 Corinthians 12:9. It says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

I'm glad I know that even in all of my weaknesses I have Christ's power to help me continue on.

Life is hard. We all face difficulties. Sometimes, life throws you a curve, and you don't know what to do. It is in these times when we can turn to God and find our strength in Him.

Look at the apostle Paul. He endured many hardships after his conversion. He was beaten, stoned, shipwrecked and put in prison. He was sometimes without food or a place to sleep. Yet, in all these circumstances, Jesus assured him, "my grace is sufficient for you."

The Lord took care of Paul. He will take care of us, too. Our God is bigger than any situation we will ever come up against.

I don't know why we have to go through some of the things we do in life. I wouldn't have chosen the path my life has taken. But Romans 8:28 says, "All things work for good for those who love the Lord."

Maybe one day we will understand it all. But for now we go on trusting in God to see us through. My troubles are light compared to Paul's. They are nothing compared to the suffering Jesus went through on the cross. Even when I do come up against hard times, God will help me. His grace is sufficient for me!

This life is just a vapor and soon will be over. It's just a pit stop on the way to our eternal destiny... when God will make all things right.

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Billy Graham: "My heart aches for America"

BILLY GRAHAM

Some years ago, my wife, Ruth, was reading the draft of a book I was writing. When she finished a section describing the terrible downward spiral of our nation's moral standards and the idolatry of worshiping false gods such as technology and sex, she startled me by exclaiming, "If God doesn't punish America, He'll have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah."

She was probably thinking of a passage in Ezekiel where God tells why He brought those cities to ruin. "Now this was the sin of ... Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they

did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen" (Ezekiel 16:49-50, NIV).

I wonder what Ruth would think of America if she were alive today. In the years since she made that remark, millions of babies have been aborted and our nation seems largely unconcerned. Self-centered indulgence, pride, and a lack of shame over sin are now emblems of the American lifestyle. Just a few weeks ago in a prominent city in the South, Christian chaplains who serve the police department were ordered to no longer mention the

Name of Jesus in prayer. It was reported that during a recent police-sponsored event, the only person allowed to pray was someone who addressed "the being in the room." Similar scenarios are now commonplace in towns across America. Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone-except God.

Yet the farther we get from God, the more the world spirals out of control.

My heart aches for America and its deceived people. The wonderful news is that our Lord is a God of mercy, and He responds to repentance. In Jonah's day, Nineveh was the lone world

superpower-wealthy, unconcerned, and self-centered.

When the Prophet Jonah finally traveled to Nineveh and proclaimed God's warning, people heard and repented.

I believe the same thing can happen once again, this time in our nation. It's something I long for, and my son Franklin recently shared a vision for perhaps the greatest challenge in the history of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association-to launch an outreach called My Hope with Billy Graham that would bring the Gospel into neighborhoods and homes in every corner of America next year.

Walk in the Sweet Aroma of Christ

PAUL L. NACHTIGALL

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

My daughter Chasity is one of the most independent young women that I know. She has stepped out and is in the process of adopting a little girl from the Republic of the Congo. Her daughter, Amayah Grace, came into this world on May 30, 2012. At this time we are waiting to hear when we will be able to go to the Congo and pick her up. It's pretty exciting to think about holding her before Memaw does!

Chasity is sending some things over each month. It's not much, but it should help get her some things before we get there. But one of the things that she does is puts her perfume on all that she sends. The adoption agency suggested that she do this so that when she finally gets to hold Amayah she will recognize Chasity's perfume.

This reminded me of something which happened years ago. It was in

April of 1997. I received a call that my Dad suffered a stroke. He was in St. Mary's Hospital in Enid, OK. I took Joshua up to see him so we could spend a couple of days. Dad was doing well so there was no danger and he was already at this time in rehab. Joshua and I had spent the day with him but it had been tiring. Dad was needing a rest and so was Joshua.

Dad told Joshua to get up on the bed beside him so they could take a nap. Joshua climbed on that bed and they both drifted off to sleep. Not long after they woke up we headed back to Pampa. It wasn't far out of Enid that Joshua said he wasn't feeling well. I told him to climb in the backseat and take a nap. All was quiet until Joshua broke the silence. He said, "Dad, I still smell Grandpa." I asked him, "Is that a bad thing?" To which he replied, "No, it's good." I looked back to the road with tears in my eyes and smiled -- my son had made a memory with

his Grandpa that his sense of smell would never forget.

I think that may well be what Paul was referring to in 2 Cor. 2:14-17. Paul was saying that as Christians we have the aroma of the knowledge of God in every place. In other words, we have the aroma of our Father as we walk through life. Paul does say that we are an aroma to everyone we meet. A fragrance to those who are saved as well as to those who are perishing.

I wonder if any of us have had someone walk away from an encounter with us and say, "I was able to smell the sweet aroma of Christ in their lives." Or has anyone said, "I can still smell Jesus." after they had walked away from us. Even more than that, I wonder, how many of us have made a memory with Jesus that was so sweet smelling that our sense of smell will never let us forget. God is calling us to be an aroma, just as He is an aroma.

We all have an aroma of

some type. The question is -- is it sweet? If we will lie back in the arms of Christ, He will give us that sweet smelling aroma that will permeate our entire being. I don't know about you, but it is my prayer that as I walk through this day the sweet smell of Jesus be on my life, and that others not only see Jesus in me, but that they smell Him on me. And that is more than just a thought, it is my hope.

JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, there IS something about that name!!

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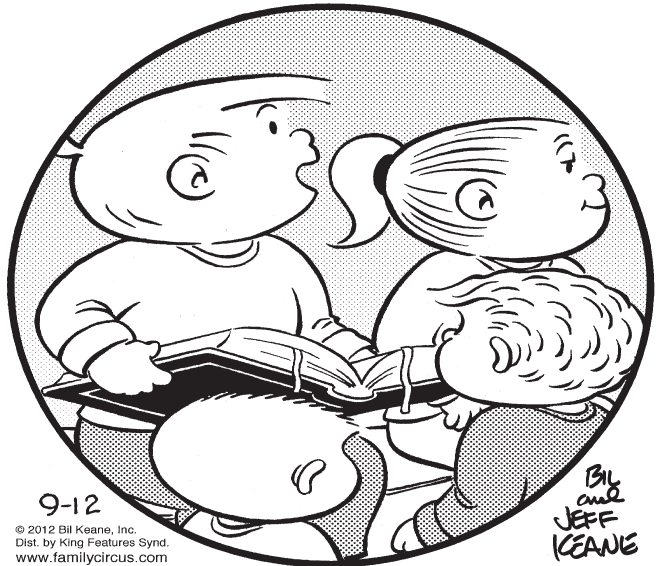
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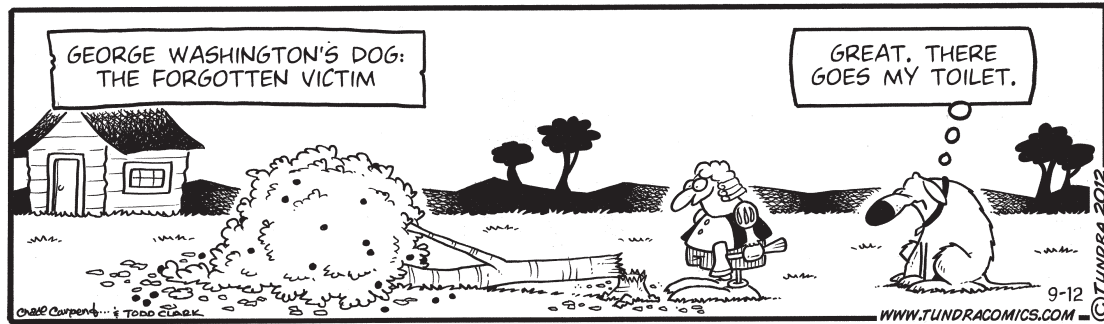
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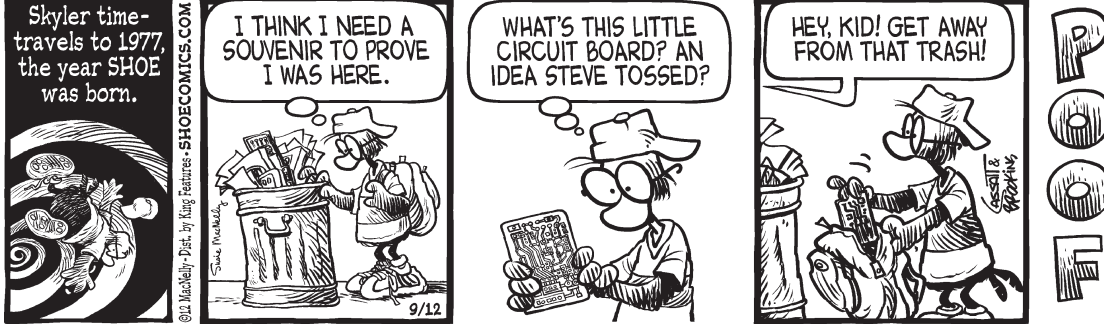


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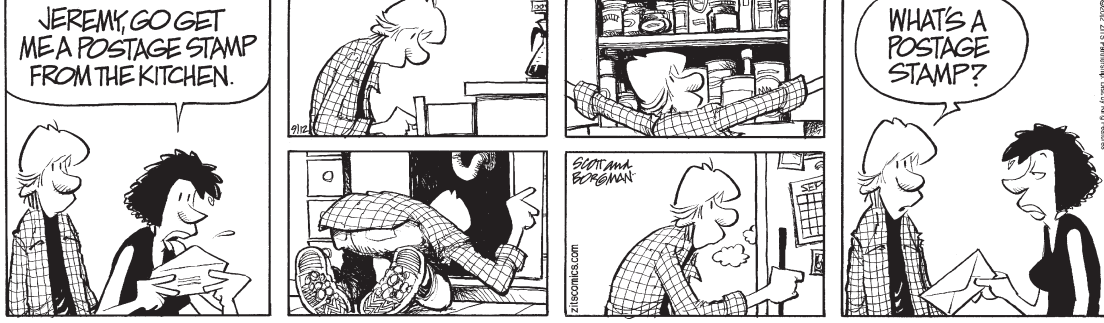
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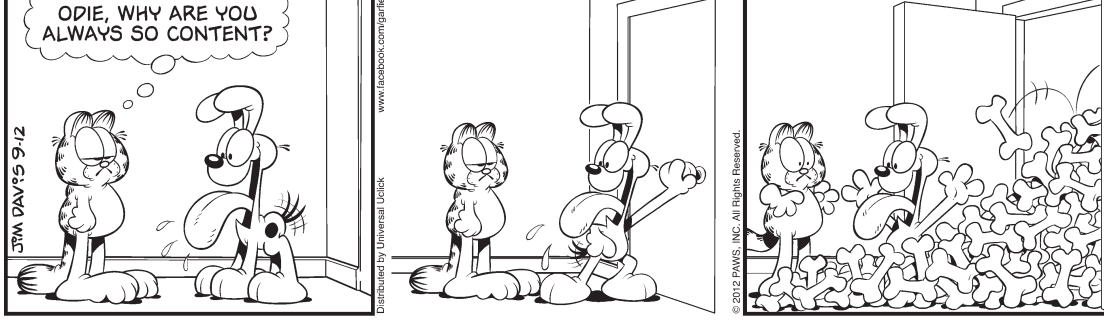
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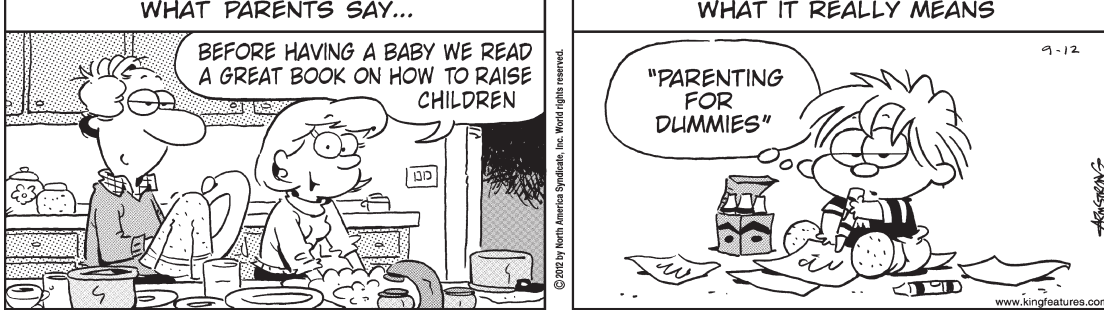
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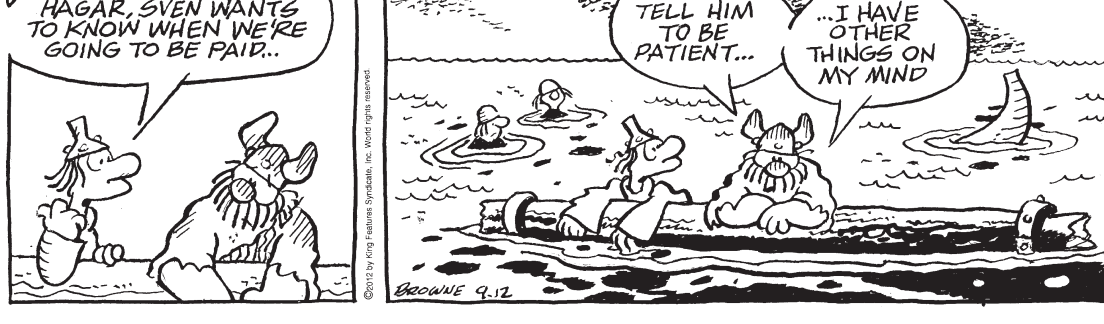
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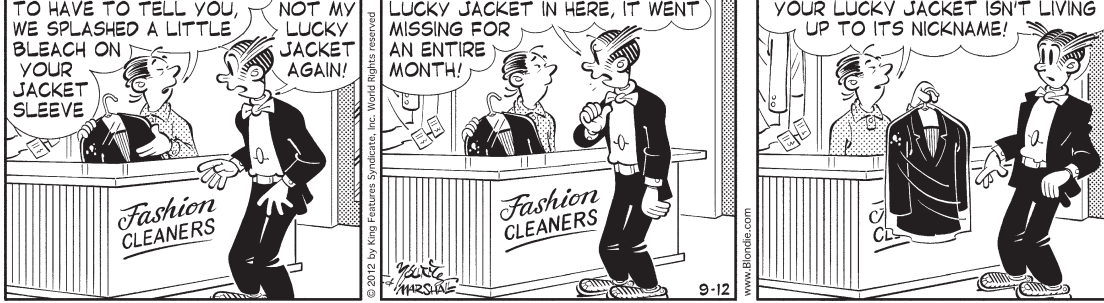
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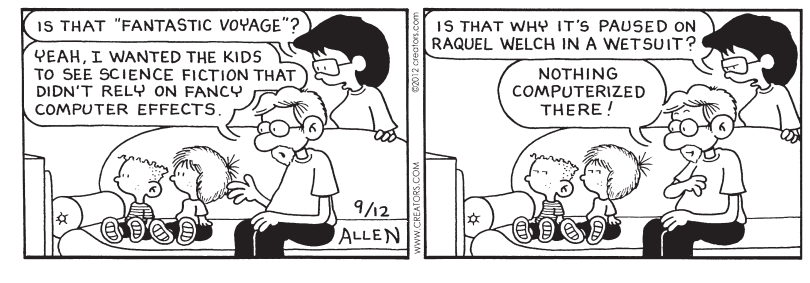
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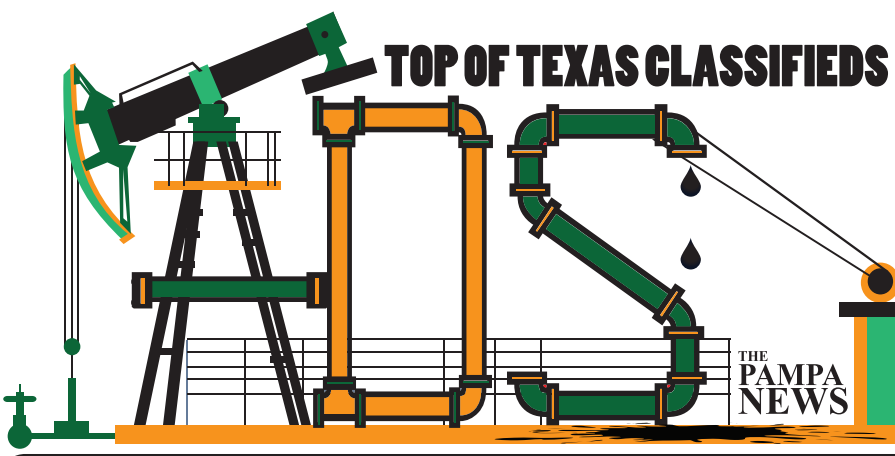
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012:
This year the unexpected has become a theme in your life, especially as a partner or loved one tends to express an unpredictable energy. You often feel like you have to start over at square one and crawl your way back up to the top. This struggle is more symbolic than realistic. Bosses and higher-ups let you know how much they value your work. If you are single, you could meet someone very special through your work. Let it happen. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy making public appearances together. Socializing is right up your alley. A fellow LEO understands you even better than you do.
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)
★★★★★ Your very playful style attracts quite a few people. Your creativity comes out when you relax and are yourself. Opportunity soars because of your ingenuity. Others respond to your ideas; you simply need to communicate them. Tonight: Love the moment.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your principles work. You are able to sustain a great amount of change, even when it is unexpected. You prove this time and time again. Try not to place too much value on money, as it comes and goes. Tonight: Home really is your castle.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep talking and sharing your feelings. Others might surprise you by their actions and/or responses. The good news is that you have the ability to respond appropriately and with flexibility. You attract people through your openness. Tonight: Say what you mean, and mean what you say.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Unexpected developments from your hand. You'll see life through new eyes as a result, and humor helps you flow through what could be difficult moments. Use your intuition with your finances. Tonight: Go buy yourself that item you love.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You greet life with a smile and a willingness to jump through hoops. How you see a personal situation could change drastically as associates come in with noteworthy ideas. Anything is possible; make it

so. Tonight: Allow your Leo charm to do its magic.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Know when to pull back and say little. The less said, the greater the flexibility you'll have. Someone who makes an impact takes an unusual stance while you work overtime to catch up and understand what went through his or her mind. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Look at what is going on around you. People seek you out. If you're trying to concentrate or be studious, you can forget it. The ethers are declaring that it is time for you to socialize more. Opportunities head your way. Tonight: Follow the music.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You cannot get around a certain responsibility that looks like it will have certain aspects that you will need time to figure out. You are not a free spirit. Honor your life's demands, and you will be well-rewarded. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You must detach or else everything that's happening around you could get jumbled. You will feel as if your mind is a maze. The more mental distance you gain, the better your choices will be. Someone close seems to share too much. Tonight: Why work when you can play?
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Someone comes to you with an unexpected proposition. Listen well, though know that you might block out some details, as you are a bit taken aback. See how you can work this idea into your life. You could be thrilled by the results. Tonight: One-on-one relating.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Defer to others with the full knowledge as to what you need. You see key people around you being extremely domineering. Let them be -- you cannot change them. Let them see the results of their actions. Use the freedom well. Tonight: Say "yes."
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm really bad when it comes to speaking. It's hard for me to squeak out the few words I can. I am shy and not very sociable, so when I'm with people, even my two friends, I feel like I come across as rude. I never have the right things to say. When I'm with my family, I don't usually have this problem.

In public, it seems like everyone else is so much more interesting than I am. Making conversation is a lot of trouble. I know this sounds silly, but do you know if there is anything that can be done about it? I heard you had a booklet about being more social. Is it still published? If so, how can I get one? — VICTORIA IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR VICTORIA: Making conversation may seem like "a lot of trouble" to you because making conversation is a SKILL that you haven't yet mastered. A surefire way to contribute in social situations is to become informed about what is going on in the world by reading books, magazines, the Dear Abby column (of course) and going on the Internet. The more informed you are about the world, the better you will be.

You don't have to be an "authority" on everything. A good conversationalist is interested in what other people have to say instead of feeling pressured to fill the air with the sound of his or her own voice. My booklet "How to Be Popular" is filled with suggestions about how to polish one's social skills. It isn't meant to be read just once and then put aside. Read it often because it covers a variety of social situations. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. There are tips not only for what to say, but also what NOT to say, which is one of the keys for becoming the kind of person other people find interesting, attractive and want to know better. If parents, teachers and clergy know people who need help in this regard, it might make an inexpensive gift that could help change the course of their lives.

Most people can concentrate on only one thing at a time. One of the best cures for shyness is to forget about yourself and concentrate on the OTHER person by asking about what he or she is interested in. Try it, and you'll find it works.

DEAR ABBY: I have this little boy I tutor. He is 7 and says he loves me. I'm 18. I try to tell him I'm way too old and he isn't my type, but all he says is, "Age ain't nothing but a number." Help! I need to know what to do. — ALEX IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ALEX: Start by telling him that the word "ain't" isn't appropriate — that saying is, "Age isn't anything but a number." Then tell him that while you are complimented, he is there to study — so you'll revisit the subject when HE is 18.

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Sports



Fall 2012 City Recreation Sports
Men, Women, Mixed Teams



Softball and Kickball Team Standings

Mens D1	Conf.	Overall	Mixed D2	Conf.	Overall
OCB	0-0	4-0	Long John Silvers	6-0	6-0
Brick Squad	0-0	3-1	Steve's Refrigeration	5-1	5-1
Team Big Mac	0-0	3-1	Outlaws	3-2	3-2
Elite	0-0	1-3	J&J Construction	2-4	2-4
Bad Element	0-0	1-3	ATM	2-4	2-4
Copperheads	0-0	0-4	Scout Energy	1-5	1-5
			Chief Plastics	1-4	1-4
Mixed D1	Conf.	Overall			
Bush Leaguers	6-0	6-0	Kickball		
Kilgo Woodworks	5-1	5-1	Conf.	Overall	
Brock	3-3	3-3	Total Khaos	0-0	3-1
DSA Consulting	3-3	3-3	Curtis Well Service	0-0	3-1
Enbridge	2-4	2-4	Briarwood	0-0	1-3
I'd Hit That	1-5	1-5	Bench Warmers	0-0	1-3
NOV	1-5	1-5			

Bulletin Board

Events for the week
Harvester Football Week 2
Thursday 9/13/2012

9th Grade Home
Versus Dumas 4:30 p.m.
Junior Varsity Home
Versus Dumas 6:30 p.m.

Friday 9/14/2012

Pampa Harvester Varsity
Dumas High School Stadium
Versus Dumas 7:30 p.m.
Gates open up at 6:30 p.m.

Harvester Volleyball
Saturday 9/15/2010
Lubbock High

9th Grade 10:45
Junior Varsity 10:45
Varsity 10:45
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