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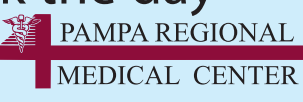
Tri-State Rodeo Club
 'This is the kids rodeo.' | See below and in sports.

Harvesters Non-District Play will lead to success


A "BLUE ZONE"
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There are two trains of thought to consider when preparing a football team for district play. Neither one is a guarantee of post-season play.

It's important to remember that the most positive object here — the one that does the most good for the kids on our team — is to shape character in the players and prepare them for the real season district play. And life in general.

Attack the day
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One of these routes I mentioned is to play inferior foes. This example is seen easily in the college ranks. Two weeks ago, Oklahoma State hosted a smaller school Savanna State and beat them 84-0.

This particular route is loved by many alumni and parents because of its one-sided victories. It also allows for more of the second and third string boys to play. Lord knows, it definitely stops the

"My boy should be playing," mentality that comes so often with parents and alumni trying to Monday Morning Quarterback — circumventing the knowledge and authority of the coaches. I personally would be mortified if someone suggested I go to the coaches about my child's play time. I leave it to these dedicated souls to use the best players possible.

So you can imagine: When I see Monday Morning Quarterbacking, it turns my stomach.

Subjectivity and arrogance never produce a winning team.

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SHOE GIVEAWAY



Staff photos by **Gayden Hays and Ben Tinsley**

Hundreds of Pampa residents turned out at the Las Pampas Square Shopping Center Wednesday afternoon to take advantage of a free shoe giveaway — the inspiration of local business owner Don Campbell — sponsored by "Paint This Town Red," a new community service organization. Photos inside, story P6.

Tri-State Rodeo this Saturday

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Thirty-eight high school kids will represent the Pampa Tri-State Rodeo Club at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena this Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. continuing until 5 p.m. each day.

"This is the kids rodeo — they all compete and work the rodeo at the same time," sponsor Karri Harris said.

The only aspect of the rodeo that the kids will not actively run will be the judging. The judges are all Tri-State Rodeo Association certified and scores will go towards the standings for finals that will be held in Vernon.

The rodeo team will compete in 11 other rodeos around the panhandle during the rest of the year.

In addition to the rodeo, a silent auction will be held at the concession stand both days.

The highest bidder may pick up the items Sunday afternoon.

At the Pavillion Saturday night will be a high school age dance. **No alcohol will be allowed.**

'I'll never forget 9-11' (Part One)

By **J.B. BLOCKER**
 Special To The Pampa News

Editor's Note: Texas writer J.B. Blocker is a Pampa area native who is contributing his thoughts on the year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

Late September 2001: The van that carried our team of Disaster Recovery Supervisors carried us to 45th and Madison and the Roosevelt Hotel which would house dozens of us for several months. As we drove through the streets, I was fascinated by the 'missing signs' that were plastered on walls, post, fences, and anywhere else a piece of paper could be attached.

It was early in the evening by the

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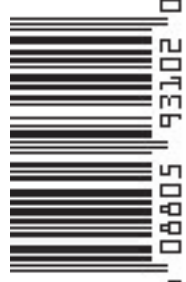
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
30%		
High 59 Low 50	High 70 Low 52	High 80 Low 54

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. North northeast wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. East southeast wind around 10 mph becoming south southwest after midnight.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 80. South wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

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Obituaries

Ernalene "Ernie" Shackelford

PAMPA — Ernalene "Ernie" Shackelford, 73, died September 12, 2012 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Shackelford

She was born December 13, 1938 to Jesse F. and Erna Agnes Reno Hornback in Canadian, where she grew up and attended school. She loved playing tennis and won numerous awards while in school. She married Franklin "Dee" Shackelford on December 29, 1962 in Pampa. They made their home in Pampa in 1965.

She worked for Marie Foundations until they closed, and then worked for Pampa Independent School District as a bus driver until retiring due to a knee injury. She then became a private sitter until her final retirement in 1991. She founded and ran the "Angels and Outlaws" riding club and was a huge part of play days and rodeos. Horses were her passion, as well as the kids involved.

The family would like to thank Interim Hospice for the care they have given her, and a special thanks to her favorite aide, Carmen.

Ernie is survived by 2 daughters: Tina Anderson Shawn and husband Danny, and Missy Martin and husband James, all of Pampa; a sister: Dellores Thompson and husband Jim of Kingfisher, Oklahoma; sister-in-law: Jeanie Hornback of Ardmore, Oklahoma; 2 granddaughters: Britney Martin and Peggy Anderson Baggett, both of Pampa; a grandson: Gary Don Anderson of Blue Springs, Missouri; 5 great-grandchildren;

numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; and a very special friend and loving caregiver: Kathy Cuellar. Ernie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her baby brother: Jesse V. Hornback; and her Godparents: E. J. and Fannie Hornback.

Memorials may be made to Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

The family will be at 1140 Farley in Pampa. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Lowanda Jewel McGuffin

LEFORS — Lowanda Jewel McGuffin, 72, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012 in McLean. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, September 16, 2012, at the Lefors Church of Christ with Gene Gee, minister, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McGuffin was born Sept. 5, 1940 in Evans, Louisiana. She married Ralph Carrol McGuffin on May 19, 1957 in Ajo, Arizona. He preceded her in death on Nov. 21, 2009. She was a homemaker and had been a resident of Lefors since 1980. She was a Baptist.

SURVIVORS: 2 sons: Allan McGuffin of Canyon and Don McGuffin and wife Debbie of DeQueen, Arkansas; a daughter: Carolyn Hess and husband Bud of Lefors; a sister: Alice Nelson of Alabama; and 9 grandchildren: Al McGuffin, Jr., David Roshto, Nick Hess, Cody Hess, Steven McGuffin, Ashlyn McGuffin, Terance R. C. McGuffin, Clint McGuffin, and Laraine Lynn Scroggins and husband Scott; and by 7 great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: McLean Care Center, 605 7th St., McLean, TX 79057.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



The area residents who turned out for the free shoe giveaway on Wednesday afternoon gathered en masse in front of the old Albertson's building as volunteers used bullhorns to try and coordinate the disbursement efforts. Photos by Ben Tinsley.

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next day. It gave me some time to wander over to Grand Central Station just down the street to figure out my route to get to the 'Red Zone' where I had been assigned.

I passed a lady with her dog and both of them were wearing small posters with the picture of a man and a few words like little miniature billboards. The lady stopped just in front of me and solemnly stapled a poster to one of the many plywood construction barriers that are prominent in Manhattan. This sheet of plywood like all the others was covered with not dozens, but hundreds of similar pages. Pictures of families, couples, and individuals would blanket the city for months. I was amazed at how many included home addresses and list of personal phone numbers. Such was the desperation of those left behind.

After she blew the picture a kiss and slowly walked away, I had to see what she had posted. The photo of a man in his 30's was followed by a description and contact information including address and phone numbers. The caption read, "Have you seen my husband? Please contact me."

Now, I have very leaky eyes so I could only read a few of the others before I had to step away.

Any and everywhere you

looked a missing poster was duct taped, stapled, or glued. Every street sign, building, and bench had faces peering out for the world to see. Even buses and taxi cabs were now billboards of hope or despair.

I noticed the trance like sadness of that lady as she looked for another empty space to post her mans picture. Before long, I had seen several photos repeatedly as I walked into the dark of the night. It came to me that this lady was leaving a memorial as were the thousands of others leaving these reminders of loved ones who were no longer missing, but lost.

It was the end of the month, and the only ones who might still be found were the few hospitalized and unidentified. But those were few. And even though bodies would still be discovered for many weeks to come, many would never be found. They were in the smoky air that surrounded Ground Zero. They were now part of the earth and sky and millions of tons of debris.

As the night settled in, I saw the lights of Broadway and Time Square to the west and headed in that direction. By now, I was flooded with emotions that were numbing me as I thought about the great loss

of not just the life of those on the posters, but also of the parents, spouses, siblings, children, and friends who must be emotionally torn in a million directions. The faces started to jump off the pages at me saying, "I was loved and I am missed."

One corner of a brick building had a neatly placed display of posters that caught my attention for its orderliness, but by then, I couldn't read another plea or see another face. They were imprinting on my memory and after having walked many blocks and into the night I could already spot familiar ones by the page colors, size of script, and of course the faces. Some seemed to be meticulously produced, some copied off home and office printers, and many were hand written.

Just past the small garage door was a large garage door and I peered into the darkness through glass panes about head height. The large room was empty. The concrete floors were clean as if freshly mopped and waxed. In the dim light I could see very little of this vast empty space. But way back in the corner an exit light illuminated something familiar. I moved further to another pane and squinted for a better view.

In a flash I recognized the large clothes rack with only two fire fighters suits left hanging. Reality can be hard to see and even harder to take! I stepped back and confirmed what I already knew. High above the doorway polished metallic block lettering identified ENGINE 54, LADDER 4, BATTALION 9!

That great empty space represented fire engines that would never return and that empty rack represented lost heroes!

I walked back to the well organized block of posters. They weren't the standard missing / have you seen pages. These were 'In Remembrance'. They were honoring the heroic inner family of lost fire fighters. Some were pictured in uniform, some with their family, and all with a little personal statement. As I stood paying homage to each page I prayed for the ones left behind. At some point, I heard a strange moaning sound and looked around for the source. But I was alone! That sound was coming from me and I could no longer stand or think or breathe.

I crossed 8th Street, sat on the ground against the wall and looked at the fire house while I gained some composure. I never made it to Time Square that night as I had planned.

I didn't sleep much that night either.

Months later when I had returned to Dallas the image still haunted me.

I continued to seek more information about Engine 54. Ladder 4 and Battalion 9.

Here is some of what I uncovered about their heroics.

The fire station for Engine 54, Ladder 4 is located near Times Square just two blocks from the Ed Sullivan Theater. Also known as The Broadway Firehouse, their motto is "Never Missed a Performance." They are one of the busiest in Manhattan and possibly the world answering around 14,000 calls every year.

There were 15 firefighters on duty on the morning of September 11. They immediately responded to the site of the World Trade Center complex after the first airliner crashed into the North Tower.

When they arrived, they were assigned to help evacuate that tower. As they advanced up the stairwells, they assisted countless victims with injuries ranging from lacerations to smoke inhalation to broken limbs.

On the 18th floor, Engine 54, Ladder 4 firefighters were given a new assignment. Since virtually all

56 elevators in the tower were inoperable, many were trapped inside. Their new task was to locate the elevators, force open the doors and free the frantic occupants.

The small tools the firefighters carried were ineffective for the job. That's when Michael Lynch came up with the idea to get the Hurst tool, commonly known as the "Jaws of Life," to get the doors open. The Hurst tool is primarily used at vehicle accident scenes to pry open doors of wrecked cars and trucks. Lynch and his partner went down 18 stories picked up the Hurst tool and the hydraulic pump, brought it back up and went to work.

And that's what they were doing when the tower collapsed. Of the 15 who answered the call, only 3 survived.

Six months later, the remains of Lynch and his partner were discovered with the Hurst tool at their side. Engine 54 was later found, 50 feet below grade. A firefighter crawled into the wrecked cab of the truck and the engine fired up amid cheers at ground zero.

I'll Never Forget!
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Shoes, Shoes, Shoes!!!!



First and third photos: The crowd kept growing but the shoe supply eventually dwindled at the shoe giveaway Wednesday. Center photo: Travis Tidmore with Paint The Town Red and his daughter Olivia, 15 months old.

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Joe Conason: Did Bush ignore warnings of terror attack?



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During the festival of falsehood held by Republicans in Tampa, Fla., two weeks ago, perhaps the very biggest lie emanated from the mouth of Jeb Bush, the Florida politician, entrepreneur and potential heir to the GOP presidential dynasty.

"My brother, well," began Jeb, referring to former president George W. Bush, "I love my brother" -- and then went on to add, more arguably: "He is a man of integrity, courage and honor. And during incredibly challenging times, he kept us safe."

That those words -- "he kept us safe" -- could be uttered in public about that leader is a testament to our national affliction of historical amnesia. The harsher truth, long known but now reiterated in a startling report on The New York Times' op-ed page, is that the Bush administration's "negligence" left us undefended against the disaster whose anniversary we marked again this week.

New documents uncovered by investigative jour-

nalist Kurt Eichenwald show that despite repeated, urgent warnings from intelligence officials about an impending al-Qaida attack, Bush did nothing because his neoconservative advisers told him that the threats were merely a "ruse" and a distraction.

Recalling the evidence compiled by the 9/11 Commission -- which Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice and numerous other officials sought to stymie and mislead -- it has been clear for years that they ignored many warnings about al-Qaida.

Specifically, as Eichenwald points out in his op-ed report, CIA officials sought to warn Bush with a glaring headline in the famous Aug. 6, 2001, Presidential Daily Brief, or PDB: "Bin Laden Determined to Strike in U.S." That memorandum represented the culmination of many months of attempts to awaken a somnolent White House to the impending threat of a terrorist attack.

None of that is news, although Republicans like Jeb Bush continue to behave as if the facts uncovered by the 9/11 Commission had never emerged.

But according to Eichenwald, he has seen still-classified documents that place the Aug. 6 PDB

in a new context -- namely, the briefing papers preceding that date, which remain locked away:

"While those documents are still not public, I have read excerpts from many of them, along with other recently declassified records, and come to an inescapable conclusion: The administration's reaction to what Mr. Bush was told in the weeks before that infamous briefing reflected significantly more negligence than has been disclosed. In other words, the Aug. 6 document, for all of the controversy it provoked, is not nearly as shocking as the briefs that came before it."

On May 1, 2001, the CIA relayed a report to the White House about "a group presently in the United States" that was planning a terrorist attack. On June 22, the agency told Bush that the al-Qaida strikes might be "imminent."

A week later, the CIA answered neoconservative officials in the Bush administration who claimed that Osama bin Laden's threats were a ruse to distract the United States from the real threat posed by Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. "The United States is not the target of a disinformation campaign" by bin Laden, wrote agency officials, citing evidence compiled by its analysts that the al-Qaida threats were real.

The warnings continued and multiplied into July 2001, with counterterrorism officials becoming increasingly alarmed -- or as Eichenwald puts it, "apoplectic." Still, Bush, Cheney, Rice and their coterie failed to act.

Familiar with Eichenwald's career, I'm confident that he is reporting what he has seen with complete accuracy and due caution. A two-time winner of the George Polk Award and a Pulitzer finalist, he concludes carefully that we will never know whether a more alert administration could have mobilized to prevent 9/11. What we know for certain -- that they didn't bother -- is an eternal indictment.

But Eichenwald's report has relevance that is more than historical. Advising Mitt Romney, foreign policy neophyte, are the same neoconservatives whose arrogance and incompetence steered Bush away from al-Qaida and toward the quagmire in Iraq. Returning them to power would be exceptionally dangerous to the security of the United States and the world.

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EDITORIAL

Subsidizing the circus?

There once was a time when political conventions were vital to conducting American democracy. There also once was a time when horse-drawn carriages were essential to travel long distances.

Today, the national conventions are, from a practical standpoint, obsolete and as anachronistic as the straw hats many delegates wear.

And so are the taxpayer subsidies they feed on.

The Democratic and Republican parties received a total of \$136 million in federal funding for their recently concluded conventions. Congress appropriated \$100 million -- \$50 million for each convention -- to cover the cost of security (which has been over the top at both sites). Each party also received public grants of \$18,248,300 for their conventions, funded through the Presidential Election Campaign Checkoff.

What did Joe and Joanna Taxpayer receive? Heavily scripted affairs of partisan speeches full of emotional appeals and gilded lilies and little nutritional content. Ironically, they draw lots of media coverage -- 15,000 or more reporters, pundits and other related employees -- but produce so little real news.

The nominating conventions used to be important gatherings where party business was conducted and presidential candidates chosen. For decades now, almost all that has been taken care of before the convention. The modern primary schedule ensures the nominee will have wrapped up enough delegates to secure the nomination long before the convention begins and chosen his running mate, so there is no drama over whether there will be a floor fight, no smoke-filled rooms backstage to decide who will emerge the victor.

Broadcast networks don't even cover conventions much anymore, devoting merely an hour of prime-time programming to them each night (and even skipping that if an NFL game is on). That's because most people don't tune in. The quadrennial confabs lumber on largely as traditions that won't die.

If that's what the parties want, so be it. But let them foot the entire bill for the conventions. There's no reason why taxpayers should subsidize them.

It's not like politics is starving for money. Both major parties are awash in billions of special-interest dollars, more of which could be used to underwrite the conventions. Indeed, the use of tax dollars frees up private donations that the parties can spend elsewhere on non-convention politicking. Why should the public do them a favor?

Defenders of the tax subsidy argue that conventions are a good investment in the democratic process. But do we really need to publicly fund political circuses to get voters involved in the election? In the modern media age, the parties don't need conventions to get their messages out.

Nevertheless, the conventions aren't likely to die anytime soon. But making them solely dependent on private dollars might make them leaner. When the Republicans cut their convention from four nights to three in response to the threat from Tropical Storm Isaac, did anyone at home miss anything? Would it be anything other than non-traditional to pack the essentials into one or two nights of spectacle?

If Washington is to tighten its belt, one of the first notches to be punched should be ending the convention subsidies.

— The Panama City News Herald



Debra J. Saunders: Arab Spring becomes American Winter



DEBRA J. SAUNDERS
Columnist

Arab Spring, American Winter.

They don't fear us, and they don't respect us. That's the only message you can take away from an Egyptian mob's attack on the U.S. Embassy in Cairo during which rioters scaled embassy walls and tore down the American flag on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. President Barack Obama helped ease out Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak -- a dictator, yes, but also an ally -- to facilitate the Arab Spring, and this is the thanks America gets.

Sadly, a separate assault on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, that took the life of Ambassador

Christopher Stevens and three other diplomatic staffers presents a different lesson. Despite ample U.S. military assistance, Libya's civil war isn't over. Stevens' brave support of Libyans' efforts to overthrow strongman Moammar Gadhafi likely made him a target.

"How could this happen in a country we helped liberate, in a city we helped save from destruction?" Secretary of State Hillary Clinton asked. She placed the responsibility on "a small and savage group," not on "the people or government of Libya."

Over time, Americans will learn more about what happened and why. Already, the attacks are playing a part in presidential campaign politics.

As protesters gathered outside the U.S. Embassy in Cairo on Tuesday, the embassy released a statement that condemned "continuing efforts by misguided individuals to hurt the religious feelings of Muslims." It was a salvo against Quran-burning preacher Terry Jones and

the movie "The Innocence of Muslims," which deliberately lampoons Prophet Muhammad.

After protesters scaled the embassy walls, some conservatives (unaware of the timing of the statement release) slammed diplomats for issuing an excuse of sorts for those who had attacked a U.S. facility.

The Obama administration also seemed to think the embassy had struck the wrong note. The administration disavowed the embassy's statement.

GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney then released a statement in which he asserted that it was "disgraceful that the Obama Administration's first response was not to condemn attacks ... but to sympathize with those who waged the attacks." On Wednesday, after learning of Stevens' death, Romney hit Obama for sending "mixed messages."

Then the media spent the morning kicking Romney for jumping the gun as pundits liberally blamed

preacher Jones and the movie-makers for inciting violence in Africa.

Now it seems the critics may have jumped the gun. Al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri had released a video calling on Islamists to avenge the death of a Libyan-born cleric killed in a U.S. drone attack. Intelligence officials believe the Benghazi attack was planned well in advance.

Maybe it's not a coincidence that mobs attacked two U.S. delegations on the same day. And isn't it time that the experts asked whether al-Qaida sympathizers were looking for an excuse for a 9/11 rampage? So why give them cover by blaming crazy talkers such as Terry Jones?

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Chaos

Many of the Pampa residents who showed up Wednesday afternoon at the "Paint This Town Red" free shoe giveaway were greeted by large crowds, some confusion, and a variety of shoe choices. It all took place at the Las Pampas Square Shopping Center's parking lot. Photos by Gayden Hays.



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They painted THIS town red (And now lots of people have shoes!)

MIRANDA FRAZIER BAILEY
Special To The Pampa
News

The rain might have been pouring but that did not stop the outpour of people who showed up at the Las Pampas Shopping Center parking lot for a new pair of tennis shoes last night.

Within two hours more than 1000 pairs of brand name athletic shoes were given away free as part of a joint community outreach between Bad Cattle Company, Holmes Sports Center and Paint This Town Red (PTTR).
"It was so awesome! What a privilege it was to work alongside other businesses in Pampa," PTTR Lead Pastor C.J. Frazier said.

Fifty volunteers stepped up to hand out the shoes to community members who began lining up in front of the old

Albertson's building an hour and a half before the event began.

The shoes were given in boxes one per person on a first-come, first-served basis, and local response to the shoe giveaway has been positive.

"They have done so much for people in this town. It was so wonderful seeing all the kids' faces when they got backpacks full of supplies (last month) and now new shoes. Special thanks to CJ and all the people of Paint This Town Red. You guys are amazing!" Melissa Porter said.

Frazier said that he would especially like to thank Don Campbell and Bad Cattle Company, Holmes, all the people of PTTR, Open Range Engineering, and the Las Pampas Shopping Center for making this event possible. *Photos by Ben Tinsley and Gayden Hays.*



Do your own trim carpentry to lower costs

Dear Pat: I had a room added to my house. I want to do the finish trim carpentry myself to save money, but things are not fitting properly. What are the proper techniques to get a good-looking job? — Debi K.



Once you make the miter cuts on the side pieces, tack them in place on the opening. Again, instead of measuring the distances with a tape measure, place the top piece against the wall and mark the cut points. For an inside measurement, use a high-quality folding rule with an extending brass end. Pull out the brass end for a snug fit between the pieces. Just place it on the trim lumber, and transfer the length with marks.

Dear Debi: The quality of the trim finish carpentry in a home can make all the difference in how the new room looks. Keep in mind, though, as you are attempting to fit everything properly, you know where the errors are. This makes them much more apparent to you than to guests. If you are a perfectionist, it will drive you nuts until you get it right.

Don't feel bad if you are having trouble making the window, door, etc. trim fit properly. This is often more of an art than a science, and it can take a carpenter a long time to master it. Wood, even high-quality trim lumber, is not always square and flat, so a touch is involved in creating acceptable, not perfect, joints.

One of the first tips that beginning carpenters learn is not to measure lengths and widths of pieces in numbers (feet and inches). When using a tape measure, you will first have to determine the exact measurement. This may be difficult if the door opening is not perfectly square or the edge is not smooth and flat.

At best, every measurement is just an approximation with a degree of error. You will likely have the same degree of error when you lay out the same measurement on the piece of trim lumber you are planning to cut. If you are lucky, the errors will negate each other. If you are unlucky, they will compound and result in a poor fit.

Whenever possible, place the piece of trim lumber up against the wall opening and mark the locations of the cuts without measuring. This way, you know it is the proper length. Take the width of the saw blade into account, and make your first cut. If you are mitering a corner, which is common around windows and doors, use a high-quality miter saw set at the proper angle for that specific opening.

Before making any cuts, check the squareness of the wall openings. This can be done by stretching a string across one diagonal and then the other. If the diagonals are equal, the open is square and the miter cuts should be 45 degrees.

If the diagonals are not equal, this

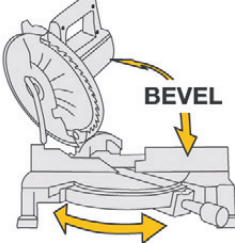
generally means the corners of the opening are not 90 degrees. One is larger, and one is smaller. This requires miter cuts at slightly less than 45 degrees for one side and slightly more than 45 degrees for the other to get perfect corner fits. Either get out your high school geometry book to calculate the angles based on the diagonal differences or use a carpenter's protractor to measure them.

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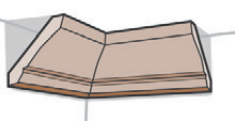
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Trim work

Installing trim work can add character to a room and cover blemishes. By using the correct tools and methods, you can save thousand of dollars by installing molding yourself.



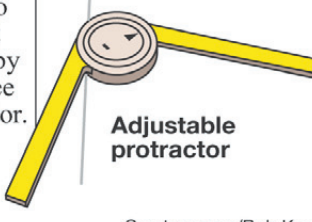
Compound-miter saw
Miter saws allow you to make incredibly accurate cuts in a matter of seconds. **Compound-miter saws** are like standard-miter saws but make basic cuts plus bevel and compound cuts for greater versatility. **Dual-bevel** models allow bevel and compound cuts in both directions without flipping your workpiece.



Molding samples
To help with orientation of cutting the molding, it's a good idea to make samples of inside and outside corners for reference.

Adjustable protractor
Wall corners are rarely squared. To cut molding to fit corners, you must know the angle formed by the two walls. The easiest way to do this is by using a 360-degree adjustable protractor.

Setting charts
For precise joints, detailed charts are available with specific settings for the saw's bevel and miter angles.



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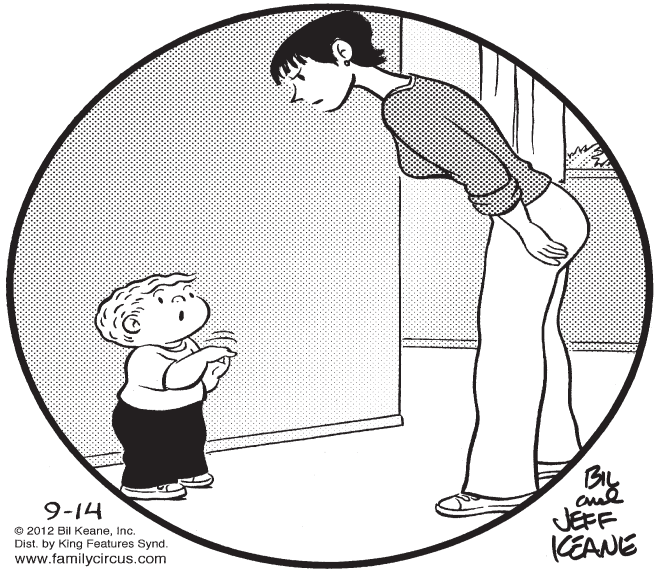
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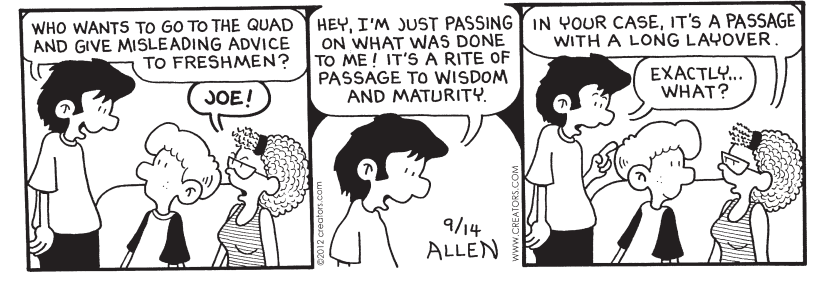
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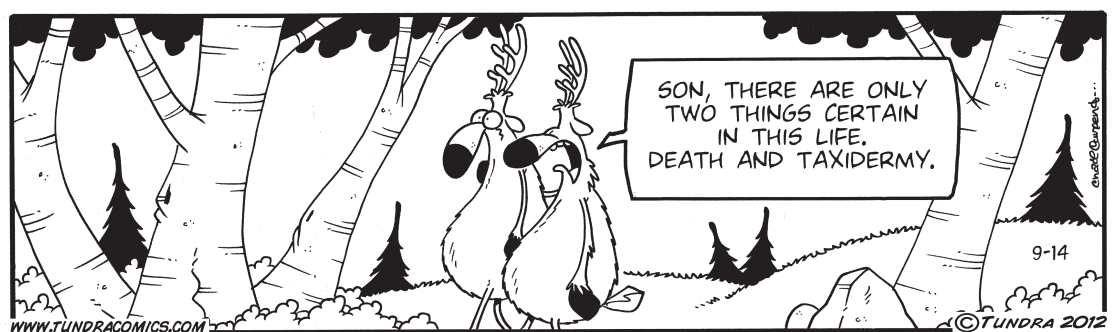
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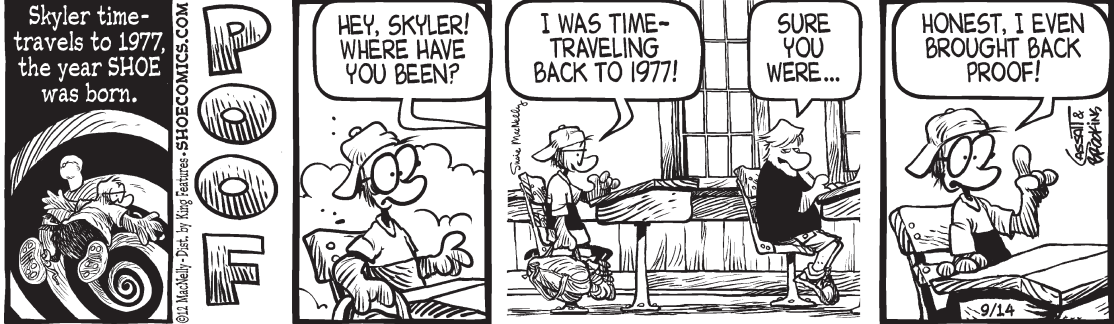


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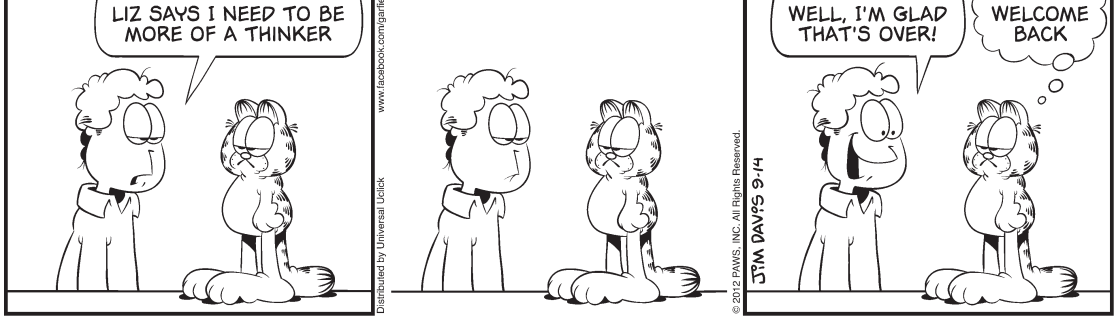
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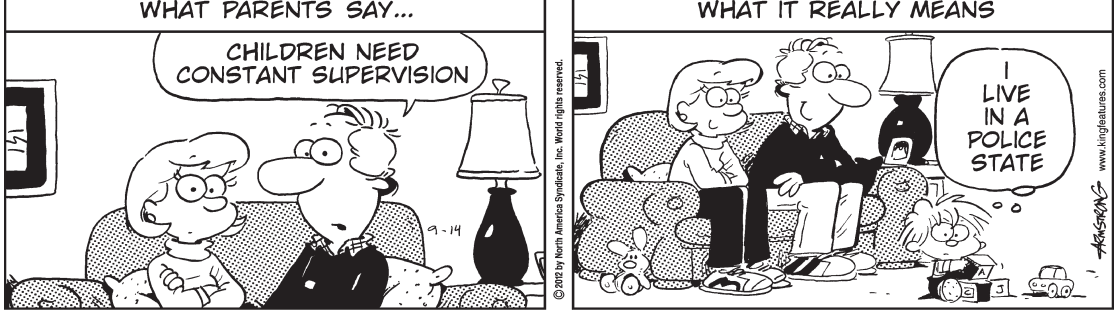
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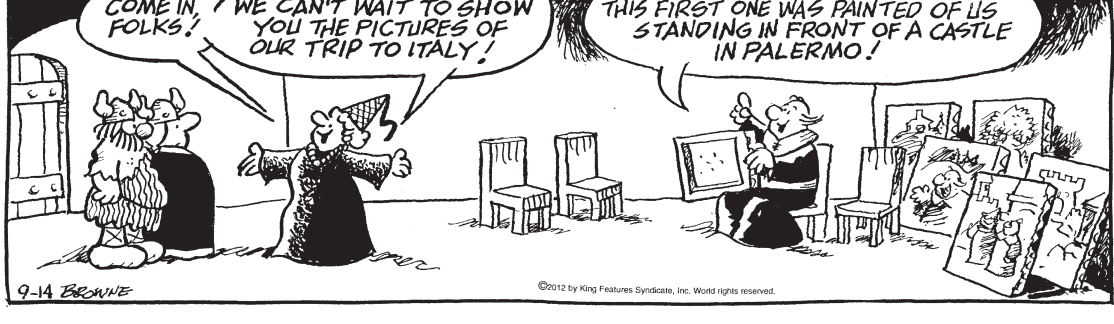
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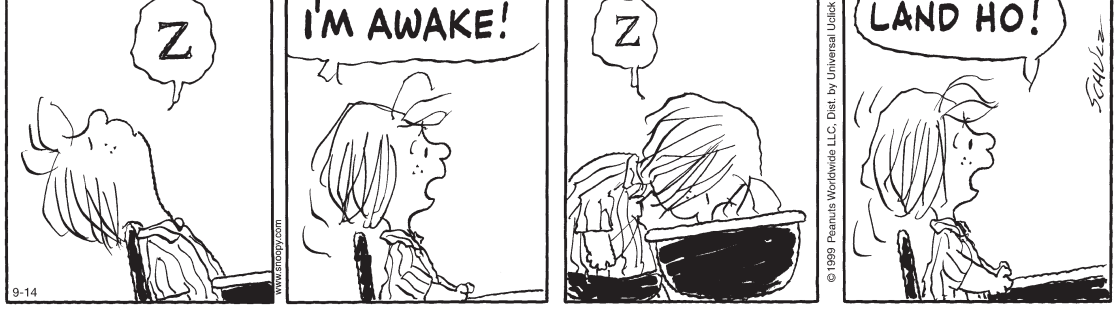
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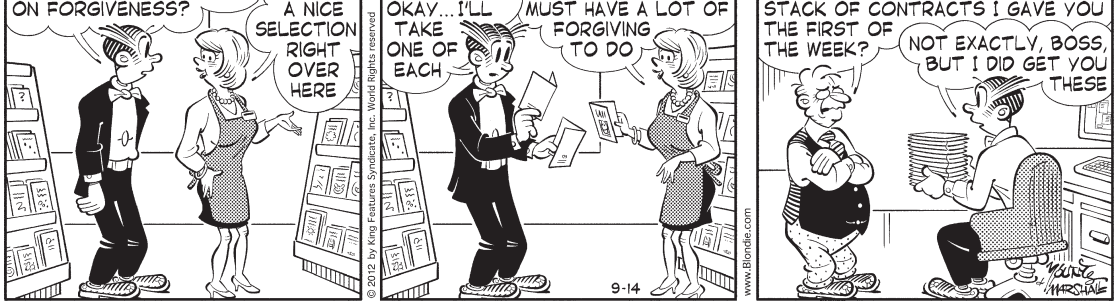
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012:

You express an unusual energy and focus this year with whatever interests you. Others are taken aback by your intensity and drive. You'll make waves wherever you go and more than likely will manifest what you want. If you are single and want a meaningful relationship, it is yours to have. Just be sure you are making the right commitment to the right person. If you are attached, be careful not to be too me-oriented. A relationship depends on some form of mutuality. Give your partner more time. A fellow VIRGO can make a fuss even more than you. Let this person be who he or she is, and let go of a need to criticize.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You have get-up-and-go, as you are inspired to approach life differently. The unexpected runs riot, as usual. Maintain your sense of humor. Consider making a resolution on this New Moon to lose weight or exercise. It might be easier to execute right now. Tonight: Put your feet up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ No one has to tell you what to do, as you are focused on a goal and not about to lose concentration. The emphasis might be about getting out to play or just enjoying yourself more. Think positively. Tonight: Change into weekend gear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Pressure builds, but it is coming from your own internal judgments. Stop, think and depower the situation. You'll feel better, and you easily might be more effective relaxed. Enjoy the moment, yet remain organized. You have a lot of ground to cover. Tonight: At home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Keep conversations moving, and you'll be more likely to believe what someone says. Your imagination could go haywire from just one statement. Decisions and resolutions made today are likely to stick. Trust yourself, and flow with the moment. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

ple have great ideas for how to spend your funds, yet few recommendations have to do with savings. Still, you enjoy yourself so much you might not even care. Accept an invitation to a party. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might be energized by a call you have yet to make. You could create a whirlwind of activity as you tear through your day. An older friend, boss or parent gives you a compliment that revitalizes you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ The front you put up when speaking to strangers has nothing to do with your inner musings. You could be hurt or angry by a loved one's negative feelings or crankiness. Reach out for a trusted friend. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You naturally gravitate to where your friends are. You might not be sure of what to say, but that's OK -- just be yourself. A recent disagreement does not have to remain a barrier, as long as you decide to take appropriate action. Tonight: Let the party begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might want to kick back, but once others start following your lead, you could become a bit tense. Imitation is the highest form of flattery. An older friend or relative shares a meaningful insight. Tonight: Why not go into the wee hours?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Take off and go to that flea market or art show you have wanted to check out. By introducing a change of scenery, the experience will revive your energy and also give you new insights into a situation in your day-to-day life. Tonight: Go for exotic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Someone might ask you to fill in or take over a responsibility, and you are likely to say "yes." The good news is that a partner supports you. The bad news is that you really might want to be somewhere else. Tonight: Let your hair down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could see that a lot of people seek you out, need you and want to be around you. You are learning to greet acceptance and popularity. With an eye to your many admirers, you might need to pick and choose your activities more carefully. Tonight: With a favorite person.

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In other words, playing on a team representing Pampa High School is a privilege, not a right.

If this easy route is taken do you really know what the team is made of? How will the team stand up when faced with an equal or better team?

This school of non-district play might give more players the opportunity to play but does not allow a team to see flaws that might exist against a better opponent.

The other side of the coin is to play superior opponents and use the non-district schedule to learn and teach the team.

This school of thought builds character and it is tougher and at times ugly. But it allows for the building of a better foundation. If done correctly, that foundation has propelled teams deep into post-season play.

“Non-district prepares us for district play, and

helps us correct the mistakes being made,” said Coach Heath Parker.

This is the rule that the Harvesters and Coach Parker believes is the best for the team.

This year, the Harvesters have filled their non-district schedule with larger 4A schools, and the 3A and 2A teams that are on the Harvester schedule are expected to dominate their respective districts and make the state playoffs.

Parker referred to this fact saying, “By playing higher quality opponents, it makes you play correctly, or an opponent exposes it”.

Exposing these mistakes, the coaches and players are able to target and work on certain areas in the Harvesters’ game.

Parker expressed two keys to the Harvesters at this point of the pre-district.

First, they want to be more consistent making good plays, not just one

or two good plays, but putting them together, making long drives down the field.

Second, not playing and waiting for something to happen, but making things happen by hustle and concentration.

Dumas comes into this week’s game as a larger school that has the ability to test the Harvesters. The Demons are a pass first offensive team.

Dumas also has a quarterback who is as accurate as any quarterback the Harvesters will face all year.

This allows the Pampa defense to get not only practice defending this type of offensive attack, but also real game experience by playing a larger school that will expose any weakness.

It will reap rewards when the district play begins against Perryton and River Road who run similar offensive styles.

The non-district schedule is a time to teach, and learn the teams weaknesses and strengths — in the end producing a group of winners on and off the field.

Pampa Tri-State Rodeo officers and members



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Rodeo Officers above: (Left to right) Sponsor Kerri Harris, Treasurer Macy Cochran, Secretary Cameron McDonald, Vice-President Cordel Martin, President Aaron McKee, and Sponsor Shelly McKee.

Pampa Tri-State Rodeo club members below: Will be competing Saturday and Sunday at the Top O’ Texas Rodeo arena in Pampa. The Rodeo will begin each morning at 9 a.m. and run to approximately 5 p.m. with a high school dance Saturday night. This is one of the 12 high school rodeo events the club will travel to this year before the finals which will be held in Vernon.



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Coach Heath Parker: Gives direction to members of his defense during last weeks game against Canyon at Kimbrough Stadium.

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