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## The Pampa News to host Fiery Friday concert

■ Fiery Friday will be June 13, featuring William Clark Green and Salt Cedar Rebels.

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK  
 LKTomaschik@thepampanews.com

The Pampa News will be hosting a special summer concert at 7 p.m. on June 13. William Clark Green and special guest Salt Cedar Rebels will be playing live at the Pampa rodeo pavilion for Fiery Friday the night before the Burnin' of the Bricks.

William Clark Green, known prominently for his hit single "She Likes The Beatles," among countless others,

started recording music as a teen when he was attending Texas Tech University. Now here he is three full-length albums and several tours later, a musical veteran ready to take on Pampa. For fan merchandise for the big show, visit [williamclarkgreen.bigcartel.com/](http://williamclarkgreen.bigcartel.com/)

Advance tickets are for sale at [fieryfridaypampa.ticketbud.com](http://fieryfridaypampa.ticketbud.com) for \$10 and tickets will also be available at the door for \$15. There will also be free admission for firefighters with proper identification, and a concession

stand will also be present for food and refreshments. This event is B.Y.O.B. and all in attendance are welcome to bring lawn chairs for personal comfort as well.

Sponsors for the event include SWM, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Panhandle Plains Realty, Mikey's Liquor Store, Hampton Inn and The Pampa News. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring the event, call Callie Odell at 806-662-8595.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Pampa Optimist Club and the Fritch fire relief effort.

For more information about Fiery Friday, call The Pampa News office at 806-669-2525.

## ConocoPhillips awards scholarship to Pampa Student



SUBMITTED BY CONOCO PHILLIPS

HOUSTON – A Pampa area high school senior has been selected to receive a \$16,000 college scholarship from the ConocoPhillips Dependent Scholarship Program.

Selected was Lacey Dodson, daughter of Leroy Dodson, mechanic. Lacey is a senior at Pampa High School. She plans to attend West Texas A&M in Canyon in the fall.

The ConocoPhillips Dependent Scholarship Program is designed to recognize exceptional graduating children of ConocoPhillips employees for their classroom and community achievements. The company has awarded dependent scholarships to students in the communities in which ConocoPhillips operates for more than 60 years.

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Each recipient will receive a \$4,000 annual award, renewable yearly based on scholastic achievement, for a four-year scholarship total of \$16,000.



Lacey Dodson

## ONE LAST SOFTBALL HEADLINE



Photos by John Lee

The seniors of the Pampa Lady Harvesters' softball team held their final athletic banquet of their high school careers on Tuesday night. The great season where they came within one game of going to Austin was still fresh on their minds. Seniors Mattie Eldridge, Jessie and Bailey Dixon, Bailey Wichert, Jazmyn Hair and Alexa O'Brien graduated last Saturday and their absence will make for a new-look softball team next season.

## Accounts set up for fire victims

SUBMITTED

An account has been set up at Amarillo National Bank in the name of "Lake Meredith Home Owners Association Tractor Fund" for donations to help purchase a tractor for mowing and clearing burned out property. The association's tractor was burned up in the May 11 fire. There had also been a fund set up at Pantex Federal Credit Union to help fire victims.

## Draft of state GOP platform cuts guest-worker language

BY ALEXA URA  
 The Texas Tribune

As Texas Republicans prepare to convene Thursday in Fort Worth for their three-day state party convention, an early draft of the party's platform shows that language — approved two years ago — supporting

a guest-worker program could be removed.

The draft, which was obtained by the Texas Tribune, shows that the language calling for a guest-worker program has been replaced with language to support the enactment of a provisional visa program. The guest-worker program language in 2012

was an unprecedented change to the official state party platform. It called for a national temporary worker program, which would allow foreign nationals to come to the U.S. when jobs are available but citizens are unavailable.

Some Republicans have argued **STATE** cont. on page 2

## Texas, 43 states reach \$105 million agreement with pharmaceutical makers

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL

AUSTIN – Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and 43 other state attorneys general today secured a \$105 million agreement with drug maker GlaxoSmithKline, LLC (GSK). The agreement resolves a multistate investigation against GSK for unlawfully promoting its asthma drug Advair and its antidepressant drugs Paxil and Wellbutrin.

Under the settlement agreement, GlaxoSmithKline must pay the State of Texas a total of \$6.2 million. Ac-

cording to the states' investigation, GSK violated state consumer protection law by misrepresenting the uses and qualities of Wellbutrin, Paxil, and Advair. State and federal law generally prohibits pharmaceutical manufacturers from marketing their drugs for "off-label" uses that have not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Among its terms, today's judgment prohibits GlaxoSmithKline from the following actions:

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any GSK product;

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the guest-worker language should be stripped because it doesn't properly respond to the influx of undocumented immigrants already in the country and could be considered amnesty. But supporters of the guest-worker plank say they will work to keep the language in the platform because it would help satisfy the need for workers in Texas without granting blanket amnesty to undocumented immigrants.

The proposed change to the platform indicates that a provisional visa program would be intended to "modernize" immigration laws by replacing the current visa system — which sets quotas for the number of individuals who can enter the U.S. from other countries — and instead calls for a system that "responds to labor shortages," according to the early draft.

"In order to deal with the current undocumented population, we urge Congress to enact a provisional visa program that does not provide amnesty, does not cause mass deportation and does

not provide a pathway to citizenship but does not preclude existing pathways," the platform draft reads.

Steve Munisteri, chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, declined to comment on the early draft of the immigration plank because he said it still has to be fully vetted and approved.

"We won't know what the language will be or will not be until it finishes the process," he said.

Through the proposed additions to the immigration plank of the platform, the state party also specifies that it supports ending the annual green card lottery and urges Congress and the Legislature to "strengthen enforcement and penalties on employers that do not comply with labor and employment laws to ensure an equitable labor market."

Those penalties would not apply to employers that use "employment verification systems."

The temporary platform committee, which is considering the change, will provide a report of the draft to the full convention on Thursday during the first general session. The language will then be considered by the permanent platform committee and then

debated by delegates this weekend.

Munisteri said he expects that the proposed language that calls for a provisional visa system will be approved by a majority of delegates, but he anticipates a lively debate on the final language in the immigration plank.

"It's not unusual for political parties to have passionate, sometimes even heated debates, on the issues," he added.

The draft also shows the addition of language that says the U.S. has benefited from the "productive, industrious and gifted" immigrants who have been drawn to the country, but that the nation's broken immigration system and "patchwork attempts to mend its deficiencies" hinder progress toward a system that promotes legal immigration.

"It remains imperative to create fair and consistent procedures that will again enable freedom-loving, hard-working and law-abiding immigrants to join us, by providing them an efficient, practical method of legal entry, so they can lawfully take positions where their labor is needed, without exploitation or harassment," the draft reads.

# A BEAUTIFUL SIDE OF PAMPA



Photo by Lesli Abbott

While driving through Pampa on Wednesday afternoon, Pampa resident Lesli Abbott saw this graffiti art on the side of a boxcar and stopped to take a picture. She referred to the art as one of the prettier aspects of Pampa.

# PIECES OF PAMPA



Photo by John Lee

The Pampa News would like readers to notice the little things that make Pampa great. Can you guess where this blue star is? Here is your clue:

"This is not the blue star that dons the Dallas Cowboys helmets. Although Hollywood's stars can sometimes be found in these. Where is this star?"

Submit your guess to [jclee@thepampanews.com](mailto:jclee@thepampanews.com).

# Texas

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clinical study that is inadequate in design, scope, or conduct; and

Providing GSK product samples to health care professionals who would be expected to prescribe the sampled product for an "off-label" use — rather than for an FDA-approved use.

To the benefit of patients, today's judgment also confirms a major change in the way pharmaceutical sales teams are motivated

and compensated. Under the terms of today's agreement,

GlaxoSmithKline is required to continue its "Patients First" program at least through March 2019. The "Patients First" program reduces financial incentives for sales representatives to engage in deceptive marketing. Scientifically trained personnel must develop and approve unbiased and non-promotional responses to health care provider questions.

Oregon and Illinois led the Executive Committee, which included attorneys general from Texas, Arizona, Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Tennes-

see.

Additional states participating in the agreement are Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

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**Today:** Partly cloudy with a high of 95. Winds north-northeast at 11 mph. Sunrise at 6:28 a.m.

**Tonight:** Isolated thunderstorms with a low of 66. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds east at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:56 p.m.

**Friday:** Partly cloudy with a high of 92. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds east-southeast at 15 mph. Sunrise at 6:28 a.m.

**Friday night:** Scattered thunderstorms with a low of 65. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds east-southeast at 12 mph. Sunset at 8:57 p.m.

**Saturday:** Scattered thunderstorms with a high of 87. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds east-northeast at 12 mph. Sunrise at 6:28 a.m.

**Saturday night:** Scattered thunderstorms with a low of 61. Chance of rain: 40 percent. Winds north-northeast at 11 mph. Sunset at 8:57 p.m.

# Obituaries

## Flossie Mae Johnson

Flossie Mae Johnson, 93, of Siloam Springs, Ark., joined her beloved family in heaven on May 4, 2014. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 7, 2014, at First Christian Church in Pampa, Texas with Dr. Jeff Knighton, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.



**Flossie Mae Johnson**

Flossie was born March 19, 1921 in Vandalia, Ill. She was the first of 12 children born to William E. and Odean Cripe Gelsinger. She married Edwin Earl Odell on April 15, 1939 and had two daughters, Marilyn Sue and Nancy Kay. The family moved to Dollarhide, Texas in 1947 and their third daughter, Janell was born. After Eddie's death in 1957, Flossie moved the girls to Andrews where she later met and married William Merritt (Bill) Johnson in 1960. Bill had two daughters, Becky and Judy, from a previous marriage, and their daughter, Jennifer Jo was born later that year. A longtime resident of Pampa, Flossie had lived the past six years in Gentry, Ark. with her daughter Janell. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Eddie Odell and Bill Johnson; a daughter Nancy Scoggin; a sister, Esther; and an infant brother.

Survivors include three daughters, Marilyn Sue Odell Harlan and husband Will Goza (Bill) Harlan, Janell Odell, and Jennifer Jo Johnson George and husband Kevin George; son-in-law, James Morris Scoggin; six grandchildren, William Russell (Rusty) Harlan, Debra Kay Harlan Houdelette, Stacey Lynn Harlan Benningfield, James Michael Merritt Scoggin, Crystal George Bruns, and Cody George; seven great-grandchildren, William R. Harlan, Jr., Jessica Kate Harlan Sexton, Donna Suzanne Benningfield Mirtsching, Austin Gage Scoggin, Makenzie Laine Scoggin, Braylon Bruns and Caidon Bruns; two great-great-grandchildren, Dylan Elizabeth Sexton and William Lucas Harlan; six sisters, three brothers and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Road, Springdale, Arkansas 72762.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

in Pampa to Calvin Brumley and Elvana Adair Brumley. She married Larry Brearley in Argyle on May 10, 1991 and was a Field Auditor at Daybreak Ventures in Denton, throughout North Texas and the Texas Panhandle. She enjoyed fishing, camping, weekend trips, visiting museums, trips to the farm in Oklahoma, and cattle production.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 from 6-8 pm at DeBerry Funeral Directors. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 11 a.m. at Prairie Mound Cemetery in Argyle with Rev. Dickie Amyx officiating. Arrangements were made by DeBerry Funeral Directors.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Larry; son, Jimmie Mayberry of Oklahoma; brother, Nick Hall of Oregon; and special life long friend, Patricia Blanscet of Oklahoma. She is preceded in death by her parents; and sisters, Shanda Stewart and Ginger King Reed.

## Bertha Ela Fulks

Bertha Ela Fulks, 90, died Sunday, June 1, 2014. Services were held at Highland Baptist Church in Pampa, TX with Rev. Paul Nachtigall on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 1 p.m. Burial will be at the Wheeler Cemetery, under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home of Wheeler.



**Bertha Ela Fulks**

Ela was born May 19, 1924, at Vernon rural in Wilbarger County to Lettie Mae and Jesse Swetnam. She graduated from Briscoe high school in 1942.

She married Ben Fulks on March 19, 1944. He died March 21, 1992. She resided in Pampa as a wife, mother, and homemaker since 1956 prior to living seven miles south of Wheeler. Survivors include three daughters, Janet and husband Larry Taylor of Pampa; Joan and husband Larry Cross of Amarillo; Julia East of Pampa. Six grandchildren, Clifford and Lisa Mynear of White Deer; Mike and Sheri Brixey of Humansville, Mo.; Carrie Earhart of Pampa; Donnie and Denise Cross of Amarillo; Daniel and Chris Cross of Valle de Or; and Billie and Rebecca east of Borger. 19 great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren.

She loved to quilt. Making quilts for the Navajo Indians. Embroidering many pillow cases for gifts. Owned and operated B and J Tropical Fish Store on South Cuyler in Pampa for more than 10 years.

Viewing will begin at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at Highland Baptist Church in Pampa, TX.

You may send condolences online at [www.peppersfuneralhome.com](http://www.peppersfuneralhome.com)

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## Tales from the Final Frontier

### E3 2014 preview.

The most exciting time of a gamer's year is coming up in less than a week. The Electronic Entertainment Expo, otherwise known as E3, begins on Monday. On June 9, the festivities officially begin with Microsoft, then EA, Ubisoft, Sony and Nintendo (on June 10) to close out the event. Some of the most anticipated games expected at this year's expo includes Rainbow 6: Patriots, Pokemon Snap 2, The Last Guardian, a new Star Wars Battlefront, Super Smash Bros. and Batman: Arkham Knight.

Nintendo fans are ecstatic about Zelda producer Eiji Aonuma teasing about a Wii U Legend of Zelda. The prototype Zelda game was introduced in 2011 when the Wii U was in the early stages of its life.

An Xbox One edition of Halo was teased at E3 last year, and in January Microsoft's manager for Halo and Forza Motorsports told fans "[r]est

assured your next Halo journey WILL begin in 2014."

A bombshell for fighting game fans was dropped recently when trailers for Mortal Kombat X started to pop up all over the Internet. Mortal Kombat saw a reboot in 2011 with the ninth installment in the series which made fans of the Super Nintendo series fall in love with it again.

This is only the tip of the iceberg that will be happening at E3 this year. There will be a Super Smash Bros. invitational, an in-depth game demo which will be streamed and a long list of exhibitors.

There is always a diamond in the rough which comes out of E3 annually. Be sure to check back next week as I will have E3's largest reveals.

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**JOHN LEE**

## Hillary versus the truth on Benghazi

The liberal media consistently dismiss or condemn hearings into Obama scandals as unnecessary and rabidly partisan, and reach those conclusions before said hearings even begin. That might explain why the public doesn't always line up with that opinion.

A new ABC-Washington Post poll shows 51 percent of those polled support the new House investigation into the scandalous lack of security for our personnel at the Benghazi, Libya, consulate. ABC and the Post found 58 percent think Team Obama engaged in a cover-up, and only 32 percent denied reality and claimed they "honestly disclosed" what they knew.

Perhaps it is because we are approaching the second anniversary of that attack, and this administration simply refuses to account for its actions that night.

Worse yet for the liberals, 50 percent of Americans surveyed disapproved of Hillary Clinton's handling of Benghazi, and only 37 percent approved.

This is a serious contrast to the media, which approve of everything Clinton does, says and thinks. It's been proven all over again with the obsequious previews of the new "Hard Choices" memoir on her State Department years. It is classic, calculating and Clintonian: She released excerpts from the chapter dealing with the Benghazi fiasco, knowing it would generate media support for her actions. It worked.

On May 30, ABC evening substitute anchor David Muir boasted Hillary "is ready to fight back on Benghazi." Reporter Martha Raddatz touted: "she comes out swinging, her anger aimed at congressional Republicans who she accuses of politicizing the tragedy. 'I will not be a part of a political slugfest on the backs of dead Americans,' writes Clinton." CBS and NBC also channeled the "defiant, not defensive" spin, a stale rerun of "What difference does it make?"

This is exactly the same pose Clinton struck in every other scandal in which she's been neck-

deep, including her dishonest "Vast Right Wing Conspiracy" interview with Matt Lauer in 1998. She never defends; she only attacks. And the media swallow it whole. She could deny, distract or lie her face off about her husband's sexual dalliance with an intern for months, and when all the lying about his affair was undeniable, Dan Rather nominated her for Person of the Year.

It won't be any different when she does the interview rounds for the new memoir. Washington Post media blogger Erik Wemple channeled the conventional wisdom that this is "bound to be a parade of Clinton-favorable coverage." It will fall to Bret Baier and Greta Van Susteren at Fox News to push beyond the brick wall of her "defiance."

But Van Susteren didn't push harder on Clinton than the other networks when she was granted an interview on Jan. 29, only asking two brief Benghazi questions (packaged together): Are our embassies safer in 2014, and should we re-establish a consulate in Benghazi? Van Susteren let Clinton ramble for a minute and offered no response when she placed the blame on Congress for inadequate funding.

In her book excerpt, Clinton tries to shred the question of her Sunday-show skipping after the attacks and slams people who "fixate on the question of why I didn't go on TV that morning, as if appearing on a talk show is the equivalent of jury duty, where one has to have a compelling reason to get out of it."

It is not an obsession. It is a serious question deserving an answer, and the press should not let up. Van Susteren should have asked.

This woman wants to be president. But she doesn't want the "jury duty" of submitting to media scrutiny. All the years of network puffery have made Clinton sound like a spoiled child who refuses to admit any error for anything. All this contempt for the public's demands for answers should make journalists understand someday that all along it was contempt she had for them.

L. Brent Bozell III is the president of the Media Research Center. Tim Graham is director of media analysis at the Media Research Center and executive editor of the blog NewsBusters.org.



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### Letter to the Editor

## Unexplained actions

My name is Pete Vargas Perez. I am currently incarcerated here at the Gray County Jail. I was a trustee here until about two years ago, when out of the blue, myself and two other trustees were taken out of the trustee tank and moved to the A and B tank. Here in Gray county, it is a privilege for low risk inmates to be a trustee. Well, the following day without any reason was

given to us, they put two of us in seg., and one of us in D-tank. Usually, if someone is put in seg., it is for a disciplinary case that that person has received. We asked why we were taken out of the trustee tank and put into seg., but no one seems to have any answers for us.

We have not been given any disciplinary actions against us. There is a rumor going around that some

of the trustees managed to get back there to where the women are housed. How is that possible? I have yet to figure it out considering all of the cameras in the hallways and locked doors.

When my family called up here, they were told that I was in seg. for smoking, yet I have not received any kind of disciplinary action.

I feel that Gray County has put me in seg. for no

other reason except that they don't like me for some reason. They violated my civil rights as well as my right to be treated like every other inmate, which includes being housed in population and having the same privileges as all other inmates who have no type of disciplinary actions.

**Pete Vargas Perez  
Pampa**

## Why prosecuting Snowden is unfair — until NSA answers for misconduct

What America learned from Edward Snowden's interview with "NBC News" anchor Brian Williams on Wednesday evening was much less than what we still need to know. Snowden described himself as a highly trained espionage agent, rather than a low-level hacker; he insisted his actions were patriotic, not treacherous; and said he yearns to return to the United States. He claimed to have warned his superiors about the surveillance excesses committed by the National Security Agency, and he doesn't believe a fair trial would be possible for him under the Espionage Act if he did return.

But we still don't know exactly what Snowden took when he stole millions of files from U.S. intelligence computer systems. We don't know why he chose to take what he did. The officials charged with investigating his actions have charged that only a tiny fraction of the documents that he "exfiltrated" from top-secret computers had any connection to whistleblowing about questionable domestic surveillance activities by the



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government.

Instead, he reportedly focused on documents that would expose secret U.S. operations against the Chinese and other NSA targets that were conducting their own cyber assaults on our systems.

He revealed NSA operations and capabilities that have probably forewarned terrorists and other U.S. adversaries to change their communication methods. And, of course, his revelations about spying on foreign governments and leaders gravely embarrassed the United States in ways that may incur lasting economic and diplomatic consequences.

The full dimensions of his actions will remain murky until the government someday unseals the evidence compiled against him. Knowing what is in those files, however, the Obama administration and the U.S. intelligence community, which includes members of the House and Senate intelligence committees, believe that Snowden must be prosecuted.

A powerful argument can be made that his revelations about domestic surveillance served a public purpose and should mitigate any punishment. Indeed, an American jury might simply nullify the charges against

him for that reason. Still, if the government must carry out significant intelligence and diplomatic activities that require discretion, how can its legitimate secrets be protected if any contractor or agent may purloin them with impunity?

Yet impunity is also a burning issue at far loftier levels of the intelligence hierarchy, as Snowden noted in another recent appearance. Speaking via video link from Moscow at the Ridenhour awards in Washington, D.C., last month — where he and filmmaker Laura Poitras received the "truth-teller" award for whistleblowing — he outlined a double standard that would raise hard questions about any indictment issued against him.

Specifically, he pointed an accusing finger at NSA chief James Clapper, who testified before the Senate in March 2013 — just before Snowden uploaded documents proving that the spy agency was monitoring and collecting massive amounts of data on American citizens — that it was doing no such thing.

"Does the NSA collect any type of data at all on millions or hundreds of millions of Americans?" asked Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon. "No, sir," Clapper replied, adding, "not wittingly."

At the Ridenhour event, Snowden drily recalled that

moment. "There's been a lot said about oaths. The oath that I remember is James Clapper raising his hand and swearing to tell the truth and then lying to the American public."

Going on to describe reported abuses by other NSA employees who used the agency's technology to spy on their wives and girlfriends, Snowden wondered why only he faces legal jeopardy:

"When they committed these crimes — when James Clapper committed a crime by lying under oath to the American people — were they actually held accountable? Was anyone tried? Were charges brought? It's been years since these events occurred. Whereas within 24 hours of the time I went public, three counts of charges were filed against me personally. We have to ask ourselves if we can hold the lowest, most junior members of our community to this high standard of behavior, why can't we ask the same of our most senior officials? James Clapper is the most senior intelligence official in the United States of America, and I think he has a duty to tell the truth to the public."

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**Dona Pursley Cornutt**

Dona Pursley Cornutt, 98, of Pampa, died Wednesday, June 4, 2014, in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, 2014, at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Glen Walton, associate minister of San Jacinto Church of Christ in Amarillo, and Keith Feerer, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Cornutt was born April 1, 1916 in Miami, Texas to C.P. "Doc" Pursley and Rachael Dial Pursley. She was a graduate of Miami High School and received her B.A. degree in accounting from Harding University in Searcy, Ark. Dona married James Travis Cornutt on Dec. 7, 1946 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 1959. She worked in the family auto business, Plains Motor Co., in Pampa for several years. She taught award winning DECA classes at Pampa High School for several years and also ran the Co-op at Pampa High. Dona was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ.

She was very active in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce serving on the board of directors, and she chaired the Chamber's Country Fair for several years. In 1960, Dona was named the Pampa Woman of the Year and was later named the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. She was an artist and was a member of the Pampa Art Club. Dona was also a member of the Pampa Garden Club for many years.

She is survived by a daughter, Molly Goodwin, of Ennis; two sons, C.E. "Doc" Cornutt and wife Linda



**Dona Cornutt**

of Dallas, and James Travis Cornutt of Zurich, Switzerland; three grandchildren, Sara Boucher and husband Tripp of Dallas, Chris Cornutt and wife Resa of Frisco, and Shelly Goguen and husband Beren of Fort Collins, Colo.; and by four great grandchildren. Dona was also preceded in death by a brother, Ervin Pursley, in 1993.

The family will receive friends from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, TX 79065. Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Tracy Lynn Sellers**

Tracy Lynn Sellers, 46, of Spearman, Texas passed away in Spearman on June 1, 2014. Arrangements were made by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors in Spearman.

Tracy was born in Bay City on July 29, 1968 to Elizabeth Ryman Sellers and Butch Sellers. Tracy attended Pampa High School and Amarillo College.

Tracy worked as a lab tech and enjoyed her son and grandson, traveling, motorcycle rides, fishing, watching movies, listening to music and her dogs.

Tracy is survived by a son Sgt. Joesph David Wilson Jr. and wife Elizabeth of Luke AFB of Phoenix. A grandson David Wilson of Phoenix. Joesph's father, Joesph David Wilson Sr. and wife Lisa of Pampa. Her father Butch Sellers of Victoria. Her grandmother Ruby White Sellers of Victoria, a brother Keith Sellers and wife Shelley of Amarillo, two nephews Dasen and Kaden Sellers of Amarillo, a special friend Lee Sheets of Spearman and two four legged babies Einstein and Lucy. Tracy was preceded in death by her mother Elizabeth Sellers of Victoria, and grandparents Bob and Bobbie Ryman of Bay City, Texas and Roy Sellers of Victoria.

Memorial services will be held at First Pentecostal Holiness Church 1700 Alcock St. in Pampa on June 6, 2014 at 10 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made in Tracy's name to the ASPCA or to JDFR.

**Murder ink? Tattoos can be tricky as evidence**

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Teardrops for murders. Spider webs for prison time. Penal code numbers for crimes committed.

Criminals have long used tattoos as indelible ink on their own bodily rap sheet. And for just as long, police have used them as a way to identify suspects, a distinguishing characteristic to jog a memory or catch the public's eye.

But only rarely does body art play a pivotal role as evidence posited as proof of wrongdoing.

Prosecutors trying to convict former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez in a pair of homicide cases could try to use the one-time football star's tattoos against him: They are seeking the artists who worked on Hernandez, saying they could be witnesses.

Criminal justice experts, however, say it's hard for law enforcement to determine whether someone with a tattoo linked to a kind of crime actually did the deed. As Todd Bettencourt, a tattoo artist in North Attleborough, Massachusetts — the town where Hernandez was living at the time of the killings — said, "some people just get it because it's cool."

Much of Hernandez's upper body is covered in tattoos: The open-mouthed face of a lion sits atop his right bicep, ringed by the words "It's about the fight in you;" "1989," his birth year, spans the fingers of his left hand and a 10-word phrase favored by his father, "If it is to be it is up to me," runs down his left forearm.

It is Hernandez's right forearm that has piqued the interest of investigators, though they will not specify which design they have focused on.

Hernandez is accused of fatally shooting two men — Daniel de Abreu and Safiro Furtado — and wounding a third in Boston in July 2012. He also is charged in last year's killing of Odin Lloyd, whose body was found near Hernandez's home. And he is being sued by an associate who says Hernandez shot him in the eye in Miami last year.

Photos of Hernandez show he has had five stars and other tattoo work added to his right forearm over the past few years. While many star tattoos have nothing to do with crime, they can sometimes be used to represent killings, said Kevin Waters, a criminal justice professor at Northern Michigan University and former agent with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

"I would say the cops probably see the stars and know in some circles that a star does represent a kill and want a tattoo artist to come in and see if he (Hernandez) said anything about that," Waters said.

Every once in a while, criminal investigators do hit the jackpot. That was the case with Southern California gang member Anthony Garcia, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to 65 years in prison in 2011 after a homicide investigator discovered that Garcia had the scene of an unsolved 2004 murder inked on his chest.

In April, an Indiana judge ordered William Clyde Gibson to grow out his hair to cover a new tattoo — "Death Row X 3" — before the twice-convicted murderer went on trial for allegedly killing a third person. That same month in Kansas, Jeffrey Chapman was given permission to wear a turtleneck to cover a tattoo of the word "murder" spelled backward on his neck, amid concerns it would prejudice the jury at his upcoming murder trial.

In Hernandez's case, officials said they have received several responses to their plea for information for tattoo artists who worked on him, but they wouldn't elaborate. Boston police and the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office said the artists would be considered witnesses and are not accused of any wrongdoing.

Even if investigators do find the artists who created the tattoos they are interested in, it's not clear they would talk. Artists say clients do often share personal information, but there is a split within the tattoo community about whether there is artist-client confidentiality.

Bettencourt, who said he never worked on Hernandez, said there are no clear rules and, besides, the stars on Hernandez's arm could have been added just as part of a design to make the tattoo work appear fuller.

**For the record**

**Pampa woman arrested for drug possession**

**STAFF REPORT**

• Marie Ann Williams, 36, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces.

• Jeremy Lee Fondren, 31, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for two forgery of a financial instrument offenses.

• Justin Reed Ensey, 34, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• Charles Thomas Briggs, 37, Miami, was arrested Tuesday by DPS for possession of marijuana — less than two ounces.

• William Edward Baker, 58, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for a blue warrant, third or more driving while intoxicated offense.

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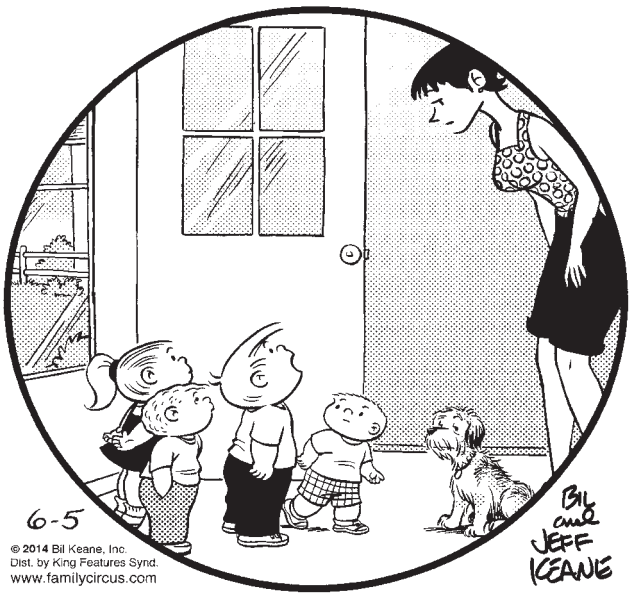
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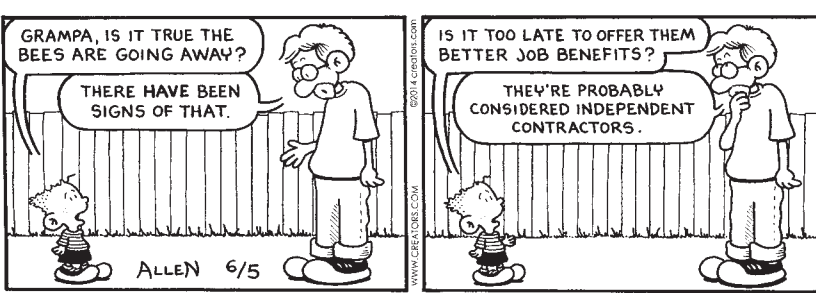
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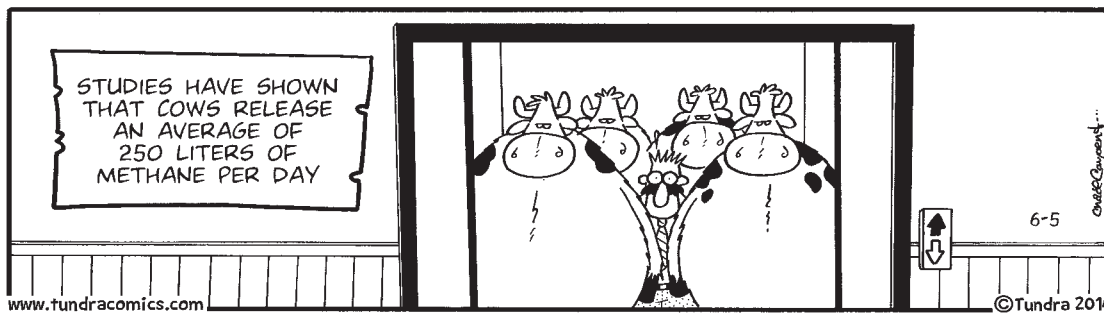
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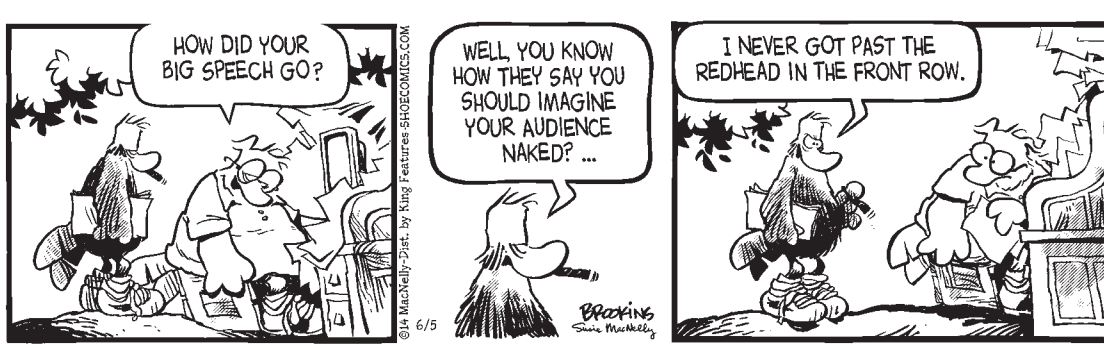
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, June 6, 2014:  
 This year you blaze a new path, and you're unwilling to give in to boredom and routine. Though you might have your critics, you empower many others simply by example. If you are single, this summer will provide you with many potential sweethearts. You'll see someone who is very different from you as the right match. If you are attached, give your significant other time to catch up to you. You are transforming, and that will demand a response of growth. Give this person some space and time to move forward. LIBRA knows how to excite you.  
 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)  
 ★★★★★ Follow your sixth sense, and good results will arise. Your emotions might be the key to opening up a pal who has been withdrawn. The effect that you have on this person will make you smile. No wonder you miss this facet of his or her personality! Tonight: Let someone else decide.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 ★★★★★ No one can deny your innate resourcefulness. Your smile suggests to a friend or an associate that you will come up with an appropriate response or solution. Others would be wise not to cross you right now. Take a hard look at those who do. Tonight: Let it all hang out.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 ★★★★★ Stay centered and maintain a sense of humor. You might feel as if you are driving through the twists and turns of life. You will emerge feeling successful and full of energy. Others admire your resilience and your creativity. Tonight: Nearly anything is possible.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 ★★★★★ Communication flourishes -- so much so that you might need to screen your calls. You will have a job to do or an errand to run. Dig your heels in, with the full expectation that you will enter the weekend feeling this task was done well. Tonight: Be naughty!  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 ★★★★★ You'll observe others carefully. Hold up a mirror today, and look at what is happening in your own life from a detached point of view. Honestly assess your responses, especially if you feel as if others are not doing their

share. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend with friends.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 ★★★★★ Gain strength by taking a walk, potting a plant or sitting outside. Though you might need to ground yourself at times, you are a powerhouse to deal with. An associate still might try to get you to join his or her way of thinking. Tonight: As you like it.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 ★★★★★ If it weren't Friday, you probably would consider running away! The more nonreactive you become, the less a difficult situation will matter. Do not get involved with any power struggles. Know what you want. Tonight: Feel relieved and empowered.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You might prefer to pave your own path and go it alone. If you look over your shoulder, you'll see a group of friends behind you cheering you on. Recognize that the support of others means a lot to you, and be sure to acknowledge it. Tonight: All smiles.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 ★★★★★ You might zig and zag when trying to find the right path out of a problem. You have taken responsibility by looking for the solution, so be sure to check out all the different angles. First, look at it from your perspective, then try to see it from others' point of view. Tonight: Celebrate the positives in life.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 ★★★★★ You will be full of new ideas. As you illuminate your immediate surroundings with bright solutions, you will reinforce the positive attitudes of others. They believe you can handle it all. Has the time come to express a little more vulnerability? Tonight: On center stage.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 ★★★★★ Your mind is not focused on the here-and-now. You could be distracted by an unexpected event, or you might be daydreaming about the weekend. Discipline yourself, and stop listening to the tom toms of faraway lands. Your presence counts. Tonight: Take a break from your routine.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 ★★★★★ Don't kid yourself into thinking that others should be at your beck and call. Separate your needs from your desires. Ask yourself whether you would prefer someone who needs you or someone who wants to be with you. Tonight: Have a long-overdue chat with a loved one.

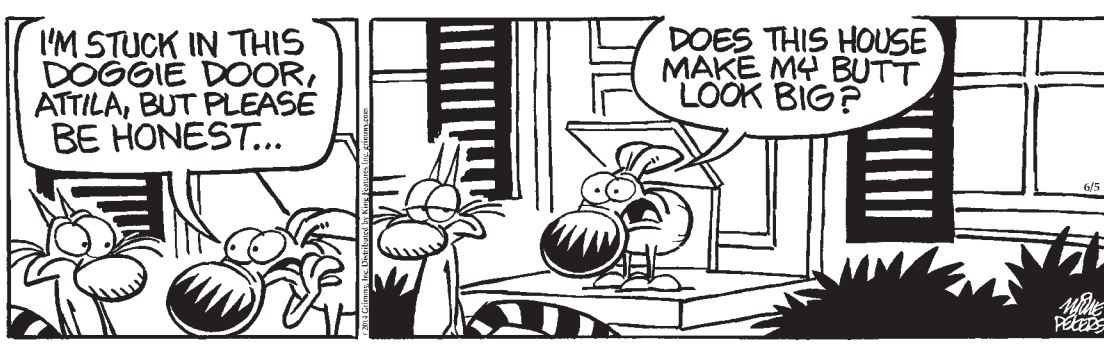
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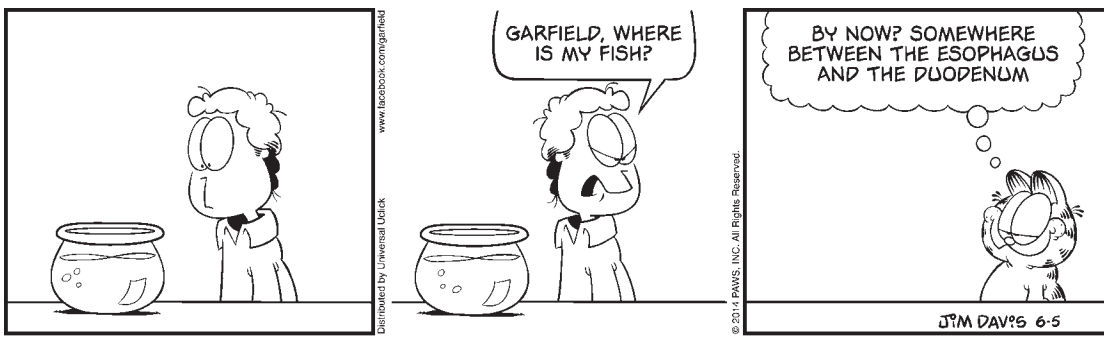
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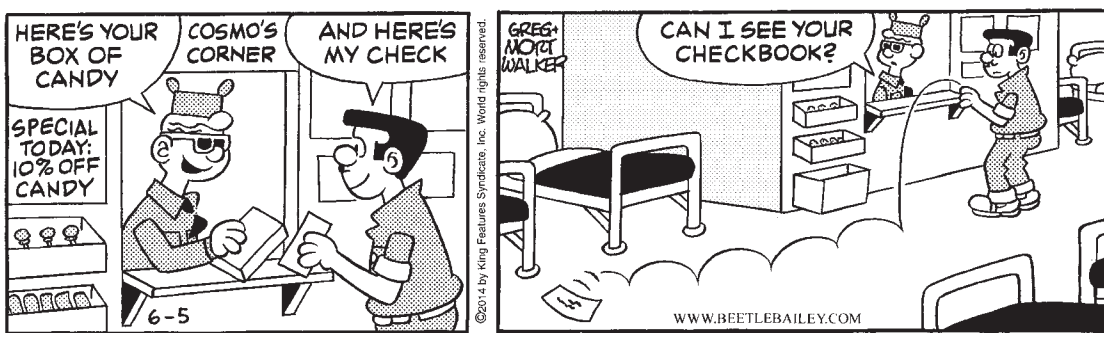
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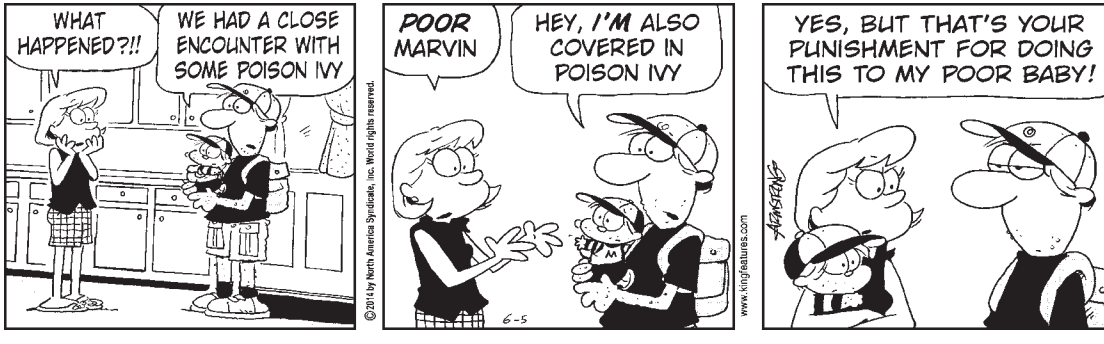
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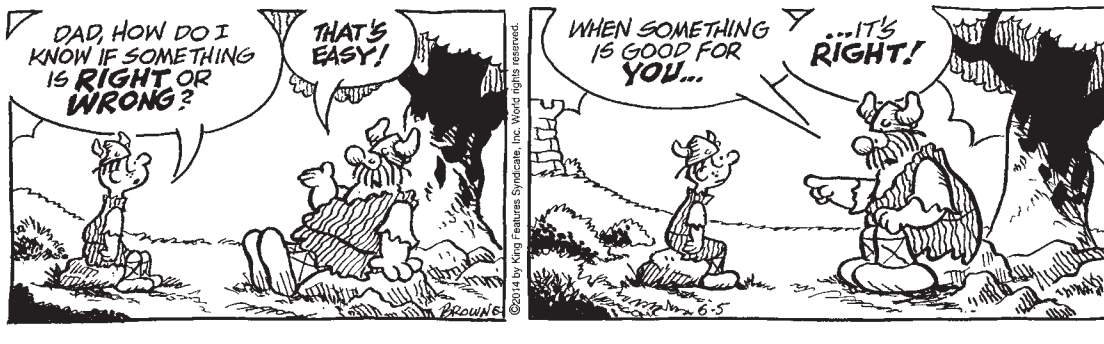
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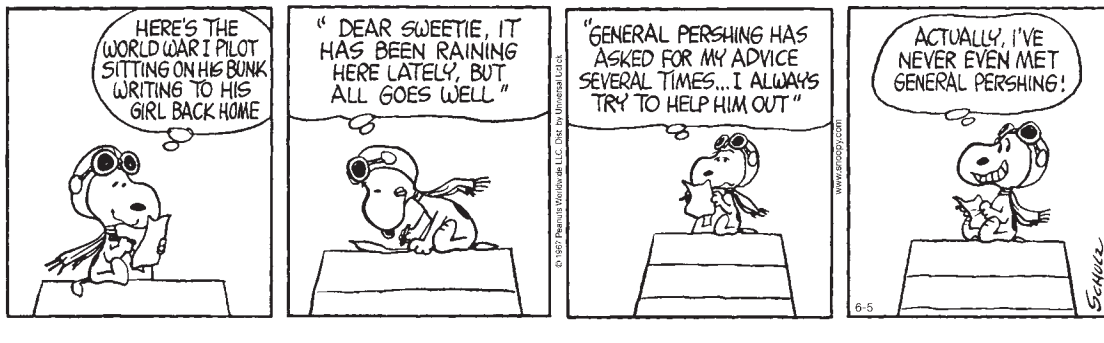
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# PampaSports

## Poynor brings new philosophy to Pampa football

BY FORREST GRIMES  
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A new era begins as Greg Poynor takes over as the head coach of the Pampa Harvesters football team.

Greg comes to Pampa from Lubbock Roosevelt, where he was the head coach for six seasons. Before going to Roosevelt, he was a coordinator at Muleshoe. Along with him comes his son Brian Poynor.

“When the job came open, I was at the hospital, and Brian was about to have our first grandchild,” Greg said. “It was actually Brian who came up and said ‘Dad, this is a job you need to go

after.”

Greg said when he came to Pampa for an interview, he was impressed with the town.

“The thing that kind of put me over the top was when I was able to meet with the superintendent and the principal of the school, and just saw a great administration team we have,” he said.

Greg started the day after he was introduced as the head coach, and has been able to get to know all the players. He also wants to get to know the middle school players as well.

He will be implementing an air raid offense.

“We’ve had a lot of success the last few years with our offense,” he said.

“We always tell people we’re going to throw it a lot, hope we catch it some too. We had a really good spring with that. I think the kids took to our new offense.”

While Greg has a pass-heavy offense, he also likes to run the ball.

“Everybody likes to talk about us throwing the ball, and we love to throw the ball,” he said. “Our quarterback last year threw for 25- 2600 yards. He had a really good year, but we always have a back that runs the ball. We feel really good about the backs we have.”

On defense, the Harvesters will run a 4-2-5.

“The offense is fun and it’s flashy, but you better be good defensively too if

you want to win the games that count,” Greg said.

Summer workouts begin June 9, while two-a-days begin August 4. There will also be a kids camp from July 28 and July 31.

Brian is also new to the program taking over as offensive coordinator and head golf coach.

As offensive coordinator, he will also be the quarterbacks coach.

“We got a couple of really good prospects coming in,” he said. “I think there’s a lot of potential in our quarterbacks.”

Brian also said he feels good about the receiving core.

“I think we got a great group of receivers coming up,” he said. “They’re probably the most talent-



Photo by Forrest Grimes

Greg and Brian Poynor take over as the head coach and offensive coordinator of the Pampa Harvester football team.

ed receivers we’ve ever been around.”

On the golf side, Brian has already met all the players.

Starting today, there will be a golf camp at

Hidden Hills for children ages six to 14. It will cost \$35. The cost includes snacks, balls, and clubs if needed. The camp will be taught by club pro David Teichmann.

## Marino withdraws concussion suit

MIAMI (AP) — Dan Marino says he inadvertently became a plaintiff in a concussion lawsuit against the NFL and is withdrawing immediately.

The Hall of Fame quarterback said he doesn’t suffer any effects from head injuries.

“Within the last year I authorized a claim to be filed on my behalf, just in case I needed future medical coverage to protect me and my family in the event I later suffered from the effects of head trauma,” Marino said in a statement Tuesday. “I did not realize I would be automatically listed as a plaintiff. ... I have made the decision it is not necessary for me to be part of any claims or this lawsuit, and therefore I am withdrawing as a plaintiff.”

Marino’s withdrawal costs the litigants a high-profile plaintiff. He was by far the best-known of 15 former players who filed a lawsuit in federal court in Philadelphia last week.

They joined more than 4,800 others who allege the NFL misled players about the long-term dangers of

concussions. The league has denied those allegations.

“I am sympathetic to other players who are seeking relief who may have suffered head injuries,” Marino, 52, said in his statement.

The NFL and the original group of players agreed on a \$765 million settlement last August, but that deal was rejected by a federal judge in January.

Marino spent his entire 17-year career with the Miami Dolphins and retired as the most prolific passer in NFL history.

He worked as an analyst for CBS from 2002 to 2013 but wasn’t retained for this

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## Parker cleared

SAN ANTONIO (AP) Tony Parker’s left ankle is ready for the NBA Finals.

The San Antonio point guard has pronounced himself ready to go for Thursday night’s Game 1 of the title series against the Miami Heat, after spending much of the last few days recovering from a sprain.

“I think he’ll be fine,” Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said.

Parker acknowledged that he still has some concerns about how the ankle will hold up over the course of the finals. He and Popovich both indicated in recent days that treatment has helped considerably.

“I’m trying to be very positive,” Parker said. “I’m trying to do everything I can, eat healthy, get my rest, go through treatment and just trust my body. I’ve been going for four years nonstop since 2010, no vacation. ... But I’m still here and I trust my body to hold up for the whole series.”

The Heat expect nothing less than the best of Parker.

“Definitely, he’ll be 100 percent,” Heat guard Mario Chalmers said. “I doubt he’ll sit out any time during the finals.”

Parker sprained the ankle in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals against Oklahoma City.

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## Snyder ended our season, but we retain the memories of a magical season

BY JOHN LEE  
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"If there was ever a group who could have done what you did, it was you," Lady Harvesters' softball head coach Bobbi Gill said.

The memories of the regional quarterfinal loss were still fresh in the minds of the Lady Harvesters' softball team Tuesday night as they held their athletic banquet and reflected on what was a magical season.

The event was catered by The Plaza, and after the guests, teams and families ate, it was time to recognize the special teams that were the 2014 Lady Harvesters' softball teams.

First up was assistant coach Matt Embry and his junior varsity squad.

"Obviously the way this program is structured, we are to get the junior varsity ready to fill the void left by seniors who graduate annually," Embry said. "One of the things we did is teach them how to handle adverse situations. After a loss to Canyon, we asked them 'How are we going to respond to this?' The girls responded with

17 runs against Bushland."

Embry applauded the girls for a great season, where both squads went 8-0 through District play. He also said he enjoys the relationship that he and the girls built as they all spent time away from their families.

The varsity was recognized next, as Gill continued to praise the group she worked with this season. Gill was nearly brought to tears in talking about how proud she was of what the girls accomplished and the program they are leaving behind as they move on to the next stage in their lives.

For team awards, the

Harvester Heart, which is awarded to a good teammate who is selfless, went to senior Jazmyn Hair. Senior catcher Bailey Dixon won the Hustlin' Harvester and Amy Youree Memorial Award, both of which are given to the athlete who works hard, plays hard and displays impeccable work ethic. The Most Valuable Player award was given to senior pitcher Alexa O'Brien.

The seniors had a gag gift for each of the underclassmen. Some of the notable awards were glue for sophomore Kassie Jerome, who allegedly dropped a lot of balls; a pillow and mini-wrestler

figure for sophomore Shianne Regalado who is always there to snuggle with if you had a rough day (the figure is because she is State-qualifying wrestler) and junior Tori Robles received band-aids because she tends to fall a lot.

Many of the gag gifts were given as inside jokes, such as sophomore Cameron Shaub's visor and bandana, freshmen Kaylee Arnzen's gold fish and mini-aquarium, a license plate and mini-car for Cheyenne Lockhart, tortillas for Brittney Gonzalez, and Ally Roberson and Kylie Kreider received

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Photo by John Lee

## From the Press Box

### Rockies going through inevitable summer slump.

While my colleagues all tend to be Texas Rangers fans, it is no secret that I am a Colorado Rockies fan.

For a while, the Rockies and the Rangers were playing like polar opposites. Rockies were scoring enough runs that even

Rockies pitchers can overcome a game where they allowed three or four runs. But what happens when the bats go cold in Colorado?

Oh yeah, they drop below .500 and are 28-29 as of Wednesday morning.

The Rockies have not won a series since May

18 against the San Diego Padres, where they scored 16 runs over three games.

Before that they lost a two-game series against the Kansas City Royals and a three-game series against the Cincinnati Reds.

The Rockies were at the height of their blazing bats when they scored 29 runs on the Texas Rangers over three games before dropping

a "meaningless (to the series)" fourth game to the Rangers. Since that series,

they have gone 6-14, winning only four road games. They lead in batting average and slugging percentage; and are second in on-base percentage. They have scored the third-most runs in MLB with 285.

Prolific shortstop Troy Tulowitzki is still hitting a ridiculous .353 overall hitting with 15 home runs and 38 RBI.

I wish I could say that they have gotten better at pitching, but that would be a lie. The Rockies' ace, Jorge De La Rosa, boasts and 3.68 ERA on the road. He definitely can't think himself for his winning record of 6-4.

While fourth-year pitcher Jordan Lyles also has a 3.46 ERA overall with a 5-1 win-loss record, I am a little more optimistic about him, only because he had two games where he gave up more than five runs,

eight versus San Diego in a loss and six at Philadelphia. He has one game where he had an ERA of 4.32.

I was optimistic about the Rockies, as many pundits were, when they were winning two out of three of their series' games. But now they have fallen from their mile-high cloud back down to reality as they just finished a long road trip. The Rockies are 12-21 on the road and 16-7 at home. Good teams win on the road too.

The leaders of the NL West, the San Francisco Giants, are 18-12 on the road. Across the bay, and league, the AL West leading Oakland Athletics are 19-10 on the road. Both of these teams lead many different power rankings.

The Rockies can hit all they want and try to win slug-fests. But it comes down to keeping the bats

alive on the road and in the month of June.

The Rockies can gain some ground in the month of June, despite having lost one game against the Diamondbacks at time of print. They have home series against, Arizona, the Dodgers, Braves, Milwaukee and St. Louis. Unfortunately, the Cardinals are the only team that is below .500 of that pack.

The Rockies can still salvage the series against the Rockies, as they have Lyles and Juan Nicasio who have combined for a 10-4 record.

Either way, the Rockies need to come up with a plan to get back above .500 before the NL West gets away from them.

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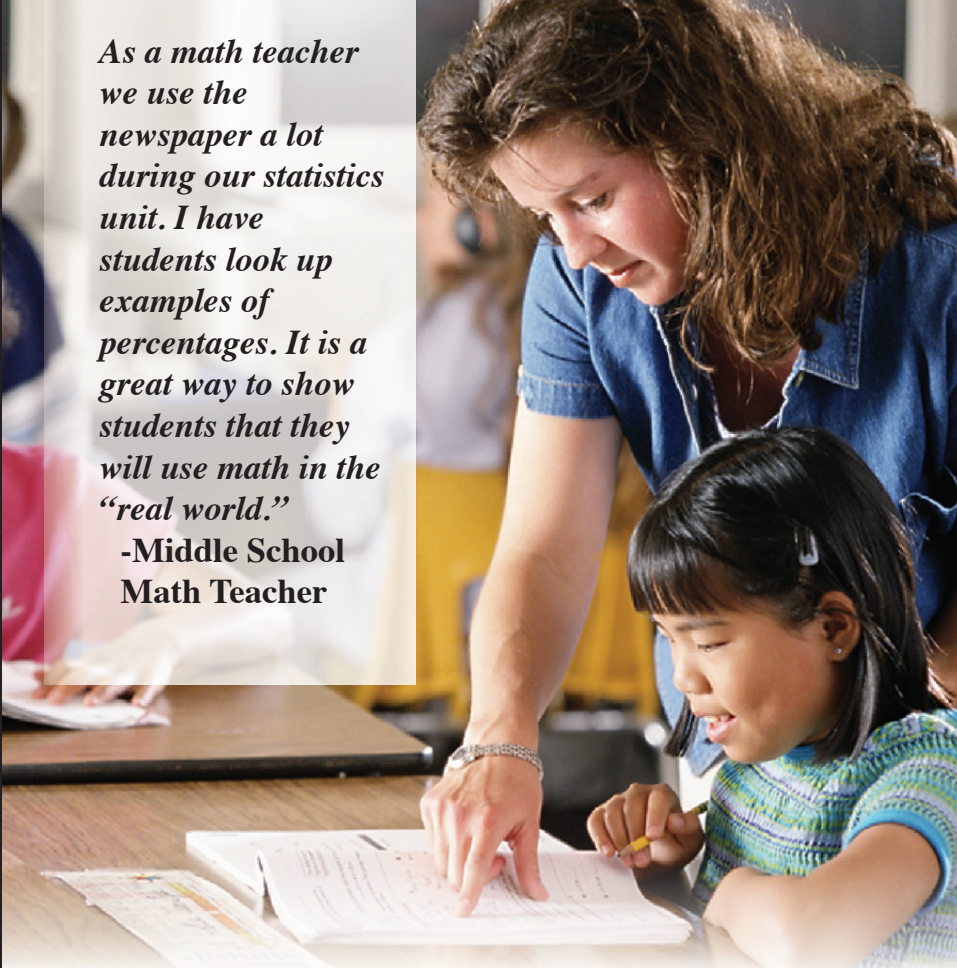
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I just found out my husband was arrested for being with a hooker. My in-laws (whom I love and adore) bailed him out of jail. No one said a word about it to me. I don't know how to confront all of them with the fact that I know about this "dirty little secret." What should I do? — BETRAYED WIFE

DEAR BETRAYED: First, visit your gynecologist and ask to be treated for every STD known to man. Then invite your in-laws to a "family dinner," tell them the cat is out of the bag and ask why this was kept from you. And while you're at it, ask your mother-in-law (whom you love and adore) how SHE would feel if your father-in-law

just let it go? — EMBARRASSED MOM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MOM: If the amount of mail I receive from readers complaining that their gifts are not acknowledged is an accurate barometer, your problem is very common. Without being confrontational, ask your son why he refuses to thank the people who gave him gifts. If the answer is he doesn't know what to say and he's embarrassed that he has procrastinated, offer to help him by making suggestions. You're right; the thank-yous don't have to be lengthy. But DO NOT write them for him. Chet is a big boy and the responsibility is his.

DEAR ABBY: I am a divorced, single woman in my 50s. I love my grand-

children dearly but am faced with a dilemma. I work full-time and take my grandchildren some nights and on the one day I have off — usually on weekends. I can't plan things on a weekend without feeling I have made it difficult for my son and his wife to find someone to watch their children. Her mom, a stay-at-home wife, watches them several days a week. I want to continue spending time with my grandkids, but I also want the freedom to be there when I choose to be. I realize finding a sitter you can afford and trust to watch your children is a challenge. I have tried talking to my son, but it doesn't seem to get through to him. I know I need to do something, but what? I'm afraid I won't see the kids at all if I take a stand. — LADY ON THE LAKE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR LADY: Check your calendar and plan some time for yourself — one or two weekends a month. Then tell your son and his wife which ones you will be AVAILABLE. Free baby-sitting services are hard to come by, and you are not giving yourself enough credit. If the unspoken threat is that it's "all or nothing," then, frankly, you should step back further and let your son and daughter-in-law shoulder even more responsibility for the children they brought into this world.

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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| 17 "Give — rest!"       | 8 Wisdom bringer     |
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| 34 Translucent gemstone |                      |
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tortillas for Brittney Gonzalez; and Ally Roberson and Kylie Kreider received peaches and cream respectively. Jacie Studebaker received a voodoo doll and manager Corby Snapp received “manager pants.”

It was then the underclassmen’s turn to poke fun at the seniors, in the form of unflattering pictures the senior’s took of themselves on Coach Gill’s iPhone or iPad. Obviously both parties, the seniors and underclassmen, gave each other truly meaningful gifts; but with all the inside jokes that were passed around, it is very clear this group was tight-knit and shared a special bond.

The All-District 1-3A awards were announced recently. Kaylee Arnzen is newcomer of the year. First-team is pitcher Alexa O’Brien, catcher Bailey Dixon, third-baseman Kassie Jerome, outfielder Brittney Gonzalez and des-

ignated player Kylie Kreider. Second-team is first baseman Jessie Dixon, second-baseman Cameron Schaub and outfielder Bailey Wichert.

Some of the highlights from the season include coming back from an 0-1 series deficit versus Lampasas at Bowie, scoring 39 runs over Midland-Greenwood in the area round of the playoffs, sweeping Seminole in the bi-district round and, of course, going 8-0 in District play. There were several other games, including several no-hitters pitched by Alexa O’Brien, double-digit victories and a game versus Garden City that went into extra innings eventually ending with a “W” for the Lady Harvesters that made up a historical season for the team.

“If I had to write a book on what good teamwork was, I would write it on this group of girls,” Gill said. “You fueled the fire, you set an example for a town of elementary kids, future Lady Harvesters who are looking up to you. That means you left a legacy.”



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